

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Pope beatifies Cardinal Newman, calls him a model

BY JOHN THAVIS

BIRMINGHAM, England (CNS) — In the central liturgical moment of his four-day trip to Great Britain, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Cardinal John Henry Newman and said his vision of religion's vital role in society should serve as a model today.

Celebrating Mass in Birmingham Sept. 19 for more than 50,000 people, the pope read aloud the decree proclaiming Cardinal Newman "blessed," a major step on the way toward official recognition of sainthood.

A giant portrait of Blessed Newman hung behind the altar, and smaller likenesses were carried to the Mass by many of the faithful who filled Cofton Park in a suburb of the city.

Pope Benedict and the main concelebrants of the Mass processed to the altar while the choir and crowd sang "Praise to the Holiest in the Height," a hymn with lyrics written by Cardinal Newman. The lyrics to the offertory song, "Firmly I Believe and Truly," also were written by the cardinal.

Blessed Newman, a 19th-century theologian and a prolific writer on spiritual topics, left the Anglican Church and embraced Catholicism at the age of 44. The pope announced that his feast day would be Oct. 9, the day of his entry into the Catholic Church, but he did not mention his conversion or his relationship with the Anglicanism.

But welcoming Pope Benedict, Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham offered a prayer of thanks for the Anglicans who nurtured Cardinal Newman's faith and for Blessed Domenico Barberi, a Passionist priest who welcomed him into the Catholic Church in 1845.

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Pope Benedict XVI leads Mass and the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman at Cofton Park in Birmingham, England, Sept. 19. Blessed Newman, a 19th-century theologian and a prolific writer on spiritual topics, left the Anglican Church and embraced Catholicism at the age of 44.

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COUPLES CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY MASS



BY KAY COZAD

Rick and Jeanne Knuth, left, celebrating their 25th anniversary, stand with her parents Betty and Jack Schroeder, married for 70 years, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne at the anniversary Mass concelebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Msgr. Robert Schulte on Sunday, Sept. 19.

Confirmation rally connects life in 3D

BY TIM JOHNSON

WINONA LAKE — Youths who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation spent the day exploring life in "3-D" — namely "love in motion, three Divine Persons, one almighty God" at the diocesan rally held Sept. 18 at Grace College.

The lively young people gathered as early as 9 a.m. and spent the day with keynotes by APeX Ministries, a juggling group consisting of Gene Monterastelli and Brad Farmer, whose message was to connect with the real super heroes — the saints — and pursue holiness like the saints.

Popple, a Catholic band consisting of Kyle Heimann of Fort Wayne, and Dan Harms of Merrillville, rocked the youths and provided the music for Eucharistic

Adoration and the Mass.

Throughout the day, the Franciscan Brothers Minor participated in the events. Father Bob Lengerich, parochial vicar of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, offered catechesis on the Eucharist and Reconciliation. He was joined by several priests to hear confessions. Franciscan Father David Engo, superior of the Franciscan Brothers Minor, was the celebrant for Adoration and Benediction. And Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass at the close of the rally.

At the afternoon keynote, APeX's Brad Farmer performed juggling stunts to the delight of the youths, while Gene Monterastelli showcased a stunt of balancing a chair on his chin. In essence, their message was God gives us all talents. Just

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Blessed John Henry Newman beatified for outstanding holiness



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Papal trip to Scotland and England and Cardinal Newman's beatification

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, just finished his apostolic visit to Scotland and England. As usual, the Holy Father courageously and lovingly preached the Gospel of Christ, and despite some angry protests, was received warmly and even enthusiastically by many, if not most, of the people. Time and time again, the pope defended the Church's right to be heard in the public square. He emphasized the importance of religion in society and warned against the dehumanizing effects of radical secularism and atheism.

I was able to watch on television a few of the events of the papal trip, usually rebroadcasts late at night on EWTN. I saw the visit of the Holy Father to Westminster Hall and Westminster Abbey in London, the first visit of a pope to those historic places. At Westminster Hall, where St. Thomas More was tried and sentenced to death, Pope Benedict spoke powerfully about the benefits of the Christian faith for the moral well-being of society. At Westminster Abbey, the burial place of St. Edward the Confessor, the Holy Father joined in the Anglican Vespers service where he spoke of the Church's ecumenical commitment and the importance of fidelity to the apostolic faith.

The highlight of the apostolic visit was the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman in Birmingham on Sunday, Sept. 19. Many know about Cardinal Newman because of Catholic campus ministry centers and organizations in colleges and universities throughout the United States. They are often called "Newman clubs" and "Newman centers," after this great Anglican priest, convert to the Catholic faith. One of his many scholarly writings is the book (actually a collection of speeches) entitled "The Idea of a University." Pope Benedict paid tribute to Cardinal Newman's vision for education in his homily at the beatification Mass. He wrote that this vision "has done so much to shape the ethos that is the driving force behind Catholic schools and colleges today. Firmly opposed to any reductive or utilitarian approach, he sought to achieve an educational environment in which intellectual training, moral discipline and religious commitment would come together... 'The Idea of a University' holds up an ideal from which all those engaged in academic formation can learn."

Cardinal Newman left an incredible intellectual and spiritual legacy. For spiritual nourishment, I have enjoyed reading what are called his "Parochial and Plain Sermons," as well as his "Meditations and Devotions." His "Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine" is a brilliant work, truly a classic in religious literature, which examines the historical continuity of the dogmas of the faith, as opposed to doctrinal corruptions. After writing this book, Newman, a well-known Anglican priest and scholar at Oxford



TIM JOHNSON

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades installed Msgr. Bernard Galic as pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder, on Sunday, Sept. 19. Msgr. Galic, who celebrates his 40th anniversary as a priest this year, is also the diocesan director of the Office of Vocations.

University, was received into the Catholic Church.

If you have not read any works of Cardinal Newman, I recommend most especially his "Apologia pro Vita Sua," an account of the ideas which led him in 1845 to leave the Church of England and enter the Catholic Church.

Cardinal Newman is now Blessed John Henry Newman. He was beatified not because of his intellectual achievements, but for his outstanding holiness. With his beatification, hopefully many more people will come to know his life and thought.

Serra Club

On Friday, Sept. 10, I celebrated Mass for the Serra Club of Fort Wayne in the chapel of Saint Joseph Hospital. Following the Mass, I joined the Serrans for lunch and blessed the new officers.

We are fortunate to have two Serra Clubs in our diocese, in Fort Wayne and in South Bend. This lay organization has an important mission: To foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The members of Serra do so through prayer, awareness, affirmation and support. I am deeply grateful for their support of vocations in our diocese. May the Lord bless their efforts in working for vocations!

Wedding anniversary celebrations

It was a special joy to celebrate our diocesan wedding anniversary Masses at our cathedrals in South Bend and Fort Wayne on Sundays, Sept. 12 and 19. Congratulations to all our couples celebrating silver and golden anniversaries this year! It was great to meet

so many of you after the anniversary Masses. I repeat the words of gratitude I spoke at the Masses: "Through the years you have experienced joys and sorrows, accomplishments and challenges. Through them all, you have remained united in a covenant of love with your spouse, journeying together in a partnership of life, blessed by the Lord with the abundant grace of the sacrament of Marriage. For this, we thank the Lord today. And we thank you for your faithfulness to the vows you took years ago and for being an eloquent sign in the Church and in our society of the sacredness of Christian marriage, a sign so desperately needed in contemporary society. ... Happy anniversary and may God bless you!"

Catholic-Mennonite day of reflection

On Saturday, Sept. 18, I presided at Morning Prayer at St. Matthew Cathedral for the Catholics and Mennonites who were gathered for a day of reflection. Afterwards, I shared some thoughts about Catholic teaching on ecumenism in response to a presentation on the Mennonite perspective on ecumenism.

The day of reflection was sponsored by Michiana Bridgefolk, a network of Catholics and Mennonites from Elkhart and St. Joseph counties who gather several times a year for conversation, dialogue and prayer. The group has focused particularly on studying and promoting peace.

I pray that our Catholic and Mennonite communities continue to grow in friendship and cooperation, together bearing witness to Christ's love and His gift of peace!

Confirmation rally

On Saturday, Sept. 18, over 1,000 young people in our diocese who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation gathered for a retreat day at Grace College in Warsaw. I joined them at the end of the day for the celebration of Holy Mass.

It is always a blessing to be with our young people, to teach them and to pray with them. Their enthusiasm is contagious! I was particularly impressed at the Confirmation Rally Mass by the reverence and prayerfulness of the young people and by their active participation in the liturgy. Sometimes our young people are reluctant to sing, but at the Confirmation rally on Saturday, they were not reluctant at all! Thanks to all who are guiding, helping and teaching our young people in preparation for their Confirmation this spring.

Installation of new pastor at St. Aloysius, Yoder

On Sunday, Sept. 19, I made my first visit to St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish in Yoder to install the new pastor, Msgr. Bernard Galic. This is another one of the beautiful country churches of our diocese. The former pastor, Father Dominique Carboneau, and the parishioners completed a beautiful restoration of the church just this summer.

Msgr. Galic also serves as our diocesan director of vocations. He had served for 24 years as pastor of Holy Family Parish in South Bend and recently celebrated his 40th anniversary of priestly ordination. The parishioners of St. Aloysius, with typical Indiana hospitality, have warmly welcomed Msgr. Galic as their new pastor. May the Lord continue to build up St. Aloysius Parish as a vibrant community of faith, hope, and charity!

In Britain, despite protests, pope gets a fair hearing

BY JOHN THAVIS

LONDON (CNS) — In terms of his primary objectives — preaching the Gospel to his flock and defending the influence of religion in society — Pope Benedict XVI can look at his four-day visit to Great Britain as a major success.

The big question going into the Sept. 16-19 visit was whether the German pope would be given a fair hearing in a country where skepticism about religion runs high. The answer was a resounding “yes.” Not only did the pope speak his mind, but he also received unprecedented gavel-to-gavel coverage in the British media.

Papal events were broadcast live, and every newspaper devoted several pages each day to the pope’s words, which focused largely on the right of the Church to have its voice heard in the public square. Some newspapers even published full texts of his major speeches and sermons — something that rarely happens on papal trips.

The flip side of such interest was that the pope’s critics also had their day in the limelight. Thousands of protesters took to the streets in peaceful but vehement dissent on issues ranging from AIDS and condoms to the Church’s record on sex abuse.

Vatican officials said they accepted this as a part of public debate in Britain.

“We expected this. We know there are groups that have differences with the Catholic Church, and they have a right to express it. But in general, the attitude of British society and the faithful has been positive,” Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, told reporters.

Not surprisingly, the image of the 83-year-old pontiff seemed to soften during his stay. Many people, Catholics and non-Catholics, often react to sound bites and headlines in forming opinions about Pope Benedict. When he comes to visit, they get a firsthand look and a double dose of content — something that usually works in the pope’s favor.

What also impressed the British was the pope’s patient and gentle manner, which contrasted with the frequently strident tone of his critics. The pope has “a shyness that attracts,” a commentator said.

“A guest who took the time to charm his guests” read one newspaper headline after the pope lingered with schoolchildren in a London suburb, listening to their testimonials and posing for pictures. His smile seemed genuine, and why not? He was looking out at a sea of banners and posters that



CNS PHOTO/MAX ROSSI, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI waves after celebrating Mass at Bellahouston Park in Glasgow, Scotland, Sept. 16.

offered friendship in language like, “We (heart) U Papa.”

Pope Benedict came to Britain as a teacher, and his lesson plan was clear from the beginning.

In a meeting Sept. 16 with Queen Elizabeth II and about 400 civic and cultural leaders in Edinburgh, Scotland, he warned against “aggressive” forms of secularism that risk undermining traditional religious values.

His words came across as reasonable and respectful largely because he drew examples of Christian cultural contributions from British history — the selfless service of Florence Nightingale, for example, or the missionary David Livingstone’s efforts to stop the slave trade. And when describing “atheist extremism,” he said the most sobering example was the Nazi regime, striking a chord with Britons as they commemorated the 70th anniversary of massive Nazi air strikes against the country.

In Glasgow, he donned a Tartan scarf and listened to bagpipe bands, then told Catholics it was not enough to live their faith privately; they should defend the Church’s teachings in the public square, he said.

“There are some who now seek to exclude religious belief from public discourse, to privatize it or even to paint it as a threat to equality and liberty. Yet religion is in fact a guarantee of authentic liberty and respect,” he said at a Mass with more than 80,000 people.

The pope’s words were clearly aimed at critics such as Richard Dawkins, the popular British author who has championed atheism and who considers religion a destructive force in society. But the pope’s most eloquent answer to high-profile atheists came in his meeting Sept. 17 in London with some 4,000 young Catholic students, when he described belief in God as a “friendship” that can fill one’s life with love of virtue.

“We need to have the courage to place our deepest hopes in God alone, not in money, in a career, in worldly success or in our relationships with others, but in God. Only

he can satisfy the deepest needs of our hearts,” he said.

The keynote address of the papal visit came in Westminster Hall later that day, where the pope laid out his vision of how religious belief can help shape the moral and ethical life of a society. He warned against an effort to marginalize religion, and he pointed to an example that resonated with many: the campaign by some groups to ban public celebration of Christmas.

In his meetings with Anglicans, the pope deliberately steered clear of ecumenical differences and instead underlined the common task of fighting for the voice of religion in public affairs. In ecumenical terms, he made his biggest impact simply by his historic presence in two places never before visited by a pope: Lambeth Palace, where he met with Anglican Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury, and Westminster Abbey, where he joined an Anglican prayer service that a Vatican aide later described as liturgically “wonderful.”

The beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman in Birmingham Sept. 19 was the central religious event of the visit. The pope held up Blessed Newman as an inspiration in two significant ways: In the wider culture, for his vision of religion’s “vital” role in society; and in the Church, for his vision of Catholic laity who know their faith well and can defend it articulately.

The pope’s arguments about God, religion and the social order were much-debated in the media, and not everyone agreed with him. But as British Prime Minister David Cameron said in a departure ceremony, the pope’s words had challenged the whole country to “sit up and think.”

Finally, the British trip underscored that the priestly sex abuse crisis will never go away when Pope Benedict is on the public stage. The pope has embraced that fact, as illustrated by his decision to address the issue on his plane, at his only public Mass in London and in a private meeting with sex abuse victims.

He used dramatic language, expressing his “deep sorrow and shame” and acknowledging the failings of priests and the failure of Church officials to respond to abuse allegations with enough speed and vigilance. That was not enough for some sex abuse advocacy groups and other critics, who called for greater Church accountability during a large protest demonstration in downtown London.

The image of thousands of protesters marching through the streets is not one Vatican officials will put on the highlight reels of this trip, but it illustrated the price to be paid in a pluralistic society if the church wants to be part of the public discourse.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Sept. 26, 5:15 p.m. — Vespers and dinner, Old College, University of Notre Dame
- Monday, Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. — Blessing of offices of NewGroup Media, South Bend
- Monday, Sept. 27, 5:15 p.m. — Red Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
- Wednesday, Sept. 29, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m. — Centennial Mass of St. Michael Church, Plymouth
- Thursday, Sept. 30, noon — Mass for the Catholic Community Foundation, followed by luncheon and meeting, Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Oct. 1, noon — Luncheon and meeting of Advisory Board of Today’s Catholic, Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m. — Mass at Women’s Day of Reflection, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Oct. 2, 4:30 p.m. — Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne

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In his homily, the pope drew a portrait of Blessed Newman as a man who had profound insight into the Christian call to holiness and the importance of prayer and whose eloquent prose was able to inspire many of his time and subsequent generations.

In particular, he said, Blessed Newman examined the relationship between faith and reason and “the vital place of revealed religion in civilized society” — themes which the German pope has hammered home during his visit to Great Britain.

The pope paid special tribute to Blessed Newman’s vision of education, which combined intellectual training, moral discipline and religious commitment.

He quoted the theologian’s appeal for a well-instructed laity and said it should serve as a goal for catechists today: “I want a laity not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it.”

Beyond Blessed Newman’s intellectual legacy, the pope added, was his service to others as a priest — visiting the sick and poor, comforting the bereaved and caring for those in prison.

“No wonder that on his death so many thousand people lined the local streets as his body was taken to its place of burial not half a mile from here,” he said.

Deacon Jack Sullivan of Marshfield, Mass., whose healing from a crippling spinal condition in August 2001 was the miracle that allowed for Cardinal Newman’s beatification, read the

Gospel at the Mass. Earlier in the liturgy, after the pope read the decree of beatification, Deacon Sullivan and his wife, Carol, carried a relic of Blessed Newman to Pope Benedict.

The pope began his homily by noting that the day marked the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, a key chapter of British resistance to Nazi air attacks during World War II. He recalled that in late 1940 the nearby city of Coventry had suffered heavy bombing, with massive loss of life.

“For me as one who lived and suffered through the dark days of the Nazi regime in Germany, it is deeply moving to be here with you on this occasion and to recall how many of your fellow citizens sacrificed their lives, courageously resisting the forces of that evil ideology,” he said.

He said he joined in recalling the “shame and horror” of the death and destruction caused by the war and called for a commitment to work for peace and reconciliation wherever the threat of conflict looms.

Pilgrims were required to arrive at the Mass site hours before the pope, so they waited in a drizzle huddled in the dark with hands wrapped around steaming thermos cups of tea.

Katrina and Steve Herbert arrived from Aldershot shortly after 4 a.m. with their eight children, ages 13 years to 13 months.

“We have frozen. The kids have been pale green most of the day,” the mom said, but “it’s wonderful to be here. It’s an incredible day for our country and for Catholics.”

The bishops’ official papal visit Twitter feed said: “A true English beatification: cold, wet, rainy.”

After the Mass, Pope Benedict visited the Birmingham Oratory of St. Philip Neri, a religious community established by Cardinal Newman and the place he lived until his death in 1890.

Martyred German priest who died at Dachau beatified at Mass

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A martyred German priest who died at the Nazi concentration camp of Dachau was praised for his courage and faith in God during a beatification Mass in Munster, Germany.

Blessed Gerhard Hirschfelder's bravery in denouncing the Nazi regime was not a sign of "recklessness," but of "the power of faith," German Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Cologne said in his homily Sept. 19.

Even during his arrest and imprisonment, the young priest found strength by rejoicing in the Lord, the cardinal said, and his closeness to Christ "filled him with humble confidence" and hope.

Born in 1907 in Glatz, Germany, Blessed Hirschfelder grew up, studied and worked in an area known as Silesia — originally a Polish territory that became part of Bohemia, Austria, Prussia and Germany after the 14th century. Some 4,000 people from

Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic attended the beatification ceremony in the Munster cathedral.

He was ordained a priest in 1932, the year before Adolf Hitler came to power. During his work with youth, Blessed Hirschfelder urged young people to avoid being influenced by Nazi propaganda and to not join the Hitler Youth, according to biographies published by Vatican Radio and the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*.

Even though Nazi authorities denounced him as an opponent to the regime, Blessed Hirschfelder continued to criticize the Nazi dictatorship in his homilies.

In one sermon in 1941, he said, "He who tears from the heart of young people their faith in Christ is a criminal," according to the Vatican newspaper. Blessed Hirschfelder was arrested a few days later and sent to Dachau, where he died of hunger and illness in 1942 at the age of 35.

Pope Benedict XVI said Sept. 13 that Blessed Hirschfelder was just one of a number of beatifications this year of priests who were martyred during the Nazi regime.

NOVICES WELCOME SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS FROM SOUTH AMERICA



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Novices in the international novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Cross at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, celebrate with Holy Cross sisters from South America. The 15 novices hail from Bangladesh, Brazil, Ghana, India and Mexico.

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like super heroes they spoke of, who share their gifts with others, the youths too need to share their gifts.

Farmer said the saints offer a great example of super heroes. He told the youths when he reads about the lives of the saints, "I see in them something about myself."

He told the youths the great force that does exist is the spirit of God. "You are the light of the world," he shared. "You were made to be holy (like the saints). You are the bearers of the light."

Farmer told rally participants the sacraments only make that light brighter and "that light is meant to be taken out to the world."

Farmer said it was important to bring joy to others. "When you bring joy to another person, you bring joy to God," he said.

Blessing Okendu, an eighth grader from St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne, helped APeX with a skit. She held a spinning plate on a stick, and then on her index finger, to the delight of the fellow rally participants.

Okendu told *Today's Catholic* that she thought the retreat was really fun. "They are making it relate to us," she said. "It was very upbeat."

Classmate Kendra Martin said the day "actually helped me reflect on my life. ... It's going to help me realize what my faith is," she said.

Logan Christie of St. Aloysius School, Yoder, said she liked the stories throughout the skits and how they related. "I was brought closer to God through this experience."

Christie's classmate, Connor Gunkel, who spoke with *Today's Catholic* immediately after the second keynote, also enjoyed the skits of APeX Ministries.

Bishop Rhoades, at his first Confirmation rally in the diocese, told the youths he was looking forward to confirming many of them.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke of the great courage of St. Thomas More, who was the second most powerful man in England at the time of Henry VII. But More refused to swear an oath of supremacy to Henry VII, and



PHOTOS BY TIM JOHNSON

Blessing Okendu of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, becomes part of APeX Ministries' skit, holding a spinning plate on a stick, at the diocesan Confirmation rally held at Grace College in Winona Lake.



Over 1,000 youths participated in the diocesan Confirmation rally Sept. 18. The event was coordinated by the diocesan offices of Catechesis and Youth Ministry and Spiritual Formation.

was beheaded because of his allegiance to God and the Church, which was greater than that to the king.

"What a great model he is for us today," Bishop Rhoades said. St. Thomas More had courage to stand up for what is right, and the youths need that same courage as they tackle secular notions of abortion and same-sex marriage — two examples in which the Church is countercultural to secular society.

"Confirmation," Bishop Rhoades said, "equips you" to live in the truth.

Bishop Rhoades told the youths that the Holy Spirit guided St. Thomas More and provided the courage — one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Rhoades requested that the youths pray every day as they prepare for Confirmation, to go to Mass every Sunday, to take out their Bibles and read Scripture and to think of who their saint — their

special friend in heaven — should be. Maybe St. Thomas More would be a good choice, Bishop Rhoades noted.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets rally participants at the closing Mass of the Confirmation rally held Sept. 18 in the Orthopaedic Capital Center at Grace College in Winona Lake.



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Catholics, Mennonites reflect on 'blessed are the peacemakers'

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — "Blessed are the Peacemakers" was the theme of a day of reflection between Catholics and Mennonites at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Sept. 18.

At the prayer service that started the day, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who led the service, told the approximately 55 participants that he was pleased to find upon his recent arrival in this diocese that a Catholic-Mennonite dialogue was ongoing here. He said that many Mennonites and Amish live in his former Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., but Catholic-Mennonite relations were not as well established there.

After the 9 a.m. prayer service in the cathedral, the dialogue got underway in the St. Matthew School auditorium with opening talks on ecumenism by Bishop Rhoades and Marlene Kropf, an associate professor in Spiritual Formation and Worship at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart. Kropf is also the denominational minister of worship for the Mennonite Church USA Executive Leadership and co-chair of the bi-national Mennonite Church Worship Council.

Kropf explained that Mennonites believe the church is "the bride of Christ, unblemished and pure." Thus, for generations, Mennonites formed their own strong communities and lived their faith without getting involved with outside people or issues. This practice "was at great cost to the participants," Kropf said, for "Sometimes we missed the vision of what God was doing in the wider world: God's friend-making mission, God's desire to unite all things in Christ."

Mennonites developed "a kind of myopia" because they didn't always recognize the face of Christ in neighbors, strangers and people of other faiths, Kropf said. That attitude changed as Mennonites began to work for peace with other churches and ecumenical organizations, she explained.

Today, Mennonites recognize that "The love of Christ joins unlikely people together into one family," with Christ calling that Christian family to the same

commitment to peace, she said. Kropf explained that this became most clear to her through her involvement with Bridgefolk, which, according to the organization's Web site, is "a movement of sacramentally-minded Mennonites and peace-minded Roman Catholics who come together to celebrate each other's traditions."

"I believe God wants us to step inside each others' homes and take the risk of intimate friendship," Kropf concluded. "And I also believe that if our friendship brings us closer to Christ, that will be worth it, and that is our call."

Bishop Rhoades told the group that "ecumenism is in my blood," explaining that his father was Lutheran and his maternal grandfather was Greek Orthodox. As bishop, he said, he fully supports, appreciates and encourages Catholic-Mennonite common prayer, dialogue and growth in friendship.

The Roman Catholic teaching on ecumenism can be summarized under four points, Bishop Rhoades said. First, the Catholic Church is "irrevocably committed" to the cause of Christian unity; it is not optional because we believe it is the will of God.

"So, we see the quest for Christian unity as our duty, or responsibility before God," Bishop Rhoades said.

Second, he continued, the Catholic Church teaches that prayer, as well as personal and communal conversion, are absolutely necessary in the ecumenical effort.

"The more faithful we are to the Gospel, the more converted, the more we will feel the summons to unity with all our brothers and sisters," Bishop Rhoades explained.

The third and most challenging point is that of theology and doctrine, he continued: The Catholic Church holds that unity willed by God means adherence to the truth of the Gospel.

"Unity cannot be authentically attained by watering down the truths of the faith," Bishop Rhoades said.

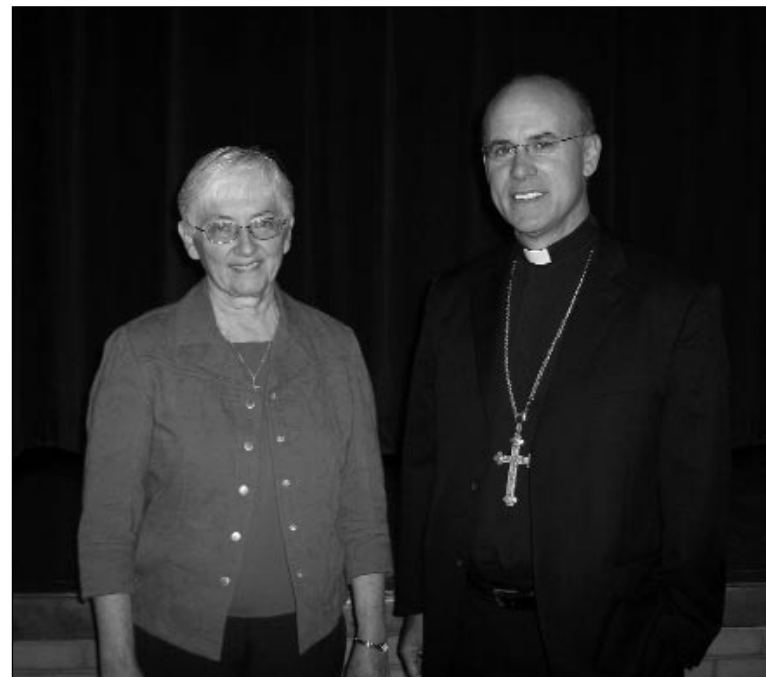
This is where dialogue comes in, he explained, to overcome division and lead us to unity. Ecumenical dialogue is marked by a common quest for truth, with the parties comparing different points of view and examining disagreements that impede

our communion, he said.

The bishop's fourth point was practical cooperation. We should not wait for full communion before acting together in our witness to the Gospel, Bishop Rhoades said: Groups can already work together on charitable projects and pro-life and peace activities. This cooperation also has a practical value, he said, for it is a sign that Christians are becoming more united.

"May our Catholic and Mennonite communities continue to grow in friendship and cooperation, thus bearing witness to Christ's love here in northern Indiana," Bishop Rhoades concluded.

Nancy Cavadini, ecumenical officer for this diocese and a member of St. Matthew Parish, spearheaded organization for the day of reflection. She is on the steering committee of Michiana Bridgefolk.



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Marlene Kropf, associate professor in spiritual formation and worship at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, were the opening speakers for the "Blessed are the Peacemakers" Catholic-Mennonite day of reflection.

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Seattle's new archbishop says he is a priest who 'loves being a pastor'

SEATTLE (CNS) — The Archdiocese of Seattle's new spiritual leader introduced himself to the media Sept. 16 as a priest who "loves being a pastor" and who regularly goes through three large baskets of prayer intentions from his people. Newly named Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, 58, who for the past four years was bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, Ill., was appointed to Seattle by Pope Benedict XVI. He succeeds Archbishop Alex J. Brunett, who is retiring after 13 years as head of the Church in western Washington. He will be installed as Seattle's ninth bishop in the coming weeks at a date still to be determined. Seattle was established as a diocese in 1850 and made an archdiocese in 1951. "I love being a pastor," Archbishop Sartain told reporters, "and so I look forward to my ministry as shepherd of the Church in the Archdiocese of Seattle." While noting that he has only visited western Washington twice before, he said the "Gospel that I'm sent here to proclaim and the sacraments that I'm sent to celebrate here are the same (as in the Midwest). Jesus is the same in every place; all of you are beloved to God and so all of you are also beloved to me," he said. A Tennessee native ordained in 1978 for the Diocese of Memphis, then-Father Sartain held numerous positions while a priest in the Diocese of Memphis. He was a pastor for eight years, then served as vocations director, moderator of the curia, vicar for clergy and clergy general. He was named bishop of the Diocese of Little Rock, Ark., in 2000 and six years later went to Joliet.

Opposition to federally funded embryonic stem cell research, poll shows

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new public opinion poll released Sept. 16 shows that 47 percent of Americans oppose federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research, while 38 percent support such funding. The poll, conducted by International Communications Research in Media, Pa., surveyed a random sample of 1,006 adults Sept. 8-14. It was commissioned by the U.S. bishops' pro-life secretariat. Survey respondents were informed that stem cells also can be obtained from adults, placentas, live births and other means that do no harm to the donor. They also were told that scientists disagree on whether stem cells from embryos or from such alternative sources may end up being most successful in treating diseases. Fifty-seven percent of respondents said they favor funding only the research avenues that do not harm the donor, while only 21 percent favored funding all stem-cell research, including research that

STATUE SEEN IN DAMAGED CHURCH AFTER HURRICANE



CNS PHOTO/ELIANA APONTE, REUTERS

A statue is seen amid damaged furniture in a church after Hurricane Karl hit Samoral, near Veracruz, Mexico, Sept. 20. Emergency workers reported at least eight people had been killed by Hurricane Karl in three states in Mexico.

involves killing embryos. The same day the poll results were issued the U.S. Senate held a hearing on whether federal money should fund embryonic stem-cell research. "The Senate should not be misled on this important issue," said Richard Doerflinger, associate director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities. "Most Americans do not support federally funded research that requires destroying human embryos," he said in a statement. "They want their tax dollars used for stem-cell research that is ethically sound as well as medically promising — the kind of research that has attracted the interest and commitment of more and more stem-cell experts in recent years."

Father Barron to host weekly national program on commercial TV

CHICAGO (CNS) — A Chicago archdiocesan priest who teaches systematic theology and is a well-known homilist with a popular evangelization Web site and radio program is now launching a weekly national program on a commercial TV network. Beginning Oct. 3, "Word on Fire With Father Barron" will appear on WGN America Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Central time. The Chicago-based network, which offers its national programming across North America, is carried on various cable outlets. An announcement on Father Robert

Barron's Web site, www.wordonfire.org, said his show will be "a groundbreaking broadcast" because he "will become the first priest since Archbishop Fulton Sheen in the 1950s to have a regular, national program on a commercial television network." The archbishop's show was called "Life Is Worth Living." Father Barron, a professor at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary since 1992, has a global media ministry called "Word on Fire," which aims "to educate and engage the culture." The priest said he has the same mission for his TV show, which is being funded by private donations, according to the announcement. "Now is the time to reach out to Catholics and others who are searching for meaning in their lives or who have left the Church because they are disillusioned," he said in a statement. "In each episode, our mission will be to encourage believers and bring the transformative power of the Gospel to the culture."

San Francisco school mourns mom and daughter lost in San Bruno fire

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — Janessa Greig, 13, an honor student and student body president of St. Cecilia School in San Francisco, delivered the introduction to the school Mass Sept. 9. That evening, the eighth-grader

was gone, killed along with her mother, Jacqueline, in a deadly fire caused by natural gas pipeline explosion that destroyed their home and dozens of others in San Bruno. They were two of the four people killed in the inferno. Janessa's father, James, and the Greigs' older daughter, Gabriela, a high school junior, were at a tennis match at the time at St. Ignatius College Preparatory. Janessa was the student whom all the other students saw every day on closed-circuit TV giving the day's announcements, said Holy Names Sister Marilyn Miller, St. Cecilia's principal. "She was someone who was very warm, outgoing and generous, respected by all the kids," Sister Marilyn said. Jacqueline Greig, 44, was on the pastoral council, serving her third year in the volunteer position as secretary. James Greig had served on the council before her. The family sat together weekly at 9:30 a.m. Mass. "There was a hole on Sunday," said Mother's Club president Sally Holper, whose family often sat behind the Greigs.

Aid workers worry about what lies ahead for northern Pakistan

BALAKOT, Pakistan (CNS) — In a small rural home that had been turned into a temporary, makeshift medical examining room, the tell-tale symptoms of childhood malnutrition were evident: thinner-than-usual bodies, darkened eyes,

stunting. So were skin and eye infections and complaints of ongoing diarrhea — the maladies common to children and their families coping with a new disaster on top of the pre-existing problems of poverty, sub-par medical care and finding enough to eat. "They're all cross-cutting themes," said Dr. Qamar Zaman, a medical coordinator for the humanitarian agency Church World Service, which has provided medical assistance to survivors of the recent floods in northern Pakistan. "These people don't have anything left." Zaman and others responding to the floods are worried about what lies ahead in regions such as northern Pakistan which were already neglected before the onset of weeks of flooding that, according to the United Nations, have killed close to 2,000 people throughout the country and left some 10 million homeless. Now residents of northern Pakistan — still recovering from a devastating 2005 earthquake — must take care of serious humanitarian challenges that are likely to grow more intense in coming weeks and months as this region of high mountains, steep valleys and isolated villages prepares for the approaching winter.

Speakers say Vatican II's impact on Church still being fiercely debated

NEW YORK (CNS) — Almost 50 years after the Second Vatican Council initiated widespread changes in the Catholic Church, there is still fierce debate among scholars and theologians about how the council should be interpreted, according to speakers at a forum on "Searching for Vatican II: Why a Transformative Moment Remains so Elusive." The Sept. 14 event was sponsored by the Center on Religion and Culture at Jesuit-run Fordham University in New York. During the sessions of Vatican II, which took place from 1962 to 1965, the world's bishops issued 16 documents on the Catholic Church and its role in the world. The purpose of the council was to stimulate spiritual renewal in the Church, update its pastoral attitudes, behaviors and institutions, and promote unity among Christians. Father Joseph A. Komonchak, a New York archdiocesan priest and co-editor of the English language edition of the five-volume "History of Vatican II," said some people understand the phrase "Vatican II" as only the documents produced by the council. Others use it to refer to what occurred in Rome and throughout the Catholic Church from Jan. 25, 1959, when Pope John XXIII announced his intention to convoke a council, until Dec. 8, 1965, when Pope Paul VI brought the council to a solemn close after four sessions. He said some people put the council in the context of the larger history of the Catholic Church and many consider "Vatican II" to include the reforms implemented in its aftermath.

USF celebrates patron saint with three events

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will hold three special events in October in celebration of the university's patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi.

Included in the October celebration are the Blessing of the Pets, the Transitus of St. Francis and Mass. Sponsored by the University of Saint Francis Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life and the university's Campus Ministry, all events are free and open to the public.

According to Sister M. Anita Holzmer, director of the university's Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life and instructor in theology and Franciscan studies, the special events are held annually at the university, honoring and celebrating the life and good works of St. Francis.

"The spirituality of St. Francis is such an important part of everything we do," said Sister Anita. "As a Franciscan institution, the university seeks always to promote St. Francis' way of living and serving."

Details of the upcoming special events are as follows:

- The blessing of the pets, in honor of St. Francis' love of animals, will be held at 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3, in front of the statue of St. Francis of Assisi at Brookside (Spring Street). All pets and their owners are invited to receive a special blessing from university chaplain Father John Stecher.

- The Transitus of St. Francis, who died Oct. 3, 1226, will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Edwin Clark Schouweiler Planetarium at Achatz Hall of Science (just off Leesburgh Road). Each year, Franciscans commemorate this sacred event with a distinctively Franciscan service, the Transitus. The public is invited to join the Sisters of St. Francis, the university community, secular Franciscans and friends in celebration with readings, songs and a unique interpretation of St. Francis' "Cantic of the Creatures" under the stars in the planetarium. (Although celebration of the Transitus is a yearly event, this October marks the first time the celebration will be held in the planetarium.) Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the atrium. Those wishing to attend should contact Sister Anita — aholzmer@sf.edu or (260) 399-7700, ext. 6705.

- Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4, in St. Francis Chapel, Trinity Hall. The celebration will honor St. Francis and all Franciscans with special music and readings to enhance the worship. All are invited to attend.

Eminent Polish organist to present recital in Cathedral on Oct. 1

FORT WAYNE — Eminent Polish Organist, Dr. Jozef Kotowicz, will present a recital in the Cathedral of

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CHRIST THE KING CONSTRUCTS NEW PLAYGROUND



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Students from Christ the King School in South Bend enjoy their newly constructed playground. The long running project required fundraising, including a marathon walk by Holy Cross Father Neil Wack, pastor of Christ the King Parish, and the work of many volunteers. The playground was blessed with holy water by Father Wack and Holy Cross Father Kevin Grove, parochial vicar, on Aug. 24, at the ribbon cutting ceremony. The playground offers eight slides and several rock climbing walls and bridges.

the Immaculate Conception on Friday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Admission to the concert is free, but a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Cathedral Organ Fund. There is ample free parking at the cathedral, located between Clinton and Calhoun streets in downtown Fort Wayne.

A graduate of the Chopin Music Academy, Dr. Kotowicz received a doctorate from the Warsaw Music Academy in 2001. His program will include music of Bach, Liszt, Swedish composer Lindblad, and fellow Poles, Chopin and Surzynski.

In Poland, Dr. Kotowicz works with the Bialystok Philharmonic Society taking part in oratorio concerts, and is artistic director of Cathedral Organ Concerts in Bialystok as well as several festivals in the Bialystok region. He is a teacher of organ performance and improvisation at the I.J. Paderewski Second Grade State Music School. In addition his work as organist at St. Adalbertus Church, he is chairman of Bialystok's Association Musica Sacra.

Kotowicz participates in numerous festivals in Poland and in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Germany, the United States and Slovakia, and last toured the U.S. in 2007. He is the producer of a radio broadcast series devoted to organs of Northeast Poland and of recordings made for Polish television. Jozef has recorded compact discs of the organ in the Cathedral Basilica of Bialystok.

Saint Joseph's High School announces 25 AP Scholars

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's High School has been notified that 25 students have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take rigorous college level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.8 million high school students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Saint Joseph's has 16 students who qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of three or higher on a five point scale. The AP Scholars are Brendan Becht, Caleb Cobbin, Kelsey Fink, Max Fredlake, Samuel Hagey, Alphonse Harding, Sydney Hofferth, Timothy Kenney, Lara Kuczanski, Lesli Mark, Emily Schmid, Katherine Schmitt, Michael Shakour, Julia Teixeira, Yiyang Xu and Aaron Zeese.

Four students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and

scores of three or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Mathew Bowyer, Mark Greci, Donald MacDonell and Angela Watkins.

Elizabeth Everett, Sean Flanagan, Charles Logue, Joseph Moon and Gregory Neeser qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of three or higher on five or more of these exams.

Charles Logue qualified for the highest recognition, the National AP Scholar Award, achieved by earning an average score of four or higher on all AP exams taken, and scores of four or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Notre Dame fights blindness with upcoming charity walk

NOTRE DAME — More than 10 million Americans are losing the battle against blindness. The Fighting Irish invites the community to participate in the Fight Against Blindness at the Biology Club's Vision Walk on Sunday, Sept. 26, with registration beginning at 12 p.m. in Morris Inn's Court Yard, followed by the event at 1:30 p.m.

The walk, which will journey around campus favorites, will serve as a source of awareness of the disease and raise funds to seek the cure in sight.

Registration is \$10 for students and \$15 for non-students. An

optional T-shirt is also available for \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students. All monies collected will go towards the Foundation Fighting Blindness, the largest source of non-governmental funding for retinal degenerative disease research in the world (www.blindness.org/).

Funds will go towards non-embryonic stem-cell research. Participants can also win raffle prizes, such as a signed Austin Carr basketball, Notre Dame football helmet and museum passes.

To register visit <https://shop.nd.edu>. Registration will also be available the day of the event.

Ancilla College announces increased fall enrollment

DONALDSON — Fall 2010 enrollment for Ancilla College has increased over 4 percent compared to 2009 fall enrollment figures, the college announced on Sept. 15.

According to official figures, there are currently 578 students enrolled for the fall semester, compared to 553 students enrolled one year ago, enough for an increase of 4.3 percent.

"The college is pleased to see the pattern of enrollment growth continue this fall," said Dr. Ron May, Ancilla College president. "It reinforces our belief that Ancilla College offers students of all ages the opportunity to begin and complete associate degrees that transfer or to complete an associate degree and move into the world of work."

Over a two-year period, Ancilla has enjoyed a 14.4 percent increase in enrollment.

Saint Joseph's High School earns Indiana Gold Star Counseling Award

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's High School's counseling program was recently cited for the Indiana Gold Star Counseling Award, which is presented by the Indiana Department of Education and the Indiana Student Achievement Institute.

Amanda Culhan of the Indiana Department of Education states, "This award highlights the hours of work completed by your school counseling Steering Team and Advisory Council in designing a vision-based and data-driven school counseling program that meets the academic, career and citizenship development needs of your students. It means that Saint Joe's counseling program meets or exceeds the nine components of the Indiana School Counseling Program Standards."

Saint Joseph's High School faculty members who served on the advisory council were Cynthia MacWhorter, Beth Schwitz, Mark Mankowski and Lauren Walatka. Emily Schmid, Michael Shakour and Nonnie Wefald were student participants on the council. The 26-member council also included parents and other community members.

South Bend area pilgrims participate in Medjugorje youth festival

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — “We have to be working! Every night when we fall into bed, we have to be exhausted from doing Our Lady’s work, and doing the work of conversion. If we’re not doing that, we’re not doing enough.”

Rosary Comeau and her husband Josh joined an estimated 90,000 other young people for the 21st annual International Youth Festival held this past August in Medjugorje. The young couple works with youth ministry at Holy Family Parish in South Bend, and say they hope to bring back some of the enthusiasm for the faith they experienced while in Medjugorje.

People from over 70 nations flocked to the small mountain village in Bosnia-Herzegovina where the Blessed Mother is reported to be still appearing to three visionaries on a daily basis. She reportedly first appeared to six children in 1981, delivering daily messages of prayer and peace. While the Catholic Church has not officially ruled on the authenticity of the apparitions, Medjugorje is an approved place of prayer where many pilgrims report finding great peace and closeness to Jesus through Our Lady.

The Comeaus arrived in Medjugorje as the youth festival was in full swing, and that first evening attended Mass concelebrated by over 500 priests, including Father John Patrick Riley. The Holy Cross priest, who is associate pastor at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, has also been to Lourdes and Fatima. Father Riley says he agrees with the wisdom of the Church in waiting until the apparitions cease before making a judgment.

“I’ve sat in on a few (apparitions),” Father Riley told *Today’s Catholic* as he prepared to head back to St. James for evening

Eucharistic Adoration, “and I have no way of judging their authenticity. But I would tell people Mary is here. There’s no question Mary is here. She’s here in the same way she’s anywhere Catholics gather in faith. She’s here to lead us to her Son, and that’s very evident here as it was for me in Lourdes and Fatima ... with greater fervor and enthusiasm because things are still happening here.”

As flags from the many nations waved in the sunset, the heat of the day gave way to evening respite. Many of the young people spent each day of the festival, which ran from Aug. 1-5, near the outdoor altar of St. James Church. Each day began at 9 a.m. with Morning Prayer led by the Franciscan priests. Testimonies, lectures and songs continued until noon. After a lunch break, festival activities resumed at 2 p.m. and lasted until the 6 p.m. rosary.

The highlight of each day was the evening Mass at 7 p.m. Although celebrated in Croatian, the liturgy was simultaneously translated into various world languages. Eucharistic Adoration followed Mass and kept many of the thousands in their seats, or, more likely, kneeling in the gravel or on the pavement.

“That was inspiring,” commented Josh Comeau. “Just the sea of people there to receive the Eucharist and hope through Mary and Jesus was an amazing experience. It made me proud to be a Catholic.”

The Comeaus say they were inspired as they watched young people wave flags and march nation by nation through the hamlet, up to the base of Mt. Podbrdo and back to St. James for Eucharistic Adoration. Twelve-year-old Mikey Nolan of Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame joyfully carried the American flag.



DIANE FREEBY

Josh and Rosary Comeau of Holy Family Parish in South Bend join other pilgrims praying the rosary on Mt. Podbrdo in Medjugorje.

“It was pretty neat!” he grinned. “There were tons of people and we were all singing songs!”

While the five-day youth festival was the center of much activity, Our Lady’s presence permeated the entire village of Medjugorje. Pilgrims from all walks of life found time for quiet prayer and reflection while climbing the steep and rocky, but well-worn paths up Mt. Podbrdo (Apparition Hill) and Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain). A statue of Our Lady stands on the place where the visionaries say the Blessed Mother first spoke those now-famous words: “Peace, peace, peace; only peace!”

Saint Mary’s College junior Maggie Stewart, a mass communications major who would like to work in news media, first visited Medjugorje in 2005 and returned to experience the youth festival.

“It’s awesome!” she told *Today’s Catholic* while visiting with visionary Ivan Dragicevic outside his hillside home. “It’s such a powerful experience being there with everybody and seeing all the different flags.”

When asked what she received in Medjugorje, Stewart described putting God first in her life and experiencing her faith from the heart.

“I find myself asking God, ‘What do you want me to do? Which way do you want me to go or how should I handle this?’ rather than saying, ‘God, I want this! Please, God!’ Instead I’m asking God to help me go in the direction He wants me to go,” she said.

Father Riley, a self-described introvert, said he loved being at the youth festival where the spirited crowds also lined up for Confessions, heard every day by priests in all languages. Father Riley says Medjugorje helped him “recommit” himself to the priesthood, and he looked forward to sharing his experiences with his parishioners back home.

“I’ve just had wonderful experiences,” smiled Father Riley over a glass of iced tea. “Young and old ... people who come regularly and people who’ve been away many years ... Medjugorje is the place where they return to the Church!”

MaryTV reaches thousands via the Internet

As thousands of young people raised their voices in song and prayer under a brilliant August sun outside St. James Church in Medjugorje, history was also being made across the street atop the MaryTV building. That’s where Denis and Cathy Nolan prayed the rosary, and crew members broadcast it live over the Internet so thousands more people could participate. It was a historical week for MaryTV, a lay apostolate founded by Denis Nolan and dedicated to using modern technology to share with the world Our Lady’s messages of peace and prayer.

MaryTV crew members say they were blessed by visionary Ivan Dragicevic’s hospitality and his openness to allow them to help share Our Lady’s messages with the world. MaryTV crew members were in Medjugorje the week of the youth festival and by last minute invitation were able to stay with Ivan in his home.

Reports show people from all 50 of the United States were present via the Internet, logging in to watch the events carried live on MaryTV. Ninety-eight countries were also represented, from the United Arab Emirates to Vietnam.

MaryTV chief engineer Tom Matasso is used to working with cutting edge technology in his job at NBC. In Medjugorje, he used car batteries to help power the rooftop rosary. Matasso set up a master control room in Ivan’s garage, using cables and a switcher he brought from home to connect the two cameras inside to the Internet.

“We used what the Lord gave

us, the money He’s provided,” explained Matasso. “The building has gone as far as it’s gone. The structure’s in. The rough plumbing and rough electrical is all in. We brought in car batteries, chargers, cables, cameras and computers and Internet connectivity and we’re able to simply use the building as a platform — as it should be — to be able to do the live broadcasts on the roof.” Matasso smiled as he described the privilege of being called to help spread Our Lady’s message. “Now we need to do it inside, where there’s electricity and we can have a big enough connection to the Internet that you can transmit broadcast quality to the TV stations that want it.”

Cathy Nolan said she is also thrilled to be a part of MaryTV. “When Tom Matasso gave us the ‘go’ sign, which meant we were ‘live’ on the Internet, my heart was filled with joy,” she said. “We have worked for many years to be able to go ‘live’ from Medjugorje. This was the beginning. Denis and I could hardly contain our excitement. In fact, we were a bit giddy. Like the Apostles on Pentecost, we felt the Holy Spirit rejoicing in us. Oh, to be able to transmit the graces of Medjugorje, live, to the world!”

For Denis, the August broadcasts from Medjugorje marked the beginning of being able to fulfill a dream that’s been years in the making. “The experience was pure joy,” he beamed. Everything that aired live on MaryTV is accessible at www.marytv.tv.

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Catholic Culture Literature Series investigates life of author Ralph McInerny

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The multifaceted writing talent of Ralph McInerny, longtime philosophy professor at the University of Notre Dame, was the topic of the first lecture in the university's Catholic Culture Literature Series on Sept. 7.

McInerny taught at Notre Dame for 55 years, almost up until his death in January. He was a gifted professor and scholar, with an international reputation as an expert in medieval philosophy. Also a prolific author, McInerny published 22 philosophy books, but outside academic circles he probably is best known as the author of 29 Father Dowling mystery novels that were adapted as a television series that ran between 1989 and 1991.

David Solomon, also a Notre Dame philosophy professor and the director of the school's Center for Ethics and Culture, gave the Sept. 7 lecture that reflected on McInerny the man, as well as his writings. A close friend of McInerny for 42 years, Solomon brought a deep knowledge of McInerny to his talk, and offered many insights into McInerny's strong convictions as well as his quick wit, much to the delight of the large audience of students, faculty and area residents.

Solomon said that McInerny exuded his love for the Catholic Church in his life and in his work, and he brought the excitement of the Catholic revival of the 20th century into his classroom. McInerny also had unwavering confidence in the higher truths found in the writings of Thomas Aquinas, who "came alive" in McInerny's classroom, Solomon said.

McInerny's philosophy books on analogy were probably his

most significant books, Solomon said, and two of his introduction to Aquinas books have become classics: "Ethica Thomistica: The Moral Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas" and "A First Glance at Saint Thomas Aquinas: A Handbook for Peeping Thomists."

McInerny also was one of few accomplished academic philosophers who was a "significant professional novelist, and he made money at it," Solomon said. In addition to his 22 books on philosophy, McInerny published nearly 100 novels, some nonfiction, and many short stories, too numerous to count because he often used a pen name for the stories, Solomon said.

Although he had wanted to be a great fiction writer since boyhood, McInerny turned to writing fiction early in his academic career to supplement his income, which at the time was quite meager. In fact, Solomon noted, a 1950's philosophy faculty salaries started at less than \$4,000.

McInerny is the first Notre Dame figure to be featured in the annual series, which was inaugurated in 2002 under the auspices of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture. The series is run by undergraduates and designed to expose the Notre Dame community to the richness of the Catholic literary heritage.

Other distinguished Catholic authors chosen for the 2010 series include Walker Percy, presented by Notre Dame philosophy professor John O'Callaghan Sept. 14; Flannery O'Connor, presented by Baylor University professor of theology and literature Ralph Wood on Sept. 21; and J.F. Powers, to be presented by Father Marvin O'Connell, professor emeritus of history at Notre Dame Sept. 28. All lectures are at 8 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall, Room 141, and are free and open to the public.

Marian High School: Apostolate of hope

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

MISHAWAKA — Father Edward Sorin, founder of the University of Notre Dame once said that education is a "sacred task to make the new-comer (student) a Christian and a scholar." This is at the root of the mission of Marian High School.

Carl Loesch, who is principal at Marian, considers teaching a vocation, not just a job. Addressing the faculty and staff he said, "As we embark upon this school year let us remember that our sacred task is an apostolate of hope ... through prayer and community we can strengthen and sustain each other so that we will be conduits of God's grace for our students."

There is a vibrant spirit of community at Marian. Students develop a great bond with the school and its teachers. They are very involved in learning, serving and leading. During summer break, Tim Trippel went to an international science fair in Switzerland and Michael Hunckler and Samuel Leung did research at the University of Notre Dame.

A group of students, Maddy Ladue, Kelly Powell, Mary Voelker, Julian Leticia, Alex Probst, Laura Herron, Liz Naquin, and Colleen and Kaitlyn Dalton, volunteered this past summer in Honduras. They served at Via Catalina, a place where people living in "a dump" are relocated. "We dug trenches for a water supply," said Maddy LaDue. "They don't have running water," offered Julian Letizia.

During the summer Father Jacob Runyon and Carol Miller facilitated a retreat for 36 student members of the Campus Ministry Leadership Team. Also, 50 of the upper classmen helped with the orientation of incoming students.

Marian offers many opportunities for their students. One example is the Learning Strategies Department. Faculty members, Teri Pairity and Annie Ganser help both the gifted and challenged students in their studies. "We have open enrollment, not just the smart," says Loesch. "All students deserve a Catholic education."

Besides their studies, Marian's



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Charles Creighton and Christopher Coulter in Mrs. Gunty's Introduction to Two Dimensional Art class.

students are involved in many and varied experiences. For instance, Thomas Stackowiak plays football and also is an accomplished violinist and another player, Matt Thomas, also has a lead in one of school's plays.

Marian offers a lot ways to nurture the faith of its students. Carol Miller is a full-time campus minister. Mass is offered three times a week in its beautifully renovated chapel for students and teachers in addition to the all school liturgies. Confession is available twice a week and First Friday Adoration is offered throughout the day.

The school does a variety of things to promote religious vocations and is blessed to have four alumni, Dave Violi, Steven Jagla and Brandon McCafferty in the seminary for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Chris Brennan who joined the Congregation of Holy Cross. Loesch attributes this primarily to the work of Father Dan Scheidt, Msgr. Michael Heintz and all the local parish priests.

Often alumni return to teach and stay for many years, such as Steve Rethlake, social studies teacher, who has been at Marian for 36 years. After graduation from Indiana University he got a position at his alma mater and never left.

Mary Kay Dance, director of

admissions and public relations, has a son and daughter who graduated from Marian. She and her husband are also alums. Dance also considers teaching a vocation. What she enjoys most about her 33 years in education "is working with all the people, especially the young people and exploring with them their faith and relationship with God." She believes Marian's greatest strength is the students. "They are happy to be here. They want a college education and get well prepared for college. They also are hungry for more knowledge and information and relationship with God, academics and spirituality."

Loesch is also grateful for all the ways the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration have supported the school, including donating the land upon which it is built.

Finally, Dr. Mark Myers, superintendent of schools for the diocese, speaks of how fortunate Marian is to have Loesch as principal. "His faith speaks volumes to the student. For instance, he included Mass before the annual silent auction. The Catholic identity is strong and present here, and we are blessed to have that due to Carl's leadership. We have a gift (Marian) here and we want people to know about it."



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Cardinal Keith O'Brien of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Scotland, greets Pope Benedict XVI as he arrives Sept. 16 in Edinburgh to begin a four-day visit to Great Britain.



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Children wait for Pope Benedict XVI to arrive for a Sept. 17 service at St. Mary's University College in Twickenham, a London suburb. The pope was on a four-day visit to Britain.



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Pilgrims show their support for Pope Benedict XVI after the beatification Mass for Cardinal John Henry Newman in Birmingham, England, Sept. 19.

At right, Pope Benedict XVI greets schoolchildren at the Royal Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, Scotland, Sept. 16, during his four-day visit to Great Britain.



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Pope Benedict XVI leaves the Houses of Parliament in London Sept. 17.

Christ Child Society's initiative provides coats, hats, mittens

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

ELKHART — With many smiling faces in attendance, 290 children from 119 families received a winter coat package from the South Bend Christ Child Society's Elkhart Initiative on Sept. 18 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. The winter coat package included a brand new warm winter coat, hat and mittens.

Among those in attendance was Aurora Leon, whose daughter received a new coat for a second year at the event. "It is a really, really good program. So many people are so happy for new jackets for the kids. It's like getting a Christmas present in September," she exclaimed.

Debra Low, who has chaired the Elkhart Initiative for the past two years, and is the volunteer grant writer for the South Bend Christ Child Society, recalls the economic climate in Elkhart as the original impetus for the initiative.

"Elkhart's economic challenges have been, and continue to be well documented in the local and national media. I brought the idea of coming to the aid of children in Elkhart to the Christ Child of South Bend board of directors in early 2009," Low explained.

She continued, "The board voted monies to cover a onetime outreach initiative. Upon successful completion of the initial service project, the board voted in spring of 2010 to increase the amount of allocation in order to serve even more of our neighbors in need."

Low said that a grant from the Order of Malta, designated for the Elkhart Initiative, helped fund two-thirds of this year's project. "John and Marjorie Bycraft, members of both the Christ Child Society and Order of Malta, were instrumental in bringing the granting process to our attention. This year we asked

for help to continue the Elkhart project and were granted \$10,000."

The Order of Malta is a lay religious order of the Catholic Church. Members are involved in a number of charitable efforts that are often supported by a grants program from the American Association's headquarters in New York. In recent years these grants have helped support the members' involvement with the Christ Child Society, the Women's Care Center, Matthew 23 in Fort Wayne, Chapin Street Clinic in South Bend, the LOGAN Center, a prison ministry program and a medical ethics speakers program following the White Mass at Notre Dame.

In addition to the Elkhart Initiative, the Order of Malta has given additional grants to South Bend chapter of Christ Child. "We have been very fortunate to receive grants from the Order of Malta during the past three years. The first grant helped refurbish the Christ Child distribution center in South Bend when we moved from Thomas Street to our present location. Last year, they granted monies for the purchase of the school uniform component for our South Bend clients," said Low.

Low also stressed the Elkhart Initiative is a natural extension of the services of the Christ Child Society. "In terms of delivering new clothing to children, no other group in northern Indiana has been as successful for as many years as the Christ Child Society of South Bend. We were founded in 1947 on the premise of serving children in need of a helping hand. It was a natural outreach of our mission in St. Joseph County to come to the aid of our neighbors in need in Elkhart County, since we were best positioned to do so."

To continue this initiative in future years, Low hopes for community participation in organizing



PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD

South Bend Christ Child volunteer Madeline Gaughan expresses her pleasure of the smiling face of a child receiving a new winter coat.

the event. "If this outreach effort is able to continue beyond a second year, it will be important to cultivate a group of Elkhart women and men of faith to carry out the mission in their own town. That would be the ultimate goal of the project, to perpetuate the delivery of these services by a local team of volunteers."

Father Kevin Bauman, parochial vicar at St. Vincent de Paul, notes the diverse ethnic population of the parish is a perfect fit with Christ Child Society's mission. "Historically, St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart has always been a home for the immigrant populations: German, Italian, Irish and now Hispanic peoples, primarily from Mexico. Similarly, the Christ Child Society has a great tradition of reaching out and providing direct service to the most vulnerable members of our society — poor children."

"Our entire parish family warmly welcomes the outpouring of love and generosity offered by all the members of the Christ Child Society. Their gift of a new winter ensemble of a warm coat, mittens and hat to poor kids of our parish enriches us all," he adds.

A second distribution of winter coat packages from the South Bend Christ Child Society has been set for Oct. 1 at Beardsley Elementary School in Elkhart. All children have been pre-qualified for services by school counselors, and follow the society's guidelines that every child served be a member of a family that lives at, or below 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

As Jose Cervantes left with his new winter coat package in hand, his departing comments marked the atmosphere of other children in the distribution room. "This is so cool!"



South Bend Christ Child volunteer and Elkhart Initiative Chair Debra Low exchanges expressions of delight with a young client.



A child receives a new coat, hat and mittens as a part of the South Bend Christ Child Society's Elkhart Initiative.

Christ Child Society begins Clothe a Child Campaign

SOUTH BEND — The Christ Child Society's goal is to clothe nearly 5,000 underprivileged children this year in St. Joseph County with new warm coats, hats, mittens, shoes and school clothes.

During September and October, the public can donate to this effort at Martin's Super Market, Mutual Bank and Notre Dame Credit Union by purchasing a signature Christ Child Society paper girl and boy dolls dressed in a hat and coat. Each

colored doll represents \$1 donated by customers. All money collected goes directly to the purchase of children's clothing.

The Christ Child Society is a non-profit organization whose 500 volunteer members are dedicated to clothing children and babies in the community, as well as providing educational services.

New clothing is distributed from the Christ Child Center at 308 S. Scott St., South Bend, each Wednesday morning.

Sisters of St. Francis celebrate postulants, novices, first vows

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka received four new postulants — Heidi Herber, Alexa Ritchie, Jordan Henneberry and Jessica Richardson — on Sunday, Sept. 5.

Heidi comes from St. Boniface Parish in Lafayette. She graduated from Franciscan University where she majored in computer science. Heidi met the Sisters of St. Francis at St. Boniface where the sisters have been teaching since 1875.

Alexa hails from St. Patrick Parish in Kokomo. Before entering, she studied elementary education at Indiana University-Kokomo. She came to know the Sisters of St. Francis when she attended Lafayette diocese's Destination Jesus Retreat, followed by retreats at the motherhouse in Mishawaka.

Jordan is a member of St. Anne, Mother of Mary Parish in Mexico, N.Y. She attended Franciscan University of Steubenville, studying social work. It was there that she met the sisters.

Jessica is a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Jessica met the sisters at the



JORDAN HENNEBERRY



HEIDI HERBER



JESSICA RICHARDSON



ALEXA RITCHIE

University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, while taking classes in theology.

As postulants, these young women will live at the motherhouse with the Sisters in the Conventual Liturgies and Perpetual Adoration while studying the catechism and the spirituality of the congregation. These young women appreciate continued prayers as they seek to dedicate their lives to the service of God and His Church.

New novices

Having completed their postulancy, Laura Elstro from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Diana Loiselle, from the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, were officially admitted into the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration and given the names Sister Maria Kolbe and Sister Theresa Marie.

They were invested with the brown Franciscan habit and received a crucifix as a sign of their willingness to follow Christ on Aug. 10. They were presented

with the Liturgy of the Hours, which they are now commissioned to pray in the name of the Church. And finally, the sisters were given the Franciscan Rule and the constitution of the congregation. These sisters will spend the next two years as novices, deepening their prayer life and experience of religious life, studying the theology of religious life and the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Sister Mariana professes her first vows

Later that same day, during Mass, Sister Mariana Collison, of

the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, professed her first vows with the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. In her desire to follow Christ more perfectly, she vowed for three years to live in chastity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, to choose a life of poverty and to offer the sacrifice of obedience. Sister M. Angela, the provincial superior, accepted her vows in the name of the Church. During the liturgy, the white veil which she wore as a novice was exchanged for a black veil as an outward sign of her profession.

Salesians commission 28 new volunteers

BY FATHER MICHAEL MENDEL, SDB

HAVERSTRAW-STONY POINT, N.Y. — Kyle Brite of Decatur, and Melia West, who counts Notre Dame's basilica of the Sacred Heart as her parish, were among 28 young women and men commissioned by the Salesians of Don Bosco as Salesian Lay Missioners (SLMs) or Salesian Domestic Volunteers (SDVs) on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the close of a week of retreat. Salesian Father Thomas Dunne, provincial superior of the New Rochelle Province, presided over the commissioning Mass in the Don Bosco Retreat Center.

Brite, a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Decatur, graduated from Purdue University in 2008. He hopes to help poor youngsters alongside the Salesians, and so change the world for the better. He'll work at that at the Salesians' Centre des Jeunes in Gatenga, Rwanda, together with another of the new SLMs. At this youth center and boarding school for the poorest and most vulnerable children in Kigali (the capital), including orphans and street children, they'll assist with vocational and agricultural training.

West and another SLM are going to Hogar Sagrado Corazon in Montero, Bolivia; SLMs have served at this girls' orphanage, run by religious sis-



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE SALESIANS

Kyle Brite, a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Decatur, graduated from Purdue University in 2008. He hopes to help poor youngsters alongside the Salesians. He is shown receiving Communion at the retreat Mass.

ters, for many years. West, a native of Omaha, Neb., graduated from Notre Dame in 2010. She is a recent convert to Catholicism, which is why the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University is her parish for now. She had never heard of the Salesians until she started

researching "volunteer opportunities that might fit (her) heart

**The 22 new SLMs come from 18 dioceses
in 12 states all over the country;
they represent both Salesian provinces in the U.S.**

and personality." Working with poor and abandoned youth and



Melia West, who counts Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart as her parish, is going to Hogar Sagrado Corazon in Montero, Bolivia where the Salesian Lay Missioners have served at a girls' orphanage, run by religious sisters, for many years.

the chance to nurture their bodies and souls appeals very much to her, and the SLM motto of

"Finding Christ in the face of a child" resonates with her because, like Mother Teresa, she wants to see Christ in everyone.

The Salesians of Don Bosco are the second-largest congregation of religious men in the Catholic

Church. They serve the young, the poor, and mission populations through academic and trade schools, universities, youth centers, hospices, orphanages, parishes, mission stations, medical clinics, the media and other ministries in 136 countries around the world. Since 1981 some 350 participants in the SLM program have served for periods of one to three years alongside the Salesians, the Salesian Sisters, or affiliated groups in about 35 different countries.

Holy Cross names recipients of Spirit of Holy Cross Award

NOTRE DAME — The Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province, has named the eight recipients of the 2010 Spirit of Holy Cross Award, which is given to lay collaborators who serve with the congregation in the United States and abroad. The award was created to acknowledge the critical importance lay collaborators of Holy Cross and others play in living out the vision of Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, CSC, to make God known, loved and served in education, parish and mission settings. The award is given each year on Sept. 15, the solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows, the feast day of the congregation.

"Thousands of lay collaborators and others assist in fulfilling the important work in Holy Cross apostolates throughout the world," said Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial superior, Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province. "The Spirit of Holy Cross Award provides a special opportunity to recognize extraordinary effort in living out the Holy Cross mission. We thank all who are helping to make a positive difference in the world."

Recipients for 2010 Spirit of Holy Cross Award serve in education, parish and mission settings:

- Angela Budzinski: Principal at Holy Cross School in South Bend.
- Alicia Cataneda de Sanchez: Archdiocese of Monterrey in Nuevo Leon, Mexico
- John Cavadini: Director of the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame
- George Galati: Holy

Redeemer Parish in Portland, Ore.

- Samuel Muwumba: Holy Cross Mission in Bugembe, Uganda
- Rebecca Reazor: Retired nurse at Holy Cross House in Notre Dame
- John Rosenthal: Regional events chair "Following in the Footsteps of a Great Band of Men" campaign for the Indiana Province in Notre Dame
- John Soisson: Special assistant to the president, at the University of Portland in Portland, Ore.

Recipients are recognized by the local communities of the Congregation of Holy Cross and receive a proclamation of gratitude signed by the Provincial Superior on behalf of the entire Indiana Province.

Angela Budzinski has been the principal at Holy Cross School since 1998. Prior to being hired as principal, she worked at two other Holy Cross schools in South Bend. In recognition of her teaching and administrative excellence, she received the Light of Learning Award from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 2002 and 2005. Angela played a pivotal role in the recent \$2.8 million addition and renovation of Holy Cross School. She attended Saint Joseph's High School, where her daughter, Tori, is currently a junior.

Alicia Cataneda de Sanchez, first collaborated with Holy Cross priests and brothers in the Archdiocese of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, almost 25 years ago as a youth minister. She is now executive director of Family



BROTHER CHARLES MCBRIDE, CSC

On the solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows, Brothers and Sisters celebrated at Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame. Holy Cross Father David Tyson, provincial of the Indiana Province of Priests and Brothers was the principal celebrant and homilist. Following Mass a dinner was hosted by Moreau Seminary for the Holy Cross religious.

Rosary/Family Ministry of Mexico, and also supervises Holy Cross seminarians who have pastoral ministry placements with Family Rosary. Since her first days with Holy Cross, she has mentored lay leaders in this apostolate, demonstrating the power of prayer and collaboration with laity in evangelization.

John Cavadini is the former theology department chair and director of the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame. Under his leadership, the university has been drawn more fully into the life of the Church. He has been dedicated to educating people in the faith — sharing the Holy Cross ministry at Notre Dame and in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend — through a

variety of initiatives. His wife, Nancy, and their children are also active Holy Cross supporters.

George Galati has been an active participant in the mission of Holy Cross for well over 50 years. He is a graduate and supporter of the University of Portland — his children are also graduates of the university. George is also a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, where he is a daily communicant and reads both at Sunday and weekday Mass. George participates in the mission of Holy Cross in two settings, education and parish and both communities benefit from his faithful support.

Samuel Muwumba, a parishioner of Holy Cross Parish, Bugembe in the Diocese of Jinja, Uganda, has been a close friend of

SERRANS HOST PICNIC FOR PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Holy Cross and Saint Francis novices get to know each other at the annual Serran picnic for priest and religious in the South Bend area on Aug. 22. Twelve Holy Cross and two Franciscan novices were among the religious who attended. The Serrans were happy that their prayers for vocations are bearing fruit.

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SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Tom Sulentic, right, shares a moment with Deacon Paul Baumgartner who was honored for his dedicated ministry to the Fort Wayne-South Bend's Cursillo community at its annual picnic on Aug. 28 in South Bend.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY CHRISTOPHER HEFFRON

St. Francis and millennials: Like speaks to like

CINCINNATI—They're young, they're mobile and they want meaningful lives. They are the millennial generation—those born after 1982—and they are setting themselves apart from previous generations by avoiding material pursuits and by fulfilling a need for community. Many Catholic millennials have found a kindred spirit in St. Francis. Using him as a guide, these young men and women are changing the face of the Catholic Church.

The influence of the millennial generation is the subject of October's *St. Anthony Messenger* cover article entitled, "St. Francis and the Millennials: Kindred Spirits," by Franciscan Friar Daniel P. Horan, himself a millennial who teaches religion at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. After Sept. 21, the article will be posted at www.AmericanCatholic.org.

Millennials have grown up in a time of increasing global consciousness, accessible travel and instant communication. The hyper-connectedness of technology, however, leaves some millennials wanting more. They see the story of St. Francis and the Franciscan tradition as an alternative. The Franciscan way of viewing relationships includes a focus on community, a commitment to solidarity and a life lived in fraternity — aspects that attract many young Catholics.

Millennials hunger to be connected to something larger than themselves — a trait that has been highlighted by many generational researchers and one that serves as a connecting point for young adults seeking a spirituality that is not about just "me and God."

Additionally, the commitment to solidarity — advocating for the poor — speaks to the hearts of young people. Millennials can see in St. Francis' conversion to live among the lepers a reflection of their own desire to work toward a world where each person's human dignity is protected and celebrated.

Francis also serves as a model for Catholic millennials who want more out of life than a BMW and a country club membership. After all, Francis was in his early 20s when he began his holy way of life. He once aspired to riches as his family's financial means increased. Millennials are challenged to ask themselves whether they are motivated to make profit or to live as a prophet. The call to hold back nothing of oneself provides a message of hope and value that market capitalism simply cannot deliver.

Melissa Cidade, director of Pastoral Assistance Surveys and Services at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University, says that millennials report the highest participation in certain Lenten practices including abstaining from meat, receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday and giving to charity. Cidade points out, however, that "one third (33 percent) report attending Mass 'rarely or never.'"

These contradictory trends can confuse Church leaders. Cidade suggests the data tell us, "Millennials are trying to figure out what is core and what is peripheral to their faith."

What has often been the standard mark of a "good Catholic" no longer offers a satisfactory test of committed faith. That is not to suggest that millennials want to do away with Mass, but it should not be the only indicator of their generation's religiosity. Because of this shift, they are looking for faith communities that welcome them in their journey of religious discovery and exploration, and accept them as they are at the moment.

And it's Francis' simple living that many Catholic millennials strive to follow. "As millennials experience, embrace and pass on the Franciscan tradition to those who follow them," Horan writes, "the spirituality of the saint from Assisi continues to live on, inspiring others for another eight centuries."

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Spinning stem-cell fairy tales

Discussions about the morality of stem-cell research often focus on the differences between adult stem cells and stem cells derived from embryos. The adult variety, such as those derived from bone marrow or umbilical cords, are already providing an impressive array of treatments and cures for sick people, while the embryonic kind are not. Adult stem cells can be obtained without crossing any moral boundaries, whereas embryonic stem cells cannot, because they are obtained by destroying young human beings who are still in their embryonic stages of growth.

In spite of great progress in identifying ever more powerful adult stem-cell sources, scientists still clamor for embryos. Even in the face of impressive new technologies for making "embryonic-like" stem cells without using embryos, the chorus of voices pushing for the sacrifice of embryos seems only to grow louder. Indeed, one of the most common questions I encounter when I give talks about stem cells is why scientists and politicians are so intent on pursuing the destruction of human embryos when so many other non-embryonic sources of stem cells are available that are already helping countless patients with serious diseases. What is behind this incessant drumbeat to go after the human embryo?

One can sense a certain "logic of killing" that hovers in the wings of these discussions. If tiny human embryos were to be safeguarded and protected by law, this would constitute a threat, if not a frontal assault, to legalized abortion-on-demand, which routinely allows us to end the lives of older, almost-born humans more than 3,000 times every day in the United States by surgical means and many more each day through chemical means. This desire to sanction current immoral practices is certainly one reason we see continuing pressure to allow the destruction of human embryos for research.

Pope Benedict XVI, in a recent address, spoke of resisting "...

those forms of research that provide for the planned suppression of human beings who already exist, even if they have not yet been born. Research, in such cases, irrespective of efficacious therapeutic results, is not truly at the service of humanity."

In our society, however, the hype surrounding the harvesting of human embryos as a way to cure nearly every disease has taken on the form of a popular mythology. A *Washington Post* article summarized it this way a few years ago: "To start with, people need a fairy tale," said Ronald D.G. Mckay, a stem-cell researcher at



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evil means."

In a way, then, embryonic stem cells have become a great modern secular fairy-tale, even a kind of surrogate for our yearning for immortality. People are being told that Alzheimer's can be addressed; Parkinson's can be overcome; diabetes can be defeated; and MS can be conquered. Who knows? Perhaps we could extend our longevity, defeat aging, and live as if we were always young. Perhaps we could even defeat death itself through these powerful cells!

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the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. 'Maybe that's unfair, but they need a story line that's relatively simple to understand.' Human embryonic stem cells have the capacity to morph into virtually any kind of tissue, leading many scientists to believe they could serve as a 'universal patch' for injured organs."

This idea, though still speculative, is straightforward and easy to sell, especially to desperate patients and patient-advocacy groups. Some scientists are happy to perpetuate the myth, too, believing that this kind of 'master cell' from the earliest stages of human life could help unlock some of the most primordial and tantalizing biological powers mankind has ever seen — almost Godlike powers, leading to the 'Tree of Life' itself. As some researchers ambitiously seek to wrench control of those life-powers into their own hands, it should perhaps come as no surprise when they yield to the seductive siren call of our day: 'One life can sometimes be taken for the benefit of another,' and 'Good ends can sometimes justify

Vanquishing death and achieving immortality through science — the reality-bending power of these myths and fairy-tales should not be underestimated.

In the final analysis, the "planned suppression of human beings" cannot be allowed to continue to creep into the practice of modern science and medicine. Our yearnings for various goods and blessings, like healing and new medical therapies, must always be tempered by our duty to pursue responsible and completely ethical science. Only by insisting on the use of upright means to achieve good ends can we steer clear of the Nazi-like drive to subjugate and destroy others in our quest for desirable outcomes. Only then can science be a force for authentic healing and truly stand at the service of humanity.

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Social Security at 75: What will it look like in another 75 years?

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It seems like it has been around forever, but Social Security is only 75 years old.

Granted, few Americans who were born before Social Security started have never deposited a Social Security check, although it is an open question whether Social Security will be in a form today's workers would recognize 75 years from now.

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law in 1935, it was seen as a bold social experiment. But it put money into the hands of the nation's retirees.

Poverty had hit senior citizens harder than any other age group, but Social Security benefits whittled away their financial hardships to the point where seniors now have the lowest rate of poverty of any age group in the

United States.

"We can never insure one hundred percent of the population against one hundred percent of the hazards and vicissitudes of life, but we have tried to frame a law which will give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family against the loss of a job and against poverty-ridden old age," Roosevelt said on Aug. 14, 1935.

Today the Social Security Administration says that about one-third of recipients depend on Social Security for more than 90 percent of their income, while another third rely on the program for more than half of their money. The agency estimates that about 13 million would fall below the poverty line without Social Security.

When Social Security was created, the U.S. bishops were con-

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cerned about some aspects of the law, especially how it would affect nonprofits and Catholic child welfare programs, especially in rural areas. Men and women religious were not permitted to join the Social Security system until 1972.

The bishops' National Catholic Welfare Conference, the precursor to today's U.S.

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St. Paul preaches for conversions in Philippi

Where is Philippi where St. Paul was imprisoned?

Philippi was a leading city in Macedonia (northern Greece) and also a Roman colony in the time of St. Paul. The famous Ignatian Way connected the harbor where St. Paul landed by ship to Philippi. Along this route, St. Paul would have seen the Pangaeus mountain range famous for its gold mines.

O. Meinardus says at the extensive archaeological site of Philippi, you see two basilicas plus an early Christian basilica, the marketplace, forum, library temple, theater, the sanctuary of the Egyptian divinities, the town walls, the acropolis, a cistern, latrines and the prison where St. Paul was confined. Philippi was founded by Philip II of Macedonia in the fourth century B.C. Philippi became famous for the battle between Julius Caesar's assassins, Brutus and Cassius, and the victors Octavius and Marc Antony. After this battle, Philippi became a Roman garrison town whose language was Latin. The number of Jews in Philippi must have been small, because there was no synagogue. Rather there was only a proseuche or temporary place of prayer outside the city gate near the river Ganga where the Jewish washings could take place.

It was at this river where St. Paul met Lydia, a wealthy pagan woman who sold purple goods from the town of Thyatira in western Turkey. Lydia and her whole household ended up being baptized. Lydia invited Paul and his companion Silas to her house. On the way they met a fortune-telling slave girl who made much money for her masters by telling fortunes. This girl followed Paul around for several days shouting "These men are servants of God; they will make known to you a way of salvation." Paul became annoyed and drove the spirit out



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of the girl. When her masters saw they would make no more money on the girl, they dragged Paul and Silas to the magistrates for disturbing the peace. Paul and Silas were flogged and thrown into prison with their feet chained to a stake. Around midnight, a severe earthquake shook the prison, the doors opened, and the chains were pulled loose. There were many earthquakes in ancient Greece. The jailer was going to kill himself, because he thought all the prisoners escaped. But then he saw them remaining in prison and was so impressed that he said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" Paul and Silas preached the Gospel to the jailer and finally he and his whole household were baptized. This "household" could include children and slaves. So here we see a hint at infant Baptism in the early Church right in the Bible.

When the magistrates learned that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they took them out of jail and asked them to leave Philippi. Paul and Silas first stopped by Lydia's house and then left for Thessalonica (modern Thessaloniki) in Macedonia. Eventually Paul would make a second and third visit to Philippi and write an epistle to the Philippians now found in the New Testament.

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Only things of God are worth living for



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 16:19-31

The Book of Amos is the source of this weekend's first reading. The book itself states that it was written during the reign of King Uzziah of Judah, or between 783 and 742 B.C.

There are two ways of looking at conditions at the time. The two Hebrew kingdoms were at peace. Times were prosperous — at least for most.

Many were not so fortunate, and perhaps tranquility and ease had dulled in the people's collective mind their sense of needing God. Along with this, apparently many were lax in their religious observances.

So, Amos rebuked them. He condemned the sluggishness in religion and morally careless living. It was not necessarily a denunciation of utter vice, but rather of lukewarmness and of living as if there were no tomorrow and no reckoning.

In the context of all the prophets, Amos saw in such circumstances clear signals that the society was weakening, and as it weakened, peril awaited.

St. Paul's First Epistle to Timothy supplies the second reading. Timothy was an early convert to Christianity. As his life unfolded, he became Paul's disci-

ple and a Christian leader in his own right, destined to be one of the major figures in the development of Christianity.

The epistle calls Timothy to be resolute, citing the example of Jesus in the Lord's trial before Pontius Pilate. Being distracted from such faithfulness was easy because everywhere was the glory, power and excesses of the mighty Roman Empire.

Despite all the seeming power of Rome, the reading insists that God's goodness and justice will endure, and that Jesus will come again in triumph and vindication.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a parable, rather straightforward in its message. The picture vividly presents a setting for the message of the parable.

A rich man is enjoying all the benefits of financial success and well being. By contrast, Lazarus is desperately poor. He has nothing. He is hungry. He yearns to have the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

In time, Lazarus dies. Then the rich man also dies. As the rich man reached the hereafter, he realized that now he himself was in great need, whereas Lazarus was being held close to Abraham, the father of the Hebrew people.

By this time, the once rich man is desperate. He pleads with Abraham for just a drop of water. Then the once rich man implores Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn the rich man's brothers that they too will be punished unless they turn to God and forsake greed.

This end to the story is thought-provoking. Abraham replies that messengers already have been sent, namely Moses and the prophets, and Moses and the prophets were ignored.

People can wreck their lives and their eternal lives. Their doom is their choice. It is not God's fault.

Reflection

The readings, and especially that from Luke's Gospel, are clear, teaching a lesson. It is more than a question of not being greedy or unjust in commercial dealings. Rather, Christians must judge earthly life by a standard that not often is embraced.

At the time of Jesus, many thought that earthly riches showed that God had blessed the rich. Whereas, poverty and want indicated that there had been a great sin somehow in the background of the sinner.

Jesus totally debunks this notion. When we end our earthly lives, riches will mean nothing.

The Christian standard is to put everything secondary, or even irrelevant, in judging life. Only the things of God are worth living, or dying, for.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is much more than merely about a person who has succeeded in the world and a person who has not succeeded.

READINGS

Sunday: Am 6:1a,4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Jb 1L6-22 Ps 17:1bcd,2-3,6-7 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Ps 88:2-8 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3,5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 Mt 18:1-5, 10



Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions

died 1637
September 28

Lawrence, the first Filipino saint, and 15 others were martyred in Japan. The 10 Asians and six Europeans included nine Dominican priests. After various tortures, 14 of them died by being suspended by the feet in a pit of manure, one was burned at the stake and one died in prison. Lawrence, a Dominican tertiary, was living in Binondo, Philippines, with his wife and three children, when he fled an unjust murder charge by joining a missionary expedition to Japan. He was arrested there for being a Christian, which was then illegal. He died in the pit in 1637.

CNS Saints

A promise to Pope John Paul II

On the evening of Dec. 15, 2004, I had dinner in the papal apartment with Pope John Paul II and several of his aides. Although his health had been deteriorating steadily for years, the pope was in good form that night, his sense of humor intact and sharp. Knowing that he liked large photo albums, I gave him a volume on national parks of the United States as a Christmas present. When an aide opened the book to Rocky Mountain National Park, the pope put on as much of a smile as his Parkinson's disease would permit and said, "Denver: World Youth Day 1993! The bishops of the United States said it couldn't be done. I proved them wrong!" We all laughed as John Paul flipped through the pages; in his mind's eye, he was back hiking in the Rockies.

The conversation over dinner was wide-ranging, and at one point, after the usual papal kidding about my having written "a very big book," John Paul asked about the international reception of "Witness to Hope," his biography, which I had published five years earlier. He was particularly happy when I told him that a Chinese edition was in the works, as he knew he would never get to that vast land himself. As that part of the conversation was winding down, I looked across the table and, referring to the fact that "Witness to Hope" had only taken the John Paul II story up to early 1999, I made the pope a promise: "Holy Father," I said, "if you don't bury me, I want you to know that I'll finish your story."

It was the last time we saw each other, this side of the Kingdom of God.

"The End and the Beginning: Pope John Paul II – The Victory of Freedom, the Last Years, the Legacy," which was published by Doubleday on Sept. 14, is the fulfillment of the promise I made to John Paul during our last evening together.

In addition to revisiting Karol Wojtyla's epic battle with communism through the prism of previously classified and top-secret communist files, given to me by Polish researchers, the book offers a detailed account of the drama of the pope's last six years: The Great Jubilee of 2000 and his historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land; September 11th, and the pope's efforts to frustrate Osama bin Laden's insistence that his war with the West was a religious crusade; the Long Lent of 2002, when the Church in America grappled with the twin crises of clerical sexual abuse and episcopal misgovernance; John Paul's ongoing efforts to build bridges of dialogue and reconciliation with the Churches of the Christian East; his struggle with illness, which brought him into at least one "dark night" spiritually; and his heroic last months, in which his priestly death became, metaphorically, his last encyclical. "The End and the Beginning" concludes with a lengthy evaluation of Karol Wojtyla, the man, and John Paul II, the pope. There, I'm able to tell some stories not previously on the public record, while assessing all that went right, and the things that went wrong, in one of history's most



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significant pontificates.

The story of Wojtyla vs. communism in "The End and the Beginning" is by no means simply a reprise of "Witness to Hope"; on the contrary, the Polish, East German, Soviet and Hungarian secret police and foreign ministry files I obtained from Polish colleagues shed new, and often dramatic, light on the communist effort to destroy John Paul's work and his reputation, as well as on communist efforts to penetrate the Leonine Wall and recruit collaborators in the Vatican. In a world quickly forgetting what the Cold War was about, these once-secret classified documents are a powerful reminder that, as John Paul's longtime secretary once put it to me, "It was 'we and they,' 'us and them,' all the time." And they were not scrupulous about playing the hardest of hardball.

John Paul II was the great Christian witness of this era. Telling his story in full has been the privilege of a lifetime.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for September 26, 2010

Luke 16:19-31

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the parable of Lazarus and the man called Dives. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

RICH MAN	PURPLE	SUMPTUOUSLY
POOR MAN	NAMED	LAZARUS
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TO DIP	FINGER	WATER
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Conference of Catholic Bishops, had a representative among the members of an advisory council to the House Committee on Economic Security. It was Msgr. John A. Ryan, director of conference's department of social action.

Getting a government check in the throes of the Great Depression must have seemed like a godsend for a generation of Americans who had worked hard all their adult lives only to see their savings wither away from the stock market crash of 1929 or from the myriad of bank closures that followed.

Now, with the country in what is arguably the worst economic shape since the Great Depression — many term the ongoing slump the "great recession" — talk has revived about changing some, or all, of the rules currently governing Social Security.

Last year was the first year where payouts outstripped revenue, eight years ahead of previ-

ous forecasts, because sustained joblessness meant fewer paycheck deductions going into Social Security. Meanwhile, retirements — not all of them wholly voluntary — prompted many older Americans to apply for their benefits.

Republicans, meanwhile, are talking again of privatizing Social Security. Their mid-decade plan, never enacted, would have offered those paying into the system the option to invest some of their Social Security account in stocks or mutual funds. As the stock market nosedived in 2008, many would-be retirees breathed a sigh of relief. Some call for the abolition of Social Security, while others wonder what's behind the eagerness to dismantle a program that has done so much for so many.

Social Security is a main target of the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform con-

vened by President Barack Obama earlier this year. The body is to make recommendations by December as to how the nation can reduce the deficit and improve its long-range fiscal health.

The Republican co-chair is former Sen. Alan Simpson of

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Wyoming and the Democratic co-chair is former Clinton White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles. The commission has floated the idea of scaling back Social Security as one way to reduce the federal deficit.

If nothing is done, Social Security would run dry in 2041, according to an analysis prepared by Public Agenda, a Washington think tank. Based on receipts that would be coming into the system that year, Social Security would

have to cut benefits by 25 percent to break even.

So what's the next step? The baby-boom generation will begin retiring in a couple of years and be eligible for full Social Security benefits — and the actuarial tables show them living longer, with fewer workers coming

behind them to keep the trust fund solvent.

One long-standing argument for a way to bring more needed cash into the Social Security trust fund is to raise the amount of

payroll taxes for the program levied on an employee's annual income.

Currently, the income ceiling is \$106,800. The Social Security tax is 6.20 percent; an additional 1.45 percent is withheld for Medicare; the same total, 7.65 percent, is also imposed on employers. So the maximum withholding for both employee and employer is \$6,621.60. (Self-employed people use a different calculation, but essentially pay

both parts.)

These numbers are unchanged from 2009. But the proposal hasn't caught on with lawmakers reluctant to raise taxes so close to an election.

One of the few proposals to win majority support in polls of Americans is to cap the benefits paid to wealthier retirees.

House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio suggested in early September that the retirement age to collect full benefits be raised to 70. But a Center for Economic and Policy Research paper issued in August noted that, of those ages 58 and up, male workers (37 percent), Hispanic men (62.4 percent), immigrant workers (47.5 percent) and those at the bottom end of the wage scale (56.4 percent) had physically demanding jobs. Further, 77.2 percent of workers without a high school diploma toiled in difficult jobs, meaning they've been working harder physically, and longer chronologically, than the typical American.

However the issue is ultimately decided, it appears as if the supplemental retirement program could be in need of some Social Security of its own.

Sports

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS LEAPS TO NO. 11 IN NAIA TOP 25 With a 70-7 win at Iowa Wesleyan to open the season on Sept. 11, the University of Saint Francis Cougars moved from No. 17 to No. 11 in the first NAIA regular season Top 25 poll on Sept. 13. USF has the longest streak of consecutive mentions in the NAIA Top 25 at 131, a streak that started in late October of 1999, the second season for the program at USF.

CYO Eagles soar on gridiron

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In their fifth week of league play, the Catholic Youth League (CYO) football boys-of-fall lined up at the University of Saint Francis on Sunday, Sept. 19. The St. John Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Eagles remained untouched with a 24-8 victory over a hard-hitting St. John, New Haven, Raider unit.

The Eagles' seventh-grade quarterback, Jack Johnston, threw a touchdown pass to Tyrell Johnson and workhorse Damian Brough added another TD to his impressive stats. The Eagles' third score came on a pass from Johnson to Josh Jones. Brough was perfect on his point after attempts kicking all three.

St. Charles picked another win in their 2010 season downing St. Jude, 22-0, to improve to 4-1. George Talarico was on the receiving end of two touchdown passes from Cody Miller while Andrew Gabet scored the lone rushing points for the Cardinals. Coach Mike Herald said that Miller accounted for over 150 yards in total offense and that Gabet and William Blume provided a nice "one-two" punch in the rushing game. He added, "Our ground game really set up the pass nicely and the Miller-Talarico combo worked well all day." Defensively, the Cardinals played "lights out" according to Herald and the D-Line had a few

sacks along with their solid tackling. Looking ahead to next week's huge rivalry contest with St. Vincent, Herald concluded, "We will need to be well prepared. St. Vincent is extremely well coached and has a few spectacular players that are game breakers."

Also at the University of Saint Francis, Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood (QA/PB) lost a tough one to Holy Cross, 32-6. In the loss, Cameron Kahlenbeck had a kick return for a touchdown and an interception on defense. Coach Jeff Weddle also reported that Landon Bailey and Royce Osbourne stepped up on defense and made numerous big tackles.

"These kids from QA/PB showed heart today and fought to the end as they do each and every week and that makes me proud to be a part of their experience," summarized Weddle.

Finally, St. Vincent beat the St. Joe-St. Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) Knights in a forceful battle by a score of 16-6. To put the Panthers on the board, Dalton O'Boyle had a touchdown pass to Billy Backstrom. Noah Coonan finished off the scoring with a TD run. Coach Drew Linder added, "Our defense also played outstanding." St. Vincent improved to 3-2. Several crucial games are slated for Week 6 in CYO gridiron action as the 2010 season draws closer to tournament time.

Panthers overtake Saints in ICCL football action

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Umbrellas were in abundance, not for the rain but for the unseasonable hot sunny day at Otolski Field as the competing warriors buckled their chin straps in the marquee matchup of the day in the Inner-City Catholic League.

The St. Anthony/St. Joseph (SB)/St. Pius X Panthers had already started their season with an opening day victory and the Mishawaka Catholic Saints were looking to add a blemish to their resume.

The Saints started the game off like they were in midseason form as running back Ryan Schafer dashed 22 yards and into Panther territory, but that would be all that the mighty Panthers would yield early.

The Saints' stingy defense was also a problem for the Panthers early as they clamped down and sent the maroon offense off the field after a three-and-out opening drive.

After a fumble recover by Justin Drinkall at the 44 of the Saints, the Panthers started up their offensive machine and marched impressively down field mixing the pass and run effectively, culminating with a 22-yard scamper by Drinkall to pay dirt. The points after try by Zach Credi was practically blocked by the strong D-line of the Saints making the score 6-0.

The Saints again struggled offensively and turned the ball over on downs but a miscue by the Panthers and a recovered fumble by Dylan Konwinski turn the tide and sparked the Mishawaka Catholic squad.

Quarterback Joe Molnar went to work finding Will Whitten and Ryan Schafer on big strikes and culminating an impressive drive with a three-yard plunge by Schafer.

The points after conversion to Whitten made the score, 7-6, with under a minute left in the half.

The Panthers didn't go quietly into the locker room, after a 30-yard reception by Oliver Page and

a 20-yard run by Camden Bohn and another completion to Page had the maroon menace knocking on the door but the Saints made a big stop at the five as time expired.

The third quarter featured hard-nosed defense by both squads with a Josh Coleman fumble recovery for the Saints and the line backing tandem of Sean McFadden and Justin Drinkall of the Panthers harassing Molnar on almost every play.

The fourth quarter would be all Panther offensive line and Drinkall running, taking handoff after hand-off and marching down the field for the score. The point after attempt was good as Bohn faked a kick and dove into the end zone making the margin, 13-7, with 1:59 left in the contest.

The Saints made a valiant effort to answer, but when a fourth and long Molnar pass to Whitten fell short their fate was sealed keeping the Panther season perfect.

"I'm really happy with this

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CYO volleyball launches season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Youth League (CYO) volleyball play kicked off the weekend of Sept. 11-12, with the Commodore Classic in Decatur and showcased a few teams from the league in a first-ever pre-season tournament.

Held on Saturday, Aug. 28, in the state-of-the-art gymnasium, which was just dedicated a year ago, assistant Commodore coach Mike Wilder thought the tournament would be a good idea to see how their team stacked up and put some new skills in their offense without affecting their season records.

After five seasons coaching for Decatur, Wilder brought his sister Deb on board last season. The Commodores have seven players on their eighth-grade team and 11 young ladies in the seventh-grade unit. The eighth-grade team finished runner-up to St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel in the morning games.

Wilder feels "team play" and



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St. Joseph, Decatur, sixth-grade volleyball team wins the first Commodore Classic tournament held Sept. 11-12. In the picture: front row, from left, Morgan Ellsworth, Megan Tracey, Ryann Velez, Alexis Coyne and Lauryn Brite; middle row, Lynae McDonald, Karly Girod, Madison Macklin, Taylor Bebout, Lizah Okoniewski and Maddi Strickler; and back row, coaches Amy and Jamie Bebout. St. Joe's sixth grade's record is now 6-1. In the final game of the fifth-grade session, St. Charles 1 beat St. Charles 2.

strong serving will be strengths for the Commodores in 2010. "These girls finished as runner-up in the White (seventh grade) League last

season," he explained. "We are looking for a good season," he finished.

The defending Blue League champions are off to an impressive

start with a new coach and a strong combined roster 10 deep. In round-robin play at the preview, the Squires won all three matches to take the tournament beating the hosts in two games, Huntington Catholic in three and the St. John, Fort Wayne eighth graders in two.

In her rookie season at Hessen Cassel, Coach Shawnette Metzger was pleased with her team's debut, "We have a great group of girls and did very well." She lists serving as a strength and feels she has five solid eighth-grade players.

Metzger comes to Hessen Cassel with high school, college and club coaching experiences. "It (coaching CYO) is a lot different at this level. It will be somewhat of a learning experience at the beginning of the season, but I'm sure it will all click by the end," she predicted.

In the afternoon session, the seventh-grade ladies from St. Charles had a clean sweep beating their three opponents (St. Rose-St. Louis, Huntington Catholic and St. Joseph-Decatur) in two games each to win their tournament.

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team, a sign of a good team is taking a punch and answering," explained Panther Coach Kevin Sandor. "Coach Violi is a great coach; we knew his squad would be ready and give us a game."

"I was very happy with our quarterback Camden Bohn, he took some big hits and got up and kept coming back," continued Sandor. "As for our linebackers, both McFadden and Oliver came to play today."

"Well, we were rusty in the first quarter and we were not playing together, but I was happy with how we played the last three quarters," commented Saints' Coach Violi. "I was proud of the way the kids kept fighting to the end."

In other action, St. Matthew's triumphed over West Side Catholic, 12-6. Devante Newbill had touchdown runs of 68 and 32 for the Blazers and Alex Mroz had a 14-yard score for the Cougars.

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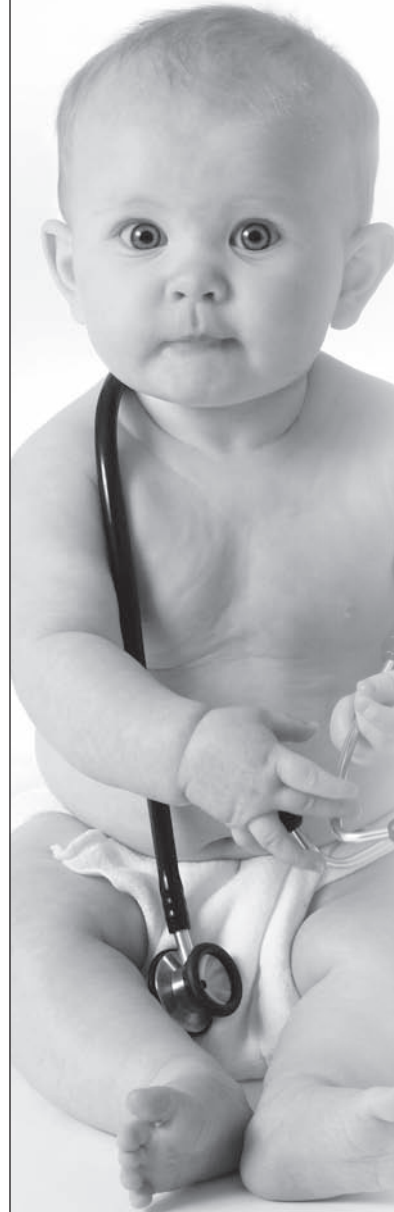


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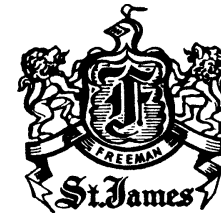
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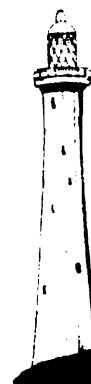


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Rosary rally planned

Fort Wayne — A rosary will be prayed Saturday, Oct. 9, at noon at the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Site on Inwood Drive. Bring chair for seating, blankets, etc.

All family rosary

Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be recited on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 3:30-4:15 p.m. at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. The intention is for all families.

Rosary on the Square

Albion — A public rosary will be prayed Saturday, Oct. 16, on the Noble County Courthouse square at noon for the government. This is the Rosary on the Square Campaign.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 1, from 5-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 1, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$8 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

Knights plan fish fry

Granger — The Knights Council 4263 will have a fish fry Friday, Oct. 1, from 4-7 p.m. in the St. Pius X gymnasium. Adults \$7.50, children 6-11 \$3.50 and children under 6 free.

Spaghetti dinner

New Carlisle — St. Stanislaus Kostka, 55756 Tulip Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 5-12. Call (574) 654-3781 for information.

Retreat for persons with disabilities

Fort Wayne — A retreat for persons with disabilities will be held Saturday, Nov. 6, at St. John the Baptist Church. Registration forms available at parishes and will be held from 9:30-10 a.m. The retreat is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Retreatants may attend Mass at 4:30 p.m. if they choose. Lunch will be served. For more information call Pinkie Loudon at (260) 456-8607.

New group for Gen X

Fort Wayne — Theology for Generation X, a discussion group for those born between 1961 and 1981, will hold a first meeting on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 7:30 p.m., at Panera Bread, Jefferson Pointe. The speaker will be Dr. Gloria Dodd. For more information, call (260) 436-8704.

Fall charity luncheon planned

South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella Circle 572 will have a charity luncheon Saturday, Oct. 2, at noon at the Elks Lodge, 3535 McKinley Ave. Tickets are \$25 and there will be a silent auction. Make reservations to (574) 234-2669 by Sept. 24. Proceeds benefit Camp Millhouse, Logan Center and Reins of Life.

Living Healthier series sponsored by University of Saint Francis

Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series will begin Monday, Sept. 27, with "Power of the Mind in Illness and Recovery," with Dr. Rudy Kachmann from noon to 1 p.m. at the North Campus, 2702 Spring St., from noon to 1 p.m. Non-perishable food item donations accepted.

Cougars for Life announce event

Fort Wayne — The University of Saint Francis' Cougars for Life group will have a Pro-Life Panel on Thursday Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium. The theme is 'From Womb to Tomb.' A wide range of topics will be discussed about life at all stages. Refreshments provided. For information contact Marina Hentz at fontanaml@cougars.sf.edu.

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Jeanette S. Rondot, 66, Most Precious Blood

Robert C. Swindler, 90, St. Vincent de Paul

James J. Steinacker, 78, St. John the Baptist

Robert L. Madden, 71, Our Lady of Good Hope

Huntington

Edward Merckx, 92, St. Mary

Kendallville

George A. Krusz Jr., 75, Immaculate Conception

Mishawaka

Gloria May Eberhart-Long, 71, St. Joseph

New Haven

John F. Gladieux, 80, St. John the Baptist

Margaret D. Trabel, St. John the Baptist

South Bend

Harriet L. Marshall, 101, St. Anthony de Padua

Frances L. Dahms-Frazier, 99, Corpus Christi

John F. Andert, 86, Our Lady of Hungary

Helen F. Donovan, 87, St. Joseph

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Elinor Andrzejewski, 89, Queen of Peace

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Elise A. Popielski, 91, Little Flower

Jeanne M. Birmingham, 80, St. Matthew Cathedral

Joseph E. Konkle, 88, St. Patrick

Richard T. Kruk, 77, St. Catherine of Siena at St. Jude

Jane K. Zusman, 55, Queen of Peace

William A. Reinke II, 53, St. Anthony de Padua

William T. Schmitt, 85, St. Joseph

Wabash

Mallori L. Kastner, 18, St. Bernard

Banquet for Life

Fort Wayne — The Allen County Right to Life Three Rivers Educational Trust Fund will have a Banquet for Life Monday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Wayne Center. Guest speaker will be Mike Pence. Tickets are \$40 per person and reservations must be made by Oct. 5.

Why the Church is Pro-Life

Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will have Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy speak Thursday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. at St. Jude Parish Hall, 2110 Pemberton Dr., on the topic of "Why the Church is Pro-Life." Call (260) 484-6609 or visit www.stjudefw.org for information. Sponsored by the Adult Education and Respect Life Committees.

TV MASS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

2010	Feast Day	Fort Wayne 10:30 a.m. WISE-TV, Ch. 33	South Bend 10:30 a.m. WNDU-TV, Ch. 16
OCTOBER 3	27th Sunday In Ordinary Time	Rev. Gary Sigler Queen of Angels Fort Wayne Airs at 6:30 a.m.	Rev. Steve Lacroix Notre Dame Airs at 6:30 a.m.
OCTOBER 10	28th Sunday In Ordinary Time	Rev. Dan Leeuw VA Hospital Fort Wayne	Rev. Jim Kendzieski, OFM St. Francis Friary Mishawaka
OCTOBER 17	29th Sunday In Ordinary Time	Rev. Tony Steinacker St. Charles Borromeo Fort Wayne	Rev. Leroy Clementich, CSC Notre Dame
OCTOBER 24	30th Sunday In Ordinary Time	Rev. John Pfister St. Mary Huntington	Rev. Brad Metz, CSC Holy Cross/St. Stanislaus South Bend
OCTOBER 31	31st Sunday In Ordinary Time	Rev. Andrew Budzinski St. Vincent de Paul Fort Wayne	Msgr. Michael Heintz St. Matthew Cathedral South Bend


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Queen of Angels welcomes man from outer space

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Spirits were soaring out of this world at Queen of Angels School on Sept. 17 when students and staff welcomed a special visitor. NASA astronaut Michael T. Good addressed the assembly with a presentation on space flights that the students will not soon forget.

Good is from Ohio and is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. Recently retired from the U.S. Air Force, Col. Good has logged over 30,000 hours in more than 30 different aircraft.

But the students of Queen of Angels School were most impressed with the fact that the man in the blue NASA one-piece uniform was a real astronaut who had been in space not once but twice.

Good was a member of the crew of the STS-125 space flight that repaired the Hubble Space Telescope in 2009 and participated in the delivery of supplies to the International Space Station on space flight STS-132, the final flight for the space shuttle Atlantis, in 2010.

Queen of Angels School is a Project READS site, an after-school tutorial program for kindergarten through third-grade students, sponsored by the Allen County Education Partnership



BY KAY COZAD

Astronaut Col. Michael Good high-fives a student after an assembly at Queen of Angels School where he presented a talk on his space travels on Sept. 17.

(ACEP), which coordinated Good's visit. Fifth-grade teacher Karen Chesterman, who for many years facilitated a young adult astronaut program at Queen of Angels, is Project READS coordinator at the school and passionate about space. She said, "I've always wanted to have an astronaut come. God smiled down on us and gave us Mr. Good!"

Ann Miller, principal of Queen

of Angels, was thrilled to welcome Good as well, and said, "We are so blessed to meet a true astronaut."

In opening the presentation, "No Dream is Impossible," Good explained to the rapt audience that space was his dream. He encouraged the students to dream big and make those dreams come true.

"Think about your own dreams, work hard and persevere. Stick with it and set high goals to turn your

dreams into reality," said Good.

The colonel illustrated his 24 days in space, including more than 29 hours during four space walks, with a stellar slideshow. Students were held spellbound by Good's description of the space shuttle, his space suit, the launch and how his space walks took place around the bus-sized telescope. The stunning slides provided a panorama of heavenly bodies photographed by Good himself to inspect as well.

The students were especially intrigued with the mathematical information associated with the

space flights, including that it only takes the shuttle, traveling from zero to 17,500 miles per hour, eight and one half minutes to arrive in space. Good explained that the shuttle orbits the earth every 90 minutes offering the astronauts the opportunity to witness astounding sunrises and sunsets every 45 minutes.

The assembly was also treated to the viewing of a special DVD of Good's most recent space adventure, replete with "stupid" space tricks performed by the crew,

including chasing water bubbles in the weightless cabin of the shuttle. Good took time to answer some well thought out questions from the interested crowd including, "How do you eat in space?" and "What happens if you light a match in space?"

The astronaut concluded his presentation with a word of gratitude for the opportunity to share his love of space and his experiences with the students and staff. He said, "NASA's mission is not only to explore space but to bring it back ... to the students, teachers

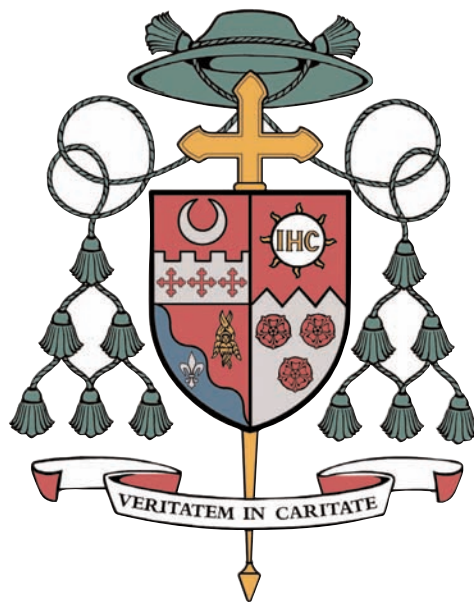
and communities." Of his space travels he added, "We have an awesome God. I've gotten to see God's creation from a unique perspective. It's an awesome privilege to fly in space and I appreciate that I've been able to do it."

Lisa Fabian, parent literacy enrichment program director for the ACEP, who coordinated Good's visit to the school, closed by informing the school that ACEP will be donating 300 books to Queen of Angels in honor of Good.

"NASA's mission is not only to explore space but to bring it back ..."

NASA ASTRONAUT MICHAEL T. GOOD

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