



TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Arise women's conference awakens women to media makeover

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Over 500 women from across the diocese gathered for the third annual women's day of reflection sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization in partnership with Redeemer Radio AM 1450. The day-long conference, "Arise: Celebrating the Strength, Dignity and Hope of Women," was held at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne.

The day began promptly at 9 a.m. with registration and recitation of the rosary in the auditorium of the North Campus building, followed by a special Mass, which included the Bishop Dwenger Choir, celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who spoke to the women of the feast of the Guardian Angels.

"Today, Oct. 2, is the feast of the Guardian Angels. This feast invites us to think about these heavenly protectors whom God, in his loving providence, has set beside each of us," said Bishop Rhoades.

After describing their spiritual nature and their role in the history of human salvation, Bishop Rhoades said, "As I was thinking about this Women's Conference, I recalled the teaching of Pope John Paul II ... on the dignity and vocation of women. Pope John Paul wrote that 'the moral and spiritual strength of a woman is joined to her awareness that God entrusts the human being to her in a special way.'"

He continued, "I was thinking about the similarity of this mission to that of the guardian angels. God entrusts us to our guardian angels. And God entrusts

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Teresa Tomeo was the keynote speaker at the Oct. 2 Arise Women's Conference held on the University of Saint Francis campus. She spoke to the 500 women from around the diocese who attended about media bias and how to affect a change for the culture.

Franciscan Sisters Minor welcomed to diocese

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — They come to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in the spirit of prayer and evangelization — the same mission as the Catholic Church. And Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Father Cyril Fernandes, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, and the St. John community welcomed the 10 Franciscan Sisters Minor who will be living there in Providence House and ministering in the community.

The sisters have varied backgrounds. Sister Mary Clement Turcotte, a native of Boston, was the first to join the Franciscan Sisters Minor. She has been a sister for 48 years. Sister Margaret Rose Cronin, a native of Riverside, R.I., has been in religious life

and the consecrated life for 30 years. She was the fourth Franciscan Sister Minor.

Sister Mary Clare Smith of Riverside, R.I., is a widow with six children and 20 grandchildren. She was the third woman to join the community, and she is not the only grandmother of the 10. Sister John Marie Flood, a native of Woodsocket, R.I., is a mother of four and a grandmother of 10. She is a novice.

Sister Stella Francis Belonger, of New Bedford, Mass., entered the Franciscan Sisters Minor after graduating from high school and has been part of the community for six years.

Sister Marie Veronica Goins, a native of Rochester, N.Y., has been a religious for five years. She entered after the experience of col-

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ANIMALS BLESSED FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS



TIM JOHNSON

The feast of St. Francis of Assisi is often marked by a blessing of animals and pets. This blessing took place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne Oct. 3 with Father Gabriel Msuya.

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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following homily was delivered by Bishop Rhoades at the Red Mass on Respect Life Sunday, October 3, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. A substantial part of this homily was also contained in the Bishop's homily at the Red Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame, on September 27th.

Red Mass — October 3, 2010

Today the Church throughout the United States celebrates Respect Life Sunday. And today we also celebrate here in our cathedral the annual Red Mass, asking the Holy Spirit to guide our civic officials, judges and lawyers, and all those who serve in the legal profession. It seems quite providential that we are celebrating the Red Mass on Respect Life Sunday since the defense of human life and dignity is one of the fundamental responsibilities of those in public office and in the legal profession. Indeed, it is a responsibility of us all. We are all called to be our brother's keeper, to respect life, to love our neighbor, and to recognize Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters. When we fulfill these responsibilities, we should say as Jesus taught in today's Gospel: "we are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do."

In this homily, I would like to reflect on some fundamental principles concerning truth and freedom, law and morality, in light of our celebration of this Red Mass and Respect Life Sunday.

There is a strong tendency in our culture to consider the moral law as something in conflict with human freedom, when, in fact, God's law promotes human freedom. It does not reduce or do away with human freedom. A problem we increasingly encounter in our culture today, perhaps most clearly exemplified in "pro-choice" rhetoric, is a misunderstanding of freedom. Our American culture highly values freedom. Our nation was founded on the principal of liberty. Our nation's history has been marked by battles to defend freedom. But today the notion of freedom has been distorted in many ways under the influence of philosophies of relativism and subjectivism. Our founding fathers never considered freedom as independent from moral truth. They recognized freedom's dependence upon truth, particularly the truths of natural law, which they called "self-evident," the law written and engraved in the soul of every person by the Creator.

When freedom is understood and promoted as license to do whatever we please, even evil, it is no longer genuine freedom. Human freedom finds its authentic and complete fulfillment precisely in accepting the truth of the moral law given by God. Sadly, some currents of thought today even question or deny the existence of moral truth and of universal and



FRANCIE HOGAN

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the recessional for the Red Mass held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Oct. 3.

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unchanging moral norms. For its very survival, democracy needs a solid moral foundation. The natural law is the necessary basis for civil law.

There can be no freedom apart from or in opposition to the truth. A completely individualistic concept of freedom contradicts its very meaning and dignity. How often the great Pope John Paul II reminded us that "when freedom is made absolute in an individualistic way," it "negates and destroys itself" and becomes "a factor leading to the destruction of others." This happens "when it no longer recognizes and respects its essential link with the truth." Pope John Paul taught that "this view of freedom leads to a serious distortion of life in society." Of course, we see this happening in society when the original and inalienable right to life is denied or not safeguarded. Pope John Paul wrote in his great encyclical *The Gospel of Life* that "to claim the right to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, and to recognize that right in law, means to attribute to human freedom a perverse and evil significance: that of an absolute power over others and against others. This is the death of true freedom." The democratic ideal, he said, is betrayed in its very foundation when it does not acknowledge the dignity of every human person. Both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have spoken of the dangers of moral relativism, in which everything is negotiable, even the most fundamental human rights. Moral relativism undermines the common good which the state has the role to defend and promote.

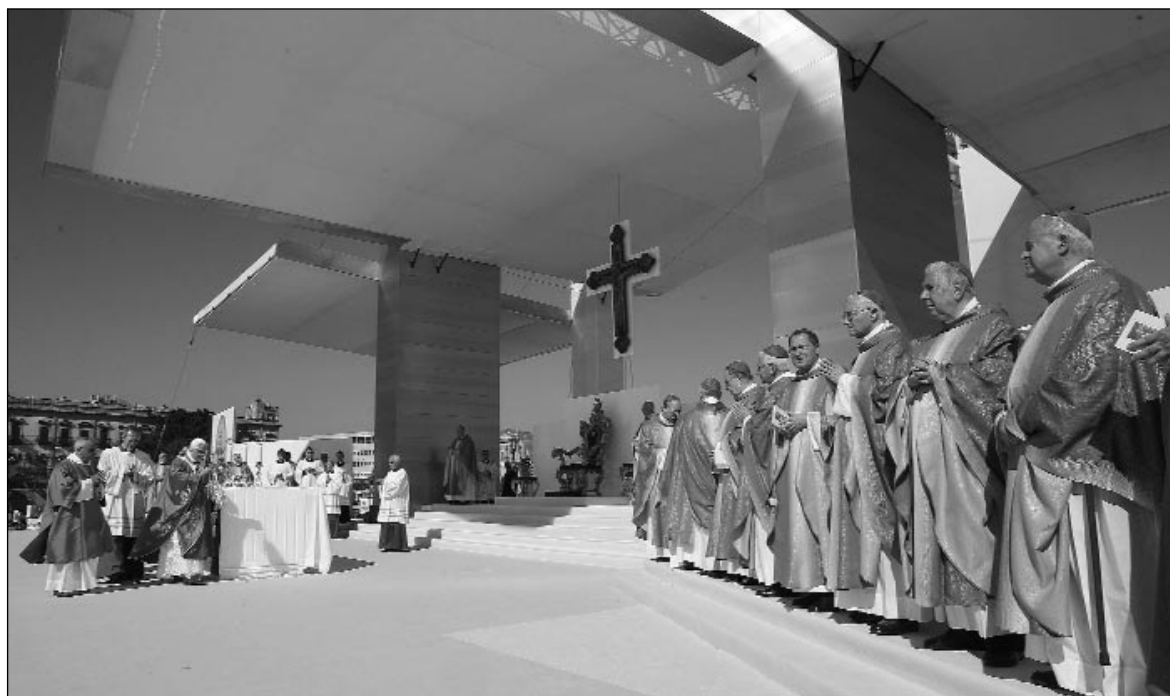
The Church has always taught the necessity of civil law being in conformity with the moral law. Recall the famous teaching of Saint Thomas Aquinas who wrote that "human law is law inasmuch as it is in conformity with right reason and thus derives from the eternal law. But when a law is contrary to reason, it is called an unjust law and becomes instead an act of violence." No human law can claim to legitimize crimes against human life and dignity. Saint Thomas taught that if a human law is somehow

opposed to the natural law, then it is not really a law but rather a corruption of the law. We are rightly proud of our nation and its tradition of the rule of law, yet the Church reminds us that "the very foundations of a state based on law are undermined when the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable" (CDF, *Donum Vitae*).

Two weeks ago, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Cardinal John Henry Newman during a Mass in Birmingham, England. In his homily, the Holy Father said that "in our day, when an intellectual and moral relativism threatens to sap the very foundations of our society, Newman reminds us that, as men and women made in the image and likeness of God, we were created to know the truth, to find in that truth our ultimate freedom and the fulfillment of our deepest human aspirations." Cardinal Newman's passion for the truth is an example for us today.

The Lord calls all of us to embrace the truth about the dignity of human life created in His image and likeness. He calls us to love and honor, protect and defend, the life and dignity of our neighbor, especially when it is weak or threatened. This must be the concern of judges, lawyers and public officials, of laity and clergy, of Church and state. Unconditional respect for human life and dignity is the foundation of a truly free society. In the words of Pope John Paul II, "there can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights."

In our society today, it often takes courage to stand up for the truth about the sanctity and inviolability of human life. Let us heed the words of Saint Paul from our second reading today: "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord... but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." May the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus called "the Spirit of truth," guide and strengthen all of us to serve the truth with courage and to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel of life!



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Pope Benedict XVI celebrates an outdoor Mass in Palermo, Sicily, Oct. 3.

In Sicily, pope asks young to reject Mafia's 'path of death'

PALERMO, Sicily (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI urged the young people of Sicily to reject the "path of death" offered by organized crime and to stand up to evil by witnessing the values of the Gospel.

The pope made his comments Oct. 3 during a one-day visit to Palermo, the Sicilian capital, where he celebrated a seaside Mass in the port area, met with priests and religious and spoke to youths and families of the region.

Before returning to Rome, he paused to pray at the site of the assassination of anti-Mafia prosecutor Giovanni Falcone, who was killed by a bomb in 1992.

Addressing the young in a central square of Palermo, the pope encouraged them to reshape Sicilian society.

"Don't be afraid to fight against evil!" he said. "Don't give in to the suggestions of the Mafia, which is a path of death, incompatible with the Gospel, as your bishops have so often said!"

Throughout his visit, the pope pointed to the example of Father Giuseppe "Pino" Puglisi, a popular anti-crime pastor in Palermo who was slain in 1993, and urged priests and the faithful to "imitate his heroic example."

The pope also acknowledged the difficulty in breaking through

a culture of crime, especially when many people are out of work and uncertain about their future.

"Today I am here to strongly encourage you not to be afraid to witness with clarity the human and Christian values that are so deeply rooted in the faith and in the history of this region and its people," he said.

The pope reminded Sicilians that their island has been "a land of saints who belong to every condition of life." He asked them to renew their own faith and bring it to bear in society with a greater sense of determination.

Evangelization is not a competition with other religions, pope says

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As Catholics pursue their missionary duty, they must understand the Church is not in competition with other religious groups or ideologies trying to win over believers but is working to make the Gospel accessible to everyone, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Evangelization is not an attack on religious freedom because it fully respects the freedom to believe and does not impose anything on another person's conscience, he said.

The pope made his remarks Oct. 4 as he met with bishops from the heart of Brazil's Amazon region, an area that covers about 770,000 square miles.

The pope noted the difficulty of evangelizing such vast and at times inaccessible areas.

"Sometimes we find this objection: To impose a truth, even if it is the truth of the Gospel, to impose a way, even if it's the way to salvation, can be nothing but an assault on religious liberty," the pope said.

To answer that objection, the pope quoted Pope Paul VI's 1974 apostolic exhortation on evangelization, "Evangelii Nuntianti," which stated:

"It would certainly be an error to impose something on the consciences of our brethren. But to propose to their consciences the truth of the Gospel and salvation in Jesus Christ, with complete clarity and with a total respect for the free options which it presents — without coercion, or dishonorable or unworthy pressure — far from being an attack on religious liberty is fully to respect that liberty."

As all baptized Catholics have the duty to pursue the Church's

missionary and evangelical activities, they must not develop a superficial concept of mission, Pope Benedict said.

Mission "cannot be limited to a simple search for new techniques and ways to make the Church more attractive and capable of winning the competition" against other religious groups or relativistic ideologies, he said.

The Church does not operate or work for itself, he said. The Church is at the complete service of Christ and "exists so the good news may be made accessible to all people," he said.

Weakened missionary zeal is not the result of limitations or lack of resources; it is caused by neglecting the fact that mission must be nourished and strengthened with the Eucharist, he said.

If missionary activity is to be effective, it must begin and end with the Eucharist, he added.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 10, 7:45 a.m. — Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, Monroeville
- Sunday, Oct. 10, 10:15 a.m. — Mass at St. Louis Besancon Church, New Haven
- Tuesday, Oct. 12 to Thursday, Oct. 14 — Priests' Continuing Education Days, Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park
- Friday, Oct. 15 to Friday, Oct. 22 — Pilgrimage to Rome for the Canonization of Brother André Bessette, CSC

High school teens invited to FaithFest

WARSAW — The Office of Youth Ministry invites high school students across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to FaithFest. The event will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., including Mass, on Sunday, Oct. 24, at Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw, and is open to all high school teens.

The theme for FaithFest 2010 is "fearless." This will be a high-energy day packed with catechesis, music, prayer, sacramental encounters and meeting teens from every corner of the diocese. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass.

The cost of FaithFest remains at \$20 per participant, which covers food, facilities and a T-shirt.

Faithfest 2010 will feature Chris Padgett of the Franciscan University of Stuebenville, Ohio, as the keynote speaker. Other features include Father David Mary, superior of the Franciscan Brothers Minor; Mary Bielski; Sister Marie Morgan; Bob Kloska; Mary Glowaski; Father Andrew Budzinski; seminarian Ben Muhlenkamp; and transitional Deacon Terrence Coonan.

Registration and additional information is available on the Web site at www.diocesefwsb.org/YM or by contacting a parish youth minister.



Vatican meeting looks at mission of Catholic press

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Budget crunches, the availability of free information from the Internet and suspicion about the Catholic Church in the wake of the clerical sex abuse crisis have all combined to present a serious challenge to the future of the Catholic press, said speakers at a Vatican conference.

But the importance of information in Catholics' daily lives and the need for the Church to communicate and to help people grow in responsibility and holiness also combine to encourage the Catholic press to find ways to stay afloat, they said.

The "difficult and painful" cases of abuse must lead "the entire believing community to a greater commitment to following the Lord and placing itself at the service of humanity with an even

greater witness of life capable of demonstrating what we bear in our hearts," said Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

Archbishop Celli's office sponsored a Catholic Press Congress Oct. 4-7 to discuss the present and future role and challenges facing Catholic journalism. Representatives from 83 countries gathered at the Vatican for the congress.

The archbishop told the journalists and communications directors that the Catholic press must have a clear idea of its mission and role within the Church and society, and must look at how it can help people face their worries and desires in a truly Catholic way.

"Of no less importance," he said, is "the role that the Catholic press has within the Church

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Bishop D'Arcy, local couples to receive awards at Good Shepherd Dinner

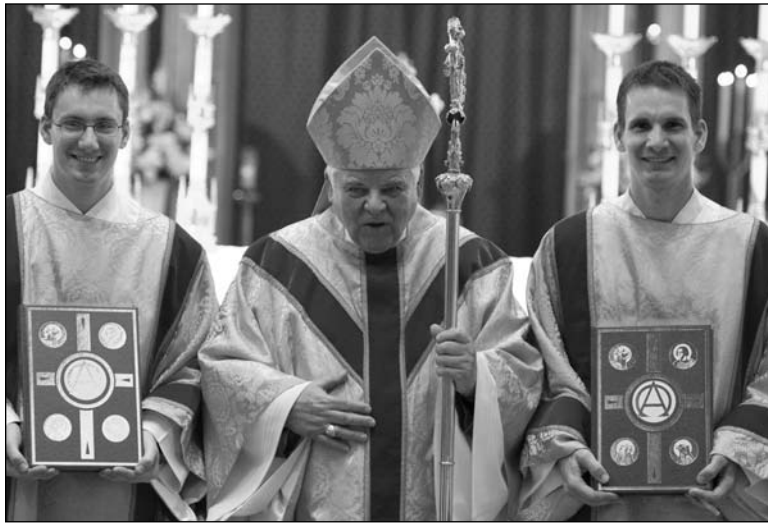
COLUMBUS, Ohio — At its inaugural Good Shepherd Dinner on Oct. 26, the Josephinum will present Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop-emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, with the Good Shepherd: Defending the Truth Award. Local couples and long-time seminary supporters Sarah and Roger Baughman and Marilyn and Francis Dono will receive the Pope Leo XIII Award.

"We are honored to present these individuals with these awards," said Father James Wehner, rector. "Bishop D'Arcy has exemplified the virtues of a Good Shepherd through his leadership of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and through his unwavering support of the Josephinum. Dr. and Mrs. Dono and Mr. and Mrs. Baughman are true examples of how the lay faithful can support priestly vocations."

The Good Shepherd: Defending the Truth Award considers how Jesus Christ, as the Good Shepherd, exhorted the Apostles to lay down their lives for the sake of love. — cf. Jn 15:12f. "The bishops of the Church exercise apostolic ministry for the sake of love, for the good of the Church," noted Father Wehner. "The Josephinum strives to form priests who are spiritual fathers of the flock, who shepherd God's people with a commitment to the Truth and fidelity to the Gospel."

The Pope Leo XIII Award is given in recognition of a couple's or individual's support of priestly vocations. "It was Pope Leo XIII who established the Josephinum as a pontifical seminary," said Father Wehner, "allowing us to ensure that future priests in America would be formed according to the mind of the Universal Church, yet with a practical ministry to the people of the United States."

Frank and Marilyn Dono of St. Andrew Church in Upper



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Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy poses with Terrence Coonan and Matthew Coonan at their diaconate ordination on April 25 at St. Turibius Chapel at Pontifical College Josephinum.

Arlington have been members of the Friends of the Josephinum since its inception. Marilyn is a former chair and current board member of the group.

"As one enters the front doors of the Josephinum, the love of Christ and the warmth of the Josephinum community are most evident," she said. "We are deeply touched with the love and dedication that the seminarians have for the Church."

Dr. Dono is presently a member of the Josephinum's board of trustees, and both he and Mrs. Dono are members of The Jessing Society. "We are highly dedicated to the seminary, to support the tradition of sound scholarship and pastoral formation of the seminarians," said Dr. Dono.

Roger and Sally Baughman, members of St. Michael Church in Worthington, are frequent and welcome visitors to campus and enjoy attending the seminarians' events. As long-time members of the Friends of the Josephinum, the couples have served on numerous

committees and been instrumental in the success of many seminary fundraisers. Mr. Baughman is also a member of the Development Council, an advisory group for the Josephinum Advancement department. A Friends' committee chaired by Mrs. Baughman is in the beginning stages of planning Clergy Who Cook, a special event for winter 2011.

"Sally and I really enjoy being involved with the seminarians," said Mr. Baughman. "They are enthusiastic about what they are doing and really want to be where they are. They are outstanding men."

The Pontifical College Josephinum invites the community to join in honoring Bishop D'Arcy, Mr. and Mrs. Baughman, and Dr. and Mrs. Dono at the Good Shepherd Dinner on Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. Reservations are \$125 per person or \$875 for a table of eight people. For more information about the event or to make a reservation, please call Wendy Herrel at (614) 985-2321.



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Msgr. Owen Campion, associate publisher of Our Sunday Visitor, listens to a translation of a talk during the Catholic Press Congress at the Vatican Oct. 4.

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because it can be a privileged instrument in the not easy task of promoting and nourishing an intellectual understanding of the faith."

Greg Erlandson, president of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing in the United States, told the conference that the Catholic press faces the financial pressures all newspapers are facing. But, additionally, he said, the Catholic press suffers because Catholics know less about their faith, there is "a growing distrust of institutions" and, consequently, there is "a resulting decline in Catholic identity."

At the same time, he wrote in remarks prepared for the meeting, the Internet allows Catholic media to reach different audiences in different ways at a relatively low cost.

Erlandson also said the sex abuse crisis is, or should be, forcing the Church to change the way it communicates.

"Church leaders have become increasingly aware that most of their flock gets its news about its own Church from the secular

media and that media is often an unreliable source," he said.

He told the congress he hoped the experience would help Church leaders understand the value of the Catholic press and the fact that if they allow Catholic newspapers to be "transparent and honest, they will gain in credibility over the long haul."

Michael Pruller, vice director of the *Die Presse* newspaper company in Austria, was a bit more optimistic about the future of printed news because, he said, "to have something printed in black and white on paper still matters."

While encouraging the Catholic press to look at new opportunities to create revenue with digital products, he said it would be stupid to kill off a Catholic paper "just because you are afraid it's dying."

Although newspapers are making less of a profit than they were 10 years ago, "it's still easier to make money in print than online," he said.

Pruller told the journalists one thing they still have going for them is "the irresistible force of curiosity," which makes people wonder what is in each issue delivered to their home. "Your job is to make your customers curious about what is in each issue," he said.

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More people turned to Catholic Charities for food, services in 2009

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It's been five months since Gulf of Mexico shrimper Robin Palmisano has had a catch.

Except when BP hired him and some of his crew to help skim oil from the Gulf off the coast of the Louisiana bayou, Palmisano has kept his fleet of four trawlers moored since April.

But even that small amount of work for the shrimper from Lafitte, La., will end by mid-October as much of the massive cleanup from the blowout of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig winds down.

"Another two weeks and we're finished," Palmisano's wife, Kim, told Catholic News Service.

"It's been total devastation," Robin Palmisano said, lamenting that he missed the peak shrimp season in May and June. He wonders if the Gulf water will be clean enough so he can take to the seas in time for the upcoming holidays.

Kim Palmisano is planning to reopen her seafood market, Captain Jonathan's Seafood, Nov. 1 — but only if she can find a supply of toxic-free fish, shrimp, shellfish and crab.

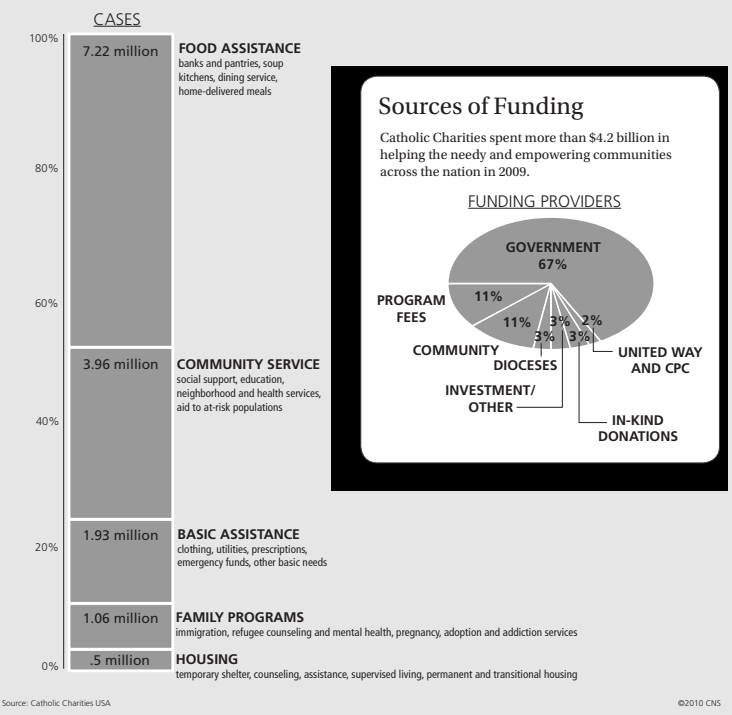
The summer was tough for the Palmisanos. There were times when Kim and Robin struggled to put food on the table for their three sons, ages 16, 13 and 6. Kim Palmisano said for the first time in her life, she stood in line to receive food vouchers from the emergency center opened by Catholic Charities after the disaster hit in April. She was not alone. Most of the 150 other fishing families from around Lafitte were with her.

The Palmisanos were among thousands of newcomers added to the Catholic Charities rolls since 2008. Many once had jobs but ended up facing economic calamity when the depression or some other disaster struck. The agency reported a 7.5 percent jump in the number of people seeking services in 2009, the depths of the worst economic recession since the Great Depression.

Father Larry Snyder, Catholic Charities USA president, told a gathering of about 50 representatives of social service agencies, advocacy groups and government officials in Washington Sept. 20 that the nationwide network saw 9.1 million people seek assistance

Services of Catholic Charities

Nationwide 171 diocesan Catholic Charities agencies assist the poor and vulnerable. In 2009 help was provided in nearly 15 million cases to 9.1 million people.



in 2009.

The figure includes nearly 2 million more people who sought food assistance and an additional 540,000 people who needed social services such as child care, after-school programs, homemaker services, case management and community-based programs.

The increase paralleled the 9.5 percent spike in poverty among Americans in 2009 that was reported Sept. 16 by the U.S. Census Bureau. Overall, 43.6 million people, or 14.3 percent of the population were living in poverty, the bureau reported.

"Millions of jobs have been lost and millions more people have been thrust into poverty," Father Snyder said. "The daily lives of Americans have changed from building their dreams to a painful confrontation of the reality of continuing economic struggle."

"Our country has not seen numbers like this since President Lyndon B. Johnson launched his infamous war on poverty," he said.

Despite the rise in poverty, Father Snyder said Catholic Charities is not altering its campaign to cut poverty in half by 2020. He called upon the country to "think and act anew" to reverse rising poverty.

He outlined three steps that

agency officials believe are necessary to address the country's poverty predicament: Look at poverty as a symptom of an economic system devoid of ethics; set new standards in determining who is poor so that the reality of people lives is taken into account; innovation in developing programs to assist people take the necessary steps to escape poverty.

"The economy has been divorced from ethics so that even as we are retooling the economy, it's critical for us to be sure as we do that we take into account what impact is this going to have on the lives of millions of Americans more who are poor now," Father Snyder told CNS after addressing the gathering. "We can't go back to the same old, same old that got us to where we were."

"There is a moral dimension here that our society has got to come to terms with because quite frankly many of the people whose decisions led to the recession have not accounted for ethics in their decisions," he continued. "Until we do that we're not going to end up with a system that truly serves all Americans."

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Injunction blocking funding of embryonic stem-cell research overturned

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A federal appeals court has permanently lifted the injunction that had briefly stopped federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research. The Sept. 28 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit allowed funding for the research to continue while a lawsuit filed by Drs. James L. Sherley and Theresa Deisher proceeds. The two researchers who work with adult stem cells have challenged the Obama administration's guidelines on stem-cell funding, saying they faced the possibility of losing funding from the National Institutes of Health when NIH funding for embryonic stem-cell research was expanded. NIH already had resumed the funding Sept. 9 when the appeals court temporarily lifted an injunction granted Aug. 23 by Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth of U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Lamberth said the guidelines violated the Dickey-Wicker amendment, approved annually by Congress since 1996, which prevents federal funding of research in which human embryos are harmed or destroyed. Lamberth also ruled that "the guidelines threaten the very livelihood of plaintiffs Sherley and Deisher" because their "injury of increased competition ... is actual and imminent." Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said Lamberth's August ruling was "a victory for common sense and sound medical ethics" that vindicated the bishops' reading of the Dickey-Wicker amendment. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said he was "heartened that the court will allow NIH and their grantees to continue moving forward while the appeal is resolved."

Accountability, transparency goals of new diocesan management system

NASHUA, N.H. (CNS) — A new information management system created by a New Hampshire company specifically for U.S. dioceses and parishes will help them promote "better financial stewardship, accountability and transparency," according to company officials. Right Networks in Nashua, which describes itself as a top hosting provider of popular business accounting applications, has announced the launch of a new company called CathoNet and named as its president Deacon William A. Koniers of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn. Deacon Koniers, who was ordained in 2004 by Bridgeport Bishop William E. Lori, is director of parish finance services for the dio-

NEWS BRIEFS

DEMONSTRATORS PROTEST OUTSIDE U.S. SUPREME COURT



CNS PHOTO/MOLLY RILEY, REUTERS

Pro-life demonstrators take part in the American Life League's "Pro-Life Memorial Day" prayer vigil in front of the Supreme Court in Washington Oct. 4 to mark the first day of the Supreme Court's new term.

cese. He also serves at St. Pius X Parish in Fairfield, Conn. CathoNet was formally unveiled in New Orleans during the Sept. 26-29 Diocesan Fiscal Management Conference. The company's Web site is www.cathonet.com. "I regard my future work with CathoNet as an extension of my vocation," the deacon said in a statement. "Parish finances are not an end in itself but, rather, a means of supporting a parish's pastoral and sacramental ministries," he said. "CathoNet enables Catholic leaders to run the business of the Church in a businesslike manner, while never reducing the Church's mission to a business."

Nobel prize ignores moral problems with IVF, says Italian professor

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Honoring one of the inventors of in vitro fertilization with the Nobel Prize for Medicine "ignores all the ethical problems" connected to the creation of so-called "test tube babies," an Italian professor told Vatican Radio. British scientist Robert Edwards, a retired professor at the University of Cambridge, England, was named the Nobel winner Oct. 4 for the development of in vitro fertilization. His work led to the birth in 1978 of Louise Brown, the world's first "test-tube baby." In a press release, the award committee said, "Approximately 4 million individuals have so far been born following IVF. Many of them are now adult and some have already become parents. A new

field of medicine has emerged, with Robert Edwards leading the process all the way from the fundamental discoveries to the current, successful IVF therapy. His contributions represent a milestone in the development of modern medicine." Lucio Romano, president of the Italian association Science and Life, told Vatican Radio Oct. 4 that Edwards did make a huge mark on modern science because he took techniques used for breeding livestock and applied them to human beings. "This absolutely does not represent progress for the human person," said Romano, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Frederick II University in Naples, Italy.

Unity and identity: Synod aims to bolster Middle East Church presence

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican is setting the stage for another Synod of Bishops in mid-October, this one aimed at turning a spotlight on the Christian communities of the Middle East. Synods are typically drawn-out affairs, requiring several years of planning and more years of follow-up. But there's a greater sense of urgency about this synod: Pope Benedict XVI convened it rather unexpectedly a year ago, after Church leaders from the region — particularly Iraq — requested the special assembly. The problems of the minority Christian churches in the Middle East are well-known. A short list would include the massive emigration of Christians, political and military conflict,

economic hardship, travel restrictions, discrimination and interreligious tensions, especially in predominantly Muslim countries. The pope decided a synod was needed when he visited the Holy Land last year. The papal visit briefly turned the Church's attention to the daily struggles of Christian communities there; now the pope wants to bring those struggles to the heart of the Universal Church for more systematic discussion. The synod will run Oct. 10-24 and focus on the theme, "The Catholic Church in the Middle East: Communion and Witness: 'Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul.'" The quotation comes from the Acts of the Apostles, and reflects the unity of the early Church — something that plays into the agenda of this assembly.

Iraqi refugees in Jordan are 'guests' with few privileges

AMMAN, Jordan (CNS) — Slwan Kehedeer Antoon was his own boss in Mosul, Iraq. He owned a liquor store and a car-rental agency. Then, four years ago, Muslim hard-liners bombed his liquor store. Afterward, Antoon started driving his children to and from school because he felt he could not trust their safety to others. Ultimately, Antoon, 46, a Chaldean Catholic, and his family fled to the safety and security of Jordan. They are refugees in every sense of the word, except by Jordan's definition. Jordan confers

refugee status only upon Palestinians in their midst. It is now estimated that 60 percent of Jordan's residents have some Palestinian ethnic background. As for the Chaldean Iraqis? Even though they number 500,000 — more than 8 percent of Jordan's 6 million population — it's more like a matter of don't ask, don't tell. Jordan considers them guests. The Jordanian-Iraqi border is open. But Antoon cannot reopen his liquor store or car-rental business in Amman, because Jordan forbids Iraqis who have fled their homeland to work. If they are caught working, they are subject to deportation back to Iraq because they committed a crime. Although deportations are typically for such crimes as petty theft and prostitution, "most Iraqis don't have access to work permits" in Jordan, said Elizabeth Campbell, a senior advocate for Refugees International, a Washington nonprofit. "You need a work permit to be working legally," she added, noting that many Iraqis work in Jordan's underground economy.

Spanish archbishop will lead visitation of Legionaries' lay movement

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Spanish archbishop, who was part of the Vatican-led investigation of the Legionaries of Christ, will be the apostolic visitor of the congregation's lay movement, Regnum Christi. Archbishop Ricardo Blazquez of Valladolid, Spain, is one of a number of appointees named recently to help the papal delegate, Archbishop Velasio De Paolis, in his task of governing the Legionaries and helping reform the order. The four advisers who will help Archbishop De Paolis are Bishop Brian Farrell, a member of the Legionaries and secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, and three canon lawyers: Jesuit Father Gianfranco Ghirlanda, Sacred Heart Father Agostino Montan, and Msgr. Mario Marchesi, according to media reports. The Vatican confirmed the list of appointees to Catholic News Service Sept. 30. The papal delegate, Italian Archbishop De Paolis, has broad powers of authority over the Legionaries of Christ as part of a major Vatican-led reform of the order. Archbishop De Paolis will lead a commission in charge of revising the order's constitutions, and all members of the order have been encouraged to take an active part in the reform. The role the advisers will play is flexible. According to the Vatican decree published in July detailing the papal delegate's role, "the delegate will have four personal advisers to aid him in carrying out his work, according to the circumstances and possibilities. These aides may be assigned specific tasks, particularly visits 'ad referendum.' With their help, the papal delegate will identify, discuss, and clarify the principal topics as they arise during the process he is called to lead."

Bishop D'Arcy to be honored at Allen County Right to Life Banquet

FORT WAYNE — The 13th Annual Allen County Right to Life Banquet will take place on Monday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Wayne Center. Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy will be honored for his commitment to the pro-life cause.

The theme of the banquet is "Uniting Our City for Life." This year's banquet features Indiana's Sixth Congressional District Rep. Mike Pence.

Tickets are \$40 each. Reservations may be made by calling (260) 471-1849 or through e-mail by contacting Judy.Feichter@ichooselife.org. The Allen County Right to Life Web site is www.ichooselife.org.

Craft vendors needed for bizarre to benefit Franciscan Brothers Minor church renovations

COLUMBIA CITY — A craft bizarre will be held on Oct. 30 at Faith Christian Academy, 1550 E. State Road 205 (205 and Hwy 30) Columbia City, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Franciscan Brothers Minor for their church renovation project. Table rental is \$25. There will be a table where handcrafted items can be donated for sale to benefit the brothers' work. The bizarre also includes breakfast and lunch foods for sale, a raffle for a doll house donated by Sarah Stein and a bake sale. To rent a table or donate handcrafted items, baked goods, Wal-Mart SCRIP or monetary donations, contact Shannon Ramsey at (260) 609-9698.

Saint Joseph's High School senior receives national recognition

SOUTH BEND — Kaitlin Martin was awarded the American Vision Award, for her work "Doppelganger." The work was chosen to be included in ART.WRITE.NOW, the first ever Traveling Exhibition of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers.

The show opens at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art on Oct. 29, and will present approximately 100 works of art, film and writing from the 2010 National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. The works in ART.WRITE.NOW were chosen from more than 600 works and represent some of the most stunning examples of the 2010 winning works. The exhibit will travel from Fort Wayne to Dallas, Texas; Seattle, Wash.; Los Angeles, Calif., and Philadelphia, Pa.

"The goal of the show is to expose communities across America to what visual and literary arts professionals have deemed to be the best teen-produced work in the country. ... Public events at each

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BISHOP RHOADES BLESSES NEW GROUP MEDIA



VINCE LABARBERA

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the offices of NewGroup Media, South Bend, on Sept. 27 before a small gathering of staff, clients and area dignitaries. The production company creates the Annual Bishop's Appeal DVD for the diocese as well as other video works for the diocese, the University of Notre Dame, the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) and other Church-related ministries throughout the world. Bishop Rhoades praised the facility for its creativity and successful efforts in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

of the locations will engage local communities and foster an appreciation for creativity in classrooms," said Kerri Schlottman, director of external relations.

Martin said, "I am still in disbelief that I won a gold medal and an American Vision Award. It was the first year I had entered any art contest in high school, and I had no idea how successful 'Doppelganger' would be. ... I am especially honored that my work was chosen as one of 50 works to be showcased in the Scholastic traveling exhibit. I've always thought it was funny that a picture of me in my pjs is going to cities I've never been."

Martin, a graduate of Corpus Christi School, is the daughter of Rachel and Charles Martin.

Ancilla's Lampen Lecture Series examines creation

DONALDSON — Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Sister Carleen Wrasman was on hand as presenter for Ancilla College's first Lampen Lecture Series of the academic year, examining the topic of creation. This follows last year's focus of sustainability and the concept that living sustainably honors creation and God as creator.

The lecture covered the first two stories of creation as found in the Book of Genesis and compared the differences and contradictions found in the two stories.

"I was pleased with the participation of the group," said Sister Wrasman. "There were many good insights, and many were surprised at the various contradictions within the two stories."

The Lampen Lecture Series is held in Ancilla College room 231 and is a free presentation open to the public.

The series was named for Sister Joel Lampen, the first president of Ancilla College, who opened the doors of Ancilla to the local community.

The Lampen Lecture Series was designed to combine the universality of the Catholic Church, the international character of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, who sponsor Ancilla College, and the Earth Charter to promote thinking beyond one's own experiences and interests.

Free weekend 'Come and See' retreat for single women Oct. 29-30

DAYTON, Ohio — Single woman between ages 18-45, who have wondered if life as a sister is for them, will be offered a prayerful weekend to learn more about religious life and help them discern. The Sisters of the Precious Blood, Dayton, are hosting an overnight "Come and See" retreat "from 5 to 5" Friday, Oct. 29, evening through Saturday evening, Oct. 30. There is no cost to attend.

The retreat will include time to

reflect on God's word in Scripture, sharing and personal quiet time, and morning and evening prayer. The retreat begins with supper on Friday evening and continues through supper on Saturday; Saturday breakfast and lunch are also included.

Registration is requested by Monday, Oct. 25. Additional information and registration is available by contacting Sister Carolyn Hoying at (937) 231-1244; or through e-mail at Vocations@PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org.

Claire Kucela selected for writing award

SOUTH BEND — Claire Kucela, student at Saint Joseph's High School has been chosen as one of only 15 students in the state of Indiana to receive the Achievement in Writing Award.

The National Council of Teachers of English honored 543 high school seniors as outstanding writers. Recipients were chosen from 1,641 students nominated in their junior year by their teachers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Canada, and American schools abroad.



CLAIRE KUCELA

Assessments of the student writing are based upon students' samples of their own best prose or verse and on impromptu themes that are written under supervision. Kucela received a certificate recognizing her accomplishment and a card highlighting this achievement to attach to her college applications. Kucela's name and Saint Joseph's High School are also posted on the NCTE Web site.

Kucela states, "I was very humbled and pleased to receive such a recognizable national award. To me it represents many years of hard work with the help and encouragement of my teachers and family members. Hopefully, this recognition will aid me in my endeavor to pursue an English degree next year. Although I am unsure of my career path, I know that I will be doing what I love — writing."

Kucela, a graduate of Holy Cross Grade School, is the daughter of Gloria and John Kucela.

USF presents first in Theology Lecture Series

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis Department of Philosophy and Theology and the School of Arts and Sciences will present a lecture in October as part of an ongoing theology lecture series for the academic year.

Dr. Lewis Pearson, assistant professor of philosophy, will present "Of What Use Are Philosophers: Addressing Age-Old Misconceptions," at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17. Dr. Pearson will explain "why philosophers have the reputation of being useless, despite the fact that philosophy is the most useful and indispensable practice for anyone who wishes to live a blessed and happy life."

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be presented in the university's North Campus Auditorium at 2702 Spring St. A question-and-answer period will follow and light refreshments will be served.

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

Lindenwood offers day on 'Theology of the Body'

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being taken at the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center for the quiet day of reflection program, "Theology of the Body," to be held on Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facilitator will be Father Bob Lengerich, parochial vicar at St. Pius X Church.

Father Lengerich entered the seminary following high school, studying philosophy and classical languages at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass., and theology and biblical studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

The program fee is \$27 and includes main noon meal. For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1763 or visit www.lindenwood.org.

Full tuition scholarships offered at Xavier University of Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, La. — America's only historically black and Catholic university is now offering full tuition scholarships to top performing students at Catholic high schools across the nation. The newly authorized Katharine Drexel Scholarships at Xavier University of Louisiana will provide full tuition for all valedictorians or salutatorians applying for admission from a Catholic high school.

"As far as we know, Xavier is the first university to offer such a far-reaching scholarship opportunity to Catholic high school graduates," said Dr. Loren Blanchard, senior vice president for academic affairs. "Valedictorians and salutatorians have many choices of colleges to attend, and although Xavier is already a popular choice for many of them, we want all of them to be aware that there are no financial barriers to attend Xavier because of their

outstanding academic performance."

The scholarships were established to help retain and reinforce the university's historically Catholic character. The program is named in honor of the university's founder, St. Katharine Drexel, a Philadelphia heiress who dedicated her wealth to providing education and financial support to Native American and African American communities. The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament religious order that she founded continues her mission today. Katharine Drexel was canonized a saint in 2000. Although she and her order of sisters opened and operated numerous elementary and high schools across the country, Xavier University in New Orleans is the only institution of higher education that she founded.

The four-year coed institution

that is the nation's only historically black and Catholic university offers 39 majors through 18 academic departments, in addition to an outstanding College of Pharmacy and a graduate division in education and Black Catholic studies. Named as the "Hottest School for Premed" by the Kaplan-Newsweek 2005 College Guide, Xavier has established itself as the leader in placing African Americans in medical school for nearly two decades. Likewise, its College of Pharmacy is among the top three producers of African American Doctor of Pharmacy degree recipients every year.

For more information about scholarships and applying to Xavier University visit www.xula.edu/admissions.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CATHOLIC CEMETERY REMEMBERS LIVES LOST



MARK WEBER

White balloons representing babies aborted in Fort Wayne in the past year were released by Patricia and Richard Augustyn of St. Charles Borromeo Parish at a memorial service at the Catholic Cemetery Sunday, Oct. 3. In the bottom photo Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Catholic talk show host Teresa Tomeo were joined by Rev. Ron Francis, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; Father Jason Frieburger, vice chancellor of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend; Rev. Ron Hollandsworth of Statewood Baptist Church; and Kris Opper, a witness of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, who all spoke at the event.

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St. Michael parishioners celebrate 100th anniversary of church's cornerstone

BY IDA CHIPMAN

PLYMOUTH — The 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Michael Church, Plymouth, was celebrated with a special Mass by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and a buffet dinner for parishioners and friends on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

“We are also celebrating St. Michael’s Feast of the Archangels Day,” Father William Kummer, pastor of the church since 2002, said, “Every year, we try to do something special on our name day,” Father Kummer said. “Last year we dedicated our school’s new playground.”

Bishop Rhoades concelebrated the 6 p.m. Mass with Father Kummer, Father Eloy Jimenez and former pastors of St. Michael — Father David Voors and Father Laurence Tippmann.

Bishop Rhoades said in his homily, “For 100 years, the faithful have gathered in this sacred place in Plymouth, Indiana.”

Bishop Rhoades said, “Having a church under the title of an archangel is a wonderful reminder that when we worship God, we are joined to the angels in praising the Lord. We sang in our responsorial psalm: ‘In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.’ At every Mass, before we sing the Sanctus, the ‘Holy, Holy, Holy,’ we appeal to the angels and the archangels when the priest at the end of the Preface says words like ‘we praise you, Lord, with all the angels and archangels.’ We realize at that moment that what we are doing at the altar is somehow mysteriously part of the heavenly liturgy. In fact, the earthly liturgy of the Church is indeed joined with the heavenly liturgy. In a mysterious way, we are united with the angels and the saints in adoring God as we sing with them ‘Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.’ St. Michael and the angels beheld that glory face to face.”

Bishop Rhoades added, “The angels, as you know, are creatures of a spiritual nature. Like us, they are endowed with intellect and free will, but in a degree superior to us. They too are personal beings and, as such, are also ‘in the image and likeness of God.’ Sacred Scripture, therefore, refers to three angels with their own proper names, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

“On this special anniversary of your parish church,” Bishop Rhoades said, “it is good to reflect on your patron, St. Michael. He is named in the Old Testament book of Daniel and also in the New Testament book



IDA CHIPMAN

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Father William Kummer, the pastor of St. Michael Church, Plymouth, pose for a photo after a Mass on the feast of St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael on Sept. 29. Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass in honor of the parish’s 100th anniversary of laying the church’s cornerstone. The parish will celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2012.



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass at St. Michael on Sept. 29.

of Revelation and in the letter of St. Jude. His name means ‘Who is like God’ Devotion to St. Michael even predates Christianity. In the book of Daniel, the prophet assured the Jewish people who were being persecuted under the tyrant Antiochus, that in the archangel Michael they had a ‘great prince who has charge for your people.’ — Dan 12:1. When we think of St. Michael, we often think of him as our protector. It is an appropriate way to invoke him.”

“May the parish, under the protection of St. Michael, continue to grow and flourish as a sign that God’s love is in Plymouth and Marshall County,” he added.

People lined Center Street as Bishop Rhoades blessed the memorial plaque honoring the 100th milestone and rededicated the original cornerstone.

A roast turkey dinner, provided by the parish pastoral council in the school’s activity center,

followed the Mass. Dinner music was played by Cynthia Boener, Beth Pare and Kelly Filson.

Father Kummer said that the church’s parishioners are looking forward to early planning of the sesquicentennial in 2012.

“The parish’s establishment history dates back years before the most turbulent times of our nation: the War Between the States, in 1862,” Bishop Rhoades said.

The parish of St. Michael is a living testimony to the Catholic faith of Marshall County’s pioneer citizens.

“Never be ashamed of your religion,” Bishop Rhoades said. “Be proud, be strong and be faithful.”

“In two more years we will celebrate that faith and those people,” Bishop Rhoades said. “I look forward to coming back to be with you all in this beautiful church.”

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY BEGINS COAT DISTRIBUTION



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Families wait in line for hours outside Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne to receive a winter coat for their children from Fort Wayne’s Christ Child Society. Nearly 300 coats were distributed on the first morning and will continue on each of the four Wednesdays in October with over 1,500 expected to be dispersed for 2010.



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Red Mass draws attorneys, judges and officials

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Dozens of area attorneys, judges and elected officials gathered Sunday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne for the annual Red Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Dating back to 13th-century Europe, the traditional liturgy asks God's guidance and blessing on all those who serve the law. The program for the Mass noted that the name "Red Mass" comes from the red vestments used by the celebrant which are symbolic of the Holy Spirit, who is the source of wisdom, understanding, counsel and fortitude. Those gifts are necessary in the dispensing of justice in the courtroom, in the individual attorney's office and in sessions of local, state and national government.

In his homily Bishop Rhoades also made reference to Respect Life Sunday, which was being observed on the same day in other parishes around the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and across the country. He called it "quite providential" that the two events were simultaneous since the defense of human life and

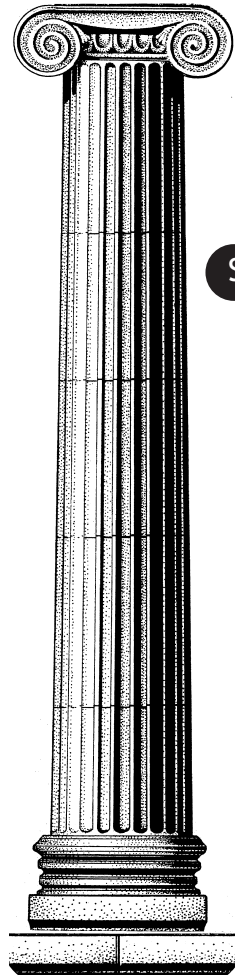
dignity is the responsibility of those in public office and the legal profession.

Bishop Rhoades warned his listeners about the danger of moral relativism and reminded them that the Church teaches that civil law must conform to moral law. He expressed further concern about the degradation of the concept of "freedom" surrounding life issues into "license" in this country.

There is a tendency to think that moral law is in conflict with human freedom when nothing could be further from the truth, he pointed out. The freedom we enjoy in a democracy needs a solid moral foundation.

He then quoted Pope John Paul II who said that no human law can justify crime to human life or it becomes a perversion, and that when the right to life is denied or is not safeguarded, it leads to the death of true freedom.

Bishop Rhoades concluded by saying that a concern for life must be the responsibility of attorneys, judges and public officials and asked the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen his listeners to follow the Gospel of Life.



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Noted author, lecturer is guest speaker at Red Mass brunch

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE— Dr. Theresa Rice Farnan, former Thomistic philosophy professor at Mount St. Mary's in Maryland and now adjunct professor at Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio, was the guest speaker at a brunch in the Grand Wayne Center following the annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday. The event was open by invitation to lawyers, judges and public officials, all those who serve the law and strive for justice.

Dr. Farnan entitled her remarks, "Moral Foundation of the Law," and cited excerpts from the recent encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI, "Caritas in Veritate."

The encyclical, published in 2009, reflects on social issues and problems and their solution through moral principles. It states that charity in truth is the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity. And that love is the force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.

Farnan said charity should be rooted in truth and that will inspire us to generosity. Without truth, however, charity will degenerate into sentimentality.

Today's "dictatorship of relativeness" is critical of anyone claiming moral truth, she noted. And since religion is thought to be a "privately-held belief," moral truth shouldn't be imposed on others. The end result of that kind of thinking is that the state



DR. THERESA RICE FARNAN

becomes the final arbiter of truth, defining how we relate to each other. The state has power over life, death, the family, and sometimes, the Church. Then the law exists to further the interest of the state and not the individual, she pointed out.

Farnan cited several principles embodied in "Caritas in Veritate," which form the moral foundation of law: First, each person is loved by God and has no freedom without God. Second, God made us social beings in his image so that our relationships cannot be separated from him. Third, the good in God is so attractive that we naturally seek it. The inclination of humans for self-preservation and promotion of the species, their wish to live in society, and their desire to know the truth and make decisions are the definition of natural law from which just

human law must be derived, she pointed out.

Continuing, Farnan enumerated a fourth principle contained in the encyclical, that religious freedom strengthens society. The alternative is a theocratic or atheistic society, she said.

Fifth, human rights confer duties and responsibilities toward others; rights and responsibilities cannot be separated. Sixth, our choices must be based on moral evaluations. Human action is the result of thinking and choosing in good conscience. And seventh, charity is a gift to all of us. Our charitable actions build the common good and satisfy a personal need as well.

Farnan stated that the law is necessarily grounded in morality, otherwise it is merely an exercise in power. All the principles outlined in her remarks are applicable because her listeners advocate for others and are responsible for the public trust. "Bring truth into the public square," she instructed them, by applying morality to your decisions. "God is present alongside those who come to work for justice."

Dr. Theresa Farnan resides in Pittsburgh with her husband Michael and their nine children. She hosted the 2006 EWTN series, "Thomas Aquinas in Today's World," and co-authored the morality textbook, "Where Did I Come From? Where Am I Going? How Do I Get There?" (St. Augustine Press, 2008). She holds a doctorate in medieval philosophy from the University of Notre Dame.



FRANCIE HOGAN

Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry and his wife Cindy present the gifts to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Red Mass Oct. 3.

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Tradition of the Red Mass

The Red Mass is an ancient custom dating back to the 13th century, when the solemn votive Mass began being celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year. The Mass was intended to gather those from the noble legal profession for the purpose of seeking Divine guidance and strength for the coming term of court.

The Red Mass is celebrated in honor of the Holy Spirit, from whom flows the wisdom, understanding, counsel, patience, energy and courage necessary for the administration of justice. Those who work in the legal profession prayerfully seek these virtues, which are essential to the courtroom, law practice and public post.

Originating in the great cities of Europe, the Red Mass tradition continues in Westminster Cathedral in London, and in other preeminent cathedrals of Paris, Rome and other European capitals.

USF cuts ribbon for new service center

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis opened its new Center for Service Engagement with a ribbon cutting on Sept. 1. Executive directors from Fort Wayne-area and other Indiana non-profit organizations were on hand for the event, as well as University of Saint Francis President Sister M. Elise Kriss and other university officials, and the center's new director, Katrina Boedeker.

The purpose of the Center for Service Engagement is to establish an even greater connection between campus and community through the university's service and volunteerism. The center will coordinate efforts by working with community partners, students, clubs and organizations, athletic teams and faculty to provide service opportunities and assist with service-learning in the university's course offerings and co-curricular programs.

According to Sister Elise, the new center underscores the concept of service as the very basis of the Franciscan tradition on which

the University of Saint Francis was founded.

"We are so pleased with the opening of the Center for Service Engagement. Service to others is truly a cornerstone of the University of Saint Francis. It is incorporated in the university's mission statement and is a focus on the values that shape our campus culture. As such, service is an essential part of the university experience for our students," Sister Elise said.

It is anticipated that the new center will also provide a valuable resource for area nonprofit organizations. Josette Rider, executive director for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, concurs. "Having a central point of access to all the university has to offer will be an enormous help to nonprofit organizations like Big Brothers, Big Sisters where dedicated volunteers are the lifeblood of our programs," stated Rider.

Katrina Boedeker is likewise excited about the Center for Service Engagement and is eager

to begin serving as director, bringing to the position her many years of experience in program development, college student and volunteer recruitment, student advising and teaching, and community networking.

"I am honored to be director of the Center for Service Engagement at the University of Saint Francis," said Boedeker. "I look forward to coordinating service on campus and working closely with students, faculty and staff to connect their efforts to an even greater extent with nonprofit organizations in the community."

The idea for establishing the Center for Service Engagement came about through the interest and efforts of students, faculty and staff, with support from the university's administration. A steering committee for the center, entitled "Service Integrating Root Values," was formed to take the idea to fruition. The committee was chaired by Vice President for Student Life Sharon Mejeur.

Vocation directors report increased interest for fourth year in a row

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — New revelations of clergy sex abuse and the Vatican apostolic visitation of U.S. communities of women religious have not discouraged Catholics from considering a religious vocation, with the majority of vocation directors seeing an increase in inquiries for the fourth straight year, according to a recent survey.

The survey, commissioned by the Chicago-based Vision Vocation Guide, also found that vocations directors reported some positive impact on their work from Pope Benedict XVI's call for atonement for the Church's failings, the Year for Priests and the canonization or beatification of a particular saint.

Conducted Aug. 30-Sept. 23, the survey received responses from 431 "vocation inquirers" and 175 vocation directors. The majority of the vocation inquirers said they were very serious about choosing religious life, with 18 percent saying they planned to enter a religious community in the

next year.

Nearly 84 percent of the respondents considering a vocation said prayer was the most essential element in their decision-making process. The majority also listed spiritual direction, opportunities to experience community life and greater knowledge of what would be a good fit as essential in making a decision about religious life.

About one-third said they felt most drawn to an "apostolic/evangelical" community and another third said they were drawn to a "contemplative/contemplative-active" community. The rest were divided among monastic, cloistered/semi-cloistered or missionary communities.

The most frequently cited challenging aspects of being a religious priest, brother or sister were the discipline of prayer, the vow of celibacy, a life of service and sharing resources and living simply. Less than 20 percent of the respondents said they found living in community or restrictions on personal freedom to be the most challenging aspects.

Twenty-five percent of men

and 25 percent of male and female respondents over age 40 said they found wearing a religious habit essential; among women and respondents under 40, the percentage increased to nearly 37 percent.

Asked what resources they found most helpful in gathering vocation information, more than half cited personal contact with a religious priest, sister or brother as essential, while 40 percent named the "come and see" weekends or discernment retreats sponsored by religious communities.

Judged least helpful in gathering vocation information were a community's or discerners' blogs, parents and family, and campus, youth or young adult ministers.

The survey asked vocations directors to what they attributed the increase in inquiries about religious life, and 60 percent said the main reason was a desire for deeper spirituality. More than 40 percent attributed it to a desire for community and identity, while more than 30 percent credited the easy availability of information via the Internet.

Although more than three-quarters of the vocation inquirers said they used e-mail all the time and more than a quarter said they used smart phones all the time, only 56 percent of the vocations directors said they used e-mail all the time and 13 percent said they used smart phones all the time.

Vision Vocation Guide, in print and online at www.Vocation-Network.org, is published by TrueQuest Communications on behalf of the National Religious Vocation Conference.

KNIGHTS PRAY ROSARY AT RIGHT TO LIFE MEMORIAL MONUMENT



DAN DELAGRANGE

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Dillon Council No. 1014 sponsored the Living Rosary on Sunday, Oct. 3, in the grotto area of St. Mary Catholic Church, Huntington, next to the Huntington County Right to Life Memorial Monument. The rosary was led by Father John Pfister, pastor of St. Mary Church, with about 80 in attendance in honor of all the babies who have been aborted and for an end to abortion. In the photo are 4th Degree Knights of Columbus with Father Pfister. From left are Jeff Young, Father Pfister, Jack Mettler, Brent Stanley, Dave Mettler and Bruce VanGilder.

CHILDREN CELEBRATE HOLY HOUR



CHERYL WHITAKER

St. Louis Academy, New Haven, was one of the many Catholic schools across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend that held a special holy hour on Friday, Oct. 1, for children. First Friday Mass and Adoration are incorporated into the curriculum at St. Louis Academy. But the special hour on Oct. 1 was part of the World Apostolate of Fatima — Worldwide Children's Holy Hour. Students, staff and parishioners prayed for families, priests and those around the world. The rosary was led by the seventh- and eighth-grade students, focusing on families and priests in the Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Africa. Father Steve Colchin, pastor of St. Louis, Besancon, Parish, led the prayer service.

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St. Vincent de Paul School kicks off anti-bullying program

BY DENISE FEDOROW

ELKHART — In honor of International Day of Peace, the students at St. Vincent de Paul School in Elkhart kicked off an anti-bullying program and placed pinwheels on school grounds as a symbol of “whirled” (world) peace.

First-grade teacher Melissa Roberts, one of the committee members for the anti-bullying campaign explained that Principal Donna Quinn heard about the program because it's used in Elkhart Community Schools and also at St. Thomas in Elkhart.

“She liked the idea of continuity so that if students transferred they'd be familiar with the program,” Roberts said.

Roberts said the goal of the program is to “empower students to know what to do when they see bullying.”

Class meetings are held once a week with community circles to talk about what to do when they are bullied or when they see someone bullying. The program is integrated into the current curriculum. Staff decided to kick off the program on Sept. 21, the International Day of Peace and pinwheels were planted on the grounds as a visual symbol.

Assembly

The students gathered for an assembly where they were asked, “Who knows what bully-

ing is?” and “Who's watched someone being bullied and not done anything?”

Teachers offered a skit where Snow White was being made fun of by a few of the seven dwarves as others either joined in or stood nearby. The teachers then role-played with the students what could have been done in that situation. St. Vincent's was declared a “No Bully Zone” with signs posted around the school.

The students pledged the following No Bullying rules: We will not bully. We will try to help students who are being bullied. We will try to include students who are left out. If we know someone being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and at home.

Students then stood and sang the song, “Don't Laugh at Me” by Mark Wills. Lyrics include, “Don't laugh at me, don't call me names, don't get your pleasure from my pain ... I'm fat, I'm thin, I'm short, I'm tall ... in God's eyes we're all the same, someday we'll all have perfect wings.”

Father Glenn Kohrman addressed the student body briefly before they dismissed, walking through the school singing, “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” They moved outdoors where they were invited to “plant” their pinwheels on the school grounds.

Roberts said she and other committee members, Patty Waters, two parents and Principal Donna Quinn have been training since June to bring



PHOTOS BY DENISE FEDOROW

Students and teachers of St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart gathered outside after an assembly held to kick off the school's anti-bullying program to “plant” pinwheels as a symbol of “whirled” (world) peace. The pinwheel idea came from the pinwheels for peace program, which began in 2005. Sitting or kneeling from left are Lourdes Alfaor, Daniel Torres, Cloe Cataldo, Evelyn Urban, Samantha Guzman, Monica Alvarez and Vanessa Celis. Standing, from left, are Braulio Amezcua, Maggie Dickinson, Izzy Samuels, Lupe Aguillar, Brigid Burns, Garrett Kontowsky, and committee members Patty Waters and Melissa Roberts.

the program to the school and plan to hold an annual kickoff.

Quinn said the staff at St. Vincent de Paul added their own touch to the No Bully Zone T-shirts with the line “Let peace begin with me.”

“We Catholicized it,” she said.

St. Vincent de Paul School catches the spirit in bullying prevention

BY LESLIE BYRNE

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne is addressing the issue of bullying with their new program, Catch the Spirit, developed in Norway by Dr. Dan Olweus. The well-known Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) is designed for all grade levels. Faculty and staff of the school attended a one-day training program for implementation of the program.

In March 2010, St. Vincent's administrative team surveyed grades 3-7 to gather data supporting a bullying prevention program. Nicole Taulbee from Christ the King School in South Bend was instrumental in introducing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program to St. Vincent staff and was their trainer.

The goals of the Catch the Spirit Program are:

- To reduce existing bullying problems among students
- To prevent the development of new bullying problems
- To achieve better peer relations among students

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program addresses bullying at school-wide, classroom, individual and community levels. Students receive a consistent, reinforced message about bullying over an extended period of time and in a variety of settings. Because bullying has such wide-ranging effects, the program is designed for all students, not just those who are bullied or those who bully others. The implementation of the program is a long-term effort, and will be used year after year.

The Catch the Spirit Program is based on four responsibilities, which St. Vincent's calls the

Community in Christ Responsibilities.

- We will not bully others
- We will try to help students who are bullied
- We will try to include students who are left out
- If we know someone is being bullied, we will tell an adult

The essential element of the program is classroom meetings, designed to reinforce the four responsibilities and to build a stronger awareness of what bullying is and how to respond in a bullying situation.

The St. Vincent parents and the Fort Wayne community support the bullying prevention program at St. Vincent de Paul School. Corporate sponsors include Dupont Hospital, Bob Buescher Homes, Mark Fore Sales and O'Daniel Automotive.



The teachers at St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart put on a skit for students to demonstrate what bullying might look like and how they could respond. “Snow White” also known as St. Vincent de Paul teacher Tara Lundy, looks sad as she has been bullied by some of the seven dwarves. “Sleepy,” Kathleen Riikonen, and “Sneezy,” Patty Waters, stand by and watch as Snow White is bullied.

Pinwheels for Peace

The Pinwheels for Peace project was started in 2005 by two high school art teachers in Florida as a means for students to express their feelings about what was going on in their world. In 2005, 500,000 pinwheels were planted, in 2009 that number grew to three million worldwide. For more information visit www.pinwheelsforpeace.com.

GUEST COMMENTARY BY MSGR. MICHAEL HEINTZ

Catholic ecclesiology: A tour through 'Lumen Gentium'

The following is part one in a series

Perhaps the best expression of the Roman Catholic Church's understanding of itself is the document of the Second Vatican Council entitled "Lumen Gentium." Published in November of 1964, 11 months after the council's document on the Sacred Liturgy ("Sacrosanctum Concilium") and a year prior to the document on the Church's place and role in the modern world ("Gaudium et Spes"), "Lumen Gentium" has eight chapters spanning some 70 pages.

The document's stated purpose is to lay out the nature and mission of the Church. It begins by speaking of the Church as a mystery, or utilizing its later Latin equivalent, as a sacrament. By this it explains that the Church is both a sign and an instrument of unity — with God and among human beings. This notion of the Church as sacramental has an impact on our understanding of the seven discrete ritual actions we call sacraments.

The Church's work is understood to embrace the whole of human history — from Adam and our first forebears, foreshadowed and pre-figured in the qahal Yahweh (the assembly of the Lord) of the Hebrew Scriptures, and as having an eschatological destiny — when we hope to be united in and through Christ, and God will be all in all. The Church is identified with Christ's Kingdom — but not absolutely, for that Kingdom, the document stresses, is present now "in mystery" (and, thus we can infer, not yet in its fullness); but it does grow visibly toward the completion of its present sacramental status. In its present condition, the Church is the seed and beginning of that Kingdom (5). This is what some theologians call the "already but not yet" status of the Kingdom of God.

After a reprise of salvation history up to Pentecost, the document waxes eloquently on the work of the Holy Spirit: Christ's earthly ministry completed, His Spirit dwells in the hearts of the faithful, constituting them as a "temple." The Spirit prays within believers and bears witness to their adoptive status as sons and daughters of God, a relationship achieved, of course, through the work of Christ. This Holy Spirit guides the Church in the ways of truth and is its source of unity; the Spirit also bestows upon the Church the requisite spiritual, charismatic and hierarchical gifts necessary for the fulfillment of its mission. The unity of God's people is a reflection of the Trinitarian life of God, a life marked by self-gift and acceptance, the free giving and receiving of love.

After recalling the various images and metaphors of the Church found in the Old and New Testament, the document seems to give pride of place to the language of the Church as the Body of Christ, a Body animated by the Holy Spirit (7-8). The intellectual genealogy of "Lumen Gentium" reveals two principal theological influences. One is the theology of the Church found in Pius XII's encyclical of June 1943, "Mystici Corporis." Pius and his chief theological collaborator, the Jesuit Sebastian Tromp, drew upon the theological recovery or renaissance witnessed, for example, by Emile Mersch's 1936 study, *The Mystical Body of Christ*, as well as upon the work of Henri de Lubac (whose 1944 *Corpus Mysticum*, on the relation of the mysteries of Eucharist and Church, is pivotal), Yves Congar and others of the so-called *nouvelle théologie*; this movement was marked by a "return" to the biblical and patristic sources of the Tradition and by a more acute historical consciousness. The second major influence is the work of the Tübingen priest Johann Adam Möhler, whose 1825 work *Einheit or Unity in the Church*, or the *Principle of Catholicism*, also drew heavily upon Patristic ecclesiology. Through his reading of the Fathers, Möhler emphasized the dynamic role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. He was able to recapture and reemphasize the pneumatological dimension of ecclesiology (the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church). This connection between the Spirit and the Bride resounds throughout the document. Pius' contribution was to move ecclesiological reflection from an idiom which was primarily juridical — and had been so since the early middle ages — to one which was largely scriptural and patristic, and to relate ecclesiology more closely with sacramental and liturgical theology, which give it life (remember that "Lumen Gentium" was promulgated after the document on the liturgy — a fact that is not merely coincidental). The unity of the Church as the Body of Christ is achieved through the work of the Spirit, who forms believers more and more into the likeness of the risen Christ, whose Body they now are. Further, to express this "already, but not yet" status of the Body of Christ, the language of pilgrimage is employed repeatedly to express the present transitional and as yet incomplete status of the Church.

COMMENTARY

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America needs Fatima

For the third year, Christ the King Parish, South Bend, will host the National Public Square Rosary Crusade. This year's hour of prayer, which will include the rosary, will be held on Oct. 16 at noon, on the corner of State Road 933 and Darden Road. This is a very busy intersection, so your witness can be very powerful. Come, bring your rosary, a chair and a warm coat, should the weather be cool. Let us gather to honor Our Lady of Fatima. For questions, contact Esther Cyr, (574) 272-6457.

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'Sit up and think' during Respect Life Month

BY MIKE KROKOS

"Sit up and think."

This is what British Prime Minister David Cameron said Pope Benedict XVI's Sept. 16-19 visit to Great Britain should cause the people of his nation to do.

The pope's message about God, religion and the social order, and the challenge that the Holy Father shared during his visit, easily could be applied to countries throughout the world, too.

Not surprisingly, the pope spoke about the right of the Church to have its voice heard in the public square. He also warned against aggressive forms of secularism that risk undermining traditional religious values that the Church believes benefit all in society.

In Glasgow, Scotland, the Holy Father told Catholics during a Mass that it was not enough to live their faith privately. They, too, must defend the Church's teachings in the public square, he said at the liturgy attended by more than 80,000 people.

"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," Pope Benedict said.

That message needs to continue to take hold here in America and is providential during Respect Life Month, where mil-

lions of people are working to change hearts and minds by building a culture of life.

Though recent polls indicate that more and more people in the United States are embracing life issues, we must continue our efforts as people of faith to work to protect all human life from conception until natural death. Our faith also calls us to share our love with all God's people, and reach out to our brothers and sisters most in need, including the poor, vulnerable and despised of this world.

"Unfortunately, in our culture, we (are held) fast in a grip of deadly attitudes about human life, about the human person, especially in the moments of his or her beautiful but fragile beginnings, and in the vulnerable times of old age and illness," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, during his homily at the opening Mass for the national Vigil for Life Jan. 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

"There are some in our culture and in our country ... who think that human civil institutions or some given human subject bestow the right to life. No! Not any of us can bestow the right to life. We can only recognize the right to life, uphold and defend it, and cherish its beauty."

The pope and Cardinal DiNardo's words can also serve as a timely reminder to our civic leaders. Too many politicians on

both sides of the aisle try and search for politically correct answers when faith enters into the political arena. Or some even go to great lengths to make sure that faith isn't part of any conversation when important issues of the day and policies are being debated and discussed.

Though it would be unfair to pigeonhole all politicians into this camp, we have seen firsthand how some members of Congress — and even some individuals serving at the local and state level — try to make sure traditional religious values are not part of any discussion.

We must continue reminding those who serve in public office that they work for us, "the people," and that our faith influences how we live as disciples of Christ. At the same time, we need to remind ourselves that, when it comes to changing hearts and minds, nothing is more powerful than prayer.

"Sit up and think."

As we observe Respect Life Month in the United States, we would do well to heed Cameron's words and encourage others to do likewise.

During Respect Life Month, "Sit up and think" was written by Mike Krokos, editor of *The Criterion*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It appeared in the Sept. 24 issue of *The Criterion*.

'Don't know much about ...' religion; survey shows knowledge gaps

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A survey of Americans' general religious knowledge became a national conversational blip with its revelation that atheists, agnostics and Jews know more about religion than those who are active, practicing Christians. Among Christians, only Mormons scored nearly as many correct answers.

People were quick to click onto the Web site for the U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life to test their knowledge on 15 of the 32 questions, which asked about U.S. laws affecting religion and about key figures and beliefs of major religions.

Of those Pew surveyed this summer, at least two-thirds knew that public school teachers cannot

legally lead a class in prayer; that Mother Teresa was Catholic; that Moses was the Bible figure who led the exodus from Egypt; that Jesus was born in Bethlehem; and that most people in Pakistan are Muslim.

Less than half the participants in the nationwide survey answered correctly that only Protestants, not Catholics, teach that salvation comes through faith alone, or that public school teachers are legally permitted to read from the Bible in class as an example of literature.

The survey was a first-time study of its type, so at an event where it was released Sept. 28, the authors acknowledged that there's no way of knowing whether Americans today know more or less about religion than did prior generations.

THE WASHINGTON LETTER

PATRICIA ZAPOR

The survey did ask nine questions intended to gauge knowledge of other subjects, including politics, science, history and literature. Overall, people got more than half of most of those questions right, falling below 50 percent correct only on questions about the author of "Moby Dick," Herman Melville, and the subject

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Christianity spreads through Ephesus despite lesser gods

Where is Ephesus where the silver-smiths rioted against St. Paul?

Ephesus is a city in western Turkey. At the time of St. Paul, Ephesus was the fourth largest city in the Roman Empire, following: 1) Rome in Italy; 2) Alexandria in Egypt; and 3) Antioch in Syria. Today Ephesus is one of the most extensively excavated archaeological sites in the world. Around the 10th century B.C. the Greeks brought their own goddess Artemis or Diana to Ephesus. They built the beautiful Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, and the first temple to be constructed entirely of marble. The ancient author Pliny the Younger says the columns in front of the temple were carved with notable Greek events. The statue of Artemis stood in the inner sanctuary. E. Blake says the temple faced west, toward the sea and the setting sun. Now the temple is in ruins with a lone Ionian column.

Because of the great tourist attraction of the Temple of Artemis, Demetrius the silver-smith was making money by making miniature shrines of the goddess Artemis. But St. Paul was preaching about Jesus and against the pagan gods, like Artemis, saying that man-made gods are no gods at all. Paul's speech caused a riot by the silver-smiths, because Paul was hurting their business. In spite of the riot, however, Christianity spread quickly in Ephesus and eventually supplanted the worship of Artemis.

One of the most beautiful structures in Ephesus is the ancient theater where the riot took place. It holds 24,000 peo-



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ple. The acoustics are magnificent. You can stand on the stage below, like St. Paul, and they can hear you on the highest row of seats. The top seats feature a view of the entire city.

Another imposing and magnificent structure in Ephesus is the Library of Celsus. A. Edmonds says that here thousands of parchments and papyri were stored. Then there is the Church of the Virgin Mary where the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus was held in 431 A.D. to give the Blessed Virgin Mary the title of "Mother of God." Modern popes have visited this church. It is the first church dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Finally there is the House of the Virgin Mary five miles from Ephesus on a hill. The foundation stones of this house go back to the first century A.D. when Mary lived. The house has been converted into a chapel. The icons are reputed to have curative powers attested to by the crutches and braces left in the corner by healed pilgrims. When I visited this house, outside were lines of pilgrims getting holy water from the well. Even Muslims took the water. Modern popes have also visited the House of Mary.

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God's love restores us to life



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

28th Sunday in Ordinary time Lk 17:11-19

The second book of Kings furnishes this weekend with its first Scriptural reading at Mass. The two books of Kings once were one volume, but as time passed, editors divided the volume into two parts.

They are among the historical writings in the Old Testament. As the name implies, they are interested in the careers of the early kings of Israel. However, none of the Old Testament is primarily about history or, in a certain light, about kings.

Instead, they are concerned with religion, and more precisely with the relationship between God and all the Hebrew people. In the view of the ancients, the most important question in life was how to live in faithfulness to God. Nothing else mattered.

So, while the kings are prominent in these books, religious figures too are much in evidence.

This weekend's reading is an example. The central personality is not a king, but rather it is Naaman. Two strikes are against Naaman. He is a Gentile, and he is a leper. It was much more than a coincidence of birth, religious choice or bad luck when it came to health. In each case, it smacked of estrangement from God, and of affliction's presence as a result of sin.

Naaman bathed in the Jordan River, that stream that formed the boundary between the Promised Land, overflowing with life, and the foreign world, filled with treachery and death because those who acknowledged God did not people it. Despite everything, he was cured.

He then went to thank God, represented by Elisha, the prophet.

For its second reading, the Church turns to the Second Epistle to Timothy. As in the recent past weeks, the epistle reassures and challenges Timothy, an early convert to Christianity, disciple of Paul, and bishop.

If anyone truly dies with Christ by dying to sin, then everlasting life with God is the reward.

St. Luke's Gospel provides the last reading. "Leprosy" occurs throughout the Scriptures. Obviously chronic, progressive, and then without any known cure, scholars in medicine now wonder exactly what it was. Regardless, it was a fearful fate.

Unaware of the workings of disease, ancient Jews saw a curse from God in leprosy. Somehow, somewhere, the leper had disobeyed God.

Fearing contagion, communities forced lepers to live apart. Lepers could have no communication whatsoever with those "clean" of leprosy. Isolated, lepers were unproductive. They were forced to live lives of want to the point of starvation. This reading also has an ethnic component. Jews scorned Samaritans. Samaritans long ago had tolerated pagan invaders, and they had intermarried with the pagans, producing offspring that in themselves grievously compromised the identity of the people chosen by God. Much bigotry entered the picture. Jews thought that Samaritans were the worst of the worst, incapable of anything good.

Important here is the fact that Jesus heals and forgives. These actions belonged to God alone.

Reflection

Presumably Jews, of God's special people, nine of the lepers cured in this story from St. Luke's Gospel tended to see themselves as entitled to God's mercy and forgiveness.

However, the 10th leper, the Samaritan, had a clearer insight. He realized that he deserved nothing special. His ancestors had walked away from God.

Yet, Jesus cured and forgave him, because of the Samaritan's faith. Thus, this leper hurried to thank Jesus.

By sinning we all have deserted God. We properly should be the victims of what we have done. However, with an unending love, as in the case of Naaman or the Samaritan leper, God cures us of the weakening effects of our sin, restores us to life, and welcomes us into the fold of those loyal to God.

However, the key to this happening is our own humility and our will to seek God.

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1-6 Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7 Lk 12:8-12



Marguerite d'Youville

1701-1771
October 16

The first native Canadian saint lived in poverty after her father died. She married in 1722 but her husband, who illegally traded liquor with Indians, caused her more suffering. Pregnant with their sixth child when he became ill, she cared for him until his death in 1730. She began to care for the poor by taking in a blind woman, and was joined by three women; they became the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, or Grey Nuns. She endured fires that destroyed her home and the hospital she directed, and saw her two surviving children become priests.

CNS Saints

The Pius Wars, continued

In the war over Pius XII and the Holy See's policy toward Nazi Germany before and during World War II, there are fanatically anti-Pacelli/Pius XII writers like Daniel Jonah Goldhagen and Sergio Minerbi, whose imperviousness to evidence that challenges their presuppositions raises grave questions about their scholarship. And then there are the serious academic historians. The latter's critique of Pius XII often begins with the charge that, as cardinal secretary of state to Pius XI, Pacelli engineered the demise of the Catholic Center Party, urged the German bishops to lift their ban on Catholic membership in the Nazi Party, and prompted German Catholics to support the Enabling Act that granted Hitler dictatorial powers: All in exchange for a concordat — a formal treaty — between the Third Reich and the Holy See. This strategy, these historians argue, weakened the Church's capacity to resist the unfolding Nazi tyranny and gave the new German regime an undeserved degree of international legal credibility.

As Hubert Wolf, professor of Church history at the University of Muenster, demonstrates conclusively in "Pope and Devil: The Vatican Archives and the Third Reich" (Harvard/Belknap), this charge of a "package deal" between the Vatican and Hitler fails when the documentary evidence is examined seriously. Recently available archival materials from the pontificate of Pius XI make clear that Pacelli and Pius XI never offered any such trade to the Nazis.

In fact, the Holy See was blindsided by the German bishops' ini-

tiative in lifting the ban on Nazi Party membership, and the Center Party acted on its own in supporting the Enabling Act. Wolf also argues that Pacelli, far from being the Roman manipulator of the Church in Germany, was undercut in his diplomacy by the German bishops' preemptive concessions to the Nazi regime. As Wolf writes, "If Pacelli had had his way, if he had pulled all the strings, Hitler would have paid a heavy price for the Center's consent to the Enabling Act and the bishops' retraction of their condemnation. The cardinal secretary of state would have dictated hard concessions for the conditions that Hitler was so eager to get from the Church."

The net result was not a happy one: As Pacelli put it to British diplomat Ivone Kirkpatrick, "a pistol had been pointed at his head and he had had no alternative" but to conclude a concordat quickly, in order to provide a minimum of legal protection for Catholic life in a Germany he knew was heading for disaster. As for the concordat itself, Wolf concludes that, while "there is no doubt that this agreement further opened the floodgates for the involvement of German Catholics in the National Socialist state," it also helped prevent German Catholicism from being completely absorbed (or "coordinated," as the Nazis put it) by the Third Reich, such that "the Catholic Church in Nazi Germany was the only large-scale social institution Hitler never managed to co-opt."

Precisely because Wolf's conclusion is based on documentary evidence rather than presupposition or conjecture, it should definitively resolve this battle in the Pius



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Wars: "The Reichskonkordat was a pact with the devil — no one had any illusions about that fact in Rome — but it guaranteed pastoral care and the continued existence of the Catholic Church during the Third Reich. (Pacelli) did not make this deal by having the Center Party consent to the Enabling Act or by lifting the condemnation of National Socialism. The German Church bears sole responsibility for these steps."

"Pope and Devil" is not without its problems. Wolf's critique of Roman "centralism" is belied by his own demonstration that, in the case of Nazi Germany, the Roman centralizers could be far more forceful in defending the "locals" than the locals could themselves. Wolf also posits a false dichotomy between "dogma and diplomacy," when the real issue in the Pius Wars is the exercise of prudence. Nonetheless, Wolf has done the Pius debate a great service by demonstrating that, in response to the charge that the Holy See undercut the Catholic opposition in Germany in exchange for a concordat, the only responsible verdict is "not guilty."

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aging 11.6 correct answers. Atheists and agnostics averaged 20.9 correct answers, Jews averaged 20.5 correct and Mormons averaged 20.3 correct. White evangelical Protestants averaged 17.6 correct answers, white mainline Protestants scored 15.8 correct, those with no particular religious affiliation got 15.2 correct and black Protestants averaged 13.4 right answers.

Catholics didn't do so well on a key question of Catholic theology, however. Only a little more than half — 55 percent — correctly identifying the Church teaching about transubstantiation, that the bread and wine used in Communion become the body and blood of Christ during the consecration. About 40 percent of all faiths got that question right.

Catholics also didn't do well on the seven questions about the

Bible, averaging 3.8 correct. Only 42 percent correctly identified Genesis as the first book of the Bible; 55 percent correctly picked Abraham as the biblical figure who was asked by God to sacrifice his son; 33 percent named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as the four Gospels; and 25 percent identified Job as the character who remained faithful despite great trials.

Catholics did better on other Scripture questions. On the "golden rule" question, 57 percent of Catholics got it right. Sixty-five percent of Catholics knew Moses led the exodus and 65 percent identified Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus.

Stephen Prothero, a religion professor at Boston University, said during the Newseum discussion that the survey found "zero correlation" to people doing better on the quiz if they have had years

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of the Scopes trial, evolution.

Nevertheless, said Pew senior researcher Gregory Smith, "the survey clearly demonstrates that there is an awful lot of important stuff people are ignorant about."

In a panel discussion at the Newseum, moderator Ray Suarez, senior correspondent for the "NewsHour" on PBS, noted the irony that "people are ready to go to the barricades over posting of the Ten Commandments, yet they themselves don't know what (the Ten Commandments) are." Of the whole sample, 55 percent correctly recognized that the "golden rule" — do unto others as you would have them do unto you — is not one of the Ten Commandments.

White Catholics scored about the same as the national population as a whole on the 32-question survey, getting an average of half the questions right. Hispanic Catholics came in at the bottom of the breakouts by faith group, aver-

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 10, 2010

Luke 17:11-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the cure of ten lepers and the faith of one. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
GALILEE	VILLAGE	TEN
LEPERS	STOOD	A DISTANCE
VOICES	MASTER	PRIESTS
CLEANSED	ONE OF THEM	HEALED
GOD	HE FELL	FEET
SAMARITAN	FOREIGNER	FAITH

ONE OF TEN

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of religious education. Prothero, author of "Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know — And Doesn't," helped precipitate the Pew survey with his book.

He said that the survey should raise some flags of concern for the Catholic Church, particularly when paired with the statistic that 10 percent of Americans describe themselves as ex-Catholics.

Study co-author Alan Cooperman pointed out that the Catholic Church has always downplayed the Bible in favor of the teachings of the magisterium and the "deposit of faith," over the centuries. He said that one priest he spoke with noted that as a seminarian he hadn't even studied the Bible until his third year of religious studies.

Researcher Smith said the No. 1 predictor of how well people did on the study was their level of education, with college graduates and those with higher degrees averaging more than 20 of the 32 questions right. Those who took some kind of a religious studies course in college did the best, averaging 22.1 questions right.

On the other hand, having

attended a religious school as a child seems to have had less of an impact on someone scoring well than that they were in a private school at all, Smith said. Graduates of private religious schools averaged 17.8 correct answers, compared with 18.5 correct answers for graduates of private nonreligious schools and 15.5 correct for graduates of public schools.

Smith attributed the high scores of atheists and agnostics to the process they have gone through to decide they are atheist or agnostic. "I think it may reflect a fair amount of thought and attention to religion," he said. "These are folks who have chosen to identify with a relatively small and relatively unpopular portion of the U.S. population. ... It shows they have taken a side, and given considerable thought to these matters."

The survey included responses from 3,412 adults questioned in May and June. The statistical margin of error ranges from plus or minus 2.5 points for the entire sample to as much as plus or minus 11 points for the smallest sample segment, the 117 Hispanic Catholics.

Sports

BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS SOFTBALL TOURNEY Bishop Luers High School will hold a homecoming softball tourney on Saturday, Oct. 9, with a round robin start at 9 a.m. at Tillman Park, 600 Tillman Rd., in Fort Wayne. Co-ed teams must have equal male/female ratio on team, with 10 person minimum. The Round Robin Tourney is limited to six teams who will play five games. Awards will follow the final game at 1 p.m. Cost is \$150 per team, which includes team shirts, awards and beverages. For information or to register contact Monica Zwick at (260) 456-1261.

Volleyball tourney should be a good one

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Matt Momper has coached his St. Jude Lady Eagle group since they were in fifth grade and compiled an astounding 34-4 record. The 2007 and 2009 Catholic Youth League (CYO) large-school volleyball champions list 10 on their roster and Momper calls them "a bunch of good girls." Looking ahead to the 2010 post-season, Momper is excited.

"It will be a 100 percent dog fight," he predicts. The Eagles expected tough competition from St. Joseph, Decatur, and their twin towers, but have lost to both St. Charles and St. Vincent this season, unlike previous years, making for a very interesting upcoming CYO tournament. "It is great to see such good volleys among the teams," he added.

In his fourth season with the Royals from Queen of Angels, Coach Dan Flotow is pleased with the progress his team has made so far during the 2010 season. "We have been in every match. We just haven't managed to come out on top," he explained.

Flotow notes that his girls will be ready for the tournament with their strong serving and a solid 6-2 offense. The organic vegetable farmer added, "We have our transitioning down well, but still need to work on our passing. We can usually score the point with a good pass to our setter." Flotow lists nine players on his combined roster, led by seven eighth graders.

St. Vincent has had several big wins over several big rivals this

season. Last weekend they downed St. Charles, 25-23, in an exciting come-from-behind win in the first game with excellent serving from Makenna Worman and Alexa Kartje anchoring the comeback. With a commanding 25-9 win in the second game, Coach Katie Brown felt her team's hard work on serving, passing, setting and attacking shined through. Jessica Schowe, Megan Coffin and Clare Lopez were again solid at the net for the Panthers with setters Anna

Panthers with setters Anna Slusser and Kartje distributing the ball well to their hitters.

Wins over both St. Jude and St. Joseph, Decatur, late in September have helped the Panthers on their climb to the top of the CYO heap. With a 5-1 conference record,

St. Vincent's lone loss came at the hands of St. John, Fort Wayne the second match of the season.

In her third year of coaching, Brown, who still plays competitive tennis, lists 14 on her roster. The Indiana University grad explains, "I really enjoy coaching these young women in volleyball technique, strategy and mental toughness. They have been great to work with."

Because St. Vincent is implementing the Play Like a Champion program, Brown and her team set individual and team goals at the beginning of the season. "Our team goals this season are to finish in the top three, to have 80 percent serving efficiency, 75 percent passing efficiency and to have continuous improvement on three hits per possession," added Brown.

Assistant coaches for the Panthers are Debbie Rednour and Carol Schowe.



CYO football heads into tournament action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In the final week of Catholic Youth League (CYO) gridiron action, St. Vincent slipped by St. Jude, 24-20, to seal a fourth-place finish heading into the upcoming 2010 tournament.

For the Panthers, Noah Coonan had two touchdown passes, one to Billy Backstrom and the other to Jake Graham, and another running score.

Coach Drew Linder was pleased with his team's performance noting the physical play of the defense and his impressive offensive line. "It was a great way to finish out the regular season," Linder summarized.

The three top teams in the league all had victories again this week, leaving them each tied with records of one loss (6-1) on the season. Seedings for the tourna-

ment were determined by net points scored against each other putting Holy Cross in first place, St. Charles in second and St. John-Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) in third.

In their finales, SJFW downed Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood (QA/PB), 42-6, while St. Charles got by St. Joe/St. Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT). Finally, Holy Cross blanked a determined group from St. John, New Haven, 28-0.

In JAT's loss, Coach Eric Downey reported that Luke Dippold had a great game on both sides of the ball. He added, "Our defensive line did a good job of not letting St. Charles run up the middle in the second half and our defensive backs did not let the Cardinals complete many passes in the last two quarters."

The JAT offense marched the ball down on several occasions

during the second half allowing Travis Eckert to score on a pass from Jordan McHenry.

Downey concluded, St. Charles is a very good team and had a very good attack on both sides of the ball."

For the SJFW Eagles, Damian Brough, Ty Johnson, Jack Johnston and Noah Hoeffel all had scores.

Tournament action will kick off at the University of Saint Francis at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10, with SJFW lining up against St. Jude in the first of the four games. Next up will be Holy Cross vs. QA/PB followed by St. Charles and St. John, New Haven. In the final contest at 5 p.m., St. Vincent will play JAT.

The semi-final round of action is expected to be two very exciting match-ups and will follow on Sunday, Oct. 17. The championship show-down is slated for Oct. 24.

ICCL Crusaders' defense too much for Mishawaka Saints

BY MATT SOBIERALSKI

MISHAWAKA — The Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusader's defense proved to be too much for the Mishawaka Catholic Saints, as they dominated the line scrimmage in a 22-0 shutout in the Sunday Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) game at Marian's Otolski Field. Like a chess match, the first quarter was played to a stalemate as each team's defenses answered the call.

The defensive battle continued into the second quarter, but the Crusader's pounded the ball on a 13-play drive using up most of the eight minute clock capped off with a 15-yard touchdown run by Peter Rymysza. Brendan Connelly added the extra points to put the half time score at 8-0.

The Crusaders used the three-headed-monster of Peter Rymysza, Brendan Connelly and Andrew Petsche to run the ball in the third quarter.

The threesome accompanied by the hearty offensive line chewed up the clock for most of the quarter and added another long drive, this time of 10 plays, to put another

touchdown on the board. It was Andrew Petsche's turn to light the scoring lamp as he plunged in for a four-yard touchdown off the right side. Brendan Connelly added another extra points try to widen the margin to 16-0.

The Crusaders' defense remained as they forced a Molnar pass into the waiting arms of Brendan Chappell for the interception.

The Saints' defense held on downs, but the Crusader D would have the last laugh when on the ensuing possession it stuck to its hard hitting montra with a third down sack by Norm Hezlep and another one on fourth down by Adam El Ammori giving them the ball back.

Ryan Mannell put a cap on the game by scoring on a 10-yard touchdown run off the right side to put the finishing touches on the Holy Cross/Christ the King masterpiece and push the final score to 22-0.

Brendan Connelly led the Crusaders with 55 yards rushing, while Peter Rymysza and Andrew Petsche also each had 51 yards rushing.

"We have really turned into a grind-it-out team," commented Holy Cross/Christ the King Coach John Kryzewski. "Today we really wanted to keep their potent offense off the field."

"We were beat in every aspect of the game; offense, defense, special teams and coaching," explained Mishawaka Catholic skipper, Tony Violi. "All the credit goes to the Crusaders."

In other action, St. Anthony beat Westside Catholic, 24-12.

St. Anthony's was lead by Oliver Page's 70-yard kick-off return. Justin Drinkall had a 30-yard touchdown run, Sean McFaggen had a three-yard touchdown run and Connor Wong returned an interception 33 yards for the Panthers. Zach Credi boot-ed all four points after attempts. West Side had a pair of 40-yard touchdown runs, one from Jordan Kazmierczak, the other from Caleb Horban.

The marquee matchup next week will pit the unbeaten — the St. Anthony Panthers taking on the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders at 1 p.m. at Saint Joseph's High School.

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'God in America,' airs Oct. 11-13 on PBS

BY JOHN MULDERIG

NEW YORK (CNS) — "Americans," observed Alexis de Tocqueville, writing in the early days of the Republic, "combine the notions of religion and liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive of one without the other."

The crucial influence of faith in shaping U.S. history, and in molding the national character, receives a searching analysis in the six-hour miniseries "God in America." The documentary — a joint presentation of "Frontline" and "American Experience" directed by David Belton — premieres on PBS stations Monday, Oct. 11, 9-11 p.m. EDT (check local listings).

Through interviews with scholars, archival images and dramatizations, the initial episode screened recounts how the religious heritage of the Old World — first brought to the future United States by Catholic missionaries moving north from Mexico — was radically reshaped by a series of all-too-worldly conflicts among believers of various stripes.

Puritan leader John Winthrop's rejection of Anne Hutchinson's innovative views, which resulted in her banishment from the Massachusetts Bay Colony he ruled as governor, for instance, is portrayed as having at least as much to do with Winthrop's desire for social cohesion in the fledgling community as with any zeal for Calvinist doctrinal purity.

Similarly, the individually focused preaching of evangelical pioneers such as George Whitefield was perceived as a threat to the power and financial security of Anglicanism, the established religion of the Southern colonies. A third struggle, pitting Virginia Baptists against that commonwealth's Anglican Church, saw Thomas Jefferson enter the fray on the side of the Baptists, some of whom had been imprisoned for preaching without a license.

A few decades after the religious freedom Jefferson championed had been enshrined in the Bill of Rights, Protestant Americans' loyalty to this cornerstone principle was put to the test by the arrival of large numbers of Catholic immigrants in their midst.

Nativist prejudice led to riots and to a more peaceful, but nonetheless significant, battle over the denominational slant of the curriculum in New York City's public schools. Leading the Catholic forces in this crusade was the city's dauntless first archbishop, John Hughes (1797-1864).

The program presents Hughes as a sympathetic figure, eloquently appealing to his Protestant fellow-countrymen to live up to their constitutional responsibilities.

But his use of his office to



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A Franciscan monk is pictured in New Mexico in a scene from the upcoming PBS documentary series "God in America."

sway voters — Hughes explicitly endorsed a slate of candidates in the 1841 elections for the New York State Legislature — is treated as problematic. Some viewers may perceive a subtext here implying narrow constraints on the Church's proper role in the political debates of our own day.

A much earlier incident, a disastrously unsuccessful Franciscan-led effort to evangelize the Pueblos of New Mexico, comes in for predictable criticism as the script rather naively applies 21st century values to the Age of Discovery. It suggests, moreover, that the friars were cruelly narrow-minded not to accept the Pueblos' improvised mingling of Christianity and paganism.

While this neutral perspective, which carries with it the assumption that all religions are either equally true or equally false, may rankle with believers, the historical value of "God in America" is undeniable, informatively tracing as it does the complex process by which the steady irritant of dissent and disagreement gave birth to the pearl of religious liberty.

The sophisticated issues under study, and the maturity required to sort through them — together with briefly seen artwork featuring Adam and Eve sans fig leaves — mark this as best for religiously well-grounded adults.

The program, which is rated TV-PG — parental guidance suggested, continues Tuesday, Oct. 12, and concludes Wednesday, Oct. 13, 9-11 p.m. EDT each night.

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Father Leo cooks 'fusion' foods in 'Grace Before Meals'

BY YORK YOUNG

If you like cooking, or eating, and have not heard of Father Leo Patalinghug, this is your lucky day. While plenty of books, television shows, even an entire television network, are devoted to cooking and eating the wondrous variety of food God provides for us, Father Leo's contribution to the industry is nothing less than inspiring.

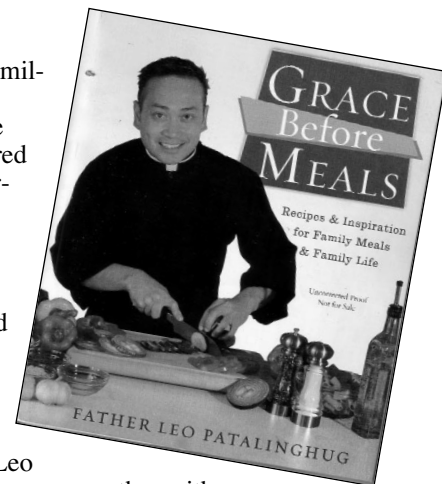
A man who is as interested in building up families as making good food, he has combined the two in "Grace Before Meals" (Doubleday, \$19). Father Leo has presented Web-based videos on his cooking and recipes, but became much better known after being challenged in 2007 by Bobby Flay, who has a cooking show titled "Throwdown with Bobby Flay." Flay presents challenges to chefs with unique approaches to cooking, and/or unique backgrounds, both of which Father Leo presented for Flay and his show.

Father Leo likes to cook with what he calls "fusion" foods, mixing cultures to create new and interesting combinations of recipes. In the throwdown, Father Leo won a steak fajita cookoff,

and his popularity grew. In September 2009, his Grace Before Meals Web site had 2 million hits.

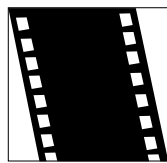
Now comes "Grace Before Meals" in book form, structured to help families see the importance of different landmarks and holidays in their lives. Each chapter opens with a reflection on a holiday or life milestone, using Scripture and everyday practical advice to help families connect with one another and the Lord. With questions provided as conversation starters, Father Leo then presents one of his recipes, such as Slow Roasted Champagne Pot Roast for New Year's Day or Cola Pork Skewers and Sweet Asian Slaw for Pentecost Sunday. And some of his recipes reflect families, sometimes messy affairs — he seems to like to make unique sauces/stuffings and put them in things such as small hens or even Italian sausage. Reading some of the combinations will make your mouth water.

One of the real values of Father Leo's book is that the reader gets a firm sense of love, faith and family, which can be enhanced in the food-preparation process, when people help one



another with the cooking and then eat together. This is not that surprising when you realize that some of the most memorable events in Jesus life revolved around food — going to Zaccheus' house for dinner; visiting Martha, Mary and Lazarus for dinner; feeding the 5,000; and, of course, the Last Supper.

"If food is one of God's bountiful blessings to his people, it only makes sense that preparation of that food can also be a blessing, especially to our families," says Father Leo. For those of us who love trying new foods, that's a great starting point for an evening of family time.



MOVIE CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) — Following are capsule reviews of theatrical movies recently reviewed by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Secretariat" (Disney)

The true story of the 1973 Triple Crown winner, arguably the greatest racehorse of all time, comes to the big screen in a film that is both thrilling sports adventure and moving family drama. Secretariat's owner (Diane Lane) is a housewife who returns to her horse farm roots and gambles everything on the big red equine. As she makes her mark in an all-male world, she battles prejudice and the skepticism of her family, but she never loses hope in her dream. At her side are a bossy assistant (Margo Martindale), an even more domineering trainer (John Malkovich) and a gentle-hearted groom (Nelsan Ellis) whose spiritual nature provides a moving undercurrent. Unencumbered by any really objectionable elements, this exuberant and inspirational cinematic

champ can be cheered on by a wide audience. Some tense emotional moments and heated arguments. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

"Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" (Fox)

Uneven sequel in which, seven years after being released from prison, a disgraced financier-turned-author (Michael Douglas) convinces his estranged daughter's (Carey Mulligan) fiancé (Shia LaBeouf) to help him reconcile with her. He offers in return to assist the young investment executive's business vendetta against a ruthless mogul (Josh Brolin) whose machinations ruined the lad's mentor (Frank Langella). Set against the backdrop of the economic crisis that began in 2007, and directed — like its 1987 predecessor "Wall Street" — by Oliver Stone, the high stakes drama benefits from Douglas' magnetic performance as a man compounded of charisma, corruption and a few remaining shards of human decency. Less appealing are the script's heavy-handed attempts at social comment and a central romantic relationship that puts the sexual cart before the marital horse. Cohabitation, brief sexual imagery and occasional sexual references, several uses of profanity, at least two instances of rough language, a few crude and

some crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

"Easy A" (Screen Gems)

A clean cut but lost-in-the-crowd teen (Emma Stone) becomes notorious among her peers when a self-righteous fellow high school student (Amanda Bynes) overhears her lying to her best friend (Aly Michalka) about losing her virginity. The gossip about her sexual exploits rapidly snowballs out of control. Though director Will Gluck's satire conveys some worthwhile messages about the dangers of judging from appearances and the temptation to pigeonhole or belittle others, the script presents all Christians as hypocrites and implies that any consensual form of bedroom behavior is acceptable. Negative portrayal of Christianity, including Catholicism, benign view of premarital sex and homosexuality, implied drug use, brief partial nudity, venereal disease theme, some sexual humor, at least 10 uses of profanity, much crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is O — morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

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.

Warsaw — A public rosary will be prayed Saturday, Oct. 16, on the Kosciusko County Courthouse square at noon for the government.

Churubusco — A rosary will be prayed at St. John Bosco Church Saturday, Oct. 16, at noon for the government.

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.

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 are available at parishes. Registration 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.

St. Bernard plans benefit

Wabash — The 19th annual St. Bernard School Ball and Auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Honeywell Center. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres, a silent and live auction and entertainment by DJ Wade Weaver from the Bash. Tickets are also available for the cash raffle. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold for cash prizes of \$5,000 and \$2,500. Call the school office at (260) 563-5746 for reservations or raffle tickets.

Carey Landry coming to John XXIII

Hartford — A Carey Landry concert will be held Sunday, Oct. 17, beginning at 4 p.m. with refreshments and silent auction at St. John Church, 209 S. Spring St. in Hartford City. Concert will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling (888) 882-1391. All proceeds benefit John XXIII Retreat Center.

NFP class planned

Mishwaka — A Natural Family Planning class series will begin on Friday, Oct. 8, from 7-9 p.m. in the St. Joseph Convent meeting room, 220 W. 4th St. The program offers instruction in the Ovulation and Sympto-Thermal Methods of family planning as well as assistance in women's health issues. To register, please call Cathy Rakowski at (574) 291-6391 or e-mail nfp-stjoseph@catholic.org.

Fatima movie to be shown

Fort Wayne — The World Apostolate of Fatima will host a showing of "The 13th Day," a movie based on Sister Lucia's memoirs and independent eyewitnesses, Saturday, Oct. 9, at St. Joseph Parish on the corner of Brooklyn and Hale. The film will be shown the Parish Hall following the 5 p.m. Mass. RSVP to the parish office at (260) 432-5113. Admission is free but registration is required.

Theology on Tap

Fort Wayne — The Theology on Tap series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married, will be held at Columbia Street West, 135 W. Columbia St., Thursday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m. on the topic "Origins of Scripture," with Marilyn Fech. This event is hosted by the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/TOT for information.

Register to be a citizen

Fort Wayne — Registration for citizenship classes will be Sunday, Oct. 10 and 17, from 1:30-3 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 2213 Brooklyn Ave. The cost is \$25 and the classes will start Thursday,

Oct. 28, from 6-9 p.m. Please use the north entrance. For information call Jaime Palma at (260) 414-7554.

Bishop Dwenger offers fine arts presentations

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Drama Department will present "The Man Who Came to Dinner" by Kaufman. Performances will be Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m. Reserved seats are \$10, and general admission tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. All performances will be in the main gym. For reservations, please contact Ryan VanAntwerp at (260) 496-4730, or e-mail rvanantwerp@bishopdwenger.com. The music department's fall concert will be held on Sunday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m. in the main gym. Admission is free to the fall concert.

Spaghetti dinner

New Carlisle — St. Stanislaus Kostka, 55756 Tulip Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 5-12. Call (574) 654-3781 for information.

Fish fry at St. Therese

Fort Wayne — St. Therese will have a fish fry Friday, Oct. 15, from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children 5-12 and children under 5 are free. The proceeds will go to the St. Therese eighth-grade class trip.

Spaghetti dinner to benefit right to life group

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council No. 5570 will have a spaghetti dinner,

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John S. Noonan, 90, St. Jude

Eileen M. Post, 75, St. Therese

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Sharon L. Freel, 48, St. John the Baptist

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Robert L. Webb, 86, St. Anthony de Padua

Ann O. Graf, 98, Little Flower

Doris R. Szymanski, 84, St. John the Baptist

Jack Case Donovan, 80, Little Flower

Verna A. Kurdys, 101, St. Adalbert

Ernest L. Butts, 86, St. Joseph

Victoria C. Macknick, 101, St. Jude

Thursday, Oct. 14, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph County Right to Life.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Oct. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Carry-out available.

Knights of Columbus host fish fry

Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will have a fish dinner on Friday, Oct. 22, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children 5-10 and children

under 4 are free. The fish will be prepared by Tyner Oddfellows. Drive-through service is also available at the Columbus Club.

Breakfast to support athletics

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570 will have a breakfast for the benefit of the Corpus Christi Athletic Association on Sunday, Oct. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Peterson Room/Gym. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 6-12.

Oktoberfest

Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish will have an Oktoberfest Saturday, Oct. 9, from 5-11 p.m. at the Knights' Hall, 601 Reed Rd. Attendees must be 21. Music by Die Freudemacher Band.

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human beings in a particular way to women. Women are called in a special way to be guardians of life and guardians of love."

In conclusion Bishop Rhoades said, "In the dramatic struggle for every human being and his or her salvation, we need holy women, women of deep faith, hope and charity, women imbued with the spirit of the Gospel. ... May the Blessed Virgin Mary and the guardian angels watch over you and guide you in this conference, and help you to grow in holiness."

Keynote speaker, Teresa Tomeo, veteran broadcast journalist, took the stage to offer her testimony titled, "From Secular Achor to Media Evangelist." Tomeo is a popular syndicated talk show host, author, motivational speaker and the founder of TT Communications and Company. During her testimony, which included Scripture verses highlighting each point of her journey, Tomeo spoke of being raised in a strong Catholic Italian family, and how she lost her way after high school as she attended college and subsequently found her way to immediate success in the broadcasting field.

"I was pulled into the secular culture," she said, adding, "I had everything ... but didn't have God." A series of troubling events, including the near break up of her marriage and a surprising turn in her career, brought Tomeo back to the faith of her youth.

As Tomeo recognized the bias of media and its disturbing content, she began to study the faith more deeply and became convinced that "objective Truth doesn't change."

"The Catholic Church is the last bastion standing in our culture against evil," she told the rapt audience.

Tomeo now embraces Catholic media and said, "I'm still doing news. But God is my news director now. And He's a much better boss. Who knew?"

The opportunity for Reconciliation with priests from several parishes was offered dur-

ing the lunch break, followed by a special song written and performed by artist Angelynne Paris, and a video titled, "Cover Girl Culture: Awakening the Media Generation."

The afternoon session with Tomeo, titled "Extreme Makeover: Seeing Yourself Through the Eyes of Christ," focused on the oversexualization and objectifying of

 Video is available at todayscatholicnews.org

We get it from Christ and the Church," offered Tomeo.

Tomeo cited eye-opening research that confirmed the bias of media and the influence it has on the public, particularly the young. "The media says the Church is outdated and represses women. But Jesus broke the norms with women," said Tomeo, who challenged the women to ask themselves how the media is affecting their own families and lives. "Are you willing to help change the culture?" she asked.

In her quippy style, Tomeo offered some "beauty tips," including cutting back on media use, reading the Bible more and taking advantage of the sacraments. Tomeo also encouraged the audience to pray for the media and support positive media outlets like Catholic radio.

"Be willing to speak up about what you like and don't like," she advised. "And don't ever walk away from what we have in the holy catholic apostolic Church."

Following a standing ovation, Tomeo offered a book signing in the lobby where she met with the faithful women of the diocese.

Pat Augustyn, parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne said, "She gave a lot of good ideas on Christ's mercy."

Louise Eykholt from St. Henry, Fort Wayne, agreed and added, "I like that she's Christ-centered. And it's marvelous to see that so many women showed up!"

A second rosary was recited before Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction with Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, closed the inspiring day.

women in the media. "We don't get our identification from what we wear ...



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Franciscan Sisters Minor join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Father Cyril Fernandes, right, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, in the activity center after the Oct. 2 Mass that welcomed the sisters to the parish and the Fort Wayne community. The sisters' charism is prayer and evangelization.

SISTERS

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lege and work.

Sister Tina Audrey Bloomer is a native Hoosier, but raised in Massachusetts. She has been a religious for six years and entered the Franciscan Sisters Minor after experience in travel and college.

Sister Celeste Marie Carey, a native of Queens, N.Y., has been a religious for 17 years and is one of nine children.

Sister Karolyn Grace Wertner, a native of near Gettysburg, Pa., has been a religious for five years and entered the community after graduating from college.

Sister Pia Felicity Guilherme, a native of New Bedford, Mass., has been a religious for seven years and is a novice reentering the community. She is the fifth Franciscan Sister Minor.

The sisters have already made a striking impression on the neighborhood. One young girl greeted the sisters at the welcome reception in the Pursley Activity Center, Saturday, Oct. 2, after the Mass celebrated by Bishop Rhoades. The young elementary

girl has hopes of becoming a sister and already pretends she is a sister wearing a imaginary habit.

At the Saturday evening Mass, Bishop Rhoades told the people of the St. John the Baptist parish community, "I am very happy to be here at St. John the Baptist Church to celebrate this Mass in which we officially welcome the Franciscan Sisters Minor to St. John's Parish and to our diocese. The sisters have shared with me how warmly they have been welcomed by Father Cyril and by the parishioners of St. John's. I myself, in the past nine months, have experienced wonderful Indiana hospitality as your new bishop. Thank you for showing that hospitality to these women religious whose lives are consecrated to Christ in a special way as they follow the holy rule of St. Francis of Assisi."

October 4 is the feast of St. Francis, and Bishop Rhoades added, "So I also extend prayerful best wishes to the sisters for their community's feast day.

"As you probably know," he said, "the Franciscan Sisters Minor live a life of prayer, of quiet witness to the Lord, and of evangelization in the spirit of St. Francis. They take the holy vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, as well as a fourth vow of

dedication to Mary Immaculate."

He said, "I am very happy that the sisters have settled here in our diocese and here at St. John's Parish.

Bishop Rhoades said, "Their presence is a gift to us. They are an example and an incentive to all of us of greater fidelity to the Gospel. They have chosen to follow the Gospel in a pretty radical way, like St. Francis did.

Bishop Rhoades said, "Their prayers for us are also so very important. And I expect that their prayers and their evangelizing labors will bring many non-practicing Catholics and unchurched people to the Church. As the sisters pray daily for us, let us also pray for the sisters.

He added, "At this Mass, we pray for them in a special way that they may be faithful to their vocation and, in imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, be totally devoted to the Lord. Mary is the perfect model of the consecrated life, of consecration to God the Father, of union with God the Son, and of openness to the Holy Spirit. May she intercede for our Franciscan Sisters Minor and for Father Cyril and all of you who have welcomed the Sisters to St. John Parish."



KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades delivers his homily to 500 women from around the diocese during a special Mass at the Arise women's day of reflection held at the University of Saint Francis on Oct. 2.



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