



TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Pope canonizes Brother André Bessette and five others

Calls them 'shining examples' of holiness

BY JOHN THAVIS AND BROTHER CHARLES MCBRIDE, CSC



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Thousands of pilgrims attended the canonization ceremony for six new Catholic saints on Sunday, Oct. 17.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed six new saints, including an Australian nun and a Canadian brother, calling them “shining examples” of holiness and the power of prayer.

Canadians cheered the canonization of Holy Cross Brother Blessed André Bessette, 1845-1937, a doorman known for his devotional practices and his healing touch. He became known as the “Miracle Man of Montreal.”

The pope said St. Bessette “showed boundless charity and did everything to soothe the despair of those who confided in him.” Although he had little instruction, he “understood what was essential to the faith” and had an intense prayer life, the pope said.

“For him, everything spoke of God and his presence,” the pope said. Thanks to this simplicity, St. Bessette led many people to God, he added.

St. Bessette “lived the beatitude of the pure of heart,” the pope said. “May the example of Brother André inspire Canadian Christian life!”

Holy Cross Father Richard V. Warner, the superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Rome, said, “For the Congregation of Holy Cross both in the South Bend area and throughout the world, the canonization of St. André Bessette is a sacred moment in the

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BY KAY COZAD

One-hundred-twenty Catholic pilgrims from around the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are excitedly anticipating the upcoming pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain, for World Youth Day (WYD) in August of 2011. The diverse group, which includes 16- to 35-year-old teens and young adults, seminarians, young adult priests, sisters and adult chaperones, including staff from the diocese, will be led on the trip by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

The trip will begin Aug. 10 with a visit to Lourdes, France, and additional stops in Loyola and Burgos, Spain, before reaching Madrid for the week-long WYD activities. It has been estimated that 2.2 million youth from around the world will gather to share

their faith there.

The WYD event will begin with a special Mass concelebrated by bishops from across the globe. Other activities will include a city-wide Stations of the Cross devotion highlighted by famous historic statues at each station location across the city, morning catechesis, divided into language-specific groups and daily Mass. Afternoons are free choice with opportunities to attend concerts, the central expo there, question-and-answer sessions, or hear international speakers. Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation will be available daily as well.

The World Youth Day event will culminate in a pilgrim walk on Aug. 21, beginning at the Almudena Cathedral in the heart of Madrid. The throngs of Catholic youth will

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J.D. Kimes, a senior at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne and World Youth Day hopeful, poses with the Dodge Caravan that is one choice of two vehicles being raffled off to raise funds for pilgrims traveling to Madrid, Spain for World Youth Day in 2011 who are in financial need.

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MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR CANONIZATION OF ST. ANDRE BESSETTE



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Above, Cardinal Marc Ouellet of Quebec arrives at Santa Andrea della Valle Church in Rome Oct. 18 for a Mass of thanksgiving for the canonization of Canadian St. André Bessette. The Canadian was among six people proclaimed saints by Pope Benedict XVI a day earlier at the Vatican. At right, a woman at Santa Andrea della Valle Church in Rome carries an image of St. André Bessette during the Oct. 18 Mass of thanksgiving for his canonization.



Pilgrims flock to Vatican for new saints

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Each of the thousands of pilgrims who flocked to St. Peter's Square Oct. 17 had a special reason for being there.

Ricky Peterson, a 50-year-old man from Kansas City, Kan., credits the intercession of Australia's first saint, Mother Mary MacKillop, with healing him of Parkinson's disease 27 months ago. Before traveling to Australia in 2008, he said he had read about Blessed MacKillop and prayed that she would be "a travel guide for the World Youth Day pilgrims" he and his wife brought to Sydney.

Visiting her grave in Sydney July 18, 2008, "I prayed, 'Lord, I've asked Mary to pray with me. I'd love nothing more than to leave this disease and the tremors buried in the soil with Mary, if it is Your will.'"

"We had a 10-minute walk back to the train and it was on the train that I realized the tremor was gone," he told Catholic News Service Oct. 17 in St. Peter's Square.

Peterson said his doctor now thinks the Parkinson's diagnosis was wrong, "but I know I've been healed."

Peterson has been in contact with the Sisters of St. Joseph, the order founded by St. MacKillop, but an earlier healing of an Australian woman was the mira-

cle used in St. MacKillop's canonization cause.

Canadian St. André Bessette, the Holy Cross brother also canonized Oct. 17, had a reputation as a healer.

Diane Guillemette from Montreal said that when her mother was 16 years old "she had a problem with her ear and she went to Brother André and he healed her."

Guillemette, a member of the Pilgrims of St. Michael, a lay missionary movement, said that for her, "Brother Andre is an example of patience, humility and love of work."

Sylvia Nazon, a New Yorker now living in Paris, also came to Rome to celebrate St. Bessette.

"He was so humble, a wonderful servant of the Lord and even more devoted to St. Joseph than I am," she said. "I love St. Joseph and I took him as a stepfather for my children when their father died."

Nazon said she ran across Brother André while searching the Internet for information about devotions to St. Joseph. "We just got to know each other in April and I just decided to come to Rome for the canonization."

Those devoted to Brother André gathered Oct. 16 in Rome's Basilica of St. Andrew for a prayer vigil, and among the pilgrims who packed the church to overflowing was Pierre Homere Belizaire, a young man from Plaisance, Haiti. "I like Brother André for his simplicity,"

he said, before finding a place to pray.

Holy Cross Father David L. Guffey, director of film, television and video for Family Theater Productions, was with 150 members of the U.S. Holy Cross Family Ministries' pilgrimage. He now lives in Santa Monica, Calif., but was the director of Andre House, a soup kitchen in Phoenix, Ariz., in 1990-96.

Father Guffey said St. Bessette is a constant reminder "that the simplest act of welcome and hospitality means so much to people."

In addition to prayer vigils around Rome Oct. 16 in honor of the six men and women who were about to be declared saints, the Vatican Museums and the Australian Embassy to the Holy See organized an evening of aboriginal art, music and dance at the museums Oct. 15.

The event included the opening of an exhibit, "Rituals of Life," featuring objects used in aboriginal cultural rites, as well as performances by dancers and musicians from New South Wales and the Torres Strait and a concert by William Barton, one of Australia's best-known didgeridoo players. The didgeridoo is a long, wooden wind instrument.

The Australian government also parked a consulate camper near St. Peter's Square to assist pilgrims during the days surrounding the canonization.

Kevin Rudd, Australia's foreign minister, visited the camper

and met with Australian pilgrims Oct. 16. He told them, "This is all about a singular woman's life."

"This is an unconstrained celebration of something that is purely good," he said. "It's not just a line. When you read this woman's life you see she did more good than all of us together. She is a woman of guts, courage and determination."

The Australian pilgrims who gathered by the camper consistently pointed to St. MacKillop's determination to minister to Catholics in Australia's remote outback, even when some bishops tried to impose a more traditional way of life on her community.

"She came to Rome to fight for a rule that was very unusual for her time," said St. Joseph Sister Anne Derwin, the congregational leader. "Our aim is to be very ordinary women out among the people," just as St. MacKillop was, she said.

Peter Haynes, 26, is an Australian living in England who came to Rome for the canonization.

He said he studied St. MacKillop in primary school and is impressed by the fact that "she started from nothing and made something out of it. And her legacy continues today. That's something."

His mother, Helen Haynes, came from Australia for the event. She said she's impressed at how "she stood up for what she believed in, even as a woman in front of bishops."

As miners are rescued, Chileans unite in prayer

COPIAPO, Chile (CNS) — As miners were pulled one-by-one Oct. 13 from the tunnel in the San Jose mine in Copiapo, celebrations of thanksgiving replaced the round-the-clock vigils and special Masses appealing for the men's safety.

Many of the miners, who had last been above ground Aug. 5, came out of their rescue capsule making some gesture to God, kneeling in prayer, crossing themselves and voicing prayers.

"By their witness of unity and solidarity, these 33 brothers have united all Chileans," said a statement issued by the standing committee of Chile's Catholic bishops the day after the rescue operation was completed.

"Their strength and hope invites us to work together as a society to 'rescue' so many brothers who suffer from poverty and marginalization, looking to make Chile 'a table for everyone,'" the Oct. 14 statement said.

Among the thousands of people waiting at Camp Hope outside the mine in the daylong culmination of a two-month rescue effort, Bishop Gaspar Quintana Jorquera of Copiapo spent time with miners' families, sharing in celebrations with those already out of the mine and encouraging those awaiting their loved ones' return. The bishop also celebrated Mass at the camp, asking God's protection for the miners, seeking guidance for the rescue and offering thanks for all those involved in the effort.

Masses and prayer services of thanksgiving near the mine and around the country quickly replaced the Masses and prayer services of the previous days that were focused on asking for protection for the miners and for the success of the rescue effort.

An image of Our Lady of Candelaria, patron of Chile's miners, which had been a fixture at Camp Hope, was to be moved



CNS PHOTO/REUTERS

Rescued miner Carlos Mamani receives Communion during a Mass of thanksgiving held at the San Jose mine near Copiapo, Chile, Oct. 17. Some of the 33 miners who were rescued last week after 69 days trapped underground returned to the site of their rescue for the service.

back to its place in Candelaria Church in Copiapo in a procession Oct. 14.

At a Mass that began late Oct. 12, as the first miner was being brought to the surface, Santiago Auxiliary Bishop Cristian Contreras Villarroel said the lives of the 33 miners should be seen as a sign of the need all people have for redemption.

"There is no saint without a past, nor sinner without a future," he reminded the congregation in El Sagrario chapel next to Santiago's Metropolitan Cathedral.

In a daylong drama watched worldwide on television and the Internet, miners were raised to the surface one at a time from the tunnel where they were trapped in a collapse of the mine Aug. 5. Family members, medical personnel, politicians, reporters and well-wishers were there to meet each man as he left the capsule that drew him to the surface.

The bishops' standing committee expressed the "immense joy and thanks to God" for the rescue

of the "33 miner brothers," and noted that it had been a time of prayers from millions of people around the world, in particular Pope Benedict XVI, who showed special concern.

"We are happy to see and hear our brother miners, their loved ones, the authorities and people throughout Chile thanking God for this gift, for this miracle with which we have been blessed," the bishops said. They also expressed their appreciation for the "admirable efforts of technicians, professionals, laborers, countrymen and foreigners, who have contributed to the preparation for and execution of the rescue."

They said they would continue to pray for the miners and their families, that "this re-encounter with life will be an opportunity for them and for all of us to appreciate the most precious things we have, life, dignity as children of God, faith, the treasure of family, the value of work justly compensated and in secure and dignified conditions."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. — Mass celebrating the 150th Anniversary of St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Columbia City
- Sunday, Oct. 24, 4 p.m. — "Ask the Bishop" Session and Mass at FaithFest, Lakeview High School, Warsaw
- Monday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m. — Mass, St. John the Baptist Church, South Bend
- Tuesday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m. — Blessing of Women's Care Center, Mishawaka
- Tuesday, Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m. — St. Luke Mass for Health Care Workers, followed by lecture, Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame
- Wednesday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m. — Meeting of Hispanic Apostolate, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m. — Dinner and meeting with Diocesan Review Board, Ramada Inn, Warsaw
- Thursday, Oct. 28, 1 p.m. — Meeting with Board of Trustees of the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Oct. 29, 8 a.m. — Mass and Blessing of Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Oct. 30, 4:15 p.m. — Mass, St. Joseph Hospital Chapel, Fort Wayne

Prayer for 'faithful citizenship' before an election

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Here is a suggested prayer before an election, from the U.S. bishops' "Faithful Citizenship" Web site. It was adapted from the 2007 edition of "Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers," published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is copyrighted by the USCCB.

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, state and country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to Your kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear Your word, live Your love, and keep in the ways of Your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and His apostles and guide us to Your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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traverse eight miles to Cuanros Vientos Airfield where they will hold a vigil of prayer, Reconciliation, music and sleep under the stars in anticipation of Pope Benedict XVI's arrival in the morning for a special sendoff Mass.

Registration for the pilgrimage began following an informational meeting held in early spring of this year. The 120 spots were filled by mid summer. And according to Megan Oberhausen, associate director of the Office of Youth Ministry, those participating are expected to raise travel funds by sacrifice, saving and personal

fundraising.

"Part of the pilgrimage starts with sacrifice, both in prayer and in finances," says Oberhausen, who asks the teens to consider giving up simple things like their morning Starbucks coffee to increase their pilgrimage saving. Personal fundraising, including bake and garage sales and special school activities will vary across the diocese. "It's different for some in low economic areas," she reports, adding, "It's so hard."

In an effort to assist the youth who make a good faith effort to raise the needed \$3,400 for the once-in-a-life-time trip, the youth ministry, in collaboration with Bishop Rhoades, Dr. Mark Myers, superintendent of Catholic schools, and Fred Tone, former principal of Bishop Dwenger High School, a car raffle was created. With generous support from Glenbrook

Car raffle tickets, available for \$50 each, may be purchased at all diocesan parishes, the Cathedral Bookstore, Fort Wayne, or by calling the Office of Youth Ministry at (260) 422-4611.

Dodge Hyundai, the car raffle offers the choice of a new Dodge Caravan or Hyundai Sonata for \$50 per ticket. Only 5,000 tickets were printed for sale.

The raffle opens yet another fundraising avenue and all money collected will be placed in a general fund that will be used to assist any teen from across the diocese who requires additional financial support.

The raffle, says Oberhausen, is not just a chance to win a car. "It's an opportunity to not just raise money, but to create and build a culture of World Youth Day in our diocese. We've seen the fruit from past WYD events. Some of our young priests have said they felt the call or were affirmed in their vocation at WYD," she says, adding that many who attended past WYD events are now serving in "incredible capacities."

"The whole diocese will benefit from this pilgrimage," she says. "The raffle is an investment in a young person, in our diocese and our Church."

One young person, J.D. Kimes, a senior at Bishop Dwenger High School and parishioner at Queen of Angels Parish in Fort Wayne, is working diligently to raise the necessary funds to travel to Spain. Money saved from mowing and other jobs is mounting, yet Kimes knows he has a long way to go to reach his goal. As for the car raffle he says, "It's a good deal. Even if you don't win you're still supporting the program."

He and other pilgrims will be selling raffle tickets at Bishop Dwenger football games. "My dream is to get close enough to the pope to get a good picture of him," says Kimes, who is currently discerning his vocation.

As J.D. Kimes says, "If you want to help, pray for us. That's most important. And any donation will help too. We need a penny and a prayer!"

Muslim scholars address synod, say Middle East needs Christians

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Two Muslim scholars, a Sunni and a Shiite, told the Synod of Bishops for the Middle East that Islam promotes respect for Christians and Jews and that the entire Middle East will suffer if Christians vanish from the region.

Pope Benedict XVI invited two Muslim religious scholars to address the synod Oct. 14: the Sunni, Muhammad al-Sammak, adviser to the chief mufti of Lebanon and secretary general of Lebanon's Christian-Muslim Committee for Dialogue; and the Shiite, Ayatollah Seyed Mostafa Mohaghegh Damad Ahmadabadi, a professor at Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran.

Al-Sammak told the synod that Christians are not the only people suffering in the Middle East and they are not the only segment of the population tempted to emigrate.

"We share our sufferings. We live them in our social and political delays, in our economic and developmental regression, in our religious and confessional tension," he said.

At the same time, the Lebanese told the synod, the "new and accidental phenomenon" of Christians being targeted because of their faith is dangerous, and not just for Christians.

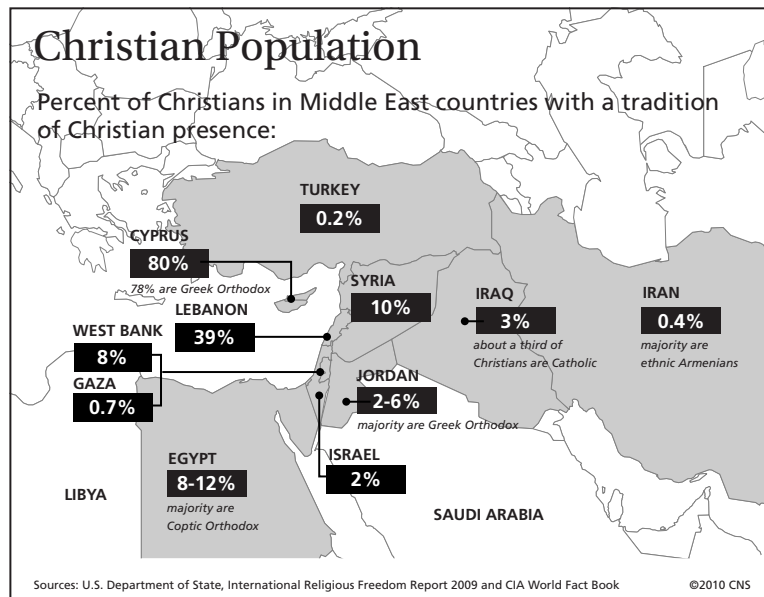
By attacking Christians, he said, misguided, fundamentalist, politically manipulated Muslims are tearing apart the fabric of Middle Eastern societies where Jews, Christians and Muslims lived side by side for centuries.

They also are showing "Islam in a different light than the one it truly reflects" and working against one of the fundamental teachings of Islam: the teaching that differences among people are the result of God's design and part of God's will for humanity, al-Sammak said.

The emigration of Christians makes it difficult for the rest of the region's Arabs to live their identity fully, he said.

"They (Christians) are an integral part of the cultural, literary and scientific formation of Islamic civilization. They are also the pioneers of modern Arabic renaissance and have safeguarded its language, the language of the holy Quran," he added.

Al-Sammak told the bishops he hoped the synod would be "something more than the cry of Christian suffering which echoes



in this valley of pain," which is the Middle East.

He said he hoped the synod would mark the beginning of "Islamic-Christian cooperation that can protect Christians and watch over Islamic-Christian relations, so that the East — the place of divine revelation — remains worthy of raising the banner of faith, charity and peace for itself and for the entire world."

Ayatollah Mohaghegh Damad told the synod that the Quran's view of Christian-Muslim relations is one of "friendship, respect and mutual understanding," even though there have been "dark moments" in the relationship over the past 1,400 years.

However, he said, the "illegitimate acts of certain individuals and groups" should not be attributed to the religion to which they belong, whether it's blaming Christianity for the action of Christians or blaming Islam for the actions of Muslims.

In Iran and most other Muslim countries, he said, "Christians live side by side and in peace with their Muslim brothers. They enjoy all the legal rights like other citizens and perform their religious practices freely."

He told the synod that leaders of all religions must recognize that their people no longer live cut off from believers of other faiths, and religious leaders have an obligation to help their faithful understand the respect that is due the other.

The ideal, he said, "would be the state where believers of any faith freely and without any apprehension, fear and obligation could live according to the basic principles and modes of their own customs and traditions. This right, which is universally recognized,

should in fact be practiced by states and communities."

Meeting reporters before speaking at the synod, the two Muslim scholars responded to several questions regarding freedom of worship and conscience in Muslim-majority countries.

Al-Sammak said the ancient Muslim practice of inflicting harsh punishment on Muslims who converted is a legacy from a time "when changing religions meant joining the enemy; it was punished as an act of treason."

While some Muslims today think converts should be punished, al-Sammak said the "golden rule" of Islam is that "there is no compulsion in religion, that's what the Quran says."

The ayatollah said, "You are free to choose any religion in your heart, because religion is a very, very private matter for everybody, but conversion means something else."

When journalists tried to push him to clarify, he said publicly announcing that you are no longer a member of your original faith group is an act of unacceptable "propaganda."

Al-Sammak also told reporters that the emigration of Christians from the Middle East is an expression of a "lack of democracy, a lack of freedom" in the region and not the result of religiously motivated pressure from Muslims.

As for the dire situation of Christians in Iraq, al-Sammak said they unwittingly were caught in the middle of a struggle for power that has pitted Sunni Muslims against Shiite Muslims.

"Christians of Iraq are not — and I underline not — part of that conflict," he said, but "they are caught in the middle of the conflict and they are paying the price for it."

In addition, he said, while "Christians of Iraq had nothing to do with the invasion, they didn't call for the Americans to come to Iraq, they didn't ask for American protection, and yet they are sometimes treated as if they are part of the American invasion of Iraq."

Pope unveils new agency to promote 'new evangelization'

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI unveiled a new Vatican agency to promote "new evangelization" and assigned it the task of combating the "de-Christianization" of countries that were first evangelized centuries ago.

In an apostolic letter released Oct. 12, the pope warned of a progressive detachment from religious faith, especially in countries marked by scientific and economic progress. The new council, he said, will encourage a clearer understanding of the faith and help "remake the Christian fabric of human society."

One of the specific tasks of the agency, called the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, will be to favor the use of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the pope said.

Speaking at a news conference the same day, the president of the council, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, said missionary activity in modern societies requires a systematic effort against "the lack of awareness of the basic contents of the faith" among many Catholics.

"We need to avoid, above all, that 'new evangelization' comes across like an abstract formula. We need to fill this idea with theological and pastoral content, and we'll do it on the strength of the magisterium of these last decades," he said.

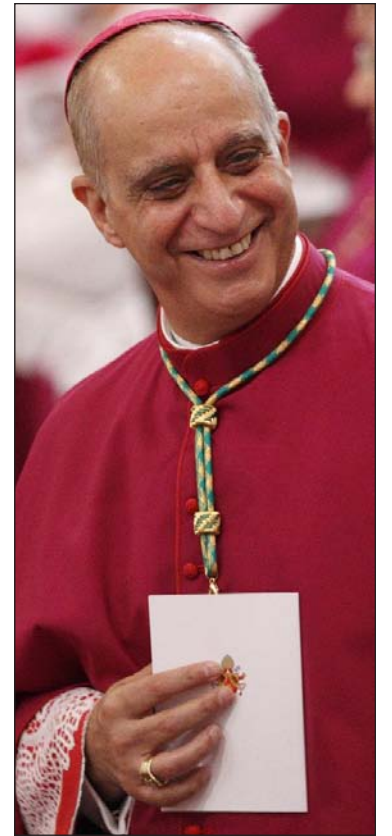
The archbishop said the council would work closely with modern communications media — an explicit request of the pope — and that the council's staff would operate in several languages.

In his apostolic letter, which was released only in Italian and Latin, the pope identified a variety of factors in the weakening of religious faith in the West:

advances in science and technology; the widening of individual freedom and lifestyle choices; profound economic changes; the mixing of cultures and ethnic groups brought about by migration; and the growing interdependence among peoples.

While such changes have brought about benefits for many people, they have often been accompanied by "a worrisome loss of the sense of the sacred," he said.

This erosion of religious values has led to a questioning of fundamental truths that once formed the basis of human society, such as "faith in God the creator, the revelation of Jesus Christ as the unique savior, and the shared understanding of such fundamental experiences of man



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Italian Archbishop Rino Fisichella is seen before an evening prayer service led by Pope Benedict XVI at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome in this June 28, 2010, file photo. Archbishop Fisichella, former head of the Pontifical Academy for Life, is now president of the newly created Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. Its task is to combat the "de-Christianization" of countries that were first evangelized centuries ago.

as living, dying and living in a family," he said.

Although some have hailed these changes as a liberation, the pope said, others have seen that an "interior desert" is formed when people try to live without such essential values.

He said the new pontifical council will address these expressions of religious indifference, which he said today were more worrisome than "declared atheism."

The pope added that the situations were different in each country, so a "single formula" of new evangelization is impractical.

In some traditionally Christian countries, he said, the faith still shows vitality; in others it shows signs of weakness; and some areas, unfortunately, have become "almost completely de-Christianized." He asked the pontifical council to work closely with local bishops' conferences to promote evangelization strategies.

'To protect the faithful in the future'

Diocese has been found to be in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

BY VINCE LABARBERA
AND TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — What began for Cathie Cicchiello, safe environment coordinator, three-and-one-half years ago as a part-time job at the request of Bishop John M. D'Arcy to "always make sure we're ready for the annual audit" has led to "a lot of work" for Cicchiello and more than 100 other individuals in the diocese. But work well worth the time and effort involved, she added.

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People — the Statement of Episcopal Commitment developed in Dallas, Texas, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 2002 — defines the scope of that work. The document consists of 17 articles and is titled "Promise to Protect Pledge to Heal." It is revised every five years by the USCCB.

In its preamble, the document states: "To make effective our goals of a safe environment within the Church for children and young people and of preventing sexual abuse of minors by clergy in the future, we, the members of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, have outlined in this Charter a series of practical and pastoral steps, and we commit ourselves to taking them in our dioceses and eparchies."

Articles 1-7 of the charter deal with healing and reconciliation with victims and survivors of sexual abuse of minors. "This is an area involving Bishop Kevin Rhoades, Msgr. Robert Schulte and Mary Glowaski, victim assistant coordinator, of our diocese," Cicchiello said. Articles 8-11 cover the accountability of procedures of

the whole Church at both the local and national (USCCB) level. Mari Raatz, secretary, Office of the Vicar General and Chancellor, handles the voluminous paperwork involved with the annual audit, she continued. And Articles 14-17 specifically reference seminarians, clergy and other religious.

Cicchiello, with the assistance of Janice Martin, administrative and catechetical assistant, Office of Catechesis, is responsible for Articles 12 and 13 of the Charter: To maintain safe environment programs "in accord with Catholic moral principles" in cooperation with parents, civil authorities, edu-

cators and community organizations. Specifically, this means providing education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, volunteers and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children and young people.

In Article 13, "dioceses/eparchies are to evaluate the background of all incardinated and non-incardinated priests and deacons who are engaged in ecclesiastical ministry ... and of all diocesan/eparchial and parish/school or other paid personnel and volunteers whose duties include ongoing, unsupervised contact with minors." Dioceses are to utilize the resources of law enforcement and other community agencies.

"Our diocese conducts 4,000 to 5,000 background screenings a year," said Cicchiello. There are also re-screenings every five years of diocesan employees and volunteers still in contact with minors, she added. There are a total of 130 screeners in the diocese, also working/volunteering at parishes and schools as secretaries, directors of religious education, principals, catechists and teachers, she related.

Here's what happens, related Cicchiello, when someone, a parent, for example, initially agrees to drive their child and others on a school field trip:

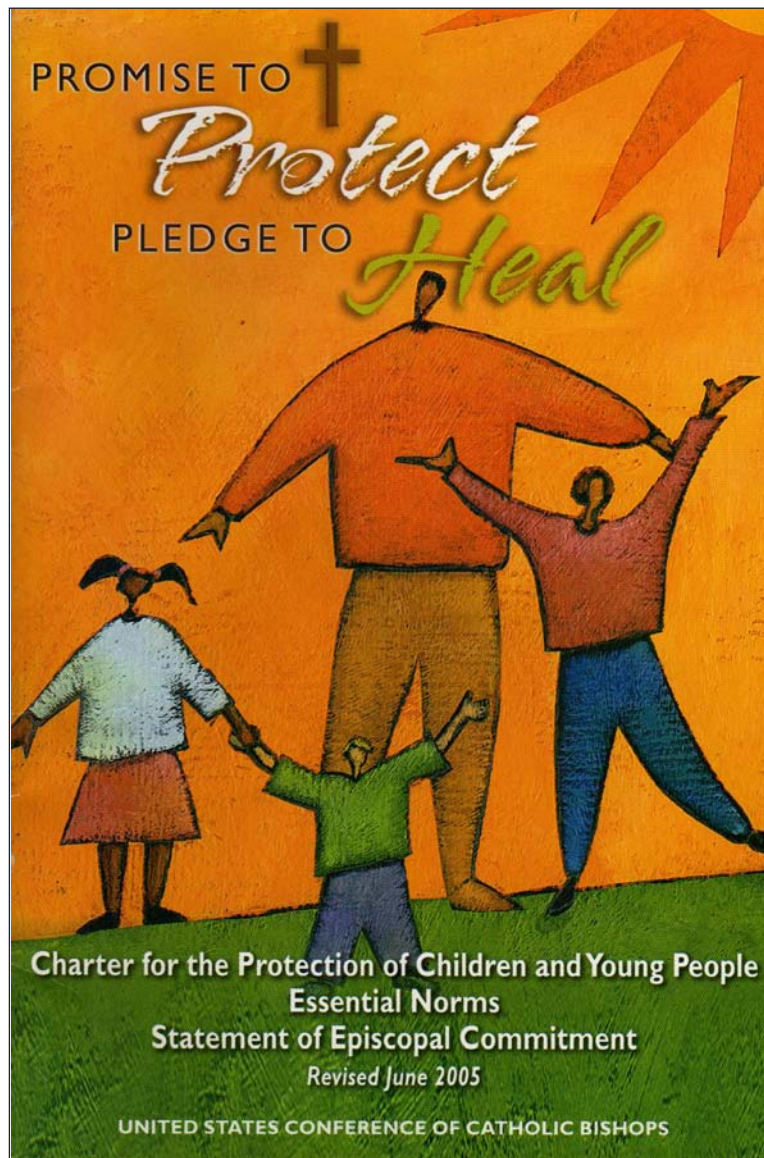
- The person is interviewed, asked to sign a permission slip okaying a background check and to give references;
- Two Web sites for the State of Indiana are consulted for criminal background checks;
- If the person ever lived outside of Indiana, a national background check is made;
- The individual is asked to read a safe environment educational training manual and view a related DVD,

again signing his or her name assuring the diocese of the completion of the assignment.

"Oftentimes people object to all that is involved — just to drive on a field trip," Cicchiello said. But the diocese is serious about protecting children and young people, she related.

There also is a yearly, age-appropriate program for children in preschool through grade 8, Cicchiello explained, which encourages them to identify and contact a trusted adult if approached in a questionable or unsafe manner by someone.

To ensure accountability and



achievement of the goals of the charter, all dioceses/eparchies are audited annually, consisting of a self-audit or independent compliance audits, both on site and off site. This year, the diocese was scheduled for an on-site audit, done once every three years. The diocese had the option, said Msgr. Schulte, to also include parishes and school visits in the audit, and the diocese agreed to participate. Four parishes and schools were selected, and the audit team, The Gavin Group, Inc., of Winthrop, Mass., randomly selected another four, he said. The visits represented urban and rural locations throughout the diocese.

The on-site audit was conducted in late August and early September this year. Based on the

analysis of the results, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has been found to be in compliance with the charter, Bishop Rhoades was told in a letter dated Sept. 30. "The conclusions reached as to the compliance of your diocese with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People are based on the completeness and accuracy of the information furnished by the diocese to The Gavin Group, Inc. during the course of this audit," the report concluded.

"All in all, again it's a lot of work," Cicchiello repeated, "especially when you don't know who you may have saved in the long run. It's like a prevention program."

But despite not knowing, "it is important we keep everyone

encouraged and inspired," Cicchiello concluded, "because we love children and care about their welfare."

Raatz, from the vicar general's and chancellor's office, has worked on the USCCB Compliance Audit for the Protection of Children and Young people since the audits first began in 2003.

The recent on-site audit required Raatz to complete 17 pages and additional chart pages of a report called the audit instrument that was submitted two weeks before the auditors arrived in the diocese.

Careful recordkeeping is important in the written report as well as answering auditors' questions at the on-site audits.

Raatz arranged interviews of the auditors with members of the diocesan review board, priests, parishes and schools and diocesan department heads.

"It's a lot of work to put it together," Raatz said, "and it's a little more work when there is an onsite audit."

But Raatz understands the importance of these audits and it is good for the Church.

Glowaski, the victim's assistance coordinator, works directly with the survivor and has regular contact with many of them.

Glowaski said, "I facilitate and help survivors when they are seeking counseling, need help with medication costs or would like to speak with someone from the diocese."

Because many of the abuse cases occurred in the 1970s, many survivors live outside the area.

Glowaski is the face of the diocese to the survivor. "Probably the most important thing I do," she said, "is communicate the deep care and concern of our bishop and of our diocese for those who are survivors of abuse."

The results of the audit show that it is important to report abuse whether it was 50 years ago or last week. To make a report in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, call Mary Glowaski's direct and confidential line at (260) 399-1458.

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Pope tells seminarians abuse crisis cannot discredit priestly mission

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a letter to the world's seminarians, Pope Benedict XVI said that in the face of widespread religious indifference and the recent moral failings of clergy, the world needs priests and pastors who can serve God and bring God to others. The pope encouraged seminarians to overcome any doubts about the value of the priesthood and priestly celibacy that may have been prompted by priests who "disfigured" their ministry by sexually abusing children. He said that "even the most reprehensible abuse cannot discredit the priestly mission." The papal letter, released at the Vatican Oct. 18, was an unexpected postscript to the Year for Priests, which ended in June. The text began on a remarkably personal note, with the pope recalling the development of his own vocation during World War II. "When in December 1944 I was drafted for military service, the company commander asked each of us what we planned to do in the future. I answered that I wanted to become a Catholic priest. The lieutenant replied: 'Then you ought to look for something else. In the new Germany priests are no longer needed,'" the pope recalled. "I knew that this 'new Germany' was already coming to an end, and that, after the enormous devastation which that madness had brought upon the country, priests would be needed more than ever," he wrote. Today, he said, many people are no longer aware of God and instead seek escape in euphoria and violence. The priesthood is again viewed as outmoded, yet priestly ministry is crucial in helping people see God's presence in the world, he said.

Omaha association of hermits suppressed after lay board rejects reforms

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) — Saying that the step was necessary to "guard the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church," Archbishop George J. Lucas of Omaha has suppressed a public association of hermits in his archdiocese and dismissed its 48 vowed members from religious life. "From this point forward, the Intercossors of the Lamb Inc. is in no way associated with the Catholic Church," the archbishop said in an Oct. 15 letter. "Catholic faithful worldwide should be aware that any alms given to the Intercossors of the Lamb Inc. are not being given to a Catholic organization." A news release from the Archdiocese of Omaha said a majority of the lay board that had guided the finances of the Association of the Hermit Intercossors of the Lamb had "impeded (the archbishop) from helping the association accomplish the necessary reforms identified by a recent canonical visitation." Archbishop Lucas also said: "For reasons that they have refused

NEWS BRIEFS

SEEKS TREATMENT FOR MALNOURISHED CHILD IN NIGERIA



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A mother seeks treatment for her malnourished child at Our Lady of Apostles Hospital in Akwanga, Nigeria, Sept. 2. In his message for World Food Day, Pope Benedict XVI said persistent world hunger calls for international reforms that focus on long-term solutions as well as short-term emergency food aid.

to share with me, the board of directors does not want to work with the Church to implement the necessary reforms." Among the problems uncovered during the visitation by Jesuit Father James J. Conn, a canon law professor at Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, were "serious disunity within the community; widespread dissatisfaction with leadership; lack of safe environment policies; questionable financial practices; ... use of intimidation tactics to secure obedience from members;" and "illegitimate and irreverent custody of the Blessed Sacrament," the news release said.

American priest who co-founded Missionary of Charity Fathers dies

TIJUANA, Mexico (CNS) — Father Joseph M. Langford, who co-founded the Missionary of Charity Fathers with Blessed Teresa of Calcutta in 1984, died early Oct. 14 of a heart attack. He was 59. Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, a member of the order serving at the order's motherhouse in Tijuana said Father Langford's sudden death came as a surprise. "He had stomach pain the day before, but it wasn't that bad. The doctor found everything normal. A few hours later this happened," Father Kolodiejchuk told Catholic News

Service. The order was founded to provide priestly service to the poorest of the poor, spiritual assistance to the Missionaries of Charity and to spread Mother Teresa's spirituality and mission. Originally based in the South Bronx in New York, the order moved its motherhouse to Tijuana, Mexico, in 1988. A native of Toledo, Ohio, Father Langford was ordained a priest of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary in 1978 in Rome. He was inspired to join in Mother Teresa's work after reading about her ministry in Malcolm Muggeridge's "Something Beautiful for God." After completing studies, Father Langford volunteered at a Missionaries of Charity shelter for indigent people in Rome. After his ordination, he began to wonder why there was no branch of the order for priests, according to a press release from the Archdiocese of Tijuana. When he told Blessed Mother Teresa about his concern, she asked him not to tell anyone, saying only "if this is from God, he will give it (to you)," the statement said.

Christian girls targeted for violence in Pakistan, Vatican agency says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Christian community in Pakistan was in shock at increasing episodes of violence and abuse targeted at

young Christian girls, according to Fides, a Vatican missionary agency. Two of the most recent cases involved brutal violence against two Christian girls, Kiran Nayyaz and one identified as Lubna, Fides reported Oct. 14. Lubna, 12, was abducted, raped and murdered by a group of Muslims, and Kiran, 13, became pregnant after being raped by a young Muslim. Regrettably, these stories are just "the tip of the iceberg," Fides said. Episodes of violent abuse are "part of daily life" in Pakistan and growing in number against Christian and Hindu girls, said Fides. The agency said Christians are targeted because they are considered on a lower social level, and often abductions of young girls involve intent to force marriage and religious conversion or to trap them into prostitution rings. The Christian Lawyers Foundation and some nongovernmental organizations have come to the aid of Lubna's parents, who are "terrified" and have yet to press charges, said Fides. Kiran is currently under the protection of the local Catholic Church in Faisalabad. With help from the Diocese of Faisalabad, she recently submitted a formal complaint to authorities, six months after the rape. "The family is traumatized and the entire Catholic community fears reprisals," said Father Khalid Rashid Asi, vicar general of the diocese.

Synod hears repeated calls for common Christian Easter date

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — At a synod concerned primarily about peace and the continued presence of Christians in the Holy Land, one of the suggestions made repeatedly was that Catholics, Protestants, Anglicans and Orthodox finally celebrate Easter together each year. "We truly hope for the unification of the Easter holiday with the Orthodox churches," Latin-rite Auxiliary Bishop William H. Shomali of Jerusalem told the Synod of Bishops for the Middle East Oct. 14. Celebrating Easter on the same day also implies observing Lent together, he said, which would give Catholics of the East and West an opportunity to witness together to their disciplines of Lenten fasting and abstinence. "Just as fasting is a respected aspect of Islam and Judaism, we hope that Catholics of the Eastern and Latin Rites unify their way of fasting. This would be a positive sign for Christians and also for non-Christians," Bishop Shomali said. The hope for a common Easter date was not mentioned in many of the formal speeches of synod members, but according to the English-language synod press briefer, it came up repeatedly in the hour of free discussion in the synod hall each evening. For more than 15 years, the official position of the Vatican has been that it would endorse a universally accepted plan to fix a date for Easter for all Christians. The Middle East Council of Churches has been a leading promoter of a common Easter date, particularly in view of the fact that Christians are such a small minority throughout the region.

Pope names Chicago auxiliary bishop to head San Antonio Archdiocese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Auxiliary Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of Chicago to head the Archdiocese of San Antonio. His appointment was publicized in Washington Oct. 14 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Archbishop Garcia-Siller succeeds Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, who was named coadjutor archbishop of Los Angeles in April. His installation as archbishop of San Antonio is scheduled for Nov. 23. A native of Mexico, the new archbishop is one of 26 active Hispanic Catholic bishops in the United States. He has been an auxiliary bishop for Chicago since 2003. A member of the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, he also is a former superior of his order's Christ the Priest Province, which covers the United States and Canada.

Bishop Dwenger's Music Boosters to host Summit Show Choir Invitational

FORT WAYNE — All the excitement and entertainment of Show Choir competition is coming to Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne on Nov. 6, as it plays host to multiple top-notch show choirs, solo and ensemble groups from within the tri-state area.

Participants will be performing a wide range of musical styles and precision choreographies. The choirs perform during the day for trophies in the categories of best choir, best vocals, best choreography, best band, best crew and best individual performance with a choir. The top five groups from the afternoon competition will perform again in the night show for grand champion honors. Bishop Dwenger's Summit Sound and Elegance choirs will also perform in exhibition.

Morning or evening performances cost \$8 for a half day or the entire day of entertainment for only \$12. Children 5 and under are free. All proceeds from this exciting choir event will benefit the Bishop Dwenger music education programs. Doors open in the morning at 7 a.m. Day shows will run 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and finals will begin at 7 p.m.

For additional information on the Bishop Dwenger Summit Show Choir Invitational contact committee members Kim McDonald, (260) 466-9067, Kip Amstutz, (260) 493-8874; or Richard Porfilio, (260) 241-0258.

St. Anthony School seeks alumni for 60th anniversary celebration

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School will be celebrating its 60th anniversary and would like to invite all alumni to participate in upcoming calendar of events, including an end-of-school-year reunion dance.

Graduates of St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School are asked to visit the alumni Web site at www.stanthony.org/new/Alumni/index.php. Registration on the alumni Web site will allow connection with past classmates and ensure receipt of future newsletters and information on upcoming events. On the Web site is an update form that can be filled out.

Registration may also be done by contacting the school at (574) 233-7169.

Richard Doerflinger to receive first Evangelium Vitae Medal

NOTRE DAME — Richard Doerflinger, associate director of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Secretariat for Pro Life Activities, will receive the University of Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life Evangelium Vitae Medal.

According to David Solomon, chair of the fund's governing com-

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL CELEBRATES WE CARE WEEK



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The students at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne celebrated We Care Week, Oct. 4-8, with fundraising activities to benefit Ava Maria House, this year's chosen charity.

The students participated in "bill battles" in which coins and bills were collected, a sucker sale and a dress down day. Students, teachers and staff capped the week off by wearing their new "Catch the Spirit" T-shirts, highlighting the school's new bullying prevention program, at an all-school assembly where Ave Maria House received \$6,000.

mittee and William P. and Hazel B. White Director of the Center for Ethics and Culture, "the fund is establishing the annual Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal to honor individuals whose outstanding efforts have served to proclaim the Gospel of Life by steadfastly affirming and defending the sanctity of human life from its earliest stages. Richard Doerflinger's unwavering commitment and heroic witness to life on Capitol Hill and beyond make him the perfect first recipient."

The Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal, which is announced annually on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday of October, consists of a specially commissioned medal and \$10,000 prize, to be presented at a spring banquet.

A leader in the pro-life movement for more than 30 years, Doerflinger has been involved in every life issue, including embryo research, abortion, physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, at the highest levels in federal and state governments. His efforts were integral to the conception, passage and continued vitality of parental notification and consent, unborn victims of violence, and born-alive infant protection laws, partial birth abortion bans, conscience protections, the Weldon Amendment (which prevents patenting of human embryos), and abortion funding restrictions, such as the Hyde Amendment and the Mexico City

Policy. He also was instrumental in the ultimately unsuccessful campaign to protect the unborn in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Timber raising and wind turbine installed at the PHJC Ministry Center

DONALDSON — The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ along with the MoonTree Community recently held the timber raising of the MoonTree Lodge and the installation of the wind turbine. The timber raising and installation were held on Oct. 21 at the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry Center complex at 9600 Union Rd. in Donaldson.

MoonTree Community is a Poor Handmaid ministry whose mission is art, spirituality and ecology.

The project consists of three separate buildings that will each target Gold Level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification: A two-story lodge for staff residence, a gallery with studios for clay, painting and textiles, and a shop studio for wood and metal arts.

A Bergey wind turbine was also installed Oct. 21. Bergey Windpower is a manufacturer of residential-sized wind turbines. The turbine being installed at the MoonTree site.

With the careful planning and

now the construction of the LEED buildings, solar water heating and wind turbine, the Poor Handmaids live into their values and beliefs in the wise use and care of all resources.

Catholic Charities USA presents Centennial Medal to Plymouth parishioner

PLYMOUTH — Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), the 100-year-old social service network working to reduce poverty in America, has presented its Centennial Medal to Kathleen Flynn Fox of Naples, Fla., and Plymouth. Her volunteer service at local Catholic Charities agencies and on the Catholic Charities USA Board of Trustees exemplifies her commitment to the vision and mission of Catholic Charities USA.

Kathleen Flynn Fox's medal is a testament to over 30 years of dedicated service and advocacy on behalf of those most in need. Since 1980, she has been an avid volunteer working directly with children, promoting children's literacy and supporting programs that help those with special needs. Since 2005, she has volunteered weekly at a literacy program for Head Start Children in Collier County, Fla., working with families who do not speak English.

A graduate of Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, Fox has

shared her business, marketing and communications expertise on the boards of numerous organizations including Catholic Charities USA, the Christ Child Society, Naples, Fla., Catholic Charities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn., the Minnesota Women's Golf Association Foundation and St. Joseph's Home for Children. For the past three years she has served as the chair of Catholic Charities USA's Centennial Steering Committee, guiding the planning and implementation of the historic Centennial Celebration.

She is a member of St. Michael Parish in Plymouth.

USF hosts 'Stories from the Street' on Oct. 28

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host "Stories from the Street," a program by Chicago-based Emmaus Ministries, on Thursday, Oct. 28. Free and open to the public, the performance will be at 6:30 p.m. in Gunderson Auditorium, Achatz Hall, on the University of Saint Francis campus.

The acoustic musical performance will consist of songs and storytelling about a group generally considered by society to be outcast and beyond hope — male prostitutes who work and live on the streets of Chicago. Their powerful, poignant stories will be performed by husband and wife Al and Andi Tauber, a married couple who works at Emmaus Ministries. In addition to their evening performance at the university, the Taubers will visit classes on campus during the day.

Joining the Taubers for the performance will be Nikolas Burkhart, Emmaus Ministries' artist-in-residence. Burkhart will discuss the communal arts program he is developing at Emmaus. Called "KaioArts," the program is designed to encourage those served by Emmaus Ministries to express themselves artistically.

Memorial Mass for Msgr. Lester, Msgr. Wolf

FORT WAYNE — A memorial Mass for Msgrs. J. William Lester and James J. Wolf will be celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. by Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

From 1986-2000, both monsignors served as co-rectors of the cathedral and co-vicar generals/chancellors of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 12:05 p.m., the annual Mass for deceased priests and bishops will be celebrated in the cathedral by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Web address correction

The story about the Franciscan tradition of inviting a Dominican priest to speak on the feast of St. Francis, had an incorrect Web address in the Oct. 17, 2010 issue of *Today's Catholic*. The correct Web address for the Conventual Franciscans is www.franciscans.org.



In this photo from left, are Brother Joe Kamis, assistant Marianist provincial, Brother Bob Jones, Brother Andy Kosmowski and Father Martin Solma, Marianist provincial, at the profession of vows Oct. 2 at Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church in St. Louis, Mo. Brother Jones is a Fort Wayne native.

Saint Joseph's High School named a top 50 Catholic secondary school

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's High School has been named for the fourth consecutive time to the National Catholic High School Honor Roll. The school been recognized as one of the best 50 Catholic secondary schools in the United States.

The Honor Roll is an independent project of the Acton Institute, an international research and educational organization. The release of the list on Oct. 15, states, "The purpose of the Honor Roll is to recognize and encourage excellence in Catholic secondary education. It is a critical resource for parents and educators that distinguishes those schools that excel in three categories: Academic excellence, Catholic identity and civic education."

The selection of the top 50 is determined by an advisory board comprised of Catholic college presidents and scholars. Included on the board is Professor Gerard Bradley, professor of law at the University of Notre Dame Law School. Another advisory board member, Bishop David M. O'Connell, coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Trenton and former president of Catholic University of America, said the Honor Roll's evaluation method is indispensable. "Catholic schools must examine themselves on a regular basis using a well-rounded approach that assesses adherence to the Church's educational calling."

Saint Joseph's Principal Susan Richter states, "Being selected as a Top 50 Catholic high school recognizes the excellence for which Saint Joseph's is known. I applaud the students, parents, teachers and staff for their hard work and commitment to Catholic education. This award



reflects the goals which our students and staff strive to achieve on a daily basis and helps to define our success. The three categories judged by the Honor Roll — academic excellence, Catholic identity and civic education — parallel our mission as a Catholic high school. We are blessed to receive this elite honor for the fourth consecutive time. Indeed, the excellence continues for Saint Joseph's High School."

The notification received from the institute states, "The best schools demonstrate a balanced excellence, which includes an active Catholic culture, sound college preparation and integration of Church teachings in all departments. These schools also display sound moral, catechetical and civic formation that prepares students for vocations in the world as political, religious, scientific and business leaders."

School Board President Matt Edmonds commented, "The Honor Roll is an exciting validation of the efforts of our faculty and staff to educate our students while developing their Catholic identity and sense of obligation to their community. Our students continue from Saint Joseph's ready to excel in their personal

development and more importantly be involved and give back to the communities they live in.

"On behalf of the Saint Joseph's High School Board, congratulations and thank you to all who have earned this special recognition for our school family," he noted.

In 2008, the Acton Institute changed the Honor Roll from a yearly to a biennial award. Saint Joseph's High School is gratified that their commitment to Catholic education and the daily dedication to excellence by students, faculty, and staff have made it possible to be named to this highly selective Honor Roll in 2006, 2007, 2008-2009, and once again for 2010-2011.

In recognizing this honor, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades wrote, "Congratulations to Saint Joseph's High School on receiving this special recognition! I am indeed proud of this strong and excellent high school and its commitment to the noble and holy mission of Catholic education. I encourage all to support Saint Joe's and its capital campaign. May the Lord bless the entire Saint Joseph's High School community."

Brother Jones makes perpetual profession of vows as a Marianist

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Fort Wayne native Robert Jones made his final profession of vows as a Marianist brother on Oct. 2 at Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church in St. Louis, Mo. Marianist Provincial Society of Mary. Father Martin Solma presided at the ceremony and Father David McGuigan, Brother Jones' novice director, also participated. Society of Mary Brother Andrew Kosmowski of Buffalo, N.Y., made his vows with Brother Jones.

Brother Jones, 34, graduated from the University of Dayton in 1998 and has served as a math teacher and campus minister in secondary schools. He completed his aspirancy program in San Antonio and professed his first vows in 2007. Brother Jones currently is completing a master's degree at Boston College in pastoral ministry.

"The profession of perpetual vows in the Society of Mary is my response to the immense love of God revealed throughout my life," Brother Jones said. "I find great happiness and joy in taking up Mary's mission of bringing Christ to the world by building communities of faith with members of the Marianist family."

The Society of Mary is an international Catholic religious order of priests and brothers, with more than 500 serving in the Province of the United States.

Members of the Province also serve in Eastern Africa, India, Ireland, Mexico, Nepal and the Philippines. In the United States, the Marianists sponsor three universities, the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, and Chaminade University of Honolulu, as well as 18 high schools, eight parishes and several retreat centers.

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Diocesan philanthropist Richard 'Dick' Doermer dies

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Richard "Dick" Doermer, a Fort Wayne businessman, philanthropist and who served on several diocesan boards, died Oct. 11 in Fort Wayne. He was 87.

A Fort Wayne native, Doermer was born in 1922. He graduated from South Side High School in 1936 and received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Notre Dame.

After serving in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater, Doermer began law school at Cornell University. He returned to Fort Wayne after law school, according to the obituary in the Fort Wayne *Journal Gazette*, and worked as an associate with the firm of Campbell, Livingston, Teeple & Dildine; subsequently becoming a partner with Rothberg, Gallmeyer & Doermer.

Doermer's banking career began in 1956 with the Dime Trust & Savings Bank where he served as director and executive vice president. Becoming president in 1957, he changed the name to Indiana Bank & Trust Company. Through acquisitions, mergers and affiliations, it grew to become Summit Bank (Summcorp). After Summcorp became an affiliate of NBD Bancorp in 1992, he remained chairman and CEO of NBD Fort Wayne until he retired in December of 1993.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, celebrant and homilist at the Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, on Friday, Oct. 15, spoke of how Doermer's devotion to his faith was reflected in his business life: "... Let us ponder for a moment the vocation of the business man, the lawyer, the professional, who lives in the midst of the culture of his time, and strengthened by his faith, refuses to surrender to those things in the economic culture which are base or self-centered — but rather



RICHARD "DICK" DOERMER

chooses to bring light and wisdom to the area of commerce and by his integrity and his generosity changes it from within — and makes of himself a servant of the larger community.

"To learn from our dear friend," Bishop D'Arcy said, "what is the vocation of the businessman, the businesswoman, the professional in the world? It is not to proselytize or convert. It is the transformation of that world from within by living a life of integrity, truthfulness, of care and respect for the dignity of every person by example. By making wealth for others, so they can send their children to college. By participation in the community. To make the life of the world more gentle.

"By transforming the world of commerce, banking, and loans and business so that it is a place of honesty and integrity and generosity," Bishop D'Arcy said. "So that the poor are cared for and so that the children who cannot get a good education are helped to achieve it. So that the homeless are remembered and the hungry are fed. The vocation of the businessman or woman or the professional person in the world, in light of one's faith — to allow faith to influence one's

life."

Doermer served on several boards in the Fort Wayne community and in the diocese.

"The gift of Dick Doermer was his goodness," Bishop D'Arcy told *Today's Catholic* in a statement. "He brought to his life in business a sense of integrity rooted in his strong Catholic faith."

Doermer served as a member of the Finance Council and Investment Committee for the diocese for 20 years.

"If Dick became involved in any endeavor, it took on a dignity and worthiness; and other people were drawn to it. An example of this was our Annual Bishop's Appeal," Bishop D'Arcy said in his statement. "This appeal, the largest per capita of any diocese in the country, became successful in its early days because of the special involvement of two men in the two regions of our diocese.

"In the east, it was Dick Doermer. In the west, it was Art Decio," Bishop D'Arcy added. "Both are legendary in their respective communities for their ethics in business and their generosity to those in need. Because of the respect which they had in their communities, they attracted other like-minded men and women to join this historic effort."

Doermer served on the board of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington. Gregory Erlandson, president of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division and Kyle Hamilton, president of Offertory Solutions Division, released a joint statement: "Since 1990 Dick Doermer was a valued member of the Our Sunday Visitor board of directors. He played a vital role in the growth of the company, and was a trusted advisor on strategic and financial issues. More than that, Dick was the exemplar of the Christian businessman, leading by example both in terms of integrity and in generosity of spirit. Dick believed in giving back to the faith community as well as the civic



TIM JOHNSON

Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy was the homilist at the Mass of Christian Burial for Richard "Dick" Doermer at St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, on Oct. 15.

community from whom he had received so much. We will forever be indebted to him for his counsel and his example. He has left our company, as well as our community, far the richer for his presence, and we will miss him."

Doermer was also a member of the Advisory Council to the Mendoza School of Business at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Carolyn Woo, the Martin J. Gillen Dean and Ray and Milann Siegfried Professor of Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Notre Dame, said, "Dick was a gentle giant and loved with all his heart. Out of his love for Notre Dame, he and 'Weezie' (his wife, Mary Louise) reached out to me with a gift to build the MBA Career Services Center. After the center was built, he and 'Weezie' provided an endowment for operating costs and even offered extra for furnishings.

"They put other people first and used their success and blessings to

uplift others," Woo said. "He was truly a good and loyal servant of the Lord. I will miss him a lot."

Doermer also served on the board of trustees at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. Sister Elise Kriss, president of the university, said, "It was an honor for me to know him. Dick was always true to his faith and a splendid example of the kind of person we'd all like to be. He knew he was blessed and was most willing to give of himself both personally and financially so others could succeed. A great friend to many people, he was a true philanthropist serving on many boards including ours for more than 30 years. We will miss him deeply."

He is survived by son, Richard D. Doermer of Chicago; daughter, Kathryn D. Callen of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Mary Louise (McNabb) Doermer.

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St. Jude Catholic School in Fort Wayne celebrated the importance of reading with a special Literacy Week, Oct. 11-15. The school welcomed Barbara Morrow, an author from Auburn and illustrator Bruce Langton from Granger. Celebrity guest readers, including Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry and other media and diocesan personalities shared a story with students. Students and teachers were encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character.

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ST. ADALBERT CELEBRATES 100TH JUBILEE

St. Adalbert's diversity enriched with active ministries

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — Before St. Stephen Parish merged with St. Adalbert Parish in 2003, the average age at St. Stephen was 24, while the average age at St. Adalbert was 77. Now, seven years after that merger, the new energy sparked by combining the two congregations is reflected in an ever-expanding list of vibrant ministries.

Some of those ministries have been in place for much of the history of the parish, like the Felician Sisters Auxiliary. The role of that auxiliary has been to support the Felician Sisters who taught in the school and served the parish. Currently, two Felician Sisters serve St. Adalbert, Sister Catherine Ryzewicz and Sister Anthony Kubat.

Sister Anthony carries on another of the longtime ministries with outreach to the elderly, homebound and members of the parish who are in nursing homes. She brings the Eucharist to them and assures them that they are still very much a part of the parish, often sharing with them some of the Polish treats she loves to bake. "I bring church to the home," Sister Anthony explained.

After 13 years of this ministry, Sister Anthony said she has learned how much the elderly love their church, a loyalty traced back to the fact that many of the elderly are the children of the Polish immigrants who built the parish. And plenty of these senior citizens remain very active in the parish. The St. Adalbert Harvest House attracts nearly 100 seniors at the monthly Mass and lunch, and parish seniors are the backbone of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Of course, the influx of so many young people into the parish has revived many of the

parish ministries that were common when young Polish families were settling in the parish. A growing religious education program for children in public schools holds classes for 170 children on Saturday and 100 children on Sunday, reported Rita Kopczynski, director of religious education. Some students from the University of Notre Dame assist other volunteers who teach in the program, but the parish needs more bi-lingual volunteer teachers.

A special post-first Communion class is offered to try to keep the child close to the parish and the sacraments, and Kopczynski plans to expand parish religious education by introducing the SPRED (special religious development) program next year, which is designed for religious education of people with special needs.

She noted, however, that adult education also is very important, for some of the parishioners who immigrated to this country did not have access to religious education in their home countries, especially if they lived in small, poor villages. Thus, she said, the level of experience among the Latino parishioners varies greatly, depending on where the person grew up.

Many of the parents of the children who take religious education classes on Saturday attend a Bible study class that is offered while their children are in religious education class. Other Bible study groups include one made up primarily of married couples, who also assist Holy Cross Father Peter Pacini, pastor, with marriage preparation. One group consists of people interested in charismatic prayer, and another grew out of the parish Disciples in Mission retreat.

A parish youth group attracts high school students to a weekly meeting, with a dozen Latino Studies students from Notre Dame assisting in

that program. The young people also participate in activities such as the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., and the youth and children are ready participants in many of the celebrations that reflect the Mexican heritage of most of the young families in the parish. These include the celebrations for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Day of the Dead and Posada, from Dec. 16 to Dec. 24. These celebrations brought to the parish by people of Mexican heritage take their place alongside Polish traditions and celebrations that have gone on for 100 years.

The Confirmation group, which consists of about 100 young people in a wide age range, performs various service projects for the parish, which is very much appreciated by the older parishioners. Kopczynski noted that many of the older parishioners are delighted to see the return of children altar servers to St. Adalbert, a ministry that was revived this year. At first, the children served at just one Mass on a weekend, but when the older parishioners heard about them, they asked why they couldn't also have children serve at the other Masses, and as the program grew, their wish has been granted.

Also in the liturgical ministry area, a small chorus of young people was started by a parishioner, joining already existing choirs. The new chorus, which sings in Spanish, is growing, and Kopczynski expects it will be singing soon on a regular basis.

"When you have melding of parishes, it's long, hard work," Kopczynski observed.

However, when St. Adalbert celebrates its centennial on Nov 7, the parish can be proud of its thriving ministries that reflect the unity in diversity of this multi-cultural parish.

The origins of St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — St. Adalbert Parish in South Bend will celebrate its 100th anniversary in November of 2010.

The church has a long rich history on the west side of South Bend and in the community. Many of their former members have gone on to become priests and others have gone into other ministries in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The parish historical accounts, "Fifty Years at St. Adalbert's Parish in South Bend, Indiana" and "The St. Adalbert's 75 Year Anniversary Book" provide the information for this piece on the origins of St. Adalbert Parish.

"The history of St. Adalbert's Parish is unique because it was the last of four Polish Roman Catholic parishes to be organized in South Bend, and is now the largest Polish parish; it is one of the most beautiful churches in the Diocese of Fort Wayne," a parish historical book reports. The church's theme at the time was "By the sweat of your brow you have received the bread of life."

The historical parish book adds, "The church was built solely on the nickels and dimes which our forefathers could ill afford to sacrifice, and on the self-sacrificing labor of the fathers, mothers and children, whose aim and strong determination was to build a house of God they could

call their own."

Polish immigrants began to settle in South Bend in 1868, the book cited. "In 1902, several Polish families lived on Kosciusko, Pulaski and Jackson Streets and a few farther west of the southwest part of South Bend although most of the southwest was swamps and woods. These families wanted a church and school nearer their homes and a committee was appointed to call on Rev. Valentine Czyzewski for help. A church society was organized to purchase land for the church and school. The meetings were held for three years before the Society was officially established."

On Aug. 7, 1905, the St. Adalbert's Fraternal Aid Society was officially organized, with 80 members. The book said, "The new parish was to be named after St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr, with the settlement called 'Krakow.' This group of dedicated organizers made house-to-house collections to purchase land for the church and school building. The nickels and dimes amounted over a period of time until \$402.10 was collected to purchase two lots on Warren and Huron streets. It was decided through the advice of Rev. Valentine Czyzewski, to purchase land on Olive between Huron and Grace in 1907 as the site of construction. By the fall of 1909, the foundation for the building was laid and the present school had its beginning. Funds for the completion of the structure were

not readily available, and nearly \$8,000 was needed to finish the project. Rev. Czyzewski spear-headed the house-to-house collection, took a census to establish the membership of the new parish, provided spiritual guidance and was the temporary director of organizing the parish."

Bishop Herman Joseph Alderling was approached to appoint a new pastor and he answered the call of the flock. The history book said the first pastor, Father John Kubacki, arrived on July 2, 1910, and was touched by the warm welcome of his parishioners.

"South Bend at that time was the largest city in northern Indiana," the book said, "attracting many immigrants to the area." With great energy, Father Kubacki seized the chance to organize several parish societies and began administering to the parishioners spiritual needs while members of the parish began collecting for the new parish. Soon thereafter the cornerstone was dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 4, 1910, by Bishop Paul Rhode, the first Polish bishop in the United States. The first Mass was celebrated on Oct. 16, 1910 in the open air, upon special permission for all parishioners to attend, between the two walls of the new church by Father Kubacki. Under the leadership of Father Kubacki, the men and women voluntarily continued to erect the new church-parish school building.

The entire building later became the present Parish School and Heritage Center.

St. Adalbert has a rich Posada celebration at Christmas time.



St. Adalbert youngsters celebrate a commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Mexican independence.

BILEE

Children learn to grow, thrive at St. Adalbert School

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — It is a school built with love, sweat, blood and tears of dedicated Catholic families on the west side of South Bend, and St. Adalbert School will celebrate their centennial anniversary during the 2010-2011 school year.

“Established as a Polish parish by the immigrants who settled in this area 100 years ago, the parish and neighborhood have seen shifts in the residents over the years. The neighborhood is a mix of Polish, African-American and Latino families,” said Principal Mary Ann Bachman. “Although I am not certain of the timeline, several years ago, the parish became predominantly Latino. Families found an acceptance and are now the largest group.”

St. Adalbert School is a pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade elementary school with an enrollment of 179 students, spanning multiple generations of families from the west side of South Bend. They are fully accredited by the State of Indiana and through Advanc-Ed, which is an accrediting organization that accredits schools according to seven standards that focus on excellence and continuous improvement.

“We recently learned that our school has made Annual Yearly Progress (AYP), a designation from the state department of education. There are 13 categories that have to be met. Although our standardized test scores are not high, our students continue to achieve the improvement set by the state. I live by the statement, ‘Children will rise to the level of expectation,’” said Bachman.

One thing that Bachman feels

makes them a unique school in the area is their focus on early childhood education. The school feels the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten are critical grades for young children. Often they find these young children come to the school speaking little or no English and experience a high poverty rate that has an impact on the students.

“Our PK teacher came to us last year from Virginia. She has almost 20 years of early childhood education experience and is licensed, which not many PK teachers are. Her program is rich in language, math and social development. Last spring, I experienced the children making graphs, using individual sized bags of gummy fruits. Each graph was unique due to the assortment of gummies in each bag,” stated Bachman.

Close attention is paid to curriculum at the kindergarten level, making sure to prepare the students completely for their upcoming years in school. The teachers and staff at St. Adalbert feel it is essential that children fully understand the building blocks and skill sets needed for a young child to find success in their future learning.

“Kindergarten is also an amazing place to learn language, math, social skills and motor skills. Our teacher always has an activity center that changes weekly, I believe. Some of the centers are florist shop, veterinarian, grocery, weather station. Over the years, the teacher has added to her authentic ‘tools of the trade,’” said Bachman. “Our teachers in K-3 have recently been trained to use an additional phonemic development program. We have already seen and heard a change in how

the students approach and use sounds for speech and reading.”

According to Bachman, writing is a critical element throughout the pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade learning. From pictures in pre-kindergarten to term research papers in eighth grade, St. Adalbert students are guided through learning how to use the written word.

Being located in a predominantly Hispanic community, it is not a requirement to be bilingual to serve at St. Adalbert School, but the school is blessed to have three full-time staff and one part-time person who are bilingual. Bachman said most of the communication sent home to families is sent home in both English and Spanish.

“Three of our teachers have English as a New Language endorsements and one teacher will complete her course work for English as a New Language in the spring. Our resource teacher who is one of the English as a New Language teachers assists with English language development in grades 4-8,” said Bachman. “Our families who speak little English are very patient with my very limited Spanish, and they are more likely to use their English when I use my Spanish.”

One addition to the school a few years ago was the involvement of the University of Notre Dame and the ACE program to create a specialized learning center for students in Michiana.

“Our school was designated a Magnificat school four years ago,” said Bachman. “Magnificat is a program that was begun by the University of Notre Dame to identify and assist inner city Catholic schools by providing teacher support and development, academic programs and financial resources to help the school to become self sustaining over a five-year time span. We are in year five and will be self sustaining as this school

year finishes.”

The university has also been instrumental in helping the school create more cooperative groups and programs between the children and parents/guardians.

“We have support from Notre Dame with development and with volunteers who help with our Home and School Association (HASA) parent dinners and workshops. It is important for our families to learn how to support their children academically since so many of our parents have limited education. Equally important is supporting our more educated families so you can see that we have a lot to do that goes beyond the school day,” said Bachman.


Being a school created on the principles and teachings of the Catholic faith, St. Adalbert works hard to make sure that each student is getting an academic education along with a spiritual education and journey that will help them become spiritually enlightened teenagers and some day adults.

“Faith formation is constant and permeates all we do, from community prayer each morning, weekly Mass, celebration of the saints, receiving sacraments, retreat for our eighth graders, learning Scripture and prayers. All that is important is grounded in our faith and liturgy. It begins with our pre-kindergarten students offering a blessing to each guest who visits their classroom and culminates with our eighth-grade students graduating during Mass,” said Bachman.

“My main goal is to develop St. Adalbert School into a Catholic school that will meet the needs of all of our Catholic families on the west side of South Bend. Our greatest struggle is financial. Our greatest strength is our school faculty and staff who all go beyond what is expected of them in order to help our students as much as they can,” said Bachman.



Teens from St. Adalbert Parish in South Bend took part in the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., earlier this year.



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Award conferred on Bishop John M. D'Arcy at banquet for life

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy received the coveted Telemachus Award at the 13th annual Banquet for Life held recently at the Grand Wayne Center in downtown Fort Wayne.

The Telemachus award recognizes a person who advocates for life like the 4th-century monk who was killed protesting the senseless slaughter of gladiators in the Roman forum. Each year it is bestowed on a person who contributes in a special way to the pro-life cause. Since his installation as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 1985, "Bishop D'Arcy has been a wonderful advocate for life. ... He has touched many lives here on earth and for eternity while defended the most vulnerable among us," noted the evening's program.

In conferring the award, Dr. Dean Wenthe, president of Concordia Theological Seminary,

said affectionately, "This Lutheran is glad to honor Bishop D'Arcy."

Wenthe went on to express his admiration for Bishop D'Arcy as a faithful shepherd to his flock, as one who sets a high bar for priestly vocations and as one who holds truth and charity together.

In accepting the award Bishop D'Arcy returned the compliment. "We hold the Lutheran community in admiration and respect," he replied. He went on to note that the late Pope John Paul II spoke of a dangerous crisis of moral sense and lack of a distinction between good and evil. Attacks on life at its beginning and at its end are widespread, he said. We must choose life.

Another award presented for the first time this year was the Daniel Award for Excellence in Pro-Life Public Policy.

Named for the Old Testament figure who followed God's will in his role as the king's counselor and president without regard for his personal safety, the Daniel Award

recognizes a public official who invests his political influence for the cause of life.

The award was granted to Allen County Commissioner Nelson Peters for his work as standard bearer for the Patient Safety Ordinance, which was enacted into county law after a fierce legal battle. The ordinance requires out-of-state physicians to provide their own contact information and the name of a local physician who will treat their post-surgery patients in case of emergency. In presenting the award, state Sen. David Long cited Peters' "courageous and determined leadership."

Keynote speaker for the evening was U.S. 6th District Congressman Mike Pence who was first elected in 2000 and recently won a fifth term to represent much of eastern Indiana. He describes himself as "a Christian, a conservative and a Republican, in that order," according to the evening's program.

He remarked upon taking the stage and facing the nearly 900 in attendance, "It is obvious that Fort Wayne is united for life."

Cathie Humbarger, executive director of Allen County Right to Life, summed up the past year's victories. Fifteen churches have joined the third annual 40 Days for Life Campaign, 1,500 area residents attended the local March for Life, 150 area students traveled to Washington D.C. for the National March for Life, 90 attended the sixth annual Friends for Life camp, and most importantly, surgical abortions dropped by 31 percent in Allen County in the past year, she said.

The theme of this year's ban-



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Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy is presented with the Telemachus Award by Dr. Dean Wenthe, president of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, at the 13th annual Banquet for Life held Oct. 11 at the Grand Wayne Center. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades provided closing remarks and benediction at the event.

quet was "Uniting Our City for Life." It was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Eastlund, Dr. and Mrs. Phil Tyndall, Three Rivers Educational Trust Fund and the Allen County Right to Life.

The hosts said, "Our hope is this evening will indeed bring all of us together with a single focus to eliminate the acceptance and practice of abortion in our community. We deeply appreciate your interest and involvement in presenting the truth about abortion

and your unfailing support for life instead of death ... we are challenged and inspired by those who are carrying the torch in this struggle to preserve the incredible gift of life that God has given each of us."

Humbarger's vision for the future echoes that sentiment and builds on the victories. She would like to make Fort Wayne the largest city in Indiana that is abortion-free.

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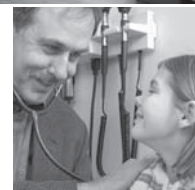
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GUEST COMMENTARY BY MSGR. MICHAEL HEINTZ

Catholic ecclesiology: A tour through 'Lumen Gentium'

The following is part three and the conclusion of the series

"Lumen Gentium" also addresses the Church as a hierarchical reality. The document never sets up the distinction — a false and unhelpful one — which dominates some strands of contemporary Catholic discourse, a distinction between the people of God and the hierarchical institution. This is dangerous because it pits them against each other — as though they serve two different ends — and silly because it presumes that members of the hierarchical institution are somehow not "people." The visible institution is an integral part of the People of God, not a mere appendage or the product of the vagaries of history. Rather, the document sees the visible institutional element as part of Christ's plan for His People; the institution is at the service of the People of God as a whole. Clearly, there was much development: Christ didn't say to the Apostles: You're to wear miter and crozier, set up jurisdictional boundaries, call them dioceses, etc. But we do know that by the end of the second century there was observed a threefold structure, "episkopos" — "presbuteros" — "diakonos." Their precise identity and function probably varied from community to community, but the fact of their existence is clear. And the notion of an apostolic succession — that communities of faith have, through their bishop, some link to earlier apostolic communities — became an important notion, particularly against the spiritual technocrats of the various gnostic groups, who promoted a disembodied, anti-incarnational spirituality wrapped in the mantle of an elitist ecclesiology, and who claimed to possess the "real" Jesus. The bishops of the Church, in communion with the bishop of Rome, share in the work of teaching. They possess the charism called magisterium, the authority to teach authentically in matters of faith and morals. This is understood as a particular grace of their office and is mediated by the apostolic succession in which they participate. As Irenaeus (+ c. 220) suggested, when a serious issue arises and there is disagreement (for example the meaning of a particular Gospel injunction), the safest course is to seek out the oldest local churches and consult their bishop who, of anyone, would have access to the intention of the Apostles due to his succession from them. This is, of course, not so much a reflection of individual bishop's personal intelligence, holiness or piety (though these are certainly important), but of the power of God's Spirit, imparted to the Apostles at Pentecost, who continues to vivify and guide the community of believers through its ordained leaders. This is the basis for the notion of the Church's indefectibility. It is not a function of individual personality, but of confidence and faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ, who promised, through His Spirit, to remain with His Church until the end of time. Again, the role of the Spirit in the Church's life is pivotal.

Each local Church or diocese is a microcosm of the Church as a whole. The epitome of the Church, its essential act of self-definition is the assembly of the faithful — married and single, old and young, lay, ordained and vowed religious — gathered around the one altar of the Lord, with their bishop presiding, assisted by his priests and deacons. It is not insignificant that this is a liturgical, rather than a juridical or administrative, image: What the Church is — and what it does best — is expressed most completely when the Body of Christ offers itself to the Father in the Eucharistic celebration. Christ has rendered the ancient pattern of repeated sacrifices unnecessary: It is His one and unique sacrifice which the Church celebrates and shares in through the Eucharist. Christ's kenotic self-gift to the Father is imitated in the daily life of Christians through active charity and is made present in all its fullness to the Church when the Eucharist is celebrated. Augustine puts it this way: "This is the sacrifice of Christians: 'We, being many, are One Body in Christ.' As the faithful know, this is the sacrifice which the Church continually celebrates in the sacrament of the altar, by which she demonstrates that she herself is offered in the offering she makes to God. ... It is we ourselves who are His most wonderful and best sacrifice." — "City of God," 10.6 and 19.23.

"Lumen Gentium" also has an entire chapter devoted to the "Universal Call to Holiness of Life" (5). Holiness, the document makes clear, comes from God. It is not the property of any one individual or group within the Church. Holiness is the baptismal vocation of every member of the Church, though it will be lived out quite differently given the different circumstances of life. Central to the Church's holiness are those men and women radically devoted to the Gospel through commitments to poverty, chastity and obedience, the religious and those in forms of consecrated life. Sisters, brothers, monks and nuns who have committed themselves to the Gospel in and through a particular community with its own rule and charism help to "fill out" (so to speak) the holiness of the Church, witnessed in the world in remarkably varied ways by married and single, lay and ordained.

This Church, nonetheless, is still a pilgrim. It has yet to achieve its full status, when the Kingdom of God, initiated by the Incarnation, is brought to its fruition. And it is within this context that the communion of saints is addressed. Even now we share a real communion, a genuine koinonia, with all those men and women of every time and place who are "in Christ." This is what the "communion of saints" means for Catholics. The Church on earth is but a part of the larger community of those who, through love, are united to God in Christ. In short, there is an age-old and firm conviction among Catholics that death cannot sever the bonds wrought by Baptism. Hence the Church's ancient practice of praying on behalf of the dead. And it is from this liturgical practice that the distinctively Catholic doctrine of purgatory developed.

The document concludes with reflections on the relationship between the Virgin Mary and the Church. Playing on the typology teased out as early as the second century by Justin (+ 165 A.D.) and Irenaeus, "Lumen Gentium" sees in Mary the new Eve, the new mother of the living, the mother of those brought to life through the death of her only Son, a model of what the Church should be: Open to the will of God, receptive to His Word, trusting in His Providential Plan, and, by such works as she is capable of, cooperating in the saving and redemptive work of Christ. The Church, like Mary, plays a pivotal role in salvation history; the Church, like Mary, receives the Word from the Father; the Church, like Mary, is — in a more than figurative sense — caretaker or steward of that Word. The Church, like Mary, must bear Christ to the world. The Church, like Mary, gives birth to the Body of Christ, through baptism. And the Church will — as Mary anticipates for her — someday share in her Lord's glory.

COMMENTARY

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Growing divide seen in political worldviews of Catholic constituencies

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As in other recent election years, Catholic voting behavior is likely to resemble the voting of the population at large, but there is a growing divide in the political worldviews of various Catholic constituencies.

That was the conclusion reached by a panel of pollsters and academics convened by the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies at The Catholic University of America, which found increasing divergence in the views of older and younger voters and Hispanic and white Catholics.

Introducing the Oct. 13 session at the National Press Club, John H. Garvey, the new president of Catholic University, said political pundits have predicted time and again that "the role of religion in public policy is changing or diminishing." But, he said, "religion and religious issues are still critical."

Up for grabs this year are all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, 37 seats in the U.S. Senate, 37 governorships and the seats in 88 chambers of state legislatures — 42 states have two chambers, and four are one-chamber states.

Voters in the 2010 midterm election — across all religious groups and even among those not affiliated with any religion — are showing significantly less support for Democratic candidates than they did in 2008 for President Barack Obama, said Robert P. Jones, CEO and founder of Public Religion Research Institute.

Using data from the American Values Survey conducted in early September, about two months before the Nov. 2 election, Jones found an 8 percent decline in Democratic support among both white Catholic voters and white mainline Protestant voters. Among unaffiliated voters, the decrease was 11 percent.

Gregory A. Smith, a senior researcher with the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, found an even greater differential between the vote in 2008 and the stated intentions of Catholic registered voters in 2010, using data gathered by his organization in late August and early September.

A majority of Catholics voted for Obama in 2008, except for the subgroup of white Catholics who attend Mass more than once a week, according to Pew statistics. But in the latest Pew polling, Smith said, 50 percent of white Catholics said they would support Republican candidates this year, with 39 percent stating support for the Democratic candidate and 11 percent undecided.

Among white Catholics who attend

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Mass weekly, 53 percent said they supported the GOP candidate, while 37 percent backed the Democrat, he said.

The margin of error for both the Pew and Public Religion surveys was plus or minus 2 percentage points, although it was larger for some subgroups.

A shift away from the party in power is not unusual, said Matthew Green, assistant professor of politics at Catholic University and a fellow at the institute.

"The presidential party almost always does badly in the midterm elections," he said, citing an average loss of 30 House seats and three Senate seats for the party that holds the presidency.

The issues that brought voters out earlier in the 2000s are no longer motivating them. Asked in the American Values Survey what issues they considered important, registered voters put the economy, jobs and terrorism at the top, as did Catholic registered voters.

But two issues that had dominated political discussions in 2004 — abortion and same-sex marriage — were at the bottom of the list, with only 43 percent of both Catholics and all voters naming abortion as an important issue. Less than a third (31 percent) of registered voters and less than a quarter (23 percent) of Catholic voters said same-sex marriage was an important issue in the 2010 electoral cycle.

But looking at Catholic voters as a body can give the false impression of unanimity, Smith said, adding that "it's a misnomer to say that there is a single Catholic vote."

• On whether America is a Christian nation, respondents were asked to choose one of three possible responses: America "has always been and is currently a Christian nation," it "has been a Christian nation in the past but it is not now" or it "has never been a Christian nation."

While 57 percent of white Catholics said America was and is now a Christian nation, only 43 percent of Hispanic Catholics gave that response. Twelve percent of white Catholics and nearly one in five (19 percent) Hispanic Catholics said America has never been a Christian nation.

Building bridges: Muslims, Jews, Christians join forces for peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The enthusiastic exchange of calling cards and making sure caterers provided kosher and halal food are small yet critical signs of a successful interfaith conference.

Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders came together in Rome to share success stories and break bread together at a daylong meeting as bishops from the Middle East gathered across the river at the Vatican for a special synod on the pastoral challenges in the region.

While synod bishops focused on the role the Catholic Church can play in giving witness to the faith in the Middle East, other leaders from all three monotheistic religions were reaching outward toward one another in an urgent call for increased interfaith cooperation to bring peace and hope to

the world.

The interfaith meeting, “Building Bridges of Hope: Success Stories and Strategies for Interfaith Action,” was organized by the U.S. Embassy to the Vatican and held at Rome’s Pontifical Gregorian University Oct. 12.

“We believe that interfaith strategies can help solve many of the world’s biggest problems,” Miguel H. Diaz, U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, told participants.

The keynote speaker, Joshua Dubois, head of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, said the current administration believes interfaith action is “the future of grassroots engagement.”

Every day, brick by brick, men and women of faith “continuously lay the moral and intellectual founda-

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ation of our public life and dialogue, and you are the ‘first responders’ when, for various reasons, that foundation is shaken,” he told the religious leaders.

Speakers from Catholic, Muslim and Jewish traditions focused on concrete ways people of faith have already and must continue to work together in pro-

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God is perfectly just and wise



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 18:9-14

The Book of Sirach provides this weekend’s first Scriptural reading. The book is part of that group of biblical writings classified by scholars collectively as the Wisdom Literature.

The Wisdom Literature developed through an interesting, and very believable process. As conditions worsened in the Holy Land several centuries before Christ, many Jews emigrated. Probably many prospered economically. However, prosperity came at a price.

These Jews had moved into pagan communities. The riches and pleasures of the pagan culture were powerful attractions for Jewish youth, and indeed for all these Jewish transplants.

Devout Jews and conscientious Jewish parents realized that they had to convince their children of the worth of the ancient Hebrew religion, and also their less than fervent Jewish neighbors.

The authors of this literature wrote to persuade audiences that the Hebrew religion in itself was the summit of human logic, an important claim in the Greek culture, in which human reasoning was so exalted.

With this overall objective, each of the Wisdom books was composed in its own time and in

the face of its own circumstances. Thus, it is important always to know the context in which a book was written, despite the fact that a similar purpose was the driving force and paganism was the common concern.

It is easy, and not out of place, to imagine the conditions in which this particular work, the Book of Sirach, was composed. However, the message is clear.

By contrast, Sirach offers a picture of the God of Hebrew revelation as far above the tawdry shortcomings and schemes of humans.

God did not bargain. He is supremely just. He is all knowing.

The Second Epistle to Timothy, one of Paul’s disciples, provides the second reading. Paul taught Timothy the deep meaning of the Gospel and guided him in the process of spiritual development. Paul also ordained him a bishop.

In this reading Paul encourages Timothy to be true to the Lord. The great apostle offers himself as an example. He has been imprisoned and mistreated for Christ. His way has been rocky and uphill. However, he has remained loyal.

St. Luke’s Gospel furnishes the final reading. Here again, Jesus presents the smug and insincere as being without God’s favor. A humble and unassuming man is God’s favorite.

The reading makes two points. It teaches that those who have heartfelt love for God will endure. Gaudy, outward appearances mean nothing. Here the lesson is not to demean good works, but rather to insist that good works must rise from faith and love.

Second, the reading echoes what already has been said in the first reading. God is perfectly just.

Reflection

The Book of Sirach suggests a time and a condition very long ago but in reality quite similar to circumstances met in life today or in any day. Humans always exaggerate their ability. It is the result of pride. It is a byproduct of original sin.

Despite these exaggerations, however, the fact is that God alone is almighty and truly wise. Seeing God’s majesty, and human imperfections, it is obvious that God alone is the model of perfection. Earthly rewards are empty and fleeting. God alone provides the only reward. God is everything.

Anyone who seeks an end other than God, as the Pharisee sought other ends in the story told by Luke, chases after phantoms. The humble man in the Gospel story is truly wise. His wisdom causes him to be humble. He receives the reward. He succeeds. He achieves.

Humility is an essential Christian virtue. It is not a denial of who and what we are. Rather, it expresses the deepest insight of who and what we are. We are limited, but, blessedly, marvelously, we may achieve true life in God through Christ.

READINGS

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 2Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-14 Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Phil 1:1-11 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2-3, 5cdef Lk 14:1, 7-11

The loneliness of one cross-country runner

Cross-country can be the loneliest of sports to begin with. The solitary training regimen, the typically sparse crowds, competing not in an arena but on pathways in the fields or on forest trails — and, as often as not, a small team to work with. But a team of one? Tell that to anyone and you’re likely to hear, “You’ve got to be kidding!”

But James Boeding wasn’t kidding. He was his high school’s one-man cross-country team, and what’s more, he turned himself into a champion. When I saw the headline about him over Joanna Molloy’s recent feature in the *New York Daily News*, I knew I wanted to know more about his grit, determination and heroism. I thought the story would be perfect for *The Christophers*, and I was right.

Webutuck High School in Dutchess County, N.Y., had no cross-country team at all until last fall, but it wasn’t for James Boeding’s lack of trying. Year after year he’d plead his case with school authorities — cross-country didn’t cost much, after all — but year after year he was turned down. Finally a new administration last year relented, and cross-country (along with soccer) was offered as one of Webutuck’s two autumn sports. Still, two problems remained. For one, there was no cross-country coach. And second, when the call went out for tryouts, only Boeding turned up. He would be, literally, a one-man team.

Far from stopping Boeding, it only pushed him harder. He found a friend and mentor in Landon Johns, a 29-year-old construction worker with a background in both running and football, who urged Boeding on by way of a six-day-a-week training schedule and physically punishing workouts.

“There were days when I actually felt bad for him because it was borderline torture,” Johns said. “But that’s what it takes. He was so far behind everybody else,



LIGHT ONE CANDLE

GERALD COSTELLO, THE CHRISTOPHERS

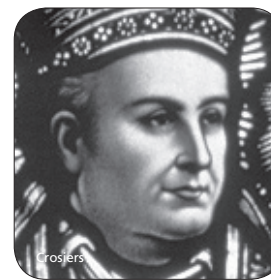
training by himself. I never raised my voice, but no matter how insane it sounded he would listen.” And before long, the workouts began to pay off.

Not only was Boeding running against other school teams in league races; he was winning them. He came in first, for example, in the Mid-Hudson Athletic League Championship last October and, on top of that, was named runner of the year. And in November, in the Sectional Championships at Bear Mountain, he beat out the best runners that other schools in the area had to offer. A collision cost him a shot at the state title after that, but he still managed to get up and finish third.

Even in winning Boeding failed to nail down a title for his school; every rival team had more runners and could rack up the points. But that doesn’t bother him.

“While I’m running I try to think about my stride, my form,” he said. “I think about the other times I ran the same course, the number of steps per minute, what’s going on in front of me. I just try to look up.”

James Boeding will have more teammates this year — seven, to be exact. He’s up at Bowdoin College in Maine on an athletic scholarship and looking forward to running with the cross-country squad. But as far as *The Christophers* are concerned, he doesn’t have to win another thing. By holding on to his dream in a singular display of perseverance, he’s already shown us something. He’s shown that he’s got what it takes.



Anthony Mary Claret

1807-1870
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Initially a weaver like his father, Anthony became a secular priest in 1835 but hoped to join a religious order. He became a Jesuit novice in Rome, but failing health prompted his return to Spain. For 10 years he conducted missions in his native Catalonia, before founding the Congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, or Claretians, in 1849. Even when he was archbishop of Santiago, Cuba, and chaplain to Spain’s Queen Isabella II, Anthony was committed to the Claretians’ mission of evangelization, especially through publishing.

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Newman's faith

Two postcard portraits of the recently-beatified John Henry Newman have graced my office for years. One is a miniature painted by Sir William Charles Ross in 1845, the year of Newman's reception into the Catholic Church. The second, by Emmeline Dean, gives us the aged cardinal, a year before his death in 1890, in cardinalial house cassock and walking stick. Between those two portraits lies a spiritual and intellectual pilgrimage within Catholicism that, combined with Newman's pre-Catholic journey from evangelicalism to high-church Anglicanism and the Oxford Movement, remains one of the most compelling such tales of modern times — a path the Church has now officially recognized as one marred by heroic virtue, miraculously attested.

The times being what they are, it was inevitable that gay activists and their allies among progressive Catholics would try to claim Newman as a patron-saint of gayness, citing letters he exchanged with his longtime friend Ambrose St. John, with whom he asked to be buried. As the pre-eminent Newman biographer, Father Ian Ker, pointed out, however, suggestions that Newman and St. John were homosexually involved (even if in a non-carnal way) testify to the ignorance that our culture exhibits about deep friendships, especially deep male friendships. He might have added that letters between such friends written in a 19th century literary style ought not be scrutinized through the foggy lens of 21st century homoeroticism, which saturates everything from Abercrombie & Fitch ads to prime-time banter these

days.

These crude efforts to recruit a holy man to a dubious cause are a distraction from measuring Newman's greatness as a thinker, writer, and preacher — a man who anticipated the Second Vatican Council in his own navigations through the whitewater of Catholicism's encounter with intellectual modernity. Newman was also ecumenically prescient, if not in precisely the way that some ecumenists would celebrate. He left the Church of England for Rome when he could no longer accept Anglicanism's claims to be apostolically grounded. And as the recent travails of the Anglican Communion have demonstrated, Newman was right, if ahead of his time, in recognizing that Christian communities untethered from apostolic tradition inevitably end up inventing do-it-yourself Christianity, taking their cues from the ambient culture of the day.

I once had the honor of spending time in Newman's rooms at the Birmingham Oratory, which are much as the aged cardinal left them at his death in 1890. Over the altar, which occupies one side of the room, are tacked-up notes by which Cardinal Newman reminded himself of those for whom he had promised to pray. In the sitting room, a tattered newspaper map, also tacked to a wall, bears silent testimony to Newman's interest in Kitchener's efforts to lift the siege of Khartoum and rescue General Gordon from the Mahdi, a 19th century jihadist (Gordon died with Newman's poem, "The Dream of Gerontius," in his pocket). Perhaps most touching are Newman's Latin breviaries, which he began to use as an Anglican, causing much con-



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trovery about such popish practices.

It is as a man of faith that the Church beatified John Henry Newman, however: The kind of man of faith who could write the following (which I take from another prayer card I've had for years, given me by Catholic Worker artist Ade Bethune):

"God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. ... Therefore I will trust Him, whatever I am ... He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me — still, He knows what He is about."

Blessed John Henry Newman, pray for us and for the unity in truth of Christ's Church.

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moting equitable and ethical development, protecting the environment, and preventing conflict.

Trusted religious leaders not only have tremendous influence in their communities, they have the power to persuade people to choose the more difficult and sometimes unpopular path in combating major crises, one speaker said.

For example, when facing the problem of environmental degradation and resource depletion, a politician who tells people "to tighten their belts" and show restraint in consumption will never get elected again, said Fazlun Khalid, founder and director of the Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Science. Yet religious leaders can persuade people to change, he said.

Businesses that are infused with a philosophy of social responsibility founded upon religious principles also can make an enormous impact, said another speaker.

Adnan Durrani is the CEO of

American Halal Co., a food company based in Stanford, Conn., that is based on Islamic values of justice, equity and responsibility toward society, employees and clients, he said.

Values-based businesses can be like "Weapons of Mass Enlightenment, the real smart bomb," he said.

Businesses are "the most powerful force on earth" because they have the financial resources for carrying out their ideas and they can act on them quickly, said Durrani.

Durrani, who is an investment professional, said he worked for many years on Wall Street where he saw "materialism on steroids."

Yet he learned a lot about the importance of social responsibility from his Jewish partners, he said, and he strove to build the first socially responsible company in America based on Islamic values.

Hillel Levine, founding president of the International Center for Conciliation in Boston, works with Arabs and Jews in Israel and said he emphasized the need for both sides to talk about their "pained memory."

Bygones should not be bygones, he said, and the past

should be dealt with in order to "siphon off the hatred" and transform shared suffering into a shared bond that leads to understanding and empathy, he said.

Melkite Archbishop Elias Chacour of Haifa, Israel, shared his memory of pain with conference participants.

As Palestinians, he and his family were forced from their homes after the creation of Israel and wandered along the Jordan River for months because even bordering Arab countries didn't want to take in refugees, he said.

"But thank God I was not born a Christian, I was born a baby. And I don't know about you, if you were born a Jew or a Muslim, but I look at your hand, I see it is like mine, and I see you were born a baby, too," he said, looking at Levine.

When tourists express their disappointment with the Israeli security wall, Archbishop Chacour said he tells them, "Do not try to destroy the wall, it's too strong for you."

He tells them, "I try to hide the wall with bridges" by creating connections of friendship and understanding between one Jew and one Arab at a time.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 24, 2010

Luke 18:9-14

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: examples of how people pray — and are heard. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| PARABLE | RIGHTEOUS | DESPISED |
| TEMPLE | PRAY | PHARISEE |
| OTHER | TAX COLLECTOR | AM NOT LIKE |
| FAST | A WEEK | TITHES |
| HIS EYES | HEAVEN | BEAT |
| HIS BREAST | MERCIFUL | A SINNER |
| I TELL YOU | EXALTS | HUMBLED |

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St. Paul converts many to Christianity in Beroea

Where is Beroea where St. Paul caused a commotion?

As soon as it was night, St. Paul and Silas left Thessalonica where a disturbance had taken place and went to Beroea (modern Veria) in west-central Macedonia. O. Meinardus says that on this journey, Paul and Silas probably passed through the Arch of Augustus and the Western Gate and traveled along the famous Ignatian Way. Beroea is about 50 miles from Thessalonica. Beroea is situated on the eastern slope of Mount Vermion with a beautiful view of the plain irrigated by two rivers: The Haliacmon and the Axius. The city lies near the left bank of the river Haliacmon. In 168 B.C. when the Romans defeated Macedonia, they made Beroea one of the four republics of the kingdom. M. Grant says Beroea enjoyed prosperity as the seat of the Council of Macedonia and issued its own coins from A.D. 44 onward. Games were held at Beroea with gold medallions as the prizes. Besides Macedonians, Romans and Jews also lived in the city. Eventually Beroea became the seat of a bishopric. A large early Christian basilica has now been uncovered.

In Beroea Paul and Silas preached in the Jewish synagogue in A.D. 54. Many Jews



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FATHER RICHARD HIRE

welcomed Paul's message enthusiastically and became Christian. Also many influential Greek women and men liked St. Paul and became Christian. But when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the Gospel in Beroea, they rushed there to cause a commotion. St. Paul then left with an escort for Athens in Greece. Silas and Timothy, however, stayed in Beroea to strengthen the new converts and to organize the church there.

O. Meinardus describes the impressive monument that commemorates St. Paul's preaching at Beroea. It is a beautiful white marble structure enshrining a mosaic of St. Paul. According to local tradition, the steps of the monument are those from which St. Paul delivered his sermons.

Father Richard Hire is pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse.

Sports

BROTHER ANDRÉ HONORED BY SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI DURING NOTRE DAME-WESTERN MICHIGAN GAME

A special collection in honor of Blessed Brother André Bessette was taken up in Notre Dame Stadium during the second quarter of the Notre Dame-Western Michigan football game on Oct. 16. The collection will support ongoing efforts of the University of Notre Dame and the Congregation of Holy Cross to help rebuild Haiti following the devastating earthquake there in January.

For the love of the game

CYO tourney kicks off this week

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With the exception of three years at Bishop Luers in the early 1990s, Lisa Palmer has been coaching volleyball at St. Therese for the past 27 years. She calls her coaching staff of Jamie Uecker, Sarah Walker Tillman, Dusty, Audrie and Taylor Luegring and Mick Palmer, “awesome” and explains, “Many of them are former players and several attend Bishop Luers High School.”

Her team combined this year with St. Aloysius, so two groups of seven was formed. Palmer is doing double-duty this season coaching both units. The eighth-grade team has been a pleasant surprise to Palmer. “Starting 4-0 was unexpected. We have really come a long way from last year.”

The team finished second in the Blue League (small school) with a 4-1 record and 6-2 overall record. Their only league loss came at the hands of the defending champs, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (17-25, 22-25).

Palmer feels her team's strengths are serving and passing. She added, “At the beginning of the season we did not have a setter. Two of the girls stepped up and agreed to learn this position.”

The team works a lot in practice on passing drills and their hard work is showing up in their weekend matches. Palmer adds, “This group of girls has also learned to play together as a team, which is not always easy. Communicating, calling the ball and talking to each other on the court are a big part of that and they are improving every day.”

The veteran also stresses constant movement, never standing around on the court. The



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Coach Karen Castleman instructs her team during a time out.

Crusaders have been complimented by other coaches more than once this season how they are always hustling. Palmer and her team of Haley Brooks, Miah Gruss, Jordan Moring, Angelica Navarro, Sara Ormiston, Mollie Shutt and Briana Wood are looking very forward to this week's tournament and hope to make it once again to the championship game where they could potentially earn a rematch against the Squires. All games will be played at St. Charles.

As the lower bracket bye, the Crusaders will square off against the winner of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, (3-2) and St. Mary/St. Joe (0-5) on Thursday evening, Oct. 21.

Another combined team making progress this season is the Twins from St. Joseph, Monroeville, and St. Louis Academy, New Haven.

In her third season as head coach for the seventh- and eighth-grade team, Karen Castleman lists two eighth graders, Daisy Beauchot and Lydia Oberley, and seven seventh graders, Elyse Oberley, Jordan Screeton, Taryn VanHorn, Brenda Kline, Kortney Castleman, Lillie

Castleman and Madison Castleman, on her 2010 roster.

Although the team finished 2-6 (1-4, CYO), Castleman was pleased her girls won their first CYO match since she started coaching. For the first two years she coached, Castleman had to bring up younger players just to have enough for a team.

She feels her team's strength is passing while their goals were to improve on consistency in serving, passing and setting up for the spike. “We were able to practice a lot more than previous seasons and it proved to be very beneficial,” the fitness coordinator explained. “I am very proud how much the girls bonded with each other and encouraged each other to improve their skills.” She concluded, “I really enjoyed coaching this wonderful group of young ladies. I am truly blessed that God gave me the talent to teach these young ladies the wonderful sport of volleyball.”

The Twins will face Most Precious Blood (2-3) in their first round of tournament on Tuesday with the winner advancing to play St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Thursday night.

ICCL Cardinals upend Blazers in shootout

BY MATT SOBIERALSKI

MISHAWAKA — The Westside Catholic Cardinals' offense proved to be too much for the St. Matthew Blazers, as the Westside team won in a 28-25 shootout Sunday at Marian High School's Otolski Field in first round action of the ICCL playoffs.

The St. Matthew squad was victorious in a week two matchup, 12-6, between the schools and was looking to continue the success much to the chagrin of the Cardinals.

St. Matt took advantage on their first possession, after a 31-yard run by Devante Newbill and a 22-yard run by Mikal Henderson. Quarterback Gabe Douglass hooked up with Boniface Muguro for a 16-yard touchdown pass. A botched snap on the points after attempt, an industrious Anthony Blum scampered in for the one-point conversion.

The Cardinals got the ball back and went on a drive of their own that included a half back pass from Jordan Kazmierczak to Kevin Weinberg for 23 yards. The drive was capped off by a quarterback sneak from Derek Glon. The huge points after attempt was good, making the score 8-7.

Another Blazer touchdown was thwarted by the Cards' defense, as they forced a turn-over-on-downs to gain possession. Back on offense, after a Glon pass to Weinberg for 20 yards, Ricky Entzian took a misdirection hand-off to the left side and out ran the St. Matt's defense to score from 24 yards out. The extra points attempt was no good leaving the score 14-7, Westside Catholic.

It took the Blazers little time to answer back. On the first play of the new drive, speedster Devante Newbill went 65 yards on a touch-

down scamper, and after a blocked extra points attempt, the half time score stood at 14-13.

The Blazers started the second half by relying on their running attack that had been so successful throughout the first half. A 10 play 65-yard drive that took all but three minutes of the third quarter ended with Mikal Henderson's dynamic leaping catch over the middle from Gabe Douglass that gave the Blazers the lead again at 19-14.

With the football back in their hands, the Cardinals started a drive of their own. Entzian who led the Cardinals with 93 yards rushing again got the call and took it down the field for a 45-yard run, stopped short of the end zone by Blazers' defender Tyler Schweiss leaving the ball at the three-yard line. Two plays later, Glon took another sneak up the middle for a touchdown giving the Cards a 20-19 advantage.

Big play back Newbill, who had a huge day running for 179 yards, broke off another long touchdown run, this time of 60-yards to recapture the lead for the Blazers at 25-20.

Westside Catholic would not go away though, and after a six play drive started by Caleb Horban's 32-yard run, Kazmierczak slammed in the go-ahead touchdown from 6-yards out to give the lead back to the Cardinals.

The Blazers tried to answer back once again, but this time, after a botched snap, and an on-field scramble, the Cardinals' Kevin Weinberg ended up with the ball clinching the victory for his team.

“All the credit goes to Coach (John) Glon and his kids,” said St. Matt's Coach Mike Earnst. “They have drastically improved from the last time we played, and I am really happy for them.”

“I am really happy for my kids. They could have given up after those big touchdown runs, but they kept battling and battling and we came through with a big play at the end,” remarked Coach Glon.

Westside Catholic will continue its season next week as they play the tournament's No. 1 seed in the playoffs, the St. Anthony Panthers at 4 p.m. at Marian's Otolski Field. The other semifinal game will feature Mishawaka Catholic vs. the Holy Cross Crusaders immediately following.

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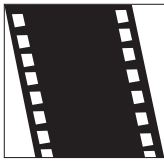
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MOVIE CAPSULES

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.

“Hereafter” (Warner Bros.)

Ambitious drama charting the ultimately intersecting paths of three individuals seeking enlightenment about what happens to us after we die. The trio of plotlines follow a Parisian journalist (Cecile de France) whose near-death experience shakes her secular worldview, a San Francisco factory worker (Matt Damon)

endowed with the ability to communicate with the dead, and a working-class London lad (George and Frankie McLaren) devastated by the loss of his twin brother. Director Clint Eastwood weaves these strands into an emotionally compelling tapestry. But, while affirming the existence of an afterlife, Peter Morgan’s script steers clear of any other specific beliefs, and the exercise of Damon’s gift is difficult to reconcile with the Scripture-based Christian duty to shun occult practices. Complex religious issues, an alcoholism and drug-addiction theme, fleeting upper female nudity, a non-marital, possibly adulterous situation, at least one rough and a few crude terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

CYO Crusaders, Cardinals to battle Oct. 24

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — After a thrilling day of Catholic Youth League (CYO) semifinal gridiron action, just two teams remain setting up the 2010 championship showdown between the reigning Holy Cross Crusaders and the St. Charles Cardinals on Sunday, Oct. 24.

To advance, St. Charles was able to avenge their lone loss for the year against the big and powerful St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) Eagle team.

Back on Aug. 22, the two played in the opener when SJFW got by St. Charles, 14-8. However, in the post season, it was the Cardinals who came out on top in an outstanding total team effort. With both teams battling for field position, St. Charles made a huge stop just inside the 15-yard line right before the buzzer to halt an Eagle drive and keep things scoreless at the half.

According to winning Coach Mike Herald, the battle continued in the second half with Eagle safety, Josh Jones, intercepting a Cardinal pass and returning it an amazing 85 yards for a touchdown to get the contest rolling. However, St. Charles answered with their own 75-yard scoring drive. Cody Miller’s throw to Branden Pearson on a third and 14 was the key play. William Blume also made a spectacular catch and run to set up Miller’s quarterback draw from the seven-yard line to tie the game. Marty Pentenburg added the game winning kick and the Cardinal defense had a goal line stand with three minutes left to seal the victory.

Herald named Pearson as the most valuable player for the day explaining, “With his tackles and catches, he did it all!”

With utmost respect for his opponent, Herald summarized, “St. John played a fantastic game. Coach Jim Carroll is one of the best CYO coaches of all-time and his record speaks for itself. Those kids played so hard. We were fortunate to make plays



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

St. Charles Cardinals’ No. 64, Marty Pentenburg, kicks off in the first-round tournament game at the University of Saint Francis. Pentenburg’s kick in the semifinal round, put his Cardinals up over SJFW to win the game and help his team advance to the CYO championship. The Cardinals will battle Holy Cross for the crown on Sunday, Oct. 24.

at the end.” He also gave credit to his assistant coaches (Fisher, Fabini, Selvia, Beamon and Pearson) who put in countless hours of preparation. “Coach Tim Selvia really had our defense ready to play and dialed up the plays at the end to win the game for us,” concluded Herald.

The 2010 season has been a wild ride for the Cardinals. After their 0-1 start, the Cardinals went on to win the rest of their regular season games and finished with an impressive 6-1 record tying for first place with Holy Cross and SJFW.

St. Charles’ huge win over Holy Cross came just before Labor Day when the final scoreboard read 8-0. In the first-round of the playoffs, the Cardinals were nearly upset by Troy Hoffer’s No. 7 seed, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, but pulled off a 22-14, come-from-behind, overtime victory.

SJFW finished the year with a 7-2 record. In the loss, Carroll credited the Cardinal defense and was extremely proud of his tough bunch of kids, explaining, “Our

captains of Damian Brough, Tyrell Johnson and Michael Sturm cared. They were dedicated and played their hearts out every game, all season.”

His eighth graders experienced their first winning record on the gridiron as Eagles. He added, “Our linemen of Jon Knapke, Bradley Scott, Pete Litchfield, Bubby Skordos and Graham Williams all battled along while Matt Clinger, Isaiah Klotz, Christian Milligan and Chris Merle were big contributors to our success on defense all year. Schuyler Cook, Connor Nix, Devin Fritz, Brett Mosier and Robert Ottenweller were also unselfish team guys that helped the team in action this year.”

To earn their spot, Holy Cross downed St. Vincent, 39-8. The Panthers finished an exceptional season with a 5-4 record under the leadership of first-year Coach Drew Linder who felt the game was much closer than the final score indicated. The lone touchdown in the loss came from Noah Coonan’s strike to Jake Graham.

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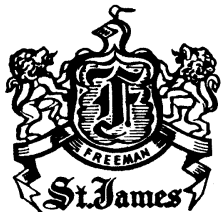
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Spirit Knight

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a Spirit Knight wine and imported beer tasting event Saturday, Oct. 23, in the cafeteria from 7:30-11 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and available by calling (260) 747-5977. Ten percent of all purchases will benefit Bishop Luers High School.

Spaghetti dinner tailgate

South Bend — Knights of Columbus, Council 553 will have a spaghetti dinner tailgate party Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Knights hall, 553 E. Washington St., from 11 a.m. to the end of the Notre Dame game. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-13 and children 5 and under free.

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, Nov. 4, at 6:30 p.m. on the topic "Ars Celebrandi: The Art of Celebrating Mass" with Brian MacMichael. This event is hosted by the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/TOT for information.

Living Healthier series sponsored by University of Saint Francis

Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series will begin Monday, Oct. 25, with "Breast

Cancer and Other Health Issues," with Nancy Ehmke, RN, from noon to 1 p.m. at the North Campus, 2702 Spring St. Non-perishable food item donations accepted.

Fancy fair and cookie bar

Rome City — St. Gaspar Parish will have a fancy fair and cookie bar Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Table rental and lunch available. Call (260) 854-4888 for information.

Knights plan fish fry

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

Holiday craft bazaar

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. Lunch will be available.

All family rosary

Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be recited on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 3:30-4:15 p.m. at St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel. The intention is for all families.

First Saturday devotions

The First Saturday Devotions on Nov. 6, will be held at these locations: Fort Wayne, St.

Charles — 8 a.m.; Sacred Heart — 7:30 a.m. (English Mass) and 11:30 a.m. (Latin Mass). Our Lady of the Angels Friary (formerly St. Andrew's) — 9 a.m.; Albion, Blessed Sacrament — 8 a.m.; Arcola, St. Patrick — 7:15 a.m.; Garrett, St. Joseph — 9 a.m.; New Haven, St. John — 6:55 a.m.; Monroeville, St. Rose — 8:10 a.m.; Warsaw, Sacred Heart — 8 a.m.; North Manchester, St. Robert — 8 a.m.

Eighth-grade day

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Fall festival planned

South Bend — St. Casimir Parish, 1308 W. Dunham St., will have a fall festival Sunday, Nov. 14, with a chicken dinner served from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Music from 2-5 p.m. provided by the Tim Deka Trio, games of chance, raffles, prizes and a pastry booth. Advance sales only — no carry-out available. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5-10 and children under 5 free. For tickets call (574) 287-9551.

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history of the Congregation of Holy Cross. This simple and saintly man, struggled through an early life of poverty and deprivation, after becoming an orphan at the age of 13, until with persistence he was accepted as a Holy Cross brother.

"His great devotion to St. Joseph," Father Warner said, "led him to accomplish what was thought to be impossible — beginning the construction of a great shrine to St. Joseph in Montreal, Canada. Through his pastoral attention to those who sought his intercession for spiritual and physical challenges, many people were cured by the 'Miracle Man of Montreal.'"

Father Warner added that over 1 million people attended his funeral, and today, more than 2 million pilgrims visit St. Joseph Oratory each year. "We invite our colleagues and friends to join us in our joy as we celebrate this extraordinary moment in the life of our congregation," he said.

Holy Cross Father David Tyson, provincial of the Indiana Province of Priests and Brothers, said, "We are honored and moved beyond words at Brother André's formal recognition as a saint, not only because this immensely humble man is the congregation's first recognized saint, but because he is such an extraordinary example for every Catholic of every age.

"Not for him the trappings of power and status, of money and prestige; he was famous first as a ferociously hard worker at the high school where he served his whole life," Father Tyson added. "He simply did everything and anything that was needed, from cleaning the floors to fixing shoes, from doing students' laundry to cutting hair. What an example of prayer in action, of active service to others as the most eloquent and powerful prayer of all. And that is the essence of the Congregation of Holy Cross — we serve the Christ in every being, with our hands and hearts and souls, with all our might."

Holy Cross Brother Chester Freel, provincial for the Midwest Province of Brothers at Notre Dame, said, "Throughout our 190 years of existence, the Brothers of Holy Cross have demonstrated their love for God by doing His work simply and humbly. Today, this canonization ceremony, I am very excited and proud that one of our own, Brother André Bessette, CSC, was canonized as the first saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross."

He added, "Like all of us, St. André lived a simple life, followed his vows, and performed the tasks that were given to him by the congregation. His life's work was to be the doorkeeper and porter for Notre Dame College in Quebec. He performed this work with such devotion and grace that people began to come to the college just to visit Brother André. He would

greet them with friendship and anoint them with oil from the chapel lamp, which always burned before St. Joseph's statue. Then he would pray that St. Joseph intercede for his visitors. As time went on, many miraculous healings were attributed to the friendly doorkeeper, but Brother André was always clear that the credit be given to St. Joseph."

Brother Freel said, "Now with his canonization, we can pray directly to St. André, CSC, of Montreal, for he demonstrated through consistent acts of hospitality and constant attention to prayer that sainthood can be found in living out the two greatest Commandments: 'Love God above all else and love thy neighbor as thyself.' In this way Brother André serves as a role model to all seeking holiness. And as members of the same religious community, we pray that the witness of Brother André's life, his holiness, and his trust in the intercession of St. Joseph, will continue to be a source of inspiration and affirmation, as we follow in his footsteps as consecrated religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross."

Canadians in the square spoke warmly of St. Bessette; some of the pilgrims even had personal connections to him.

Diane Guillemette of Montreal said that when her mother was 16 years old "she had a problem with her ear and she went to Brother André and he healed her."

Guillemette called St. Bessette "an example of patience, humility and love of work."

One of 12 children, St. Bessette



Holy Cross priests, wearing black capes, process off the altar before giving the Holy Eucharist to the pilgrims.

suffered from a chronic stomach ailment that kept him out of school. His father and mother died when he was young.

When he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1870, his childhood parish priest, Father André Provencal, sent a letter to the novice master saying, "I am sending a saint to your congregation."

Others canonized

Thousands of pilgrims from Australia applauded and waved their national flags after the pope pronounced the formula of canonization Oct. 17 in St. Peter's Square for Blessed Mother Mary



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Pope Benedict XVI declares Blessed André Bessette a saint of the Catholic Church with the banner of Brother André above the entrance of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

and prayer" as she dedicated herself to the education of the poor in the difficult territory of rural Australia, inspiring other women to join her in the country's first community of religious women.

"She attended to the needs of each young person entrusted to her, without regard for station or wealth, providing both intellectual and spiritual formation," he said. Her feast day is celebrated Aug. 8.

Relics of the six saints were brought to the altar during the two-hour liturgy. Tapestry portraits of the newly canonized hung from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica behind the papal altar, and many pilgrims carried their own personal pictures of the saints.

The others canonized were:

- St. Camilla Battista Varano, 1458-1524, the illegitimate daughter of an Italian nobleman, had to overcome her father's initial objections to enter the convent of the Poor Clares. Known for her mystical experiences during prayer, she died in an outbreak of the plague.
- St. Stanislaw Soltys, 1433-

1489, who devoted his life to caring for the poor in his native Krakow, Poland. Famed as a preacher and confessor, he was known as the "Apostle of the Eucharist" for his taking Communion to the sick and lonely.

- St. Giulia Salzano, 1846-1929, taught catechism to schoolchildren near Naples, Italy, and later founded the Catechetical Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to continue her work, which offered religious education to children of all ages, to their mothers and to regular laborers.

- St. Juana Cipitria Barriola, 1845-1912, was a champion of education for girls and young women in her native Spain. Known in some countries as Mother Candida Maria de Jesus, she founded the Daughters of Jesus with five other young women. She ran a special school on Sundays for girls who were employed as domestics, because Sunday was their only day off.

In his homily, the pope said the new saints exemplified the effectiveness of prayer as an expression of faith.

"Sometimes we get tired of praying, we have the impression that prayer is not very useful in life, that it is not terribly effective. So we are tempted to dedicate ourselves to activity, to using all human means to achieve our aims, and without turning to God," he said.

The canonization brought some 8,000 Australian pilgrims to Rome, where Australian flags waved in abundance during the papal liturgy.

St. MacKillop, the oldest of eight children of Scottish immigrants to Australia, began at the age of 24 to work with a priest to provide free education to the rural poor of the country. Three years later, there were 60 sisters working in schools, orphanages and women's shelters.

The nuns were also committed to following poor farmworkers, miners and other laborers into remote areas of the country to educate their children.

Local Church officials, however, disapproved of the sisters living in tiny, isolated communities — sometimes only two to a hut — frequently cut off from the sacraments in the remote Australian outback. She was even briefly excommunicated by the local bishops, who disbanded her order, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart. But within a few months, the bishop lifted his censure, and a Church commission cleared the sisters of all wrongdoing.

In 1901, she suffered a stroke during a trip to New Zealand, and her health declined until her death in 1909.

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