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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## St. Paul of the Cross Parish celebrates 150th jubilee

BY KAY COZAD

COLUMBIA CITY — St. Paul of the Cross Church was filled to capacity on Sunday, Oct. 24, with parishioners and friends who gathered to celebrate the parish's 150th anniversary at a special Mass concelebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and St. Paul's pastor Father Larry Kramer. "It is a joy to be with you today, my first visit to St. Paul of the Cross Parish here in Columbia City, on this happy and blessed occasion, the 150th anniversary of your parish," said Bishop Rhoades as he began his homily.

Noting the rich history of the parish, Bishop Rhoades reminded the congregants that it was in 1860 that the first Catholic church was built in Columbia City by "generous and faith-filled parishioners" who furnished the labor and materials for the simple wood framed church. He added that seven years later, in 1867, a larger church building was constructed and then dedicated by Bishop John Henry Luers, who gave the church the title St. Paul of the Cross.

Bishop Rhoades speculated on Bishop Luers' re-

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KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades holds a relic of St. Paul of the Cross at the final blessing that concluded the Mass concelebrated with Father Larry Kramer, left, to honor St. Paul of the Cross Parish's 150th anniversary on Oct. 24 in Columbia City.

## BISHOP RHOADES MEETS WITH POPE BENEDICT XVI



PROVIDED BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

At the end of the general audience on Oct. 20, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades met with Pope Benedict XVI. Bishop Rhoades was asked by Pope Benedict to share his greetings and blessing.

## Youth 'Fearless' at FaithFest

BY DENISE FEDOROW

WARSAW — Youth around the diocese were encouraged to be fearless at this year's FaithFest held Sunday at Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw. "Fearless" was the theme for the annual event and was based on the Scripture from 1 Jn. 4:18, "There is no fear in love but perfect love drives out fear."

The morning started out high energy as Chris Padgett got the 420 teens and chaperones going with "some crazy Jesus songs."

Padgett is a songwriter, musician, speaker and worship leader who travels around the world giving talks, missions and concerts. He was a founding member of the popular Christian band, Scarecrow and Tinmen, has four solo albums to his credit and has won the Unity Award for best Catholic rock song. His zany sense of humor had the audience laughing when Franciscan Father David Mary Engo came on stage to pray with the teens and Padgett quipped, "Did you guys see him? It was either a brown Smurf or a Franciscan."

Padgett shared a story about being given an award his senior year of high school for "most unique personality," which he said "meant freak of nature."

He spoke of asking a popular girl out on a date and they got married five years later and now have eight kids and all the kids are different.

"Just like everyone here is different. God wants to love us all in our unique way," he said. "There's no need for another St. Therese, we already have one. There's a need for a 'Saint You.'"

Padgett said there were three main points he wanted the kids to remember:

- Jesus picked me — because there is no one just like you.

- Jesus prepares me — "God decided to use my weirdness to speak around the world," he said. Even if all your friends are doing something else, go do and live what you're supposed to."

- Jesus protects me — using the story of Saul and David and Goliath, Padgett illustrated how, because of David's faith, he slew the giant and was protected.

"If you wimp out, God picks someone else," he said.

Jay Horning, the youth director from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, was a first-time attendee and said he was looking forward to the keynote speakers and different sessions.

Stephanie Loney from Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw said she's attended a couple of years in the past and what she likes most about FaithFest is that it is "a way during the year to reconnect with your faith."

The group then divided up for a basic

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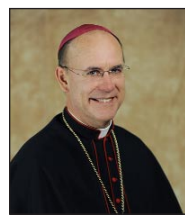
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## A Roman pilgrimage



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

I am writing this column over the Atlantic Ocean while flying home from a weeklong pilgrimage in Rome for the canonization of Brother (now "Saint") Andre Bessette, CSC.

## Canonization Mass

On Sunday, October 17th, over 80,000 faithful from around the world gathered in Saint Peter's Square with the Holy Father to celebrate with joy the canonization of six new saints, including Saint Andre. I had a great seat in the first row of the bishops, right behind the row of cardinals. Happily I was seated next to Bishop Daniel Jenky, CSC, the Bishop of Peoria and former Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Many Holy Cross priests and brothers were present to see their congregation's first saint canonized.

In his homily, Pope Benedict said that "for Brother Andre, everything spoke of God and of God's presence." He described Brother Andre as "wholly inhabited by the mystery of Jesus." As porter at the College of Notre Dame in Montreal and then as faithful custodian at Saint Joseph Oratory, Brother Andre lived a deep life of prayer that bore fruit in a life of "boundless charity." This simple and humble Holy Cross brother was renowned for many cures that he attributed not to himself but to the intercession of his beloved Saint Joseph. He is now even more renowned as a canonized saint of the Church. May his example inspire us to be faithful to prayer and humble in Christian service!

Also canonized at the Mass was a Polish priest of the fifteenth century, Father Stanislaw Kazimierzcyk. I remember years ago Pope John Paul II speaking about this priest of the Order of Canons Regular of the Lateran who served in Krakow. Saint Stanislaw had an ardent love for the Holy Eucharist. For the past 500 years, there has been devotion to this holy priest who is now a canonized saint.

The other four newly canonized saints were all religious sisters, three of whom were founders of religious congregations. One I had learned about when I was at World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia. Her name is Mother Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She is the first canonized saint of Australia. It seems that everywhere I went in Rome last week I met Australian pilgrims delighted with their new saint. They spoke with pride and admiration of Saint Mary of the Cross and her strength, zeal, and perseverance despite many setbacks. In the difficult terrain of rural Australia, Mother Mary MacKillop and her Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart were dedicated to the education of the poor.

## Celebrations in Rome

After the canonization, I joined many pilgrims for a celebratory "pranzo" hosted by Father David Tyson and the Indiana province of the Holy Cross congregation. It



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass on Oct. 19 in the Irish chapel in the crypt of St. Peter's Basilica with Father Jim Gallagher, the vocation director of the Indiana province of Holy Cross, Father Peter McCormick, associate director for campus vocations at Notre Dame, and about a dozen young men, seminarians and students from the University Notre Dame, who were also pilgrims in Rome for the canonization of St. André Bessette.

was a wonderful dinner.

The day after the canonization, pilgrims celebrating Saint Andre's canonization gathered for a thanksgiving Mass at the Church of Sant'Andrea della Valle. Bishop Jenky, many Canadian bishops, and I concelebrated the Mass with Cardinal Turcotte, the Archbishop of Montreal. Dozens of Holy Cross priests, including many from our diocese, concelebrated as well. Father Richard Warner, the Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, offered words of joy and gratitude at the end of Mass.

On Tuesday, I celebrated Mass in the Irish chapel in the crypt of Saint Peter's Basilica with Father Jim Gallagher, the vocation director of the Indiana province of Holy Cross, Father Peter McCormick, associate director for campus vocations at Notre Dame, and about a dozen young men, seminarians and students from Notre Dame, who were also pilgrims in Rome for the canonization. It was very special to be with our Notre Dame students in prayer. I only realized after the Mass the significance of our celebrating the Mass in the "Irish" chapel!!!

On Tuesday afternoon, the U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, Dr. Miguel Diaz, and his wife Marion, both graduates of Notre Dame, hosted me, Father Jenkins and others from Notre Dame at a wonderful dinner in their residence on the Janiculum Hill. It was a delightful dinner and conversation as we discussed the important relationship between the United States and the Holy See and the cooperation that exists in various ways to serve the common good.

## Papal Audience

At the General Audience on Wednesday in Saint Peter's Square, our Holy Father continued his series of catechetical talks on religious women of the Middle Ages. He spoke



After the general audience of Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 20, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades met four young women from Saint Mary's College who were in Rome for a semester abroad.

about the beautiful life of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. At the end of the audience, I was blessed to have a minute or two conversation with Pope Benedict. He asked me to share with you, the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, his greetings and blessing. What a gift our gentle and humble Holy Father is to the Church and each of us. After the audience, I was happy to meet four young women from Saint Mary's College who were in Rome for a semester abroad. They too were excited to be there for the canonization and the papal audience.

There is not enough space in this column to relate all the activities and events of my week in Rome. I visited many of my favorite churches. Since I was a student in Rome for seven years, I feel very much at home when I return there. Fortunately, my Italian comes back to me after a few days. I prayed for you at the tombs of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and offered Mass for all the faithful of our diocese at Mass in the crypt of Saint Peter's Basilica. May Saint Andre Bessette and all the newly canonized saints inspire us on the path of holiness and intercede for us!

# Pope names 24 new cardinals, including two from United States

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named 24 new cardinals, including two from the United States: Archbishop Raymond L. Burke, head of the Vatican's highest tribunal, and Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington.

The pope announced the names at the end of his weekly general audience Oct. 20 and said he would formally install the cardinals during a special consistory at the Vatican Nov. 20.

"The universality of the Church is reflected in the list of new cardinals. In fact, they come from various parts of the world and fulfill different tasks in the service of the Holy See or in direct contact with the people of God as fathers and pastors of particular churches," the pope said.

The new cardinals come from 13 countries on five continents, and their number included 10 Italians. The pope named 10 Roman Curia officials — a higher number than expected — along with 10 residential archbishops and four prelates over the age of 80. One unusual aspect of the pope's list was that two of the residential archbishops were retired.

The November ceremony will mark the third time Pope Benedict has created cardinals since his election in April 2005. After the consistory, he will have appointed about 40 percent of the cardinals currently under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

The elevation of Cardinal-designates Burke and Wuerl will bring the number of U.S. cardinals to 18. Of that number, 13 are voting-age — matching a historically high number for the United States.

Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York was not on the list of new cardinals; his retired predecessor in New York, Cardinal Edward M. Egan, is still under 80, and tradition generally holds against two voting-age cardinals from the same diocese.

The consistory will leave the College of Cardinals with 203 members, a new record. Of those, 121 will be under age 80, one more than a numerical limit of 120 that has often been waived. Seven cardinals will turn 80 over the next six months.

Pope Benedict's latest appointments left geographical balances relatively unchanged among voting members of the College of Cardinals, although it bolstered the European presence, which will have 62 of the 121 potential cardinal electors. The new voting-age cardinals included 11 from Europe, 2 from Latin America, 2 from North America, 4 from Africa and 1 from Asia.

Eight of the under-80 cardinals named were Italians, leaving Italy with 25 voting-age cardinals, by



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**U.S. Archbishop Raymond L. Burke, prefect of the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature, during a reception in Rome May 27.**

far the largest number from a single country. Italy will have 48 cardinals overall.

Ten of the new cardinals are Roman Curia officials, which means that Roman Curia elector cardinals would number 37, about 30 percent of the total.

Cardinal-designate Burke, 62, is prefect of the Vatican's highest tribunal, the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature. While the court's work is generally shrouded in secrecy, when it comes to moral and political issues — especially abortion and same-sex marriage — Cardinal-designate Burke has been one of the most outspoken U.S. bishops.

Before the November 2008 U.S. presidential election, he said the Democratic Party "risks transforming itself definitively into a 'party of death.'"

In 2004, he was the first U.S. bishop to say publicly that he would withhold Communion from Catholic politicians with voting records that contradicted church teaching on fundamental moral issues. He was serving as archbishop of St. Louis when Pope Benedict named him head of the Apostolic Signature in 2008.

Cardinal-designate Wuerl, 69, is known for his commitment to promoting Catholic religious education and Catholic schools. As head of the archdiocese that includes the U.S. capital, he also has been a leader in defending Catholic values in public life.

The pope named four Africans as cardinals, including Coptic Patriarch Antonios Naguib of Alexandria, Egypt, who has been in the spotlight recently as the recording secretary for the Oct. 10-24 Synod of Bishops for the Middle East.

Also named were Congolese Archbishop Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya of Kinshasa, 71, a biblical scholar and activist in justice and peace issues; Guinean Archbishop Robert Sarah, president of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, 65; and retired Zambian Archbishop Medardo Joseph Mazombwe, 79,



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**Cardinal-designate Donald W. Wuerl of Washington smiles as he answers questions from the media after celebrating Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington Oct. 20.**

who has helped mediate political disputes in his country.

The pope named a single Asian, a former collaborator in the Roman Curia: Sri Lankan Archbishop Albert Malcolm Ranjith Patabendige Don of Colombo, 62. He was formerly a secretary of the Vatican's worship congregation.

In Latin America, the pope named Brazilian Archbishop Raymundo Damasceno Assis of Aparecida, 73, as well as Ecuadorean Archbishop Raul Eduardo Vela Chiriboga, 76, who retired as archbishop of Quito in September.

European residential archbishops among the new cardinals included Italian Archbishop Paolo Romeo of Palermo, 72, Polish Archbishop Kazimierz Nycz of Warsaw, 60, and German Archbishop Reinhard Marx of Munich and Freising, 57.

In addition to Cardinal-designates Burke and Sarah, the Roman Curia officials named included Italian Archbishop Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes; Italian Archbishop Mauro Piacenza, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy; Swiss Archbishop Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity; Italian Archbishop Fortunato Baldelli, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal; and Italian Archbishop Velasio De Paolis, president of the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See, who was recently named as an interim leader of the Legionaries of Christ while the order undergoes a reorganization.

"I ask you to pray for the new cardinals, asking the intercession of the most holy mother of God so they fruitfully fulfill their ministry in the Church," the pope said.

The pope named four cardinals who are over the age of 80, prelates he said were "distinguished for their generosity and dedication in service of the Church."



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 31, 11 a.m. — Mass and Eucharistic Procession, St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m. — All Schools Mass, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Nov. 2 — Seminary visit to Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio
- Wednesday, Nov. 3, 12:05 p.m. — Mass for Deceased Priests and Bishops, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 4, 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington
- Friday, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. — Mass at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Nov. 6, 8:15 a.m. — Keynote speech and Mass at Catechetical Institute Day, Wawasee Middle School, Syracuse
- Saturday, Nov. 6, 5:20 p.m. — Dinner and rosary at Cursillo Weekend Retreat, St. Patrick Parish, South Bend

## Mass for deceased priests and bishops Nov. 3

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the Mass for deceased priests and bishops of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 12:05 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The priests will join Bishop Rhoades in the crypt following the Mass for special prayers. All the faithful are cordially invited to attend the Mass.

## All-Schools Mass to be celebrated Nov. 1

FORT WAYNE — Area Catholic elementary school students, teachers, staff and parents will gather in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Monday, Nov. 1, at 10:30 a.m. for the annual Catholic All-Schools Mass.

More than 6,000 students are expected to attend the liturgy.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will celebrate the Mass with about 30 to 40 local and area priests as concelebrants.

Students also will participate in the Mass as servers, gift presenters, incense bearers and in other liturgical functions including prayer, petitions and singing. Many students also will dress as their favorite saint since it will be All Saints Day.

## STUDENTS PRAY AT ABORTION CLINIC



TESS STEFFEN

Students, parents and teachers from St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, gathered Oct. 21 to pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life across from the abortion clinic on Inwood Drive.

# Pope calls Catholics to transform world through missionary outreach

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — All Catholics are called to spread the good news of salvation and support the Church's missionary mandate, Pope Benedict XVI said on World Mission Sunday.

"The missionary task is not to revolutionize the world, but to transform it, obtaining strength from Jesus Christ," he said during his Angelus address in St. Peter's Square Oct. 24.

To proclaim the Gospel, Christians are called to strengthen the bonds of communion with other Christians and to seek "constant personal and communal conversion," he said.

World Mission Sunday "reminds us that ecclesial communion is the key to our task of proclaiming the Gospel," he said.

The pope also called on people to pray for all those who have generously dedicated their lives to missionary work, often amid "great difficulties."

In his written message for World Mission Sunday, the pope said every Catholic has an obligation to participate in the Church's missionary outreach in their own families and communities.

The faithful need to support foreign missions through prayer and concrete help by donating to the churches in missionary lands and to the pontifical missionary societies, which fund the training of priests and catechists and the education of children, he wrote.

Every year, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith receives financial requests to fund thousands of projects around the world.

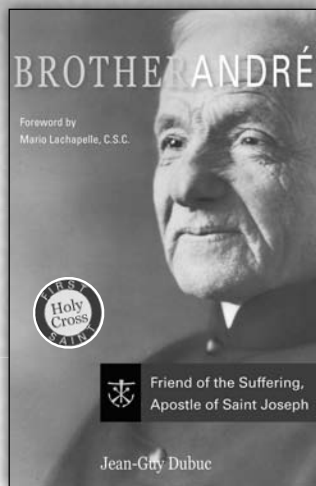
During this year's general assembly, the society allocated the following financial contributions: more than \$17.2 million to projects in Africa; more than \$10.7 million to Asia; more than \$2 million to the Americas; nearly \$1.5 million to Oceania; and nearly \$1.2 million to Europe, the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, said Oct. 24.



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Boys watch and take pictures in St. Peter's Square as Pope Benedict XVI leads the Angelus from his apartment window at the Vatican Oct. 24.

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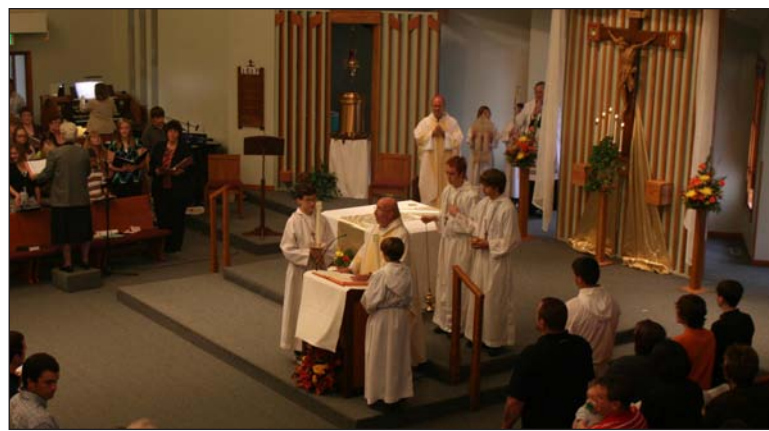
soning behind his choice of names for the country church, noting his discovery that it was in the same year that Paul of the Cross was canonized a saint. "I imagine he wanted to name a parish in honor of the newly canonized St. Paul of the Cross," Bishop Rhoades said.

There were looks of delight on the faces of those in attendance as Bishop Rhoades informed the congregation that he had recently been to Rome for the canonization of Holy Cross Brother André Bessette, and prayed for St. Paul Parish and its parishioners while visiting the church where St. Paul is buried.

Bishop Rhoades told those assembled that St. Paul was an 18th century Italian priest and mystic who founded the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, members of which lead a life of contemplative prayer as well as giving missions focused on the passion of Jesus Christ.

Of the parish he said, "Here at St. Paul of the Cross Parish, people have encountered Christ's love, most powerfully revealed on the cross, through prayer, the sacraments and catechesis for the past 150 years. Christ on the Cross teaches us true wisdom, that through the self emptying of sacrificial love, we find true life, authentic freedom and victory over death. Having St. Paul of the Cross as your patron is a good reminder to meditate often, as he did, on our Lord's Passion."

Bishop Rhoades then spoke on the need for humble prayer. "When we pray with humility our prayer always reaches God and attains its end," he said.



KAY COZAD

Father Larry Kramer, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross in Columbia City, proclaimed the Gospel to a full assembly at a special Mass concelebrated with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, back center, on Oct. 24, in honor of the parish's 150th anniversary.

The bishop concluded his homily with gratitude for the many devoted priests and sisters who have served at St. Paul throughout its history, including current pastor Father Kramer. He also said, "We thank the Lord for all the devoted parishioners, past and present. And we ask the Lord to continue to bless this parish community that it may be an evangelizing community that attracts others to Christ and His Church, a holy community that continues to grow in the virtues, especially in faith, hope and charity."

Throughout the joyous liturgy the St. Paul of the Cross choirs raised their voices in angelic hymns, while the congregation responded in kind. And in a special final blessing, Bishop Rhoades concluded Mass by holding a relic from St. Paul as he made the sign of the cross over those gathered.

After greeting parishioners in the gathering area of the church following Mass, Bishop Rhoades joined Father Kramer and his flock at a dinner in honor of the jubilee.

Lifelong St. Paul of the Cross parishioner Mike Weigold, who ushered at the anniversary Mass,

thought highly of the history of the parish. "I think it's neat that the Catholic Church has been here in Columbia City for 150 years," he said and added, "I wonder what the founders, that small group of people, envisioned — what it would be like? I think they'd be very happy."

Erin Shidler, and her 18-month-old son Jacob, celebrated the jubilee Mass with joy. "We're relatively new here, but St. Paul has been very welcoming to us," she said. "They have an active young adult group here. It's a very active parish, and I appreciate that."

Carl and Joan Baermann, parishioners for 14 years, said of the jubilee celebration Mass, "It's wonderful! The choir worked so hard. We've been involved in funeral dinners, Bible studies and just love this parish. Father Larry is excellent!"

And Father Kramer was delighted with the number of people who helped put the celebration together. "It was glorious. This is really good for the parish. Unfortunately it only comes along every 150 years," he said with a grin.

# Peace is possible in Middle East, pope says at synod's closing Mass

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Closing the Synod of Bishops for the Middle East, Pope Benedict XVI said, "We must never resign ourselves to the absence of peace."

"Peace is possible. Peace is urgent," the pope said Oct. 24 during his homily at the Mass closing the two-week synod.

Peace is what will stop Christians from emigrating, he said.

Pope Benedict also urged Christians to promote respect for freedom of religion and conscience, "one of the fundamental human rights that each state should always respect."

Synod members released a message Oct. 23 to their own faithful, their government leaders, Catholics around the world, the international community and to all people of goodwill. The Vatican also released the 44 propositions adopted by synod members as recommendations for Pope Benedict to consider in writing his post-synodal apostolic exhortation.

Although the bishops said the main point of the synod was to find pastoral responses to the challenges facing their people, they said the biggest challenges are caused by political and social injustice and war and conflict.

"We have taken account of the impact of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on the whole region, especially on the Palestinians who are suffering the consequences of the Israeli occupation: the lack of freedom of movement, the wall of separation and the military checkpoints, the political prisoners, the demolition of homes, the disturbance of socio-economic life and the thousands of refugees," they said in one of the strongest sentences in the message.

They called for continued Catholic-Jewish dialogue, condemned anti-Semitism and anti-Judaism and affirmed Israel's right to live at peace within its "internationally recognized borders."

Although relations between Christians and Jews in the region often are colored by Israeli-Palestinian tensions, the bishops said the Catholic Church affirms the Old Testament — the Hebrew Scriptures — is the word of God and that God's promises to the Jewish people, beginning with Abraham, are still valid.

However, they said, "recourse to theological and biblical positions which use the word of God to wrongly justify injustices is not acceptable. On the contrary, recourse to religion must lead every person to see the face of God in others."

Addressing the synod's final news conference Oct. 23, Melkite Bishop Cyrille S. Bustros of Newton, Mass., said, "For us Christians, you can no longer speak of a land promised to the



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Jewish people," because Christ's coming into the world demonstrated that God's chosen people are all men and women and that their promised land would be the kingdom of God established throughout the world.

The bishops' point in criticizing some people's use of Scripture was intended to say "one cannot use the theme of the Promised Land to justify the return of Jews to Israel and the expatriation of Palestinians," Bishop Bustros said.

In their message, the bishops expressed particular concern over the future of Jerusalem, particularly given Israeli "unilateral initiatives" that threaten the composition and demographic profile of the city through construction and buying up the property of Christians and other Arabs.

They also offered words of support for the suffering Iraqi people, both Christians and Muslims, and for those forced to flee the country.

The synod members said they talked extensively about Christian-Muslim relations and about the fact that they both are long-standing citizens of the same countries and should be working together for the good of all.

"We say to our Muslim fellow-citizens: We are brothers and sisters; God wishes us to be together, united by one faith in God and by the dual commandment of love of God and neighbor," they said.

But Christians must be given their full rights as citizens and the future peace and prosperity of the region require civil societies built "on the basis of citizenship, religious freedom and freedom of conscience."

Throughout the synod, members said that while religious freedom and freedom of worship are recognized in most of the region's constitutions, freedom of conscience — particularly the freedom to change religious affiliation — is not respected in many places.

The synod propositions called for educating Christians in the beliefs of their Muslim and Jewish neighbors and for strengthening dialogue programs that would help the region's people "accept one another in spite of their differences, working to build a new society in which fanaticism and

extremism have no place."

Much of the synod's discussion focused on the fact that many Christians are emigrating because of ongoing conflicts, a lack of security and equality and a lack of economic opportunities at home.

They praised those who have remained despite hardship and thanked them for their contributions to Church and society.

While they did not call on emigrants to return home, they did ask them to consider it eventually and to think twice before selling their property in their homelands. Several bishops had told the synod that Christians selling off their property was turning previously Christian-Muslim neighborhoods and towns into totally Muslim areas.

One of the synod propositions said, "We exhort our faithful and our Church communities not to give in to the temptation to sell off their real estate," and they pledged to set up micro-finance and other projects to help people retain their property and make it prosper.

The synod members affirmed their commitment to efforts to promote full Christian unity and promised to strengthen cooperative efforts with other Christian churches in the region because "we share the same journey" and unity is necessary for effectively sharing the Gospel.

The bishops at the synod also recognized their own failures in not promoting greater communion between Catholics of different rites, with other Christians and with the Jewish and Muslim majorities of their homelands.

And they told their lay faithful, "We have not done everything possible to confirm you in your faith and to give you the spiritual nourishment you need in your difficulties."

All Christians, including the bishops, are called to conversion, they said.

The propositions called for creation of a "commission of cooperation" between church leaders of different rites, the sharing of material resources and establishment of a program to share priests.

They also echoed a repeated call in the synod for the pope to study ways to expand the jurisdiction of Eastern Catholic patriarchs and major archbishops to allow them greater power in providing for their faithful who live outside the traditional territory of their churches and to consider dropping restrictions on ordaining married men to the priesthood outside the traditional homeland of the particular church.

Maronite Archbishop Joseph Soueif of Cyprus told reporters, "The synod is not a medical prescription or a cure" for the problems Christians face in the Middle East, "it's a journey that is just beginning" and will have to be implemented by the region's Catholics.

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## Papal delegate outlines reform process in new letter to Legionaries

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The papally mandated reform of the Legionaries of Christ may take “two or three years or even more” and require the establishment of at least three commissions, the papal delegate overseeing the reform said in an Oct. 19 letter. Italian Archbishop Velasio De Paolis, who was named by Pope Benedict XVI to the College of Cardinals the day after his letter was dated, urged members of the Legionaries to “set aside all suspicion and distrust” of one another during the process of reform and renewal of the order. “If we are united and respectful of each other as we move forward, the journey will be swift and sure, but it will be certain shipwreck to let ourselves get caught up in the desire to win out and impose our own ideas,” he said. But Cardinal-designate De Paolis also said members must not allow the failings of the order’s founder, the late Mexican Father Marcial Maciel Degollado, to be seen as representative of the Legion itself. “The Legion has been approved by the Church and it cannot be said that it is a not a work of God at the service of his kingdom and of the Church,” the letter said. “The founder’s responsibilities cannot simply be transferred onto the Legion of Christ itself.” Pope Benedict ordered a reform of the Legionaries after revelations that Father Maciel, who died in 2008, had fathered children and sexually abused seminarians. “The shock caused by the founder’s actions had tremendous impact, on a scale capable of destroying the congregation itself, as many in fact predicted,” said Cardinal-designate De Paolis.

## Rome diocese opens sainthood cause of Vietnamese cardinal

ROME (CNS) — The Diocese of Rome formally opened the sainthood process for Vietnamese Cardinal Francois Nguyen Van Thuan, who spent 13 years in prison in communist Vietnam — nine of them in solitary confinement. After he was freed by authorities in 1988, Pope John Paul II named him vice president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 1994 and president of the council in 1998. He died in Rome in 2002, which is why the diocese formally opened his sainthood cause Oct. 22. In his 2007 encyclical on Christian hope, Pope Benedict XVI called Cardinal Van Thuan an exemplary model of maintaining hope through prayer, even in a “situation of seemingly utter hopelessness.” The formal opening of the cause does not mean that the late cardinal will be beatified or canonized quickly. Witnesses will be called to testify about his life and holiness, his writings will be collected, and a biography will be

## RELATIVES WAIT OUTSIDE HAITIAN HOSPITAL



CNS PHOTO/ST-FELIX EVENS, REUTERS

Relatives of Haitians suffering from cholera wait for news outside a local hospital in the town of Saint Marc Oct. 22. Haiti’s government and its aid partners are fighting to contain a cholera epidemic that has killed more than 160 people in the nation’s worst medical emergency since the Jan. 12 earthquake.

compiled. The diocese must gather evidence that he has a widespread reputation for holiness and must look into claims by the faithful that they were healed through his intercession.

## Some St. Paul-Minneapolis parishes to merge, form clusters

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — Before pastors had an opportunity to explain during Masses Oct. 16-17 how a strategic plan for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis would affect their parishes, local media prematurely announced the closure of some churches in one area of Minneapolis. Some church buildings will eventually close as a result of the strategic plan, which will reduce the number of parishes in the archdiocese from 213 to 192 during the next several years. However, the decision about which church buildings to close and which to keep open as a part of mergers is yet to be determined in some cases, with approval from Archbishop John C. Nienstedt and the presbyteral council. That’s the situation for some parishes in northeast Minneapolis. Before the 4:30 p.m. Mass Oct. 16 at Holy Cross in northeast Minneapolis, Sandra Westfall heard from a neighbor who read the newspaper that morning that she was going to lose her church. But Westfall

closed her mind to the news. If she had to hear that message, she wanted to hear it from her own pastor, she said. Parishioners applauded after hearing during the homily that Holy Cross was not in imminent danger of closing its doors. “You, my brothers and sisters, can take a huge sigh of relief,” said Father Glen Jenson, pastor of Holy Cross, St. Hedwig and the newly added St. Clement Parish, all of which are merging into St. Anthony of Padua, which was designated the receiving parish in Minneapolis. “You will determine what goes on in these four parishes.”

## Scott named editor-in-chief for Catholic News Agency, EWTN News

DENVER (CNS) — David Scott, an author and former editor of *Our Sunday Visitor* newspaper, has been named editor-in-chief of both Catholic News Agency and EWTN News. The move reflects a growing collaboration between the two large news companies to expand their operations in the global Catholic digital and multimedia market. Catholic News Agency, based in Denver, has news bureaus in North and South America and Europe. EWTN is the news arm of EWTN Global Catholic Network, based in Irondale, Ala., which provides multimedia services to more than

140 countries and territories and describes itself as the world’s largest religious media company. Michael Warsaw, president and CEO of EWTN Global Catholic Network, said Scott “brings a tremendous skill set to the post of editor-in-chief and is highly respected within Catholic journalistic circles. Having him on board will allow us to take our services to the next level,” he added. Alejandro Bermudez, executive director of CNA and its Latin America-based sister news company *Aci Prensa*, said Scott has been a friend and colleague for nearly two decades. “It is a true blessing to have him with CNA,” he said.

## Mildred Jefferson, pro-life leader, surgeon, dies in Cambridge

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Dr. Mildred Jefferson, a leader in the pro-life movement for decades who was also the first African-American woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School, died Oct. 15 at her home in Cambridge, Mass. She was 84. No cause of death was announced. Among the groups praising Jefferson’s pro-life work over the years were the Massachusetts Catholic Conference and the National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life. “When others were silent, Dr. Mildred Jefferson

refused to be silent,” said Franciscan Father James E. Goode, president of the New York-based National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life. “Her voice and presence were heard throughout this nation proclaiming the dignity of all human life.” Gerald D’Avolio, executive director of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, said Jefferson’s role in the pro-life movement “demonstrated the movement’s breadth and depth — she was a pioneer in breaking barriers in the medical field and she was a dedicated physician who defended the dignity of the human person with intelligence and verve. Her respect for the Catholic Church and her willingness to provide compelling legislative testimony over the years in alliance with the Massachusetts Catholic Conference will always be remembered and appreciated,” he added.

## US cardinal named to council studying Vatican’s economic problems

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago to the international Council of Cardinals for the Study of the Organizational and Economic Problems of the Holy See. The Vatican announced the appointment Oct. 23. The cardinal-members of the council meet regularly with the pope to help oversee the economic management of the Vatican. The special council was established by Pope John Paul II in 1981 to advise him on the Vatican’s ailing finances and organizational problems that he inherited from his predecessors. The council is presided over by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, and members include Cardinals Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles, George Pell of Sydney and Marc Ouellet of Quebec.

## Pope names Miami auxiliary bishop to head Orlando Diocese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Auxiliary Bishop John G. Noonan of Miami to head the Diocese of Orlando, Fla. He succeeds Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, who was installed June 1 to head the Miami Archdiocese. He will be installed Dec. 16. Archbishop Pietro Sambi, papal nuncio to the United States, announced Bishop Noonan’s appointment in Washington Oct. 23. “I promise to preach and to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And to the best of my ability to be a bishop and shepherd to the people of the Diocese of Orlando,” Bishop Noonan said in a statement at a news conference in Orlando the day of his appointment. He said he looked forward to learning about his new diocese from the laity, the priests, and the men and women religious.

## Day of the Dead festivities planned at Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME — Internationally known artist Artemio Rodriguez will join musical and dance groups to bring Mexican traditions to life at the University of Notre Dame during its annual festivities celebrating the Day of the Dead.

A spirited, rather than mournful holiday, the observance honors and celebrates those who have gone before. The Día de los Muertos (or Day of the Dead) festivities will be held on Monday, Nov. 1, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Great Hall on the Notre Dame campus. The celebration is free and open to the public.

Installation of the ofrenda will be available for viewing through Nov. 2. Rodriguez will discuss his work at 6 and 7 p.m. on Nov. 1.

Also during the Nov. 1 event, a 6:30 p.m. discussion and musical performance will feature anthropologist and musician Alex E. Chávez, a Notre Dame visiting faculty member, and special guest Juan Rivera of the Chicago group Sones de México. Mariachi ND and Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro will perform at various times throughout the evening.

The festivities are sponsored by Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies with the Snite Museum of Art and Multicultural Student Programs and Services.

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## Saint Mary's students to host 'Day of the Dead' celebration

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College students hosted a Day of the Dead celebration at Warren Primary Center on Thursday, Oct. 28. The holiday is widely observed on Nov. 1 and 2 in connection with the Catholic holy days of All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

La Fuerza, a Latina heritage club at Saint Mary's, and the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program co-hosted the event at Warren. The celebration began with a brief history of the holiday. Activities included Warren Primary Center students reading essays and there was an educational display of a Day of the Dead altar. The event concluded with dinner and carnival-like booths run by volunteers.

"Our Day of the Dead event provides fun and educational activities for the children and offers an opportunity to reach out to the school's growing number of Latino students. We hope the celebration makes them feel welcomed and integrated into the school community. It's also a way to introduce students who are not Latino to the culture," said Olivia Critchlow, CAT director. Through the CAT program, Saint Mary's students serve as tutors and teacher assistants at Warren. Many of the teacher assistants work in the school's English as a New Language (ENL) classes.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## GUERIN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN MARIAN PROCESSION



JOE ROMIE

Parishioners of the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Community and Sacred Heart Church, Fort Wayne, participated in a Fatima statue procession on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Father George Gabet, a priest of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, led the prayer service.

## Catholicism Revealed announces speakers

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will be offering its Catholicism Revealed series held Monday evenings this fall from 6:30-8 p.m. at the church. Prayer time, prior to the presentations, begins at 6:10 p.m. The series will explore theology of the body this fall.

The following speakers will present talks on the following dates:

- On Nov. 8, Perry J. Cahall, PhD., will present "In the Beginning..." The evening will include a discussion on the nature of the Holy Trinity, how humanity is made in the image and likeness of God and also humanity's original unity with God.

- Cahall earned his master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees in historical theology from St. Louis University and is currently an associate professor of historical theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, where he teaches theology and Church history courses, including theology of the body, theology of the new evangelization, pastoral care of Marriage and early Church history. He also serves as the Josephinum director of admissions. He resides in Columbus with his wife and children.

- On Nov. 15, Lisa Marino will present "Naked and Ashamed." This theology of the body session

will explore life with sin and how original sin has affected lives today.

Marino is the fifth of 13 children in the Kloska family from Elkhart. She earned her degree in philosophy from Saint Mary's College in 1991. She founded the New Evangelization Team of Elkhart County which, for four years, sponsored catechetical and worship events for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Marino has been the RCIA director at St. Matthew co-Cathedral for nine years and currently travels the diocese giving parish mission talks and speaking to students at youth retreats. Marino has a special love for Pope John Paul II's theology of the body, which she has presented to parishes, prayer groups, diocesan seminarians and diocesan priests at continuing education conferences. Marino currently presents theology of the body at all diocesan engaged couple conferences. She has been married to her husband Nick for nine years and they are the parents of four children.

- On Nov. 22, Father Andrew Budzinski will present "Behold, I Make All Things New." This final session will include a discussion of the sacredness of sexuality and vocation, and how the faithful can be living signs of God and heaven.

Father Budzinski, newly ordained priest for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, earned masters' degrees in both theology and in divinity. His bachelors' degrees were in communications

from the University of Notre Dame and philosophy from the Pontifical College Josephinum. His master's thesis centered on "The Theology of Communications." Information from Pope John Paul II's theology of the body helped to form Father Budzinski's vocation in life. He serves as parochial vicar of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

## Cookbook benefits St. Mary's Soup Kitchen

FORT WAYNE — St. Mary's Catholic Church in downtown Fort Wayne has put together "Taste and See," a cookbook filled with traditional family recipes and unique international fare including North African spicy chicken, easy Croatian sarma, Cuban picadillo, Polish pickled eggs, Russian kulich and Haitian bouillon. The cookbook also includes an outline of what it takes to prepare the parish's annual Thanksgiving Day dinner for the community, and there are recipes for pets, too.

Proceeds from the cookbook, a bargain at \$10, benefit the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, which currently distributes between 1,100 and 1,400 servings of soup each day and is open seven days per week.

The soup kitchen has operated nonstop since Jan. 22, 1975 when the late Father Tom O'Connor, former pastor of St. Mary's, and

then-music director David Fyfe, starting cooking soup in the rectory kitchen. They passed it out from the back door to hungry people who came asking for help. But the roots of the soup kitchen go back even farther. Few know that Father Tom had a history of giving groceries to hungry people, but by January of 1975, he knew the money budgeted for food would not last. Fyfe suggested making soup to stretch the food dollars — he had a few of his grandmother's recipes — and the rest is history.

Not even the 1993 fire that destroyed the old St. Mary's Church disrupted the food ministry. The day after the fire, canned soup was distributed from the back of a truck in the church parking lot, and later from the back porch of the rectory until interim kitchens could be constructed, first in the old boiler house and later in a house at the corner of Jefferson and Clay. Today the soup kitchen operates from a state-of-the-art kitchen that is part of the church complex.

Cookbooks are available at the St. Mary's Church Office, (260) 424-8231, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enter from the parking lot at the corner of Jefferson and Clay downtown. Books are also available at the church on Sunday mornings 9 a.m. until noon.

## Small Christian Communities offers Nov. 6 session

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish's Small Christian Communities extends an invitation to Catholics to join them as they explore family struggles, employment difficulties, stress and other family issues. Topics also explore ways to pray and give thanks to God. The event will be held Saturday, Nov. 6, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall. There is no charge for this event but registrations are requested by Nov. 4, by calling (260) 489-3537, ext. 207 or through e-mail at [dschuerman@saintv.org](mailto:dschuerman@saintv.org).

## Masses for parents who lost a child

During the month of November, in which the Church prays in a special way for the souls of those who have died, the Office of Family Life is sponsoring on each end of the diocese, a memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child, including through miscarriage and abortion.

The South Bend area memorial Mass will take place on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish, South Bend, and will be celebrated by Father Mark Gurtner.

The Fort Wayne area memorial Mass will take place on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. at St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, and will be celebrated by Father Tom Shoemaker. Siblings, grandparents and other family members are also welcome to these liturgies.

# Bishop D'Arcy Catholic Education Jubilee Fund awards tuition assistance to 29 elementary schools

BY ELISA M. SMITH

FORT WAYNE — Twenty-nine Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are being awarded tuition assistance of \$215.44 each for school year 2010-2011 from The Bishop D'Arcy Catholic Education Jubilee Fund. Seventeen are Fort Wayne area elementary schools and 12 are South Bend area schools.

The Bishop D'Arcy Catholic Education Jubilee Fund is a restricted endowment fund within the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana. Bishop John M. D'Arcy established the fund in 2007 with gifts from the 50th anniversary of his priesthood, from memorials of his late sister, Mary Caprio, and from other special donations. The purpose of the fund is to grant tuition assistance to Catholic students in Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Schools which have a student receiving an award for the school year 2010-2011 are as follows:

• **Fort Wayne area:** Huntington Catholic, Huntington; Most Precious Blood, Queen of Angels, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton/St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, St. Jude, St.

Therese and St. Vincent de Paul, all in Fort Wayne; St. Bernard, Wabash; St. John the Baptist and St. Louis Academy, New Haven; St. Joseph, Decatur; St. Joseph, Garrett; St. Joseph, Monroeville; and St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla.

• **South Bend area:** Corpus Christi, Holy Family, Our Lady of Hungary, St. Adalbert, St. John the Baptist, St. Jude and St. Matthew Cathedral, all in South Bend; Queen of Peace and St. Bavo, both in Mishawaka; Sacred Heart, Warsaw; St. Michael, Plymouth; and St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart.

The fund makes distributions each year based on an annual payout of 6 percent of the value of the fund on June 30.

Recipients are awarded financial assistance based on need by a committee that consists of Daniel Fitzpatrick, James Fitzpatrick, John Gaughan, Joseph Ryan and Elisa Smith.

Bishop D'Arcy celebrated 50 years as a priest on Feb. 2, 2007. He contributed gifts that he received from the golden jubilee of his priesthood to create the Bishop D'Arcy Catholic Education Jubilee Fund. In addition, when his sister, Mary Caprio, died in September 2007, Bishop D'Arcy requested that memorials be given to this fund. Moreover, a special gift from a

family foundation was contributed to the Bishop D'Arcy Catholic Education Jubilee Fund in May 2008. The total value of the fund was approximately \$104,128 as of June 30, 2010.

The committee sent letters and tuition assistance application forms in April 2010 to principals and pastors of all Catholic elementary schools in the diocese, inviting them to recommend one student from the school who qualified for tuition assistance based on financial need. Also, the committee requested a written essay, not more than 100 words, from each student who applied, titled "Why Catholic Education Is Important to Me."

For each student who is granted an award, it will be for one time and is nonrenewable.

**Those who would like** to make a current gift of cash or stock or a planned gift such as a will bequest to the Bishop D'Arcy Catholic Education Jubilee Fund, may contact Elisa Smith, director of Planned Giving, at (260) 422-4611 or [esmith@fw.diocesefwsb.org](mailto:esmith@fw.diocesefwsb.org).

## PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR AMERICA



PROVIDED BY NORBERT SAUTER

Several gathered at the Allen County Courthouse on Saturday, Oct. 16, to pray the rosary for America. The faithful were joined by the Franciscan Brothers Minor. The Fort Wayne rosary was among 6,000 rosary rallies held nationwide. The campaign was part of America Needs Fatima.



PROVIDED BY ESTHER CYR

A group of faithful gathered at Christ the King Church at State Road 933 on Oct. 16 for an hour of prayer, a devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. A part of the national day of prayer for America Needs Fatima, this was the fourth year that South Bend was represented in the public square rosary crusade.



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Students at St. Therese School in Fort Wayne honored St. Francis on his feast day with a blessing of animals which included dogs, cats, gerbils and chickens. The students and parishioners donated pet items to be contributed to an animal shelter.

## MARIAN RECALLS ABORTED LIVES IN ST. JOSEPH COUNTY



DIANE FREEBY

A sea of white wooden crosses fill a grassy area at Marian High School in Mishawaka. Sponsored by the Marian Right to Life Club, the crosses represent lives lost to abortion in St. Joseph County. The crosses will be displayed until the end of the month, throughout the 40 Days for Life campaign.

# Diocesan and National Council of Catholic Women seek members

WASHINGTON — The National Council of Catholic Women will hold their Annual Convention Nov. 10-13 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. For 90 years, the National Council of Catholic Women has supported, empowered and educated Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service — the three core tenets of the organization.

As a faith-based organization, the National Council of Catholic Women fosters growth in spirituality, adds value to their lives and assists them to grow in faith.

Beginning and ending all that they do with prayer is another way that NCCW brings home the reality that prayer and spirituality can and should be a fully-integrated aspect of their lives as Catholics.

It is prayer that gives the women courage to follow through on the second and third tenets — leadership and service. The National Council of Catholic Women equips women with the skills necessary to become honest, effective leaders for the Catholic Church and the faith. Various events such as Leadership Training Development programs, conventions and joint endeavors with organizations such as the U.S. Conference of

Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities USA and the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO), afford them opportunities to have their collective and individual voices heard.

Women involved with the NCCW have a hand in leading the culture towards



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PROVIDED BY MARIE REICHEL

The Fort Wayne Council of Catholic Women collected and made hats and gloves for the Rescue Mission, Charis House and Women's Care Center. Pictured are Roz Ort, Margaret Freiburger, Arlene Aker, Debbie Lautzenheiser, Carol Koehl, Theresa Oberley, Nancy Vander Velde, Betty Gfell, Betty Howard, Marie Reichelt. Not pictured is Gloria Yagodinski. The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

becoming what Pope John Paul II called the "culture of life." Issues

The NCCW believes that each woman can serve with purpose and meaning as a Catholic woman in society.

such as social development, world peace, refugee services, family concerns, pro-life advocacy, rural development and so much more are addressed with compassion and integrity by members of NCCW, who choose to lead by example as they seek to find solid, faith-centered solutions to these challenges. The NCCW believes that each

woman can serve with purpose and meaning as a Catholic woman in society.

Members of the NCCW serve in tangible ways when they build new water systems in Third World countries, provide nutritional supplements for mothers and children in developing nations, collect old cell phones for domestic violence victims, support pregnancy centers and pro-life rallies, and "adopt" seminarians and send them both prayers and cookies.

The National Council of Catholic Women offers true, lasting value on so many levels, and all that is asked of them in "payment" is their faith, friendship and service.

Additional information is available at [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org).

## Ecumenical teens gathering in Pierceton

PIERCETON — High school students of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton, joined with the Pierceton United Methodist and Pierceton Presbyterian churches' high school students for a "picnic" on Oct. 17 at the Pierceton Park. Three area pastors are encouraging the high school students to get acquainted with other Christian students in Pierceton. The pastors thought the picnic would provide a sense of Christian unity at a local level. Most students attend Whitko High School, but others are students at Warsaw and Wawasee. A community Thanksgiving service of the Pierceton churches is planned for Wednesday, Nov. 24, at St. Francis Xavier Church followed by cookies and beverages in the parish hall.



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Above, students assemble a pumpkin puzzle.

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## THE SAINTS AMONG US

BY KAY COZAD

In the months in which the Catholic Church celebrates All Souls and All Saints days, many around the diocese remember their deceased loved ones with fondness. Inspiring stories of loving service, faith and sometimes humor bring those loved ones to life in our hearts once again. And many are considered everyday saints by anyone's standards. As these faithful departed are honored here are stories of two lives that were lived in faith and service in everyday moments.

### Mary — friend to all

Mary Rodgers was faithful servant, wife, mother of three boys and friend to many. She would be the first to say that she was no one special. But it was her humility and selfless giving that was endearing and even heroic in the eyes of those who knew her. She had a deep abiding faith that informed everything she did. And her devotion to the Blessed Mother brought many closer to Christ.

Her husband Bill says of Mary, "I still think of the rosary she did with Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) using candles for each Hail Mary. I think of her at Saturday morning Masses that we had attended together. I also miss her help in providing spiritual guidance to our kids, even though they are now adults. I am still trying to develop at least some of her faith and trust in God. She had that trust through the end of her life."

That faith was apparent to Mary's friend Terri, who says, "I can't think of anyone who inspired me more in my faith than Mary. She made me want to be a better person, a holier person. Because of her I can bear my pain much easier. No matter what she was going through she didn't complain. She was so positive about everything."

Another friend, Nora, agrees saying, "Mary had the faith of a saint. In all of her problems she always turned to God. Her weapon was the rosary. No matter what the problem she always had a good attitude. Along with devotion to the Sacred Heart, she loved Our Blessed Mother."

And from that deep abiding faith came a genuine desire to serve. Mary's friend Sue recalls years ago when she was suffering from depression that Mary would call to check on her. She says, "When I would tell her that I was struggling, she would come to my house and pray the rosary with me, and then we would go for a walk together to try to help me feel better. I will never forget her calm spirit and her beautiful faith. Mary was truly an inspiration to me and affected me with her strength and fortitude. I believe she was an angel here on earth, she surely is loving heaven as one."

Terri says of Mary's kindness, "She made us all feel as if we were the most important person in her life." And that kindness was extended to strangers as well, whether at retreats where Mary would inspire those in attendance or a stranger who needed a ride.

Mary lived heroically with cancer for almost a decade before her death on Christmas Eve in 2006. Her friends and family agree that she taught them how to live — and how to die. So many have been touched by her inspiring humility, generosity, faith and love.

### Mother of virtue

Valeria Buchanan was one of 13 children growing up on a farm in Minnesota where family and faith were the basis for life. As an adult those values she learned as a child were shared with her own five children and all who she met.

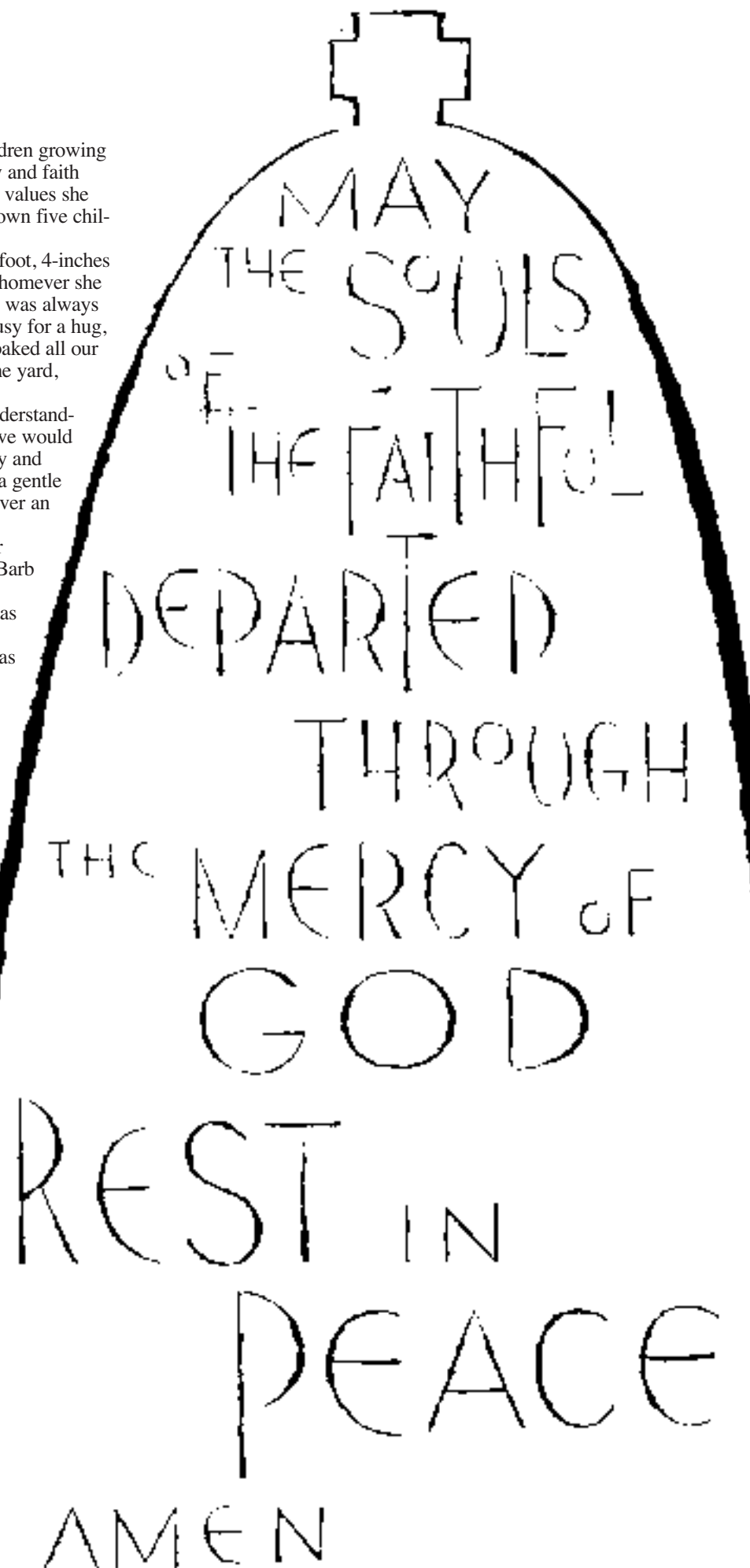
Her daughter Barb says, "She was 5-foot, 4-inches of beauty, love and encouragement to whomever she encountered. She was full of energy and was always supporting and teaching us; never too busy for a hug, a smile or a kiss. She cooked, cleaned, baked all our bread, sewed our clothes, took care of the yard, planted a garden and never complained.

"Mom taught us that patience and understanding were key to being happy. At times, we would need to take a breath and proceed quietly and cheerfully. She had an infectious smile, a gentle spirit and willingly helped others whenever an extra hand was needed."

Valeria took her responsibility for her family's faith formation very seriously. Barb recalls, "Food was not tasted until grace was said and we always went to church as a family. Through her, we learned of the power of prayer and how important it was to talk to God."

Valeria died of cancer on Valentine's Day in 2003. But her legacy of faith and love inspire Barb even now. She says, "Now, here I am, walking through my life without her by my side but I take great comfort in knowing that she's in heaven with all the other saints. A day never passes that I don't call on one of her lessons. Sometimes, it's offering a smile or words of encouragement; it's in being thankful for all that God has blessed me with. It's in keeping my anger or disappointment in check and finding the good in a situation. It's sharing my love with those around me without condition or restraint and embracing life with eagerness and vigor. It's in being able to smile her smile and recognizing one of my greatest blessings was having her as my teacher and Mom."

These faith-filled women, much like so many of those inspiring deceased loved ones who are being honored this month, have lived the Gospel of Jesus Christ and left a legacy of love.



# Office of Worship answers questions concerning funerals

BY BRIAN MACMICHAEL

## Are there diocesan rules about funerals?

Yes, please consult the Web site of the Office of Worship ([www.diocesefwsb.org/diocesan-offices/worship-office/diocesan-guidelines-norms](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/diocesan-offices/worship-office/diocesan-guidelines-norms)) for our diocesan guidelines on funerals and liturgies with cremated remains, including a section of questions and answers.

## What is the proper way to refer to the funeral liturgy?

The "Mass of Christian Burial" is probably the most elegant title, but "funeral Mass" is certainly acceptable. "Funeral service" would only be appropriate if a Mass does not occur, while "funeral liturgy" is somewhat ambiguous, since it could refer to either a Mass or a liturgical service outside Mass. "Mass for the Dead" technically includes funeral Masses, but it is a broader term that would include Requiem Masses on All Souls Day, for example.

## Where may a Christian funeral be celebrated?

Funeral Masses must be celebrated in a parish church or — if approved by the pastor and the diocese — in a consecrated chapel where Mass is regularly celebrated. Funeral services that are not Masses may take place in the parish church, a consecrated chapel, the funeral home, the graveside or even another appropriate place.

## What kind of contact should there be between the family and the church when planning a funeral?

A significant amount of communication is necessary, since the parish typically arranges the liturgy with the family (music, readings/readers, etc.), if it hasn't been preplanned already. Circumstances may dictate that the funeral home sometimes be involved in this as well, but contact with the proper people at the parish is essential.

## What is Catholic protocol when an unregistered Catholic dies (for example in a nursing facility) and the family wishes for the deceased to have a Mass of Christian Burial?

Consultation between the family and the local pastor or chaplain is necessary to determine how best to proceed.

## What is Catholic protocol for Catholics who had not practiced the faith, but the family wishes for them to have a Catholic burial?

Our diocesan guidelines state that a Catholic funeral may take place "if it can be determined that this would not be contrary to the wishes of the deceased."

## What are the options for prayers at the vigil, and is there a preference?

The normative practice is for the actual vigil itself (consisting of a Liturgy of the Word and a series of prayers) to be prayed. If the family of the deceased specifically requests the rosary as the primary devotion during the time typically reserved for the vigil, then the vigil prayers and structure may be altered to accommodate this, as provided for by the funeral rites themselves. The praying of the rosary should never be refused during the visitation/vigil, if the family specifically requests it.

## May there be flowers in the church for a funeral? How about during Lent?

The Order of Christian Funerals says: "Fresh flowers, used in moderation, can enhance the setting of the funeral rites." But flowers during Lent are not permitted, as stated in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal No. 305: "During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers."

Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), solemnities and feasts are exceptions. Floral decorations should always be done with moderation and placed around the altar rather than on its mensa (the top of the altar)."

## Does the Church allow contemporary Christian hymns at a funeral, like "I Can Only Imagine"? What about secular selections from pop or country genres if they speak of God?

Just as at weddings, the music at a funeral liturgy must reflect its sacred and solemn nature. Secular or non-liturgical music does not belong before, during or after the rite within the sacred place of the church. Any such favorite songs should be done apart from the funeral rites, such as at the accompanying communal meal.

Actually, a good catechetical opportunity to use black vestments is All Souls Day (Nov. 2), when we recall the effects of sin and that the deceased may be in purgatory and in need of our prayers.

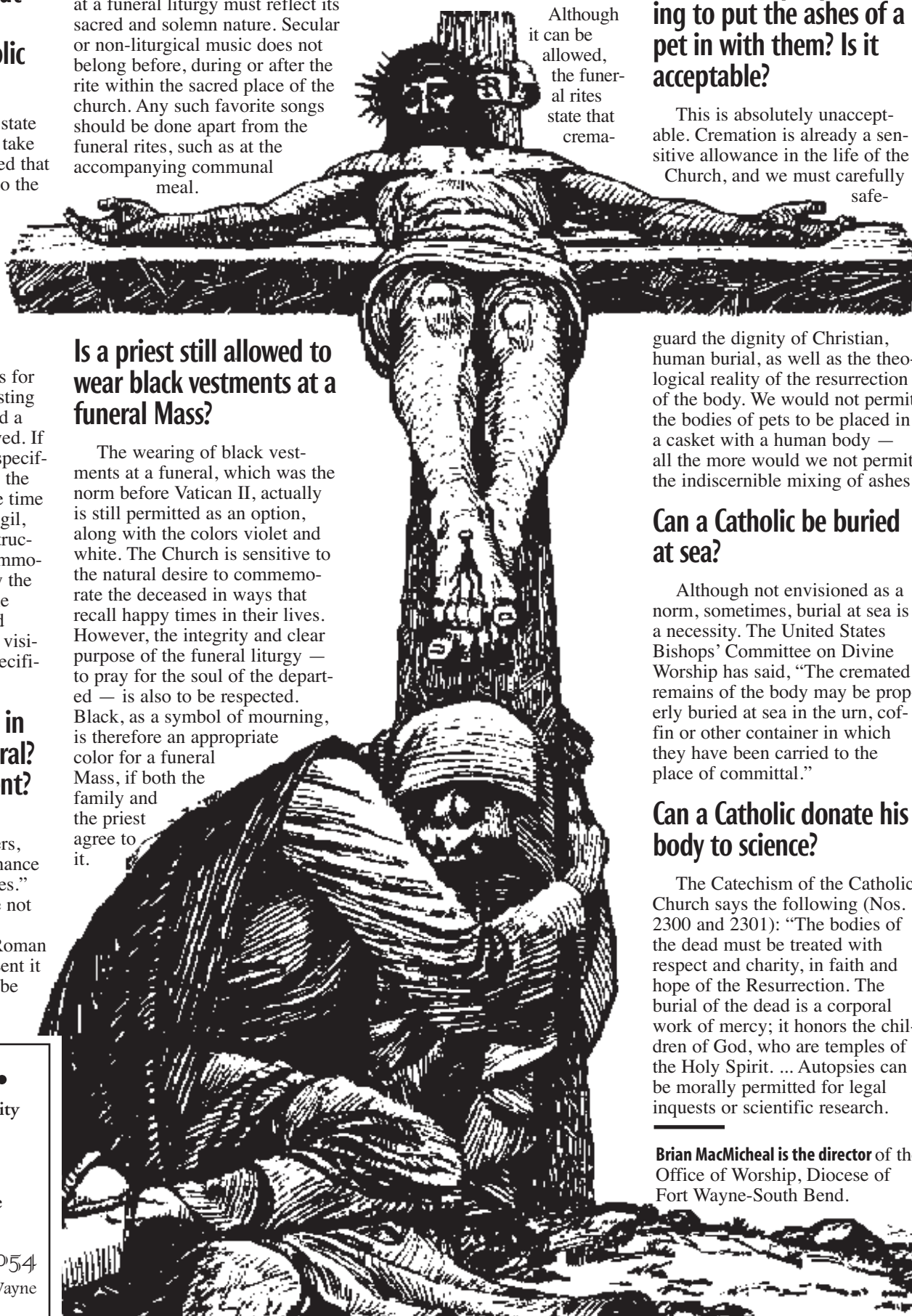
## What does the Catholic Church say about cremation? How should the remains be interred? Must they be buried? Could they be scattered at the loved one's request?

tion "does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body." The decision to cremate should be carefully considered in consultation with the pastor, and is only permitted when it is chosen for reasons that do not contradict our strong Catholic belief in the sanctity and resurrection of the body. Whenever possible, cremation should then be done after the funeral. The rites also state that cremated remains should be treated as a body and "buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium." It is not acceptable or dignified to scatter the ashes or keep them in one's home.

## What about people wanting to put the ashes of a pet in with them? Is it acceptable?

This is absolutely unacceptable. Cremation is already a sensitive allowance in the life of the Church, and we must carefully safe-

Although it can be allowed, the funeral rites state that crema-



## Is a priest still allowed to wear black vestments at a funeral Mass?

The wearing of black vestments at a funeral, which was the norm before Vatican II, actually is still permitted as an option, along with the colors violet and white. The Church is sensitive to the natural desire to commemorate the deceased in ways that recall happy times in their lives. However, the integrity and clear purpose of the funeral liturgy — to pray for the soul of the departed — is also to be respected. Black, as a symbol of mourning, is therefore an appropriate color for a funeral Mass, if both the family and the priest agree to it.

guard the dignity of Christian, human burial, as well as the theological reality of the resurrection of the body. We would not permit the bodies of pets to be placed in a casket with a human body — all the more would we not permit the indiscernible mixing of ashes.

## Can a Catholic be buried at sea?

Although not envisioned as a norm, sometimes, burial at sea is a necessity. The United States Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship has said, "The cremated remains of the body may be properly buried at sea in the urn, coffin or other container in which they have been carried to the place of committal."

## Can a Catholic donate his body to science?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the following (Nos. 2300 and 2301): "The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit. ... Autopsies can be morally permitted for legal inquests or scientific research."

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## Legal document specifies preferences for funeral services

Indiana lawmakers have established a new way to remove some of the uncertainty, and perhaps some disagreements, regarding the funeral arrangement process with the passage of Indiana's Funeral Planning Declaration statutes. Effective July 1, 2009, this law provides a vehicle for any competent person 18 years of age or older to designate a family member, friend or other, trusted individual as the person who is authorized to carry out funeral wishes specified in the declarant's Funeral Planning Declaration. The full text of the new law, which includes a Funeral Planning Declaration form, can be viewed at [www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title29/ar2/ch19.html](http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title29/ar2/ch19.html).

A Funeral Planning Declaration could be invaluable as a means of assuring a declarant that his/her desired funeral ceremony and burial preferences will be carried out after the declarant's death. After all, a Catholic's end of life worship preferences are no less important or meaningful than those undertaken during life.

The new law provides that a Funeral Planning Declaration must be separate from a will, power of attorney or similar document. It is a stand alone document and takes precedence over certain other documents concerning decision making on the disposition of the declarant's body after death; the disposition of the declarant's remains; the provision of funeral services for the declarant; religious ceremonies to be performed after the declarant's death; the casket, urn or other merchandise necessary for the disposition of the declarant's

body after death; direction of funeral arrangements; and, grave memorials. The declarant designates the individual who is authorized to carry out the declarant's preferences on such items, or who is entrusted to make those decisions on behalf of the declarant after the declarant's death if no preference is provided. Either way, the new law presents a means to take guesswork out of who is authorized to direct the funeral planning process and gives a declarant some level of assurance that his/her religious preferences will be honored after death. If the declarant has a change of heart after making a valid Funeral Planning Declaration, the document can be destroyed, rendering it invalid, and another can be executed.

A declarant's ability to have preferences that are designated in a Funeral Planning Declaration carried out as requested could be limited by such things as the declarant's financial resources at the time of death or contractual agreements, such as a prepaid plan with a funeral home. You should consult a priest to determine the suitability of liturgy preferences. If you are interested in a Funeral Planning Declaration, coordinate it with your other estate plans and talk with a priest to avoid roadblocks to having your preferences carried out after your death.

**This information is not intended to be legal advice.** Consult with an attorney to review all of the details and the requirements for making a valid Funeral Planning Declaration.

## Burial trends favor full Catholic funeral rite

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Planning a funeral in today's marketplace can be a confusing business, when faced with the multitude of traditional and not-so-traditional choices now available. In the current fast-paced American culture a rise in the need for expediency and convenience has begun to take precedence over tradition and religious ritual.

But according to Tom Alter, superintendent of Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne and director of cemeteries in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, though trends are shifting, the choice of full-body funeral Mass remains the preferred form of memorial service for Catholics in the area.

Currently a traditional funeral consists of a one-day viewing, which includes a vigil service with a rosary recitation, planned with the help of funeral home personnel. The vigil is typically a time when personal eulogies and stories are shared to honor the deceased loved one. Personal photos, videos, memorabilia and music highlight the gathering that precedes the funeral Mass.

The funeral Mass itself is planned in cooperation with the parish director of worship or liturgy. It is important, Alter points out, that family members meet directly with the parish personnel rather than allowing the funeral home to arrange the Mass. "If they don't meet with the parish directly, they might not get exactly what they want," he says.

Alter admits that there is a slow decline in the use of funeral Masses but speculates that the trend is due to individuals, especially the elderly, who are not making their funeral wishes known to family members before their death. "Parents need to make clear to their kids what they want. Write it down but send it to all the kids," says Alter, who has experienced disagreements among siblings where only one has been

given burial instructions.

Recently a shift has been noted toward replacing the funeral home viewing with a one- or two-hour visitation at the church before the funeral Mass. Cost is the primary factor in this trend, says Alter. "The funeral home charges to go to the church. So people are cutting it short to save money."

Though cost can be prohibitive, Alter reminds the survivors that there is a rich Catholic tradition in the funeral vigil and Mass that assists in the grieving process. "It is a benefit to the survivor because the deceased's wishes are being fulfilled. There's a beauty to the Catholic funeral rite that makes

you feel good when you leave. You have sent them (the deceased) off in the right way," says Alter.

The funeral industry is also witnessing an increase in weekend services, due in large part to convenience. With the transient work schedule of the U.S. population, gathering for a funeral is now easier to accomplish over the weekend.

And with the nation's environmental awakening in recent times, "green burials," where the deceased's body is placed in a shroud or decomposable coffin, and buried without chemical use or the vault, have become popular on the West Coast. But according to Alter this environmentally friendly burial trend has not hit the Midwest yet.

Memorial form is taking a new direction too with the boomer generation making its unique mark in cemeteries across the nation. Grand and imaginative monuments are fast replacing flat markers. Alter says this trend is in part due to cultural evolution. "This

generation wants everyone to know about who is buried there," he says, referring to the information laden monuments.

Cremation has become a popular alternative to full body burial with cost reduction of up to \$6,500. Alter reports that cremation burial at the Catholic Cemetery has risen from 4 percent in 1991 to 14 percent today. However, he states that the increase remains well under the national average of over 34 percent.

Though the Catholic Church now accepts cremation funerals, it continues to encourage full body funerals with cremation and

internment to follow the rite.

Alter reports that the Catholic Cemetery follows the teachings of the Church with regard to internment, especially concerning the dividing or spreading of the ashes. "We don't treat cremation differently than we do full body burial.

Scattering is not allowed. It's not

respectful," he says.

Another nontraditional burial alternative is direct cremation, where the body goes directly to the crematorium and is then buried. There is no visitation or funeral service, which eliminates much of the cost of the funeral. Alter reports that this alternative is not used widely in the Midwest.

Though current trends are directed toward newer and more cost and time efficient alternatives to the traditional vigil and funeral Mass, it appears that the rich historic beauty of the full Catholic funeral rite continues to hold meaning for many Catholics who have a lost loved one.

**"There's a beauty to the Catholic funeral rite that makes you feel good when you leave."**

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

## The Chilean mine rescue: Some eternal thoughts about our salvation

Responding to editors' requests for a regular sampling of current commentary from around the Catholic press, here is a guest column, titled "The Chilean miners' rescue: Some eternal thoughts about our salvation," from the Oct. 22 issue of *The Criterion*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It was written by Scott Surette, a member of St. Louis de Montfort Parish in Fishers in the Lafayette Diocese.

Watching the rescue of the miners in Chile was a very powerful experience for a lot of people all over the world. Watching each of the miners being brought up one by one, I was overwhelmed with some eternal thoughts.

One of the most impressive things about this rescue is what a testimony it is to how precious each and every human life is. These trapped men were not famous people. They were ordinary miners that the world would not have thought much of outside of this event.

And yet, once the world found out that they were alive and trapped, the entire world came together in the desire to bring them home. Even this group of ordinary "nobodies" became very important to the whole world simply because there was the hope of saving them. And, inside, we all want to be saved.

Watching the miners come up one by one was so powerful. With every rescued miner, there was a large crowd gathered around, with the president of Chile and other important people all cheering, clapping and crying tears of joy.

With every miner, there were always family members standing right there to greet them with hugs, kisses and tears. I was overwhelmed just imagining that this might be what arriving in heaven will be like.

With God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all the angels and saints will gather around, cheering, clapping and crying tears of joy over our rescue. And our loved ones who have gone before us will be standing there to greet us with hugs and kisses. Just the thought of my arrival in heaven unfolding like that moves me to tears.

Consider this: When compared to eternity in heaven, our lives here on earth are very much like living "alive and trapped" in our own "hole in the ground," and, right now, all of heaven is united in an all-out effort to rescue us from our own certain death. Just imagine all the angels and saints looking down on our "alive but trapped" lives in this world, and how all of heaven will stop at nothing to bring us home. We are all that important.

There was only one way out of that mine, and that way came from above. These miners would never have considered not getting into the rescue capsule. Staying in that mine would have meant certain death. The miners would never have seen the light of day again.

What about us? We need to be rescued too, just like these miners. We need to find the one and only way home to heaven.

Jesus is the only way. Without Jesus, we face certain eternal death. Without Jesus, we will never see the light of an eternal day.

Now consider that God not only has drilled a hole to reach us and sent a capsule to rescue us, but the capsule itself is His one and only Son, Jesus, who died and rose just to save us. That is how important we are! That is how hard all of heaven is working to rescue each one of us.

There will be great rejoicing in heaven when each one of us is rescued. I can't wait to see Moses and Peter cheering and clapping at my arrival into heaven, and my loved ones standing right there with hugs and tears of joy.

What a vision! Thank you, Jesus!

# COMMENTARY

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## The dignity of those with dementia

I once heard a remarkable story from a woman named Cecilia sitting next to me on a long flight. She told me how her mother had suffered from dementia for many years, eventually reaching the point that she could no longer recognize any of her children when they would visit at the nursing home. She then changed the tone of the conversation immediately when she added, "But there's always someone in there." When I asked what she meant, she continued:

"I love singing, and as an African-American, I've got a strong voice. I sometimes visit nursing homes near my house just to sing for the patients, to do something different and break up their routine a little. I still remember 12 years ago, I decided I would sing for my Mom. She didn't have a clue who I was, and didn't respond to much of anything, because the dementia was so advanced. She seemed almost catatonic. By chance I had come across one of her old hymnals with the Baptist songs we used to sing in church as kids. She used to know most of them by heart. Well, those old hymns stirred up something inside her, and after I started singing, she suddenly picked up and began to sing along with me! Yup, there's always someone in there."

Cecilia's story about her mother runs against a cultural tendency today, which is to dismiss those struggling with dementia as if they were no longer persons. These patients, however, clearly deserve much more from us than the kind of benign neglect (or worse) that they occasionally receive.

Many of us fear a diagnosis of dementia. We worry about "surrendering our core" or "losing our true self" to the disease. Many of us wonder how our loved ones would treat us under such circumstances.

Steven Sabat, writing in *The Journal of Clinical Ethics*, challenges the reduced expectations for quality care for those with dementia:

"Is his or her personhood recognized and supported, or neglected in favor of the assumption that it barely, if at all, exists ... do we assume that the afflicted rarely if ever recognizes the need for company, for stimulation, for the same sort of treatment he or she would seek and be given as a matter of course in earlier,

healthier, days?"

Sometimes we may view the situation more from our own vantage point, rather than the patient's. In a report on care for the elderly, physicians Bernard Lo and Laurie Dornbrand put it this way: "Family members and health professionals sometimes project their own feelings onto the patient. Life situations that would be intolerable to young healthy people may be (made) acceptable to older debilitated patients."

Sabat notes how this raises the prospect of reducing the patient to a kind of object:

"The dementia sufferer is not treated as a person; that is, as one who is an autonomous center of life. Instead, he or she is treated in some respects as a lump of dead matter, to be measured, pushed around, manipulated, drained, filled, dumped, etc."

The medical profession in particular faces a unique responsibility towards each individual with dementia, a duty to approach each life, especially in its most fragile (and uncooperative) moments, with compassion, patience and attention. When our ability to think rationally or choose freely becomes clouded or even eliminated by dementia, we still remain at root the kind of creature who is rational and free, and the bearer of inalienable human dignity. We never change from one kind of being into another. Parents who have children born with a serious birth defect or behavioral problem would never suggest that their defect or impediment transforms them into another kind of being,



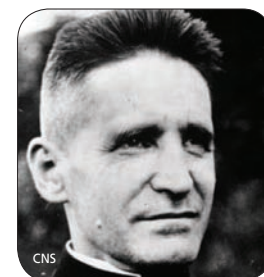
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into an animal or a pet. It never renders them "subhuman," even though their behaviors, like those of advanced dementia patients, may at times be frustrating and very hard to bear. As Cecilia reminded me on the plane, "there's always someone in there."

Pope John Paul II in a beautiful passage from "Evangelium Vitae" ("On the Gospel of Life") speaks of "the God of life, who has created every individual as a 'wonder.'" We are called to foster an outlook that "does not give in to discouragement when confronted by those who are sick, suffering, outcast or at death's door." Those suffering from dementia challenge us in a particular way towards the beautiful, and at times heroic, response of love, "perceiving in the face of every person a call to encounter, dialogue and solidarity."

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In deference to his father, this German was ordained a diocesan priest first, then entered the Jesuits in 1900. He led parish missions in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands, and was wounded as a chaplain in World War I. After the war, he worked in Munich with the poor and unemployed, directed a men's sodality, and spoke out against the rise of Adolf Hitler. The Nazis arrested him three times, imprisoning him at Sachsenhausen and in an abbey. He was freed in May 1945, but had a heart attack while saying Mass Nov. 1.

# Unexpected insights

The anniversary date of a loved one's death sometimes burdens us with its call to attention. The call may come insidiously days or weeks before the special day, catching us unaware and sometimes vulnerable. But with years of practice many bereaved become savvy to the waves of grief that have them revisiting touching memories of their loved one's death.

Over the years I've spoken with countless men and women who all agree that each death anniversary they experience holds its own level of revisited pain, renewed confusion and unexpected insights. The first anniversary is commonly revered by our culture as the point at which mourning comes to a close and the bereaved return to normal life. Unfortunately, those of us who have experienced a death know that is typically when we

awaken from our numbed state of mind and are faced with the real work of grief.

The second anniversary may erupt once again with vividly detailed memories of the death and can send us reeling right back into the pain we thought we had conquered and put to rest in the course of the previous year. This inspires the need to be gentle with ourselves as we navigate these turbulent waters once again.

The fifth and 10th anniversaries mark, for some, a triumph over time. We ask astoundingly, "How did I survive this long without him/her?" These milestone years offer us the gift of life review, in which we discover how we have created a new life that holds safe the precious memory of our loved one.

I recently marked the 20th anniversary of my beloved husband Trent's death. Because we buried him in September, I have



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learned over the years that as the summer heat gives way to chilly fall breezes, I naturally remember him more frequently. This year was no different, though I must admit the intensity with which I met my anniversary grief caught me by surprise.

Busy with life — returning a daughter to college, working overtime and continuing my advocacy for the bereaved — it was not until a few days before the actual date that Trent's mem-

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# In Jesus, we find what Zacchaeus sought



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 19:1-10

The Book of Wisdom provides this weekend's first reading. An essential component in ancient Hebrew belief, and contemporary Jewish thought as well, is that God is the Creator of all, and the author of all life. For this reason, there is so much respect for natural life and for the processes of nature.

It should be recalled that Wisdom was written in a world highly influenced by Greek philosophy. Surrounding Greek philosophy was Greek mythology, which saw gods and goddesses as beings within nature. They had control over nature, of course, but they could exercise their control in ways not necessarily kind to humanity.

Furthermore, humans could use, or misuse, nature and the things of nature in this Greek world. Wisdom called pious Jews living among Greeks to remember their own ancient outlook on natural life.

For the second reading, the Church gives us a passage from the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians.

While the nature within which humans live while on earth is marvelous, and is God's loving gift, it is not the end of all. The greatest of God's gift to us is in Jesus. The Lord became human as are we in

the mystery called by theologians the Incarnation. Through the Incarnation, through the redemption accomplished by Jesus on Calvary and in the Resurrection, and by accepting God's gift of faith, we gain the supreme result of possessing the gift of Jesus. We gain life eternal with God.

Constantly, the Pauline epistles summoned Christians, such as the faithful in Thessalonica, to realize the wonder and greatness of God's gift of Jesus.

Quite realistically, the Pauline epistles, and this reading in particular, remind believers that the path through life with God is rough and crooked and beset with dangers and alluring detours. We must be resolute in our determination to be with God.

For its last reading, the Church gives us a selection from St. Luke's Gospel. The Lord is on the way Jericho, an ancient city not far from the Dead Sea, mentioned in several dramatic Old Testament passages. It is a city seated at the foot of the great Judean mountains, a virtual oasis in a stark and lifeless terrain. So, it was a place of security in the otherwise forbidding Jordan River valley and Judean wilderness.

However, in truth, Jericho offered no enduring security.

Zacchaeus was wealthy, but Luke's Gospel sees wealth as a burden. The poor are closer to God. They are unencumbered.

Additionally, Zacchaeus was a tax collector, a disgusting occupation among the Jews. Nevertheless, Jesus, the Lord of life, freed Zacchaeus from the heavy burden of his sin, and gave him life, genuine security.

Climbing the tree on the part of Zacchaeus teaches us two important lessons. Despite all his wealth, he was subject to the simple obstacles confronting everyone, namely

the inability to see through or over others. And, Zacchaeus desperately wanted to see Jesus, realizing that wealth offered him no lasting satisfaction.

## Reflection

In just a few weeks the Church will close its liturgical year. The weekend following, it will lead us into a new year of worship and reflection. But, before the new year, it will call us to close this present year in a mood profoundly hopeful and thankful.

Hopefully, in Jesus, we have found what Zacchaeus sought. Our life, and our security, are in Jesus. When we have found Jesus, we have hope, and we give thanks, because we are one with God, in Jesus. The key to finding Jesus is in giving ourselves to Jesus, without compromise, without pause. Our union with the Lord must be as if Jesus is our king.

This weekend's reading points us toward the feast of Christ the King, the great celebration closing this year.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Wis 11:22-12:2 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 Thes 1:11-22 Lk 19:1-10

**Monday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

**Tuesday:** Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40

**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Phil 3:17-4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9 Lk 16:9-15

# American saints bear blessings for time, eternity

"Don't call me a saint. I don't want to be dismissed so easily."

Dorothy Day said that. She was never one to mince words. Over the course of her 83 years, she labored for peace and fought for justice as the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement. She took a hands-on approach to alleviating the suffering of the poor and all people shunted off to the margins of society. She helped start "houses of hospitality" and Catholic Worker communities to serve the needy and promote social justice. These now total 185 in the United States and 11 other countries. From the 1920's until her death in 1980, Day spoke up on behalf of workers' rights, civil rights and human rights. A world-renowned pacifist, she was jailed for her participation in marches and sit-ins, and they even called her a communist.

These days, Dorothy Day is called a "Servant of God." And despite her own request, one day she may be known as a saint. Far more than a courageous and compassionate activist on behalf of those with the least power and the least opportunity, she was a woman who did all that she did for the love of God.

And that's what distinguishes those people we revere as saints. They act heroically not out of altruistic personal convictions or concern for others; rather, they allow God to act in them and through them. Their relationship with their Lord inspires all they do with a divine light for time and eternity. Throughout history, people whose deep spirituality has guided their thoughts, words and deeds have dedicated their lives to fulfilling God's will. In the process, they have touched those around them as well as many others with God's own mercy.

Here in the United States, we have been blessed by many holy men and women who have walked among us. Those officially recognized by the Catholic Church as saints include the early North American martyrs, St. Isaac Jogues and companions who came



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here to share the Good News with the native people. Later, many nuns and priests devoted themselves to the educational, social and religious welfare of both adults and children from the early days of this nation. These include Saints Frances Xavier Cabrini, Elizabeth Seton, John Neumann, Rose Philippine Duchesne, Katherine Drexel, Mother Theodore Guérin and Damien de Veuster of Molokai who was canonized just last year.

You probably know something of Father Damien's amazing story. Born in Belgium in 1840, he entered the seminary, hoping to become a missionary. He was sent to Hawaii where he served for several years until the bishop asked for volunteers to serve at the leper settlement of Molokai. There Damien went and there he stayed, caring for his suffering people's physical needs, building a church, a school and an orphanage and helping them farm the land. He buried the dead with dignity and offered faith and hope to those abandoned by the rest of the world. When he discovered that he had caught the disease, he simply used the phrase "we lepers" in his sermons and continued his heroic efforts until his death in 1889.

God's heroes are extraordinary in their zeal for serving the Lord through His children in the face of hardship, sacrifice and even death. What makes these saints truly remarkable is the way they open themselves to God's love, grace and will. How we answer the Lord's invitation to entrust our life to Him — day by day without reservation — is what ultimately determines who is a saint.



## Mary MacKillop

1842-1909

August 8

Born to Scottish parents in Australia, Mary went to South Australia as a governess in 1860. There she met Father Julian Tenison Woods, her spiritual director and co-founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, or Josephites. The congregation, which ran schools and orphanages, became her life's work. Mary guided it through the years of clashes with bishops over property and poverty issues. One bishop even excommunicated this foundress, who was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Sydney in 1995.

# Europeans, Vatican officials dominate new cardinal selections

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — “The universality of the Church,” proclaimed the headline across the top of the Vatican newspaper, as it announced Pope Benedict XVI’s choice of 24 new cardinals from 13 different countries.

Yet those expecting the cardinal selections to further globalize the College of Cardinals were no doubt disappointed. Fifteen of the 24 new cardinals are European; 10 are from Italy; and 14 are current or former officials of the Roman Curia.

Instead of expanding the geographical reach of the college, the pope appeared to be pulling it back to its historical base in Rome and Europe.

Europeans will now make up a majority of voters in a potential conclave, with 62 of the 121 cardinals under the age of 80. Roman Curia officials will comprise a full 30 percent of the cardinal-voters.

The nomination of so many Europeans and Italians this time around did not surprise close Vatican observers. Over the past three years, Pope Benedict has named more than 10 European prelates to Vatican positions that often bring a red hat, and those expectations came due this fall.

As a result, many heads of archdioceses around the world are still waiting — and may wait a long time. In this batch of nominees, the most striking aspect was that only 10 were residential archbishops: three from Europe, three from Africa, two from Latin America, one from North America and one from Asia.

The Roman Curia grows a recurrent crop of potential cardinals, and that’s not going to change anytime soon. Three heads of Vatican agencies might conceivably be made cardinals the next time around. In addition, five Roman Curia cardinals will reach

retirement age over the next year, and their replacements will also be standing in line for the red hat.

For years, Pope John Paul II slowly shifted the geographical balance in the College of Cardinals, naming more cardinals from “younger” Church communities in Africa and Asia. Quite often he passed over Vatican officials whose job descriptions didn’t require them to be cardinals.

With his latest nominations, Pope Benedict seems to be going in the opposite direction.

The crux of the issue is the current limit of 120 cardinals who are under age 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave. That’s something the pope could easily change, if he wanted to.

For centuries, the College of Cardinals had a limit of 70 members, and all had a vote in a conclave. It was Pope John XXIII who began to raise the number of cardinals, a trend that has continued with every successive pope.

Pope Paul VI established the maximum of 120 electors, all of whom were to be under age 80. However, the 120 limit has been set aside several times — Pope John Paul II went way over in 2003 with 135 voting-age cardinals; Pope Benedict will exceed the maximum by one this time around.

The pope could do away with the numerical ceiling of 120 with the stroke of a pen, and thus open up many more cardinal positions. This would create room for a much greater number of residential archbishops, and allow the pope to elevate prelates in places where the Church is growing but has not traditionally had a cardinal.

Expanding the number of voting-age cardinals would likely be seen as giving more equal representation to Catholic populations around the world, and as correct-

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ing existing imbalances. To cite just one example, Italy currently has 25 voting-age cardinals, a number greater than the total of every continent except Europe.

Yet that kind of reasoning may be the biggest reason Pope Benedict is not eager to break the paradigm when it comes to the College of Cardinals. He does not want to make any move that suggests this body is a kind of Church “parliament” where seats are allotted by population, or where cardinals are seen as representing the interests of their constituent Catholic communities.

The pope has described the College of Cardinals as the Church’s “Senate,” but not a political one. In 2007, addressing participants in his second consistory, he highlighted the college’s geographical diversity but said its role above all was to promote unity with the bishop of Rome. Its actions, he added, should reflect “humble self-giving” and not the search for power or domination.

Pope Benedict will have named 40 percent of potential cardinal electors after the Nov. 20 consistory. Over the next three years, he would have the opportunity to name at least 32 more. When that happens, the pope will have left his definitive mark on a future conclave, having named more than two-thirds of the cardinals who will choose his successor.

# St. Paul reckons with Roman governor

**Where is the city of Corinth where St. Paul appeared before the Roman governor?**

Corinth, in the time of St. Paul, was a major city in Greece. When you travel to Greece, the guide may say Greece is divided into three parts: 1) mainland Greece, 2) the Peloponnesian peninsula, and 3) the hundreds of Greek islands. The two main land masses of Greece come together in a narrow strip of land. Here lies the city of Corinth.

It has two harbors: one facing the east towards Asia and one facing west towards Rome. Meinardus says Corinth was the capital of the Roman province of Achaia. Corinth had direct communication with Rome. There was also a large Jewish community in Corinth. Many Jews had left Rome during the reign of the Emperor Claudius. At Corinth, the Greeks, Jews and Orientals mixed with the



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Roman military colonists.

The Acts of the Apostles mentions that at Corinth St. Paul met a Jewish couple, Aquila and Priscilla, who recently arrived from Italy. This couple had the same trade as Paul, namely tent-making. Paul stayed at their house, which became a Christian meeting place.

Every Sabbath, in the synagogue, Paul would speak to the Jews and Greeks. Next to the synagogue was the house of a Gentile Titus Justus who believed in God.

A leading man of the synagogue, Crispus, believed in Jesus, along with his whole household. Paul preached the Gospel in Corinth for a year and a half from A.D. 51-52. At the ancient site of Corinth, Baedeker says you can see the large Agora or marketplace that was the hub of Corinth’s political and economic life, and the Bema from which speakers addressed the people. It was here in A.D. 52. that Paul appeared before the Roman governor Gallo. Paul was summoned before the governor, because the Jews complained that Paul was inducing the people to worship a God contrary to the Jewish religion. But Gallo dismissed the case, because it dealt only with religion. Later a Christian church may have been built here.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 31, 2010

Luke 19:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday on Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the story of a man who climbed a tree. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

ZACCHAEUS	CHIEF	TAX
COLLECTOR	CROWD	STATURE
HE RAN	SYCAMORE	PASS THAT WAY
LOOKED UP	MUST STAY	HOUSE
SINNER	BEHOLD	HALF
POOR	TODAY	SALVATION
ABRAHAM	TO SEEK	TO SAVE

## CLIMBING UP

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## HOPE

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ory vied for my attention. Though it was shocking to realize that the date had literally snuck up on me, I had also recognized an insidious sadness that had enveloped me like rolling fog on the sea.

I found myself near tears at the most inopportune times and a vaguely familiar need to voice the details of Trent’s death and how it had changed my family forever. After 20 years, there are few left who engage in my latent grief, so I circled the wagons, calling upon my dearest friends, who so kindly offered support and consolation in my need.

Sitting by Trent’s grave on the 20th anniversary of his death with one of his dearest friends, I found comfort in sharing our stories and our mutual love for him. I am still reeling from the deep grief I revisited that day, which after two decades was surprisingly every bit as real as the day he died.

Much of that grief, I discovered, erupted from the layering of years that I have built upon the memory of that fateful day. I celebrate the life Trent and I shared, but as I review my life following his death, I mourn the loss of my partner, the father of our children

and my day-to-day life with him.

In the years since Trent’s death, my girls and I have marked special events and occasions — the first day of school, birthdays, graduations, first boyfriends, career successes and so much more — that he has missed, and we have experienced without his love, support and special touch. But even with the loss, I can celebrate with gratitude this wonderful life I have created for my daughters and myself. I now can count these years as the blessings that they are.

The unexpected insight that I have been left with in the aftermath of this poignant anniversary is multifaceted. It was made clear once again how important telling my story to a supportive soul is for the rendering of grief. And as I purged my heart with the telling, I realized how greatly missed my husband still is and conversely, though the life I chose with Trent is no longer mine to enjoy, how wonderfully blessed I have been in the years since his death — grief and all.

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# Sports

**USF'S POPE APPOINTED TO IURC NOMINATING COMMITTEE** University of Saint Francis Athletic Director Mark Pope was appointed to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) Nominating Committee on Oct. 7. Sen. David Long, Rules and Legislative Procedure Committee chair at the Indiana Statehouse, made the appointment.

## Crusaders charge into finals

BY MATT SOBIERALSKI

MISHAWAKA — The Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders used the legs of their running back Brendan Connelly to push their way past the Mishawaka Catholic Saints, 16-8, in semi final action of the ICCL playoffs at Marian High School's Otolowski Field.

Both defenses came out hitting and stopping the opposing offenses. Each team held each other to a couple three and out's before the Crusaders gave the football to speedster Brendan Connelly for a 24-yard touchdown run that gave the Crusaders a first quarter advantage. Connelly kicked in the extra points to make the score, 8-0.

Mishawaka Catholic got the football back, but the Crusader defense continued to make plays. Saints' quarterback Joe Molnar dropped back to pass and under pressure threw the ball into double coverage however the pass ended up in the hands of Crusader defender Mitch Murphy for an interception.

"After the big touchdown run and the interception, my kids could have given up but they stayed in the game and never gave up," remarked Mishawaka Catholic Coach Tony Violi.

The Saints would not give up and their defense stopped the Crusaders for another three and out, giving them the ball back. The Saints' offense went to work and began working on a 13-play drive

that eventually got to the Crusader goal line. The stingy Crusader defense would not make it easy for the Saints though stopping them short of the goal line three times before Joe Molnar on fourth and 1 penetrated the Crusader line for the touchdown. Ryan Schafer connected with the game tying extra points to even the score at 8-8.

It did not take the Crusaders long to get the ball rolling again, with the first possession of the second half, they drove down the field culminating with big play Connelly breaking a couple tackles and bobbing and weaving down the field for a 41-yard touchdown, and he finished the drive by kicking the points after to give the Crusaders a 16-8 lead.

"He (Connelly) put the team on his back," commented Holy Cross/Christ the King Coach John Krzyzewski, "Connelly was outstanding for us and we just wanted to keep going to him."

The Saints went back to the ground game and with their go to back Ryan Schafer, who led the Saints with 48 yards rushing. Schafer lead a drive of six plays down into Crusader territory, but the Crusader defense came up with another big stop and forced a turnover on downs.

After a pivotal defensive stop the Saints, they had the ball back desperately needing to score. On third down and 12, Crusaders' defensive lineman Conner Futa broke through the Saints' offensive line and sacked quarterback

Molnar to give the ball back to the Crusaders.

The Crusaders went back to Connelly, who led the Crusader charge with 105 yards rushing, to run the clock out. However, it was Andrew Petsche's 10-yard burst through the middle that was the clincher for the Crusaders leaving the final score 16-8.

"Coach Violi had his team prepared and they found a weakness in our defense and kept using that to their advantage," said Krzyzewski. "I told our kids that they (Mishawaka Catholic) would be prepared and they fought hard."

"We challenged the kids at the beginning of the week to take charge of the team and they did that in this game they never stopped fighting," said Violi. "I could not be any prouder of these kids. They gave it their all, and they are a great group of kids."

In the other semi final game, number one seed St. Anthony took care of Westside Catholic, 32-0, setting up a rematch with Holy Cross/Christ the King for the ICCL championship.

Camden Bohn threw for two touchdowns on passes to Ben Clark for 17 yards, and a 12-yard pass to Oliver Page. David Phillips also had two scores on runs of 22 and 44 yards. Justin Drinkall added a touchdown on a 45-yard run.

The championship game will be played Sunday, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m. at Marian High School's Otolowski Field.

## Holy Cross takes the CYO championship

Cardinals, Panthers head to diocesan showdown

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Looking for their third straight championship, the Holy Cross Crusaders squared up against the St. Charles Cardinals on a warm and windy Sunday, Oct. 24, at the University of Saint Francis' Bishop D'Arcy Stadium for the 2010 Catholic Youth League (CYO) football championship.

Both teams entered the contest 8-1 with St. Charles seeking their first title since 2002. Mike Herald's Cardinals downed Steve Bennett's Crusaders, 8-0, in the third week of the regular season, but it was Holy Cross who prevailed and defeated the Cardinals, 24-12, in the final game of the CYO post season.

After a scoreless first quarter, the "big uglies" from Holy Cross seemed to be getting things done and putting pressure on the St. Charles' quarterback, Cody Miller, preventing the successful Cardinal passing game. The Crusaders got their first six after a systematic drive led by workhorse, Rylan Asher. His big runs were capped off by the Crusaders' signature play — the quarterback sneak — from Lane Lewis which gave Holy Cross an 8-0 lead at the half.

After making a few adjustments, the Cardinals came out strong in the second half, picking up first downs at a noticeably quicker pace.

Starting off the third quarter shootout, St. Charles attempted to tie things up. With the wind in his face, Andrew Gabet carried his team on his back down the field, which ended in the Cardinals' first score on a well-designed, play-action pass from Miller. But the kick was no good, so the scoreboard read 6-8. The Crusaders answered back immediately on a 61-yard scamper by Asher, but the Cardinals were not finished yet. Brandon Pearson came around in a jet-sweep for St. Charles' second score which closed the gap, 12-16.

St. Charles played hard all four quarters and never quit. But Asher scored again with just under four minutes left in the game putting the Crusaders out of reach.

Finishing their CYO season with an impressive 8-2 record, the Cardinals will be heading northwest to represent Fort Wayne in the diocesan showdown next week along with the runner-up contender, the St. Vincent Panthers, according to CYO guidelines.

## Cardegles go the distance

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In Catholic Youth League (CYO) cross country action, the disciplined Cardegles of St. Jude and St. Charles recently finished a "very good" season, according to Coach Dan Kaufman. The boys' team ended with an overall record of 46-8 and the girls finished, 26-21.

Kaufman was assisted by his sons, Chris and Brian, along with Scott Reiling, Dan and Steve Leffers and Tim O'Connell this fall.

The Cardegles finished in first place in both the boys' and girls' divisions of their own Cardegle Invitational. The Lady Cardegles had a thrilling close finish tying

for 45 team points with LuthRUN and Canterbury was just one point behind with 46. To break the tie, the sixth runner was counted in the scoring and the Cardegle team took first place.

Also in the last half of their season, both teams took home the top honors at the LuthRUN Invite and were the victors in a three-way meet against Lane and Portage middle schools.

The boys' teams also fared well against tough competition in the large school divisions of the New Haven Classic and the Carroll Invitational finishing third in each meet as a team. Because of their times clocked in the 2010 season, three individuals were added to the all-time top runner list, which has included some

extraordinary athletes over the past 14 years. Going the distance for the Cardegles were Kevin Wuest, Alex Cagle and Blake Malone. For the girls, Abby and Megan Brelage were both added to the impressive, all-time list.

In an award ceremony held Oct. 25, Kaufman recognized team members for their outstanding performances this year. The guest speaker at the banquet was the former University of Dayton cross-country coach Ann Alayanak. Alayanak was the Big Ten Champion in both cross country and track while a runner at Purdue. In 2007, she was the first American female finisher at the World Championships in Japan.

The 2010 recipient of the pres-

tigious Cardegle Award was Karen Eckrich. Kaufman described that the Cardegle Award depicts what a cross country runner should truly represent. The winner is the athlete who displays a great attitude, hard work at practice, excellent attendance, dedication to the team and dedication to the sport. "This person runs because they want to, not because they have to," explained Kaufman. Also presented to the runners were the most valuable runner awards (Abby Brelage and Kevin Wuest) and most improved runner awards (Patrick Rorick and Carline McMasters) while Alex Cagle and Megan Brelage were voted as mental attitude award winners. The top seven Cardegle cross

country award winners were as follows:

### Top 7 girls

1. Abby Brelage
2. Megan Brelage
3. Abby Schwaiger
4. Karen Eckrich
5. Eden Nitza
6. Marie Lothamer
7. Christina Mercedes

### Top 7 boys

1. Kevin Wuest
2. Alex Cagle
3. Blake Malone
4. Mark Roy
5. Bryson Tretter
6. Isaac Mahoney
7. Anthony Lorenger

# Catholic or not, Homer Simpson's soul grabs Vatican attention, again

BY SARAH DELANEY

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The people at the Vatican newspaper weigh in on any number of serious issues, but they are now being challenged in the blogosphere after they claimed that Homer Simpson is one of their own, even if he doesn't know it.

In an Oct. 17 opinion piece perhaps intended to push some buttons, *L'Osservatore Romano* wrote, "Few know it, and he does his best to hide it, but it's true: Homer J. Simpson is Catholic."

That assertion predictably provoked some amused or sarcastic reactions on blogs and websites all over the United States, including from the show's executive producer, Al Jean. In an interview with *Entertainment Weekly*, he said, "My first reaction is shock and awe, and I guess it makes up for me not going to church for 20 years."

But, he is quoted as saying, "we've pretty clearly shown that Homer is not Catholic. I really don't think he could go without eating meat on Fridays — for even an hour."

An article Oct. 20 on the Web site of the *Philadelphia Enquirer* said that *L'Osservatore Romano* was "trying real hard to be cool."

*The Washington Post* titled a blog, "Is the Dope Catholic? The Vatican blesses the Simpsons" and asked, "so is *L'Osservatore Romano* truly so passionate about 'The Simpsons' that it is seeking a cartoon conversion? Or is this just a way to connect through pop culture?"

The Vatican newspaper column, titled "Homer and Bart are Catholic," referred to a nine-page scholarly analysis of the cartoon in the Oct. 16 issue of the Italian Jesuit weekly *La Civiltà Cattolica*. That article, titled "'The Simpsons' and Religion," asserted that the series "is one of the few television shows for kids in which the Christian faith, religion and questions about God are recurring themes."

*La Civiltà Cattolica* pointed out that the Simpsons "say grace before meals, and in their way, believe in heaven."

However, the article's author, Jesuit Father Francesco Occhetta, said by telephone that *L'Osservatore Romano* had perhaps exaggerated. "That may be their interpretation, but we never said the Simpsons were Catholic," he said.

Instead, Father Occhetta said, the fact that the series often deals with religion, even irrever-

ently, shows that Homer Simpson "is open to the question of faith and God."

The analysis in the magazine recalled a 2007 episode titled, "The Father, the Son and the Holy Guest Star," in which Homer and his son Bart are attracted to Catholicism after meeting a priest (played by Liam Neeson) they could connect with.

"In that episode, the Catholic Church comes out looking good," Father Occhetta said, although the depiction of a Catholic nun in the episode is based on an outdated, negative stereotype.

The Simpsons regularly and distractedly attend a church, presided over by the often ridiculous Rev. Lovejoy. Father Occhetta said that while the show lampoons certain religious figures, it shows the Simpsons are a family of faith and open to Christianity.

Producer Jean called the church "presbyterian."

The show criticizes "those who preach a Christian life but don't live it," Father Occhetta said.

He said it is in contrast to Walt Disney films where characters are only good or only bad. "In 'The Simpsons,' that's not how it is," he said. "Good and bad coexist in every person, just like real people," which is why people keep watching, he said.

Addressing the fact that some parents don't think the show is appropriate for children, *L'Osservatore Romano* wrote that despite some "dangers" in the long-running series, parents "don't need to be afraid of letting their children watch the adventures of the little yellow people." In fact, it said, watching episodes together could furnish the basis for conversations about family life, school, society and politics.

And because the show is full of "skeptical realism," young television watchers learn early on not to believe everything they see, the Vatican newspaper said.

The latest essay is not the first example of attention to Homer Simpson's spiritual essence in *L'Osservatore Romano*. In a comment on "The Simpsons" when the show celebrated its 20th anniversary in December 2009, it said, "Simultaneously reflecting modern people's indifference toward and great need for the sacred, Homer ... finds his ultimate refuge in God" — even if he doesn't always get his name right.

# Fall nights say curl up with a book

BY KAY COZAD

*The following are recently published books that can touch the fancy of Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase.*

**"Already There: Letting God Find You,"** by Mark Mossa, SJ, is a little book about finding God in daily life. The short chapters are written in Father Mossa's quirky style that draw the reader into real life stories, Scripture references and insights that help him find God in all things. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-0-86716-765-8

**"All in my Mind? Overcoming Adrenal fatigue, Chronic Fatigue and Fibromyalgia,"** by Jennifer Busch offers a plethora of information on adrenal fatigue, including how to identify it, healthy ways to treat it and personal insights to treat the whole person. The book's written from a faith-filled woman's perspective who knows the path this syndrome takes and shares ways to walk it successfully. Tag Publications, ISBN: 978-1-934606-26-1

**"Things Seen and Unseen,"** by Lawrence S. Cunningham is a compilation of years of note-taking on issues of everyday theology by this theology professor of the University of Notre Dame. His insightful reflections are a comical, tragic and beautiful commentary on the realities of contemporary Catholicism. Sorin Books, ISBN: 978-1-93349-525-5

**"Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton,"** edited by Jonathon Montaldo and Robert G. Toth offers a brand new booklet and eight updated booklets in the four-year-old series. The series adds the Advent and Christmas booklet to its resources to lead participants on a path of spiritual growth. Ave Maria Press, ISBN: 978-1-59471-195-4

**"The Bible's Best Love Stories,"** by Allan F. Wright is a book attuned to the deepest need of any human being: Love. Each of the 20 chapters offer a specific Bible story with

commentary on a variety of types of love from first love to brotherly love. Prayer, a pertinent quote and reflection questions close each love story for further reflection. The author includes a suggested "love connection" activity as well. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-0-86716-960-7

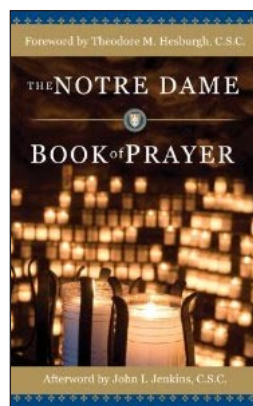
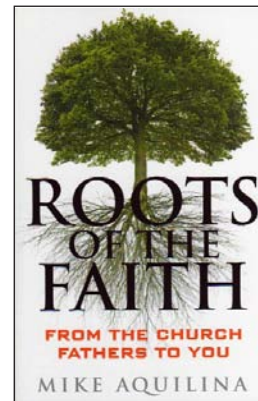
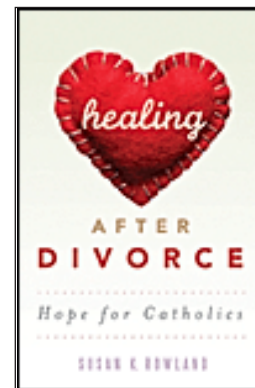
**"Roots of the Faith: From the Church Fathers to You,"** by Mike Aquilina covers several topics of interest from the Mass to the mysteries of marriage with a historical perspective that brings to light the truth of the Catholic Church as a living organism, ever growing and maturing. Scripture and quotes breathe life into the author's idea that the contemporary Church is still the same Church that began with Jesus Christ. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-0-86716-938-6

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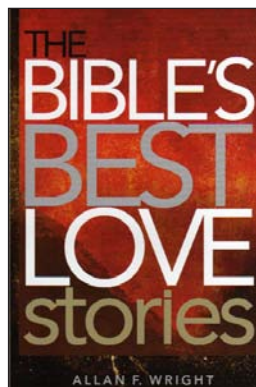
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## Open house at Bishop Dwenger

Fort Wayne — An open house will be held for current fifth-eighth grade students, transfer students and their families Thursday, Nov. 11, from 6:30-8 p.m. Students and parents will be able to meet with faculty, staff, coaches and moderators. For more information call Lisa Polhamus at (260) 496-4737 or e-mail lpolhamus@bish-opdwenger.com.

## Bishop Luers High School Open House

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have an open house Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All interested families may attend. Information about clubs, sports, financial aid, teachers and staff will be available. For information, call the Bishop Luers admissions office (260) 456-1261.

## Trick or treating at the Black Forest

Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent Scouts will have free trick or treating on Oct. 30 from 3-5 p.m. at the Black Forrest next to the Haunted Castle, located at the corner of Auburn and Wallen roads. This event is a safe trick or treating event sponsored by the Allen County Sheriff Department. This is non-scary trick or treating for the community. Children are invited to come dressed in costume and receive candy and prizes.

## Holiday home party and craft show

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon Parish will have a holiday craft show Saturday, Nov. 6, from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at the recreation hall, 15535 East Lincoln Highway.

## Knights plan fish fry

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

## St. Pius X senior group to meet

Granger — St. Pius X has a senior group (55+) that meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon starting with Mass. On Nov. 9, the topic will be Thanksgiving with "The Our Father," prayed by Dick McCloskey. For information call (574) 271-7853.

## Fall rummage and bake sale

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, 11521 U.S. Highway 27 S., will have a rummage and bake sale Friday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 6, from 8 a.m. to noon. Sack sale on Saturday for \$3.

## Holiday Bazaar

Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish, 4508 Vistula Rd., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy over 65 booths, raffles and baked goods. For information call the parish office at (574) 255-9674.

## Day of recollection

New Haven — The Sodality of St. John Church, 943 Powers Ave., will have a day of recollection for men and women on Friday, Nov. 5, with Father David Engo of the Franciscan Friars Minor. Mass will begin the day at 9 a.m. with three sessions and lunch included. The conference will end about 2:15 p.m. with time for confession and reflection. There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken after lunch.

## Dinner dance and auction planned

Monroeville — St. Joseph School will hold a dinner dance and auction on Friday, Nov. 5, from 6 p.m. to midnight at Quixote Hills Reception Hall in Hoagland. A social hour at 6 p.m. with a silent and live auction, dinner and dancing with music by Breakaway and a special tribute to the St. Rose Archers 1975-76 CYO Championship basketball team with a free throw contest and a \$100 cash prize is planned. Proceeds benefit the St. Joseph Home and School Association. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. For tickets call (260) 623-2310 or the school office at (260) 623-3447.

## Bridge of Hope dinner and auction benefit held

Mishawaka — A dinner and auction will be held Friday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Riverside Terrace, 426 Lincolnway East. Tickets are \$45, Patron Tickets, \$65 or \$600 per table of 10 with program recognition. Visit [www.bridgeofhopesjc.com](http://www.bridgeofhopesjc.com) or call (574) 291-2423 for more information.



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Seton

Janet R. Wood, 79,  
St. Jude

Raymond M. Glowacki,  
86, St. Henry

Nancy M. Mihalik, 59,  
St. Vincent de Paul

John W. Brooke II, 24,  
St. Patrick

Michael C. Steckbeck,  
65, St. Mary

### Granger

Eugene Edward  
Schnurr, 88, St. Pius X

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Sister Mary Dolores  
Kotas, O.L.V.M., 94,  
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### Mishawaka

Ester F. Harrell, 87,  
St. Joseph

### Monroeville

Judith A. Coyne, 67,  
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### New Haven

Rose L. Lothamer, 85,  
St. John the Baptist

### Notre Dame

Thomas W. Fallon, 93,  
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Heart

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Carlos Jesus Avila, 81,  
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Gertrude M. Bednarek,  
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Rose B. Jasinski, 84,  
Christ the King

Cheryl M. Miers, 45,  
Christ the King

Leo W. Bloom, 81,  
St. Matthew

Arthur J. Gapinski, 79,  
St. Anthony de Padua

Veronica T. Kopczynski,  
91, Holy Family

Catherine M. Michalski,  
91, St. John the baptist

Irena Nyczak, 85,  
St. Adalbert

Claudette Sass, 89,  
St. John the Baptist

## Snow Flake Bazaar

Huntington — St. Mary Parish Rosary Sodality will hold their annual Snow Flake Bazaar in the school gym, Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday after the Masses. There will be lunch with soup, sandwiches and apple dumplings, and, also, a bake sale and mini-craft vendors.

## Rosary for poor souls

Mishawaka — A rosary for the poor souls will be recited Sunday, Oct. 31, at 2 p.m. in the

St. Joseph Cemetery, corner of Liberty and Jefferson.

## 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](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/TOT).

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# 'Fearless' youth encouraged to be themselves



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Above, Jay Horning, arms raised high in the air, was a first time attendee at FaithFest and was looking forward to the speakers and the sessions. Horning is a youth director at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne. Above right, Chris Padgett was the keynote speaker. Padgett sang, told humorous stories and read Scripture with the youth.

At right, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass following a question-and-answer session. Bishop Rhoades and Franciscan Father David Mary Engo closed the high school teens' FaithFest in Warsaw with Eucharistic Adoration. Youth from all over the diocese attended the event held in Warsaw on Sunday Oct. 24.



TIM JOHNSON

## Recipes, prayers, activities and stories wanted

*Today's Catholic* will look at the heartwarming traditions of Thanksgiving around the diocese in an upcoming November issue.

If you have a Thanksgiving recipe, special prayer or activity, or a heartwarming memory of a family tradition with photo, please e-mail to [kaymcozad@gmail.com](mailto:kaymcozad@gmail.com) or mail to *Today's Catholic*, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne, IN, 46856-1169 by Nov. 10. Please send only copies of photos as they will not be returned.



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## FAITHFEST

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introduction of Pope John Paul II's theology of the body. Mary Bielski and her roommate Liz Cotrupi encouraged the girls to "leave all your issues behind — boyfriends, moms, homework and dig deep into your Catholic faith," Bielski said.

Mary Bielski graduated from Marquette University with a double major in theology and psychology. As a volunteer youth minister for 10 years and founder of All4Him ministries in 2006, Mary travels and speaks around the nation at high school retreats.

Theology of the body is a collection of 129 general audience speeches Pope John Paul II gave on love, life and human sexuality. Bielski spoke about all the media messages that are focused on beauty and sex and said God loves us as we are.

"It's so freeing to know we don't have to meet all those requirements," she said. And when you know that you're less likely to get involved with a guy who doesn't honor you."

After lunch, there were workshops on the following topics that the youth chose from: "Fear No Evil, Gone Viral, Out of Darkness, Ok, Go (evangelization) Blood of the Martyrs, The "S" word (why is there suffering?) and Legit."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who had recently returned from a pilgrimage to Rome for the canonization of Holy Cross Brother St. André Bessette, spoke of the new saint in his homily at the closing Mass that followed a question-and-answer session.

In the homily, Bishop Rhoades told the high school students and

chaperones that the theme of the Sunday readings is prayer.

In the Gospel, Bishop Rhoades said, "Jesus gives us the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector to teach us something extremely important about prayer — namely, that 'humility is the foundation of prayer.'"

The Pharisee and the tax collector had very different internal dispositions, Bishop Rhoades told the young people.

"The Pharisee," he said, "was filled with pride. He didn't pray to God with love for God. He was completely self-centered."

The Pharisee told about all his supposedly good and upright behavior, and that he wasn't like the rest of humanity and not like the tax collector.

Yet the tax collector was presented by Jesus as an example of authentic prayer. "True prayer springs from a humble and contrite heart," Bishop Rhoades said.

He told the young people about St. André Bessette and how the new saint's life exemplified humility. Because of the saint's lack of education, he was made a door-keeper at the College of Notre Dame in Montreal. Yet, over 40 years, many would come to Brother André with their struggles in life, their illnesses, and, through Brother André's intercessory prayers to St. Joseph, many were cured of their illnesses. Brother André would get upset if someone claimed that they were cured by the Holy Cross brother.

Bishop Rhoades encouraged the young people to follow the example of St. André and the prayer example of the tax collector.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction followed the Mass.

**Tim Johnson** contributed to this story.

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