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St. Adalbert Parish observes 100th anniversary

BY JODI MAGALLANES

SOUTH BEND — The west side South Bend church of St. Adalbert marked the 100th anniversary of its founding Sunday with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Several priests from the Congregation of Holy Cross concelebrated the anniversary Mass with Bishop Rhoades including Holy Cross Father Peter Pacini, pastor of the church. The priests and worshipers were also joined by two Felician Franciscan Sisters who minister in the church and by members of their community.

Holy Cross priests have administered the parish and provided it with pastoral care since 2003, shortly after the faith community underwent a consequential change in identity.

St. Adalbert Parish was organized in 1910, following in the mission of St. Hedwig, St. Casimir and St. Stanislaus. It became the fourth parish established on South Bend's west side by immigrants from Poland. The second priest who was assigned to the flock, Father John Osadnik, succeeded in completing a church building in 1926.

For many years the faithful of St. Adalbert's wor-

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JODI MAGALLANES

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets those who attended the 100th anniversary Mass at St. Adalbert Parish, Nov. 7 in South Bend.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass Nov. 5 at St. Joseph Parish-Hessen Cassel in rural Fort Wayne. The parish celebrated paying off its debt for a church restoration project. See story on page 5.

Pope bolsters, renews faith of Spanish

Individuals, art need transcendent values to be complete, pope says

BY CAROL GLATZ

BARCELONA, Spain (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI warned countries of the danger of no longer being at the loving service of their citizens as he urged the faithful to bring Christ's message of hope to all people.

During a two-day journey to a once-staunchly Catholic Spain, the pope sought to bolster and renew people's faith in God and convince an increasingly secular society that the Church wants dialogue, not confrontation.

The pope's Nov. 6-7 visit, his 18th trip abroad, brought him first to one of Catholicism's most popular and ancient pilgrimage sites, Santiago de Compostela, and then Barcelona, where he consecrated the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia.

During the Nov. 7 Mass in which he blessed and anointed the altar of the church

dedicated to the Holy Family of Nazareth, he said Christians must resist every attack on human life and promote the natural institution of the family.

Under the government of Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who came to power in 2004, Spain has relaxed its divorce laws, eased restrictions on abortion, legalized same-sex marriage and allowed gay couples to adopt.

In his homily, the pope praised the technical, social and cultural progress made over the years. However, he said, a country must also advance morally.

He asked that courts, legislative bodies and society respect and defend the sacred and inviolable life of the child from the moment of conception.

"For this reason, the Church resists every form of denial of human life and gives its support to everything that would promote the natural order in the sphere of the institution of the family" based on marriage between a man and a woman, he said.

More than 6,000 people filled the church, which the pope elevated to a minor basilica

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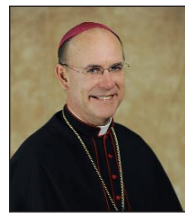
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Proclaiming the Word made flesh



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Following are excerpts of Bishop Rhoades' speech at Catechetical Institute Day on November 6, 2010.

The Christocentric nature of catechesis

I would like to center my address today ... on the Word made flesh, the Incarnate Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. The focus of my address is the Christocentric nature of Catholic catechesis.

The Church's catechesis, the teaching each one of us imparts, must be focused on the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, and the mystery of His incarnation, life, passion, death, and resurrection. Why is this? Because in Him, who is true man and true Son of God, God is fully revealed to us and in Him we discover the meaning and destiny of our lives. If we are convinced with all our being that Jesus truly is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that He is the center of the universe and of history, we must embrace the Christocentric nature of our catechetical mission. The great John Paul II affirmed this when he defined the definitive aim of catechesis as putting "people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity" ("Catechesi Tradendae").

In all we say and do as catechists, Christ must be our focus. The Lord Jesus is the one Mediator between God and humanity, the Lord of the cosmos and the Lord of history. He is the one Savior of the world, the same yesterday, today, and forever. This message is at the center of our Catholic faith and thus the core of all catechesis in the Church.

Pope John Paul called for a Christocentric catechesis in the 1997 General Directory for Catechesis. He explained that "at the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth." Christocentricity means that we present with vigor and conviction in all our catechesis that Christ is the center of salvation history, indeed "the key, the center and end of all human history." Christocentricity in catechesis also means that we transmit the teaching of Jesus, the truth that He communicates about God, man, happiness, the moral life, death, etc., without changing or diluting His teaching which comes to us through His Body, the Church. This Christocentricity means also that the four Gospels have pride of place in our texts for reading and reflection.

The trinitarian nature of catechesis

Catechesis, centered in Christ, has an intrinsically trinitarian dimension since Jesus is the eternal Son of the Father and the One anointed by the Holy Spirit. His identity is not an isolated one for He is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, in eternal communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit. All catechesis therefore is both Christocentric and Trinitarian. One of the most important



DENISE FEDOROW

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and other priests are shown during Communion at the Mass held during the Catechetical Institute Day on Nov. 6 at Wawasee Middle School in Syracuse.

and exciting truths we are to communicate to our students is that through Christ we enter into the life and communion and love of the Most Holy Trinity. We must always be cognizant that the mystery of "the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life." We begin to teach this awesome truth to our youngest children when we teach them the Trinitarian invocation as they learn to make the sign of the cross. And we teach our students who we are as a Church, as a Catholic community: most fundamentally we are a people gathered together in the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The ecclesial dimension of catechesis

The Christocentric nature of catechesis is also deeply ecclesial. If we center our teaching on Christ, it is impossible not to emphasize that He has a Bride, the Church. He is the Bridegroom of His beloved people and He gave His life out of love for His Bride. We cannot teach Christ without teaching about His Body, the Church. The faith we teach is not some individualistic interpretation or secret personal wisdom, like that of the fanciful and popular gnostic gospels. It is the faith preserved in its integrity, guarded and protected, received by the Apostles from Christ Himself and transmitted through the centuries under the action of the Holy Spirit by the apostolic Church. It is the faith of Peter and the apostles kept intact and proclaimed authoritatively by their successors, the Pope and bishops.

Spiritual formation in catechesis

When I think of the Christocentric nature of catechesis, I cannot help recall the words of Pope Benedict XVI in his first papal encyclical, "God Is Love." "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." The Holy Father goes on to quote Saint John's Gospel in describing that event: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should ... have eternal life" (3:16). Pope Benedict also cites words from Saint John's first letter: "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us." I ask you an extremely important question today: Do our children and young people and adults in

our schools and parish catechetical programs come to know and believe in God's love for them? Do they encounter the Lord Jesus in a personal and not merely abstract way? Do they come to know Him and to love Him and thus become motivated to follow Him and to live according to His teaching? Do they truly discover Christ, not only in their heads, but in their hearts? Do they experience Jesus as their friend, their best friend? If they do, the moral and ethical dimensions of life in Christ will more naturally follow.

Another way to put this is in terms of spiritual formation in catechesis. If the aim of catechesis is to put the baptized in deeper communion and intimacy with Jesus, then catechesis necessarily takes on a strong spiritual dimension. Yes, we must be vitally concerned about our students' deep and comprehensive knowledge of our Catholic faith, but it is not complete without the spiritual dimension. Catechesis should be a school of prayer as well as a school of knowledge. Pope John Paul exclaimed to young people: "Open wide the doors to Christ." That should be our cry, our invitation to all whom we are privileged to teach. Another way to put it: are our schools and catechetical programs "schools of holiness"? Catechesis is about forming disciples and friends of Jesus Christ. It is about educating others (and ourselves) in holiness, in authentic discipleship.

Our catechetical labors should lead those we teach to conversion, to love, to friendship, and to worship. Let me say a word about worship. Are our students, in coming to know more fully the mystery of Jesus Christ, moved to praise Him and give Him glory through prayer and worship? One who truly knows and loves the Lord Jesus is led to follow the star, like the Magi, and to say with them: "We have come to worship Him." If knowledge of Christ does not lead to love, worship, and prayer, the knowledge we impart is reduced to passive intellectualism. And worship or liturgy without good prior catechesis is impoverished and can become mere ritualism.

May all whom we teach be moved to follow Jesus Christ, to worship God in spirit and in truth, to give glory and adoration to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to grow in holiness in their journey to heaven!

Internal matters may dominate bishops' public agenda this fall

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When the U.S. bishops gather in Baltimore for their 2010 fall general assembly, there will be no blockbuster topics on their public agenda, unlike in past years when clergy sex abuse or the issue of Catholic politicians who support abortion took much of their attention.

Instead, the Nov. 15-18 meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will be devoted primarily to internal matters — the election of new conference leaders, discussion of how their own statements should be produced, budgetary and structural questions and information about how they can better integrate new media into diocesan structures.

For Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, the meeting will be his last one as president. He has held the post for the past three years.

If the conference follows past practice, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., will succeed Cardinal George as president. As USCCB vice president since November 2007, Bishop Kicanas will be among 10 candidates proposed for the posts of president and vice president. Once a president has been selected, a vice president will be chosen from the other nine candidates.

Even more integral to the day-to-day operations of the USCCB will be the election of a new general secretary to succeed Msgr. David Malloy in June 2011. The candidates are Msgr. Ronny Jenkins, a priest of the Diocese of Austin, Texas, who has been an associate general secretary at the USCCB since 2006, and Msgr. David Kagan, who is currently serving as vicar general for the Diocese of Rockford, Ill.

The bishops also will choose a new USCCB treasurer-elect and will vote for the chairmen-elect of six committees.

Among the topics scheduled to come before the bishops for debate and vote in their public sessions are a proposed agreement on mutual recognition of baptism by the Catholic and four Protestant churches, guidelines on stipends and benefits for retired bishops, and revised regulations on USCCB statements and publications.

The common agreement, which requires an up or down vote by the bishops and cannot be amended, was drawn up over the past six years by a team of scholars from the Catholic-Reformed dialogue group, made up of representatives of the USCCB, Christian Reformed Church in North America, Presbyterian Church (USA), Reformed Church in America and United Church of Christ.

Calling baptism "the sacramental gateway into the Christian life," the agreement says baptism "is to



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, celebrates Mass on the opening day of the 2009 bishops' annual fall meeting in Baltimore. This year's meeting is Nov. 15-18.

be conferred only once, because those who are baptized are decisively incorporated into the body of Christ."

For baptisms to be mutually recognized by the five churches, the baptismal rite must use water and the Trinitarian formula, "Father, Son and Holy Spirit," the document says.

Also up for a vote will be a brief document giving guidelines for "the provision of sustenance" to retired bishops. Although it is designed to give "some degree of uniformity" to policies across the country, it notes that dioceses "should take upon themselves the responsibility to interpret and implement these guidelines, taking into account the local economy."

Effective Jan. 1, the guidelines set a minimum stipend of \$1,900 a month for retired bishops and said he also should be provided with "appropriate" housing and board, health and welfare benefits, an office, a car and insurance and travel expenses to various episcopal meetings and events.

A third document before the bishops in November will codify the procedures for the review, approval and issuance of USCCB statements. The procedures have been in place informally since the conference was reorganized in 2007 and require that the bishops be consulted before any statement is drafted, except in extraordinary circumstances.

The bishops also will vote on whether to draft a policy statement on physician-assisted suicide; if they agree to do so, the actual document will come before them at a later meeting.

They also will be asked to approve the 2011 USCCB budget, the 2012 assessment on dioceses to support conference work, a timeline for evaluation of the confer-

ence reorganization and a one-year break between the present and the next planning cycle.

Among the topics of oral reports expected to be presented are the church's response following the earthquake in Haiti, the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Defense of Marriage, ways to integrate new media into diocesan communications structures, World Youth Day and the needs of the U.S. Archdiocese for Military Services.

Another topic of discussion likely will be the new report on review and renewal of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which calls for "stronger policies and clearer mechanisms" to guide how grants are awarded to poverty-fighting groups and strengthen oversight of how funds are spent.

Although its official dates are Nov. 15-18, only 10 hours on Nov. 15 and 16 are scheduled for public sessions. The bishops are expected to spend up to 10 and a half hours in executive session or prayer and reflection and an hour and a half in regional meetings.

The bishops as a body had been invited to participate in a Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Nov. 18 for the inauguration of John H. Garvey as the new president of The Catholic University of America, but the inauguration was postponed to Jan. 25 after Pope Benedict XVI announced a Nov. 20 consistory at the Vatican to install new cardinals.

Those to be installed include Cardinal-designate Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, who as university chancellor was to be the celebrant and homilist at Garvey's inauguration.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Meeting of USCCB Committee on Doctrine, Baltimore
- Sunday, Nov. 14, 4 p.m. — Meeting of board of trustees of Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Baltimore
- Monday, Nov. 15, to Thursday, Nov. 18 — General assembly meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Baltimore, Md.
- Thursday, Nov. 18, to Friday, Nov. 19 — Presenter of Day of Recollection at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.
- Saturday, Nov. 20, 5 p.m. — Mass at Fall Conference of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame

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shipped in the Polish Catholic tradition. Then during the 1990s, large numbers of emigrants from Mexico and other Latin American countries took up residence in the neighborhoods surrounding nearby St. Stephen Parish and that of St. Adalbert. When St. Stephen's was ordered closed in 2002, its parishioners were directed either to the parish of St. Adalbert or St. Casimir.

The two cultures are still learning to coexist at St. Adalbert, Father Pacini said. The faithful now worship under the gazes of both Our Lady of Czestochowa and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Masses regularly incorporate anywhere from one to four languages. Sundays consist of English, Spanish, Polish and Latin.

That diversity is representative of the diversity of the universal Catholic Church, Bishop Rhoades noted, calling it "a sign and witness" that the Church is "one body in Christ, united in faith and love."

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke of the courage and missionary calling of the parish's namesake, who brought the Word of God to Eastern Europe in the 900s.

"Today, you are called to be an evangelizing community here in South Bend, to reach out to the people of your neighborhood with the saving love of Jesus Christ, especially those who have no church and those Catholics who no longer practice their faith. I encourage you to be active in evangelization, following the example of St. Adalbert. Invite people to come to your parish and school, to encounter the Lord Jesus in your community of faith," he said.

Sylvia Olga Castellon was one of the former parishioners of St. Stephen who was invited to assimilate into St. Adalbert's in 2002. She came with an open mind, she said. Still, she found it a bit difficult at first because St. Stephen's had felt like home. Now she appreciates her new parish.

"I guess because it was in



JODI MAGALLANES

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the centennial anniversary Mass at St. Adalbert Church in South Bend on Nov. 7. St. Adalbert Parish is diverse with a large Hispanic population. A reception followed the Mass.

Spanish, we adjusted. There were people who told me they welcomed me, and Christ Renews His Parish program (CRHP) helped too. We did that here and it made a difference for me," Castellon said.

Bishop Rhoades asked for God's blessing on all the members of the parish. In 16 years, he added, he hoped to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church building as well.

Before the final blessing he exhorted worshippers to prayerfully consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The presence of Holy Cross priests and Felician sisters inspired him to plant the idea, he said, among the many young families who were present.

"I hope in my heart God is calling some of you to service in the diocese or Holy Cross," he said. The bishop joked that he would even be willing to share with the Congregation of Holy Cross any bounty of potential priests, so that both Holy Cross and the diocese could enjoy fortified numbers.

Catechists encouraged to share with passion

BY DENISE FEDOROW

SYRACUSE — Catechists from all over the diocese gathered Saturday, Nov. 6 at Wawasee Middle School in Syracuse for the 20th annual Catechetical Institute Day. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the keynote speaker for the event.

Besides his role as bishop of the diocese, Bishop Rhoades is active on several committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, including the committee of doctrine and subcommittee on the catechism. He also chairs several committees, is the episcopal moderator of the National Catholic Office for the Deaf and was recently appointed by the Vatican as co-chair of the International Theological Dialogue of the Catholic and Reformed Churches.

Bishop Rhoades welcomed attendees by saying, "I've discovered the people of Indiana get up a lot earlier than the people of Pennsylvania!"

He said he was glad to have this first opportunity to be with those who serve such an important ministry throughout the diocese. During his keynote speech he spoke to the catechists about Christocentric catechists and the importance of teaching as Christ did — through word and deed.

"Your responsibility to this holy task is a great one. The people entrusted to you and your ministry as catechists depend on you for their growth in holiness, for their growth and development as Catholic Christians as disciples of Jesus," he said. "I encourage you to

have a passion for your mission."

Bishop Rhoades said that passion through their own encounters with Christ and the personal relationship each has with Christ would provide continuing motivation and vitality.

"If we are to foster formation of the hearts of our students in the love of God we must be attentive to the formation of our own hearts in His love," Bishop Rhoades said. "I asked earlier how we teach holiness? The answer is simple — be holy."

He said he realized that most catechists in attendance were directly involved in the teaching of and preparation for the sacraments.

"I believe that if our Catholic people truly understood and appreciated the truth and beauty of the sacraments we would have far fewer inactive Catholics and a great reduction in those who leave to join other churches or ecclesial communities which do not have the seven sacraments. Why would anyone choose to be deprived of those treasures of Divine Grace?" he asked.

In closing, Bishop Rhoades thanked the catechists for their dedication and said theirs was a "beautiful and wonderful vocation."

"Your ministry is vital to the Church's mission. It is your love of Christ and your joy in following Him that gives you the zeal and passion you need to lead others to Christ," he said.

Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass with several priests who were presenters later in the day. Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Church, South Bend, gave the homily and spoke

about a recent trip to Rome where he visited the ancient city where St. Monica lived. He visited an ancient Christian basilica from the 4th century. "You can still make out the sanctuary and still see the signs where catechetical classes were held. It's clear with the design of the basilica that the sanctuary and catechetical instruction went hand in hand."

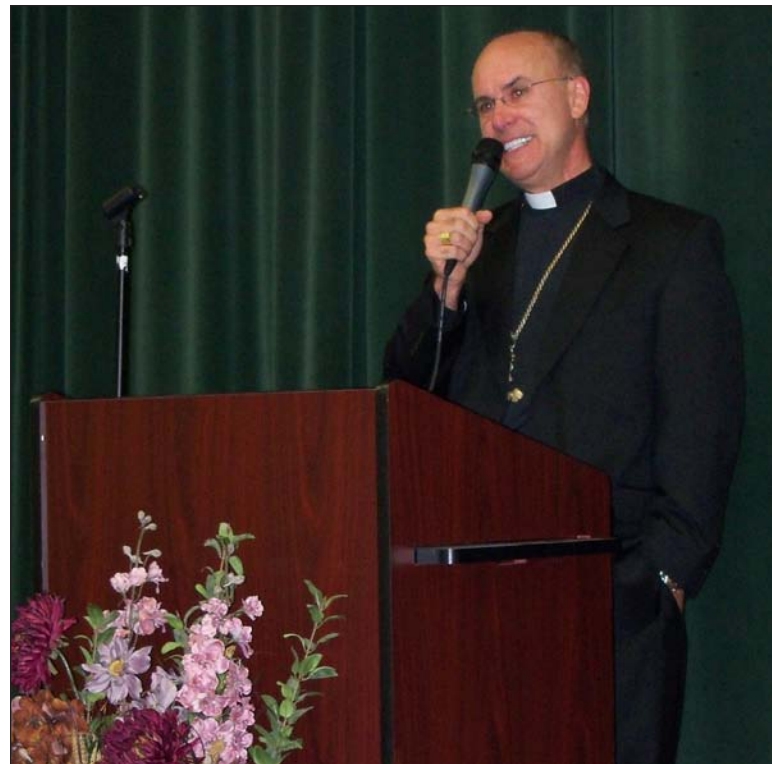
He wanted to give an encouraging word to those who might at times find it difficult to teach young people who may come from difficult circumstances.

"You might be tempted to think the mountains are too high or the obstacles too great to teach," he said. "Remember Jesus does not ask you to bring growth. Jesus only asks you to sow the seed. Sow the seed without fear or discouragement and trust the all powerful God to bring forth a bountiful harvest."

Sessions

There were three sessions of workshops offered in English and Spanish with topics such as: Igniting Your Students for Confirmation; Truly God and Truly man: Understanding the Person of Christ; Understanding and Teaching Bible History; Apologetics Hot Button: What the Catholics Really Believe about Mary; Planning a Catechetical Lesson; Texting God: Teaching Teens to Pray and Getting the Most out of the Mass with the new translation of the missal.

Father Jacob Runyan, parochial vicar of St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, conducted "Getting the Most out of the Mass" and



DENISE FEDOROW

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to the attendees at the Catechetical Institute Day, Saturday, Nov. 6, telling the catechists he was pleased to be with them on the first CID since he became bishop.

explained upcoming changes being implemented the first Sunday of Advent 2011. He said the changes are a continuation of Vatican II changes and when the Mass was translated from Latin they used the more dynamic or basic translation, where a basic thought was translated with a basic thought versus a formal translation, which is more concerned with content and order of the words.

Father Runyan said two major points were driving the changes — accuracy and the development of a sacred language for worshipping God.

Mother Theodore Guérin Award

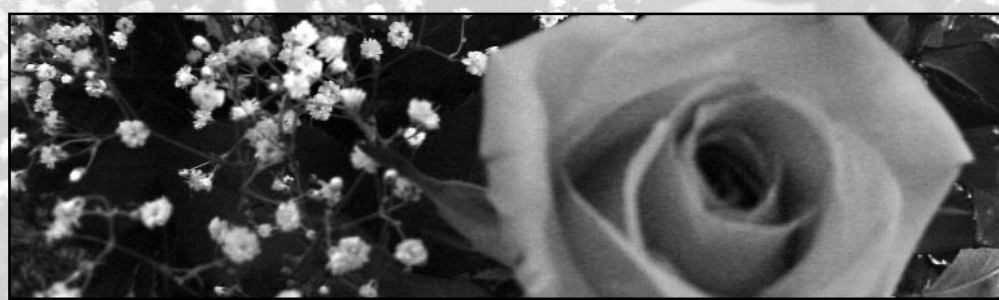
Each year the Mother Theodore Guérin Award is presented at the

Catechetical Institute Day to someone who's given outstanding service to the catechetical program. This year's recipient was Sister Jane Carew who served 23 years in the diocese as the director of the Office of Catechesis.

Jim Tighe, the current director made the announcement Saturday morning and also announced that Sister Carew was unable to be in attendance.

Meggan Young, event coordinator, said she believed Sister Carew was instrumental in the development of the Catechetical Institute Day over the years and may have even instigated the annual event.

Young said normally the award recipient is presented with a gift basket and a certificate but Sister Carew requested just a remembrance of the event.



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during the Mass. Another 50,000 people followed the event outside on 33 jumbo screens that dotted the surrounding streets and squares.

A "kiss-in" protest of about 200 people happened along the pope motorcade route, as gay rights' advocates kissed as the vehicle passed. At least 200,000 people lined the streets of the city to see the pope, according to city authorities.

The church, begun in 1882 and expected to be finished by 2026, is the masterpiece of Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi, a Catholic whose beatification cause is under way.

The pope sprinkled the main altar with holy water and rubbed chrism oil into the immense, roughly hewn block of rose-colored stone. The basilica interior was bathed in golden light as Spanish bishops anointed some of the white tree-like columns branching out to support the 200-foot-high vaulted ceilings.

The minor basilica is a splendid example of the natural synthesis of tradition and novelty as well as of faith and art, the pope said in response to journalists' questions aboard the papal plane from Rome Nov. 6.

The "certain dissonance" between the world of art and religion "hurts both art and faith," he said. Art and faith need to be brought back together again and be in dialogue, he said, because truth is expressed in beauty and in beauty one finds the truth.

He told reporters that in Spain the trend toward "anticlericalism and secularism" was especially marked in the 1930s, which created "a clash between society and faith that also exists today."

He said faith and society must come together, too, and not be wedged apart.

While the papal trip was not an official state visit, the pope was greeted upon landing in heavy fog in Santiago de Compostela by Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia of Asturias, Spanish cardinals and bishops, and government authorities from the local, regional and national level.

During an outdoor Mass celebrated in front of the 12th century Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela Nov. 6, the pope said when societies and governments are no longer at the loving service of all people, then arrogance and exploitation risk snuffing out true human development and fulfillment.

Only by loving and serving others like Jesus did, even with the simplest of gestures, will humanity regain a sense of happiness and hope, he said.

About 6,000 people filled the tiny square to capacity and 200,000 more were present in the small city, lining the streets and squares, according to local authorities. The cathedral bells tolled and

pilgrims cheered and screamed "Viva el papa!"

For the past century, a growing belief has taken hold of Europe suggesting that God is an "antagonist and enemy" of human freedom, he said in his homily in Compostela's Plaza del Obradoiro.

As a result, he said, human dignity is threatened because it has been stripped of its "essential values and riches" and "the weakest and poorest" in the world are marginalized and left to die.

Even Jesus knew that when the rulers of nations no longer serve the best interests of others, "there arise forms of arrogance and exploitation that leave no room for an authentic integral human promotion," the pope said.

The pope came as a pilgrim to commemorate the holy year of St. James, which occurs every time the feast of St. James — July 25 — falls on a Sunday.

To go on pilgrimage is a chance to "step out of ourselves in order to encounter God" and experience conversion, he said in remarks earlier in the day inside the city's cathedral.

He took part in some of the traditional pilgrim rituals such as kneeling in prayer in the small crypt housing the Apostle's tomb, walking through the holy door and admiring the immense stone and silver-plated statue of St. James that most pilgrims embrace.

The pope also lit a large silver incense burner, called a "botafumeiro" in Galician. Nine men pulled on thick ropes attached to a pulley that made the large burner swing across the church at impressive speed.

After the Mass in Barcelona Nov. 7, the pope visited Obra Nen Deu, a center run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart for children with mental disabilities. The pope urged Christians to keep offering financial support for charitable works even at a time of economic crisis.

Precisely because so many more people are facing economic hardship, Christians "must multiply concrete gestures of effective and constant solidarity," he said.

New scientific and medical advancements must always respect human life and dignity, he said. Those who suffer from illness and physical or mental challenges need love and attention, not marginalization because of their limitations, he said.

The pope met in Barcelona with King Juan Carlos of Spain and Queen Sofia and held a brief private meeting with Prime Minister Zapatero at the Barcelona airport before taking off for Rome.

During a farewell ceremony on the tarmac, the pope asked that faith in humanity's common bond be revitalized in Europe and give rise to increased solidarity toward everyone, especially those in the greatest need.

He praised the "openness and hospitality" shown him by the Spanish people and noted that the preservation of their rich spiritual heritage was a sign of their love for their nation and its history and culture.

St. Joseph Parish retires debt

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph Parish, Hessen Cassel, celebrated a milestone Nov. 5: retirement of the parish debt.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass and paid his first visit to the rural southern Allen County parish. "This accomplishment is a testimony of your deep faith, your generous stewardship and your commitment to the Lord Jesus and His Church," Bishop Rhoades told the congregation in his homily. "I thank all of you for your generosity and I thank your devoted pastor, Father Thom Lombardi, who leads you in the way of discipleship, in following the Lord Jesus and living your Catholic faith with such dedication. Congratulations on this joyful accomplishment of paying off your parish debt."

The parish made a final check presentation in the parish hall to Bishop Rhoades after Mass retiring almost \$1 million for the church restoration that included a narthex, additional congregational seating and other renovations.

He spoke of the evening's Gospel: "I thought as I read it how fitting it is for us today. It is about debts and promissory notes. It is about stewardship, actually about a dishonest steward. But the dishonest steward was praised by the master for acting prudently. You have been honest stewards here at St. Joseph's and have acted prudently. Your parish debt has been eliminated by your generous stewardship. May you continue to use wisely and prudently the gifts the Lord has given you, serving the Master with fidelity and generosity."

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel has a rich history. Even before the church's founding in 1851, the German Catholics relied on visiting priests to preach and administer the sacraments in the 1840s. "For over 160 years, the faithful have gathered here in Hessen Cassel to praise and thank the Lord as we do this evening," Bishop Rhoades said.

He spoke of how Church honors the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of every month. "I chose to celebrate the votive Mass



TIM JOHNSON

Father Thom Lombardi, pastor of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish in rural Fort Wayne, presents a check to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades retiring the parish debt for church restoration made 10 years ago.

of the Sacred Heart this evening, since it is that Heart, which burns with love for us, that epitomizes our faith," he said. "The love of Christ for us is a necessary premise of our faith, the bedrock of our Christian faith. Our love for Christ is a response to His love. It is the love of Christ that inspires us to follow Him. It is the love of Christ that motivates your generosity to St. Joseph Parish. This evening we give honor to the divine love, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, during this celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is 'the outstanding gift of the Heart of Jesus' (Pope Paul VI), the sacrament of love par excellence."

From St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, Bishop Rhoades spoke of how St. Paul called the Philippians his "joy and crown." Bishop Rhoades added, "(St. Paul) encourages them to stand firm in the Lord in the midst of enemies of the cross of Christ. He reminds the Philippian Christians that their citizenship is in heaven. St. Paul wrote this letter from prison, either in Rome or Ephesus. It is one of the captivity letters of Paul. You can feel Paul's intimacy with the Christians in Philippi — he writes that he loves them and longs for them. Even though he is suffering in prison, he doesn't focus on him-

self — he is more concerned about the beloved people he is writing to.

"He says that he is telling them these things in tears," Bishop Rhoades said. "He doesn't want them to be led astray by those he calls 'enemies of the Gospel of Christ,' those who were spreading false teaching and those who were abusing their Christian freedom. He says: 'their God is their stomach; their glory is in their shame. Their minds are occupied with earthly things.'"

St. Paul encourages the Philippians not to be misled, follow the bad example of others and not to be misled by earthly things.

"His message is vital for us today," Bishop Rhoades said. "We are surrounded, like the Philippian Christians, by many who propagate false teachings, who have their minds set on earthly pleasures only. We must remember, as St. Paul teaches, that we are citizens of heaven and therefore called to live in a manner worthy of the saints in heaven, a life full of hope that our lowly bodies will be transformed by the Lord Jesus to be like his glorious body. This is what saves us from letting ourselves be consumed and preoccupied with earthly things and helps us to stand firm in the Lord."

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Taxation measures, legalizing marijuana rejected by voters

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a year when tax and budget issues dominated the ballot questions before voters, Catholic leaders offered the guidance of Catholic social teaching but generally remained neutral on specific referendum topics. In states where the Catholic bishops took a strong stand on a ballot measure, however, voters seemed to generally follow the bishops' advice. Fifty-four percent of California voters rejected a move to make the state the first in the nation to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Although the California Catholic Conference remained neutral on the nine propositions before voters there, Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of Oakland presented several arguments against the marijuana question in an Oct. 22 commentary. In Arizona and Colorado, the Catholic bishops had opposed a wide range of fiscal measures that they said could harm the state's poorest citizens by cutting taxes or limiting the state's ability to raise revenues. The proposals were rejected by solid margins. But in Massachusetts, a low-income housing initiative supported by the bishops failed, with 42 percent in favor and 58 percent opposed. The only abortion-related question on the Nov. 2 ballot was in Colorado, where voters again rejected a proposed amendment that would have defined a human being from the moment of fertilization as a person under state law.

Vatican confirms request of five Anglican bishops to join Church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Five Anglican bishops have decided to join the Catholic Church and step down from their current positions with the Church of England, a Vatican spokesman said. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Vatican press office, confirmed to reporters a statement issued Nov. 8 by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales welcoming the five bishops. Father Lombardi said that a "constitution" that would govern the entry of former bishops of the Anglican Communion was being studied. One year ago, Pope Benedict XVI established a special structure for Anglicans who want to be in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church while preserving aspects of their Anglican spiritual and liturgical heritage. The move was seen as a bridge to those unhappy with recent Anglican decisions on the ordination of women and the acceptance of homosexuality in some areas. Father Lombardi said, "Regarding the declaration of five bishops until now belonging to the Anglican Communion who have decided to join the Catholic Church and who therefore are obliged by conscience to resign from their current pastoral duties in the Church of England, we can con-

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Sister Virginia Muller, treasurer for the Atlantic-Midwest province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, left, with Sister Kathleen Cornell, displays a photocopy of a T206 Honus Wagner baseball card during a Nov. 5 press conference at Villa Assumpta in Baltimore. Sister Muller announced that the card, bequeathed to the sisters, sold at auction Nov. 4 for \$262,900. The religious community will receive \$220,000.

firm that the constitution of a first ordinariate is under study, according to the norms established by the Apostolic Constitution 'Anglicanorum coetibus,' and that any further decisions regarding this will be communicated at the proper moment." Under the arrangement, Anglicans can be received into the Catholic Church as a group while retaining their distinctive patrimony and liturgical practices, including married priests.

Pope calls on laity to evangelize for social justice worldwide

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said that lay Catholics have a responsibility to promote social justice and charity in a globalized world often marked by injustice and inequality. Addressing the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace Nov. 4, the pope called for "renewed evangelization of the Church's social doctrine." Lay people, the pope said, as "free and responsible citizens," are invested with "the immediate task of working for a just social order." The pope made his remarks in a message to Cardinal Peter Turkson, the council president, as he welcomed council members at the beginning of their plenary meeting at the Vatican Nov. 4-5. He praised the council for promoting the formation of the laity through the

"Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church" and Pope Benedict's own "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), the 2009 encyclical that addressed social justice issues. But lay Catholics cannot carry out the Church's message alone, the pope said. "They must find priests and bishops able to offer untiring support for purification of the conscience, as well as indispensable support for the coherent witness of the social doctrine of the Church." Victims of injustice and inequality expect "words of hope" from the Church and signs that God "can save humanity from its radical evils," the pope said. Pope Benedict said Catholics had their work cut out for them in a world where "lies often trap men and society" and undermine solidarity.

Church charities join fight against diseases from Pakistani floods

BANGALORE, India (CNS) — Church charities have joined the Pakistani government and other charity workers to fight growing health care problems that have gripped the victims of the worst flooding in Pakistan's history. "The water has receded, but the flood victims are now faced with serious health problems," said Eric Dayal, national coordinator for disaster management of Caritas Pakistan,

the local arm of the international Catholic charitable network. "We are sending our medical teams to remote areas where other agencies have not reached," Dayal told Catholic News Service from his office in Lahore Nov. 3. More than 20 million people were affected and more than 1,600 people died in floods that began in July with incessant rains in Pakistan's mountainous north and inundated the length and breadth of the nation within a month. Due to lack of clean drinking water and breeding of mosquitoes in stagnant waters, diseases such as diarrhea, cholera, dengue and malaria have spread rapidly among the flood victims. The World Health Organization confirmed 99 cases of cholera and 300,000 suspected cases of malaria among the displaced.

Christians, Muslims continue to condemn attack on Iraqi cathedral

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Condemnation of the Oct. 31 attack on Baghdad's Syrian Catholic cathedral that left 58 people dead and 75 injured has widened to include a cross-section of Christian and Islamic communities. The religious leaders unanimously rejected violence as a means for change and urged political leaders and governments to take steps to protect members of

the Christian minority who reside not just in Iraq but throughout the Middle East. Churches for Middle East Peace, representing 23 national Christian denominations and organizations, called upon U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to ensure that U.S. policies "seek in every way possible to reinforce the strong history of peaceful religious coexistence in Iraq." Warren Clark, the organization's executive director, and Martin Shupack, who chairs the group's board of trustees, told Clinton in the letter that the United States "has a moral responsibility to help Iraq rebuild in a way that upholds the lives, dignity and security of all its citizens." A Nov. 4 statement from Catholic and Orthodox leaders in Jerusalem decried the violence, saying "there is no possible explanation which we find acceptable for the killing of innocent people under any circumstances." The 13 leaders offered prayers for the dead and injured as well as for the restoration of peace and security for the people of Iraq and the entire Middle East. "We embrace all efforts for building bridges of understanding for mutual respect among all faiths," the statement said.

Fears persist that Haiti may end up being forgotten — again

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (CNS) — The cholera outbreak that struck Haiti is a sobering reminder of the tasks the country faces as it prepares for November's presidential election. While newscasters talk about reconstruction, the grim truth is that much of what Haiti needs — decent housing, water, sanitation, health care, education and economic opportunities — did not exist even before the Jan. 12 earthquake. Rural areas are even more neglected than Port-au-Prince, the crowded and gridlocked capital that has been the focus of international attention since the quake. Recovery will mean not just clearing rubble and rebuilding houses, but building infrastructure, improving health care and education and investing in economic development in rural communities so farmers can stay in the countryside instead of migrating to Port-au-Prince's slums and tent camps. January's tragedy was a "disaster sitting on a much greater disaster, which is the structural disaster of dysfunction and grinding poverty for decades and decades," said Scott Campbell, country director for Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' relief and development agency. About half of Haiti's 10 million people live on less than a dollar a day; another quarter live on twice that amount. Half the population is under age 24, but most people have completed only primary school. University graduates often leave for better opportunities abroad, making it difficult to attract talented workers to government jobs and exacerbating slow or inept public administration.

Free concert, song writing seminar slated

FORT WAYNE — Bill Mallonee will perform a concert and present a song writing seminar on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the University of Saint Francis North Campus Auditorium. This free event will start at 7 p.m. and feature Mallonee's solo acoustic work. He will also engage the audience in a question-and-answer session about his music, approaches to song writing and being a Christian artist.

Mallonee has been crafting his acoustic, Americana-style of music for over 20 years, amassing a collection of over 1,500 songs. The Athens, Ga., native's music draws inspiration from folk singers like Neil Young and Bob Dylan, his faith, art and the world around him.

Throughout the 1990s, he led the band the Vigilantes of Love, with whom he has released over 25 albums nationally, and he also claims over a dozen independent releases as a solo artist. Pace Music ranks him 65th on its 100 Greatest Living Songwriters list, and *Rolling Stone* magazine has called his music "compelling and insightful." His emotional music dives deeply into the human spirit in a powerful way.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Colleen Huddleson in the School of Creative Arts at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8004 or chuddleson@sf.edu.

Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy honorary chair of Holiday Happenings

MISHAWAKA — The 22nd annual Holiday Happenings, the fundraiser that provides nearly one-third of the annual budget for Hannah's House will be held the evening of Saturday, Dec. 4, at Windsor Park Conference Center, in Mishawaka. Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy has been named the honorary chair of the event. This dinner and auction event is expected to draw over 350 attendees, with a silent and live auction and entertainment by local favorite Joe Probst.

Located in Mishawaka, Hannah's House is a maternity home that provides a safe environment, programming and staff support for the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of pregnant woman.

Tickets are \$75 per person and includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and open bar. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. For ticket information contact Tamara Griffin at (574) 254-5309.

Saint Joseph's, Noblesville schools exchange teachers

SOUTH BEND — Four teachers from Saint Joseph's High School traveled to St. Theodore Guerin High School in Noblesville and four of their faculty came to South Bend to visit on Oct. 4. Initiated by Guerin High School, Saint Joseph's

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ST. PATRICK PARISH YOUTH GROUP VISITS VICTORY NOLL



PROVIDED BY ST. PATRICK LIGONIER

The St. Patrick's youth group visited Victory Noll on Oct 30, first to attend morning Mass there and have lunch with the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. Following lunch, the youth paid their respects at the grave of recently deceased Sister Dolores Carlos, who had served at St. Patrick Parish. The youth group offered their services by raking the leaves on the rolling campus, after which they were given a tour of Victory Noll by Sister Guadalupe. To the left is Victory Noll Sister Alodia Carney.

welcomed the exchange opportunity.

Ben Dillon, math teacher, said, "As we at Saint Joe move toward reinventing ourselves in a new facility, it's good to see how another highly successful Catholic school operates." St. Theodore Guerin High School is only seven years old.

"Guerin has a schedule that might be worth examining for our school, and their general school atmosphere is relaxed, but without sacrificing academic rigor. I enjoyed the day there," Dillon said.

Bill Flesh, Saint Joseph's U.S history teacher, echoed some of Dillon's comments. "I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to St. Theodore Guerin High School. It was a wonderful opportunity to see what a new Catholic high school can look like. The staff was so courteous and welcoming and the students were friendly and respectful. What really struck me, though, was the atmosphere in the school; there was such a calming presence throughout the building."

Deb Semmler and Cynthia MacWhorter also made the trip to Noblesville and appreciated the opportunity to tour their beautiful facility and experience life in the other Indiana Top 50 Honor Roll

high school.

Reactions from the teachers from Guerin High School reflected a similar enjoyment and sense of fulfillment. Joe Lustig, mathematics department chair, commented, "(It) sure was a pleasant experience sharing the day with you and your people there at Saint Joe. I was particularly impressed with how welcome I felt in Dan's (Mentock) discrete math class. The students were open and spoke very candidly about their school, their classes and the people there at Saint Joe's. Thanks for a fulfilling day."

The visitors were able to visit classes outside of their own disciplines and several commented on their experiences.

Lindenwood holds Advent series

DONALDSON — The Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center will host an Advent series based upon the book, "The Unsheltered Heart," authored by Holy Cross Father Ronald Patrick Raab.

Father Raab ministers as associate pastor among the vulnerable and marginalized citizens of Portland, Ore., at the Downtown

Chapel. The book contains Sunday readings, reflections, journal questions and the opportunity to write a special prayer for each day of the week.

Each of the Sunday sessions will include sharing, prayers, songs and witnessing from Poor Handmaids focusing on social justice issues. The sessions are scheduled, Sundays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The fee for all four sessions is \$46 and includes the book, "The Unsheltered Heart."

The facilitator, Loretta Peters, is the director of the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center. Additionally information or to registrations may be made by contacting Lindenwood at (574) 935-1780 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or e-mail at rvanvactor@poorhandmaids.org.

Free trial courses offered by Ancilla College

DONALDSON — Ancilla College announced plans to continue the "We Believe in You" program for spring 2011.

Designed for prospective students 21-years and older who have never attended college, "We

Believe in You" allows a student to take up to three credit hours free of charge.

In addition, all students in the program will have an academic advisor to assist them with all aspects of attending college for the first time, including the registration process, filing a financial aid application, determining their education opportunities and more.

"We are very pleased to be offering the 'We Believe in You' program again this spring," said Sarah Lawrence, assistant director of admissions. "This program has been extremely successful in the past and I expect it to grow even more this year with the current state of the economy and depressed job market."

"The program is a wonderful opportunity for someone who has wanted to try college but never had the chance or was intimidated by the whole process."

Classes officially begin Jan. 10, 2011, and are held on sight at the Donaldson-based campus. Upon completion of a course, students will have access to their transcripts.

"We Believe in You" was originally created in 1988 by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, the religious order that sponsors Ancilla College.

For more information on 'We Believe in You,' please contact the Ancilla College Admissions Office at (574) 936-8898.

Bishop Dwenger Social Justice Club hosts fair trade sale

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School will host beautiful and fairly traded gifts, housewares, accessories and other hand-crafted items from artisans and farmers living in developing regions at the Work of Human Hands Sale. The sale will take place on Dec. 7-10 from 10:40 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Bishop Dwenger High School cafeteria, and from 3-3:30 p.m. on Dec. 9-10, in their main lobby.

The sale is part of the Work of Human Hands program, a partnership between Catholic Relief Services and SERRV, nonprofit organizations dedicated to fighting poverty. Every purchase made at the Work of Human Hands Sale enables an artisan or farmer to better provide for the basic necessities of life, to educate her or his children, and to work in a safe environment.

Artisans like A. Dowlethbee, a basket weaver who works with SERRV's partner SHARE in India, will be helped. Dowlethbee says, "Customers who buy our baskets can be a part of creating a future for us."

Bishop Dwenger High School is located at 1300 E. Washington Center Rd. in Fort Wayne. For more information, please contact Melissa Wheeler, Social Justice Club coordinator, at mwheeler@bishopdwenger.com, or (260) 496-4700 ext. 323.

Diocese prays for deceased bishops, priests

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The diocese remembered deceased bishops, priests and deacons at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Rhoades was joined by Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy and several priests on Nov. 3, the memorial of St. Martin de Porres.

"We ask God, the eternal Shepherd, to grant to them the reward of their labors, the fullness of life promised to those who preach His holy Gospel," Bishop Rhoades said in his homily.

Two former co-rectors of the cathedral were remembered in memoriam: Msgr. J. William Lester, who died Feb. 20, and Msgr. James J. Wolf, who died Aug. 31. A Mass was offered for them Nov. 2 at the cathedral and celebrated by Bishop D'Arcy.

Bishop Rhoades recalled the words of Psalm 27, the responsorial psalm on Nov. 3, a psalm often prayed by priests, religious and some laity in the Liturgy of the Hours: "One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate His temple."

He spoke of Jesus' words about discipleship in the day's Gospel from Luke 14, "Jesus wishes to teach us that our commitment to Him must always come first. Not even the sacredness of family ties and family loyalty should outweigh our com-



MARK WEBER

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades prays for deceased bishops and priests near the tomb of Bishop John Henry Luers, first bishop of the diocese, in the crypt of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Nov. 3.

mitment to Christ.

"We can think, for example, of those courageous Catholic converts who lost friends or were rejected by family because of their decision to follow Christ in the Catholic Church. We remember our deceased bishops and priests who left all to follow Christ. So when Jesus speaks of hating family members or hating oneself, He is stressing that we must prefer them or ourselves less than Him."

Bishop Rhoades spoke of St. Martin de Porres as an example of radical discipleship: "He carried the cross of racial discrimination. Illegitimate and of mixed race, he suffered discrimination all his life. As a Dominican lay brother, he worked in the infirmary where he became every patient's favorite nurse, because of his compassion and loving care. He not only cared for the sick Dominicans, but was active in caring for the sick throughout

Lima. Besides nursing the sick, he helped the poor and distributed food to them. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage and took care of slaves brought to Peru from Africa. He lived a life of prayer and penance, charity and humility. The people gave him the name 'Martin of Charity.'"

Bishop Rhoades spoke of how St. Martin was renowned for healing people and having other supernatural gifts. He served in the Dominican community for 48 years and died Nov. 3, 1639.

"Distinctions of class and race were forgotten at his funeral," Bishop Rhoades said. "After his

funeral, the viceroy of Peru, the archbishop of Mexico and other officials confounded the prejudices of their time. They humbly carried the body of this poor, illegitimate man of mixed race to his grave. They paid him the honor that belongs to those who are great in the kingdom of God."

After Mass, Bishop Rhoades, Bishop D'Arcy and the celebrating priests processed to the crypt of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where several diocesan bishops are buried. Special prayers were prayed there and the priests sang the "Salve Regina."

Goshen students participate in Day of the Dead celebration

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — Despite how the name might sound, the Day of the Dead or El Dia de los Muertos celebration is not a gloomy one but rather a joyous celebration of the lives of the departed. Going back thousands of years to Aztec times, the holiday is primarily celebrated by Mexicans and Mexican Americans.

An altar is created to honor deceased family members and loved ones and consists of photos, personal items, foods, sugar skulls, candles and marigolds.

According to St. John the Evangelist Spanish teacher Lucia Ordonez, "El Dia del los Muertos is a day for us to remember and talk about our deceased family to our kids. It is a happy moment."

Ordonez said the altar is put

up on Oct. 31 and taken down either Nov. 2 or Nov. 3. The timing also coincides with the Christian celebrations of All Saints Day, Nov. 1, and All Soul's Day, Nov. 2.

Ordonez explained that on Nov. 1 children and infants are honored and on Nov. 2 adults are honored.

As part of their Spanish classes, students at St. John's participated by providing items for the altar, which was assembled in the school hallway. Kindergarten students brought candles, first-grade students provided fruit and pan de Muerto (bread of the dead), second-grade students provided sugar skulls, third graders paper flowers, fourth graders brought photos of deceased family members and fifth-grade students also brought photos of deceased family members and paper design called "papel picado."



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Students from St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen prepare the altar and food in celebration of the Day of the Dead or the El Dia de los Muertos celebration.

MASS CELEBRATED AT CATHOLIC CEMETERY FOR ALL SOULS



MARK WEBER

Following an All Souls Day Mass in the Resurrection Mausoleum of the Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne, Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy joined the congregation in singing the Litany of Saints as they processed to the section of the cemetery reserved for priests where the bishop led more prayers for bishops and priests who have served the diocese. In his homily, Bishop D'Arcy described the triumph of Christ's resurrection and its promise of life eternal for all and how, with each reception of Holy Eucharist, that promise is renewed.

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The Children of St. Angela Merici offers catechesis for those with special needs

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

GRANGER — In the classroom of the Children of St. Angela Merici, Father Pius is dressed in the appropriate liturgical color of the season. Named after the patron saint of St. Pius X Parish, he is more than a doll, but rather as Michele Chronister remarks, “a class mascot, a familiar face present at all our events, always ready to be held by one of our students when they need to hold him. In this way too, he emphasizes the approachability and servitude of those in the priesthood, like our own Father Bill and Father Bob, who do so much for us. Father Pius teaches the students that priests are people who they can turn to throughout their lives, in the times when they need care, guidance and reassurance.”

It is with this same comforting approach to catechesis that the Children of St. Angela Merici religious education ministry was developed for children and adults with special needs at St. Pius X. The idea behind this ministry began four years ago with Amy (Schlatterbeck) Boll, who was then the director of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, after she was contacted by parents in the parish who had children with Down syndrome.

After Boll moved, Linda Jensen, director of religious education at St. Pius, with the help of two of Boll's assistants, continued the special needs class. Last year Chronister joined the St. Pius education team as an ECHO (faith for-



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Michele Chronister, ECHO apprentice at St. Pius X, helps Genna Nikolai, Darby Sweeney and Patrick Cichoracki set beads on a cloth depicting the rosary during the Children of St. Angela class.

mation leadership program) student from Notre Dame and expressed her desire to expand the catechesis program for special needs for both children and adults.

“St. Angela Merici is the patron saint of people with disabilities so that is how we got the name of the program here at St. Pius. She was also a catechist and religious educator for little ones who would have otherwise gone without,” Chronister says.

Chronister has written the cur-

riculum and made the materials for the classes. She has based her program from resources which include modified versions of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and St. Pius' Children's Catechetical Development (CCD) program.

“The overarching theme of the program is giving kids with special needs as deep and as rich a catechesis as possible. I love the way the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd uses materials and actual physical things that the kids could hold on to and manipulate. But I also think the CCD structured approach is helpful to kids with special needs because they thrive under a set structure. I blended those two models to come up with this program,” Chronister explains.

There are three levels of the program, similar to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Level one traditionally is completed in one year. Level two may be repeated as many years as possible as ongoing faith formation. Level three is Confirmation preparation which traditionally lasts a year.

The curriculum of level one is sacramental preparation with the first half of the year devoted to preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and the second half preparing to receive the Eucharist.

“Michele works closely with parents in preparing the children for Reconciliation,” says Jensen. “Parents are the greatest advocates for their children and Michele wants to keep their trust and keep

Children of St. Angela Merici Program takes root in other parishes

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

The Children of St. Angela Merici program has been praised by parents, teachers and members of St. Matthew Cathedral who have been trained by Michele Chronister and will bring the program back to their parish.

St. Pius X parent Laura Cichoracki finds the smaller class size important for her son Patrick who is autistic. “Having this environment — smaller class size, smaller teacher-student ratio, simpler lessons, more repetition, etc. — has made it possible for my son to have his spiritual education. I am not sure he would have learned these lessons so readily and taken them to heart as much if he were in a traditional class setting, even with a one-on-one aide.”

Linda Dunlap, a teacher's aide for the program, has worked with children with disabilities in the public school system for 11 years. “The children are learning and you can see in their faces that they get excited when they hear what is going on in the liturgical calendar.”

Cathy Stapleford and Nancy Becker, parishioners of St. Matthew Cathedral, attended one of the leader training sessions at St. Pius X this year. Stapleford stresses the sacra-

mental importance of the program.

“The Church believes that it is the right of every one of its baptized members to receive catechesis and be able to participate fully in the sacraments of Penance, Communion and Confirmation. But not all children and young adults are best served by traditional methods of catechesis or sacramental preparation, and so I'm very excited to be part of something that can help to fill that need.”

She adds, “Nancy and I have been interested in starting a program at our parish for a few years, but were unsure about where to start. What a joy to discover that Michele Chronister had already developed an excellent curriculum by modifying aspects of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.”

Becker reflects on the excitement of bringing the program to St. Matthew Cathedral. “We are now in the process of putting together a team of parishioners interested in assisting in the process of bringing the Children of St. Angela Merici to our parish. We are hoping to gather together a group of parishioners to serve as catechists, assistants, material makers and those willing to help support the work in other ways. It is our hope to be able to offer the Children of St. Angela Merici program in the fall of 2011.”



Students from the Children of St. Angela Merici program gather for prayer time in the St. Pius X chapel.

them informed. We have the kids write an examination of conscience ahead of time with their parents and the kids write down some of the things they are struggling with so that the priest can review it ahead of time.”

Level two explores the liturgical year and life in the Church. For example, during Lent many “hands on” materials help explain different stages of the season. “We use a Stations of the Cross storyboard (featuring pictures from the Stations of the Cross in St. Pius), we process with a crucifix when praying the stations together, we have a candle to remind us of the presence of the Light of Christ, and have a prayer box filled with

various prayer and holy cards that are donated to us,” says Chronister.

Currently there are 12 children and one adult enrolled in the program.

Msgr. Bill Schooler, pastor at St. Pius X Parish, is very proud of the efforts of those working in the Children of St. Angela Merici ministry. The ministry of special needs children has a personal connection to his life. “The special needs program is near to my heart, because my youngest brother was Down syndrome. No one — not even our parish — had anything to offer for him at that time. I am glad we can make a difference now for people in similar situations.”

AND DISABILITIES

Stephen Elick makes dreams come true

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Stephen Elick and his family believe in miracles. That's because they've witnessed so many in the 23 years since Stephen's premature birth. "The doctors gave him an hour to live," says Elizabeth Jones, Stephen's aunt and godmother.

In an effort to have the fragile infant baptized, the family called Father Terry Fisher to the hospital and that's when the first miracle occurred. Shortly after the Baptism, little Stephen began to improve. And it's been a life of miracles ever since.

The family was told by the doctors who provided medical care for Stephen as he developed that he would never walk or talk. But the family had bigger plans for this miracle baby. "His grandma said, 'Let's prove them wrong!'" recalls Aunt Elizabeth.

So Stephen's grandparents, Tom and Annette Jones, along with his Aunt Elizabeth assisted the boy's mother, Anita Elick, in every way they could. The Joneses, who kept the infant on overnights, alternated feedings with Aunt Elizabeth.

"I remember sleeping on the couch to take care of him. He had to be fed every four hours and with no sucking reflex we had to move his mouth for him," she says. They worked tirelessly with him on physical development as well, including crawling and walking, and made an effort to include him in all aspects of everyday life.

Soon the little miracle boy was walking and talking. Stephen attended special classes in the

Fort Wayne Community Schools system and was a kind hearted soul even in preschool.

Grandma Annette recalls when his class had a canned-food drive and Stephen insisted that he bring in a full bag of groceries each day. In kindergarten, without direction, he took it upon himself to push those students bound in wheelchairs to their classrooms from the bus. And, says Aunt Elizabeth, as a first-grader, Stephen consistently gave his gloves to students who had none.

As he grew older, Stephen participated in classes at Anthis Career Center in high school. It was a proud day when he graduated from Wayne High School in 2005.

Religious education at home was supplemented with Stephen's participation in the religion program at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne. He received each of the sacraments with joy.

"Communion is my favorite," says Stephen, who attends Mass faithfully with his family, as well as regularly reciting the rosary and traditional prayers of the Catholic faith.

The family's faith continues to be the foundation of their strength and tenacity in the face of Stephen's challenges.

Aunt Elizabeth says, "He does everything with us — parish missions, concerts — and he loves midnight Mass."

Stephen works at Easterseals ARC five days a week and enjoys participating in weekly ceramics class with his aunt. His full life includes a variety of other interests as well, including bowling, swimming and cooking.



PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

Above Stephen Elick holds the sacramentary book for Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the wedding anniversary Mass held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sept. 19.



At left, Stephen Elick poses with his godmother Aunt Elizabeth Jones.

He offers, "I like to build model cars. And you know those airplanes that fly by the rubber bands? Well, I like to fly them too."

Aunt Elizabeth says they cook together not only for themselves but for others as well. "We turn cooking into a service project sometimes," she says. The two-some recently prepared and delivered food for Father Anthony Steinacker's father's funeral dinner. Other community service extends to the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive, the Vera Bradley sale and the National Kidney Foundation walk.

This year Stephen's grandparents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Excited about receiving a blessing at the special anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Sept. 19 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the Joneses planned to gather with family for the special day. As soon as Stephen heard about the Mass he dreamed of doing something exceptional for his beloved grandparents in honor of their golden anniversary.

While putting their heads together Stephen and Aunt Elizabeth decided to write an inquiry letter to Bishop Rhoades to request permission for Stephen to participate in the Mass as a surprise for his grandparents. "His dream was to hold the book for the bishop," says Aunt Elizabeth.

Master of ceremonies Jim Fitzpatrick contacted Stephen who was then named the cross bearer and book holder for the Mass.

As the anniversary Mass began, Stephen's grandparents wondered where their grandson was only to see him processing up the cathedral's center aisle with the cross held high. "I was shocked!" says Grandma Annette. "It was terrific. He did a terrific job."

Grandpa Tom agreed. During Mass Stephen's dream of holding the book for Bishop Rhoades came true.

"I've never done anything like this!" he beamed.

For Stephen, the miracle boy, the day was another miraculous moment in his life of faith and family.

St. Adalbert will spread Gospel to special needs population

BY KAY COZAD

SOUTH BEND — Meeting the formal religious formation needs of the children of the diocese is a monumental responsibility accepted by parishes offering programs fueled by volunteer catechists. However, many parishes have been frustrated in their attempts to assist children with special needs in their spiritual endeavors by the lack of appropriate programs.

St. Adalbert Parish in South Bend has recently taken this need to heart, spearheaded by parishioner Edenia Fley, who has a son

challenged by autism. She says, "We've always worried that my child receive religious education according to his needs, but also convey a deep sense of the sacred and of faith."

Fley and Rita Kopczynski, coordinator of religious education and youth ministry at St. Adalbert's, worked together to investigate available programming for the special needs children of the parish. Kopczynski says, "We can't grow as a parish community without embracing these kids and their families."

Together they found Special Religious Development or

SPRED, an English/Spanish speaking program with a long history of meeting the religious education needs of those with special needs. The program was developed in 1960 by Father James McCarthy, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who saw a need to help children with developmental disabilities belong in their parish as well as receive the sacraments.

The program is designed for children, age six to adult age. Participants are grouped by age, 6-10 year olds, 11-16, 17-21 and 22

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and above, and move from one age group to another as they grow. Each group serves six students, who are each partnered with a volunteer sponsor for the class. In addition there is one adult to lead the catechesis and one adult to prepare the students for each sacred session.

Weekly sessions are organized in three phases. The preparation phase welcomes each participant personally to foster a sense of belonging. The catechesis phase offers symbolism appropriate for the developmental stage of the group. In this phase the participants work with tactile activities, such as clay, water colors, partners quilting and more, to enhance the learning of religious and spiritual teachings in a sacred, prayerful awareness.

And finally a gradual closing brings all together to share food, symbolizing the Eucharist. Each participant contributes to the



KAY COZAD

Above St. Adalbert SPRED trainee Edenia Fley, foreground, poses with Ramiro Hernandez, back left, trainer from SPRED in Chicago, and St. Adalbert trainees Yolanda Machado and Felipe Galvan Diaz.

preparation of the table setting, music, sharing food and clean up. Good-byes are personal and respectful.

Currently three parishioners of St. Adalbert are participating in the SPRED training in an effort to bring this dynamic program to their parish. Fley is accompanied

by Felipe Galvan Diaz and Yolanda Machado on her weekend trips to Chicago. The SPRED Agency will train the volunteer sponsors on site at St. Adalbert.

Fley says of the program, "It has been an incredible experience, many people drive with the same purpose — to work with special



Edenia Fley stands with her six-year-old son, Christian, who is challenged with autism.

children, with a special method called 'Method Vivre.'" The training sessions began all together but eventually the participants were split into English- or Spanish-speaking groups. "Little by little we have discovered that God is present in unexpected things and the environment in which they work, with music, flowers, symbols, words and all activities performed with children gives us a fullness of God and his grace," she adds. Further training focused on roles and responsibilities, and how to implement a SPRED group in a parish.

The three are very excited to bring this program to St. Adalbert. Diaz, who is training to be the lead catechist, says, "I hope that the SPRED community will be able to reach all of the households in which there is a person who has special needs."

Machado agrees and adds, "I'm excited to know that I will serve God by helping His most precious treasures."

Fley, who will coordinate the program, says of her personal involvement in bringing SPRED to her parish, "I have the greatest reason in the world, the biggest boost that a mother can have, the love for her child, which extends in a special way for special children and a desire to convey our faith to them. It resonates in my mind and my heart the words of the Gospel — Let the children come to me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The program, says Kopczynski, is scheduled to be implemented by fall, after securing space and funds, through fundraising efforts, to purchase the materials needed for the classrooms. She feels this program is meant to be in her community and says, "These people are aflame with the calling to do this. ... This needs to happen." She hopes as the program grows the special needs participants will be more included in Sunday liturgies. "We are there for these people. We look at them and say they are our brothers too. They need to be a part of our community in a very real way."



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Local CCHD grants awarded in South Bend, Fort Wayne areas

The local Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty program, has awarded grants totaling \$14,850 to six local and area institutions who demonstrated an ability to attack the causes of poverty by empowering the poor.

Founded by the Catholic Bishops of the United States in 1969, the campaign is an expression of the social doctrine of the Catholic Church and as a way to help carry out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. CCHD was founded to help poor people help themselves escape poverty and address its causes by investing in their development so they can participate in the decisions that affect their families and communities.

Those receiving grants and the amount of the awards are:

In South Bend

- Our Lady of Hungary School — a \$1,000 education grant for English Language Learner Instruction for students and adults
- St. Augustine Church — an \$850 education grant to support and sustain its African-American Tutor Program

In Elkhart

- St. Vincent de Paul Parish — a \$4,000 community organizing grant to provide English classes for Hispanic parishioners

In Fort Wayne

- Catholic Charities — a \$3,000 community organizing grant to help support its Immigration Program
- Vincent Village, Inc. — a \$3,000 community organizing grant to provide leadership training for members of the Tenant Council
- The Volunteer Center at RSVP — a \$3,000 community organizing grant for the support of its Multi-Lingual Free Income Tax Preparation Project

The annual CCHD collection will be taken-up on the Nov. 21 weekend in all parishes of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South

Bend. A total of 25 percent of the donations stay in the diocese for local/area distribution through selected grant applications, approved by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Grants are awarded based on need, not religious affiliation.

According to Ann Helmke, director of the CCHD program for the diocese, two types of CCHD funds are available in the diocese: organizing grants — those engaged in empowering the poor and working to bring changes in policies, institutions and laws. The award range for an organizing

grant is \$500-\$5,000; and education grants — those which build solidarity between poor and non-poor, and educate Catholics about the root causes of poverty. The maximum award for an education grant is \$1,000.

For 40 years, CCHD has put into practice Catholic teaching on the life and dignity of every human person, the Gospel command to care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25), and the Church's call to practice "solidarity" in helping poor people help themselves escape poverty.

CCHD collection focuses on defending human dignity by fighting poverty

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Human dignity can be defended by fighting poverty, said the leaders of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development as they prepared for the program's 2010 annual collection, which will be taken up in most parishes Nov. 20-21.

"At this time of great economic suffering, it is more important than ever for the Church in the United States, through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ 'to bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, new sight to the blind and to set the downtrodden free,'" Bishop Roger P. Morin of Biloxi, Miss., chairman of the U.S. bishops' CCHD subcommittee said in a statement.

"CCHD is a unique and essential part of the much broader Catholic commitment to overcome poverty. CCHD pursues 'the institutional path ... of charity, no less excellent and effective than the kind of charity that encounters the neighbor directly,'" Bishop Morin added, quoting from Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth").

He made the comments in a letter to parishes asking Catholics to be as generous as

possible during the annual collection that is the primary source of support for the U.S. bishops' domestic anti-poverty program.

For 2009, the U.S. Census Bureau reported a 9.6 percent spike in poverty. Overall, there were 43.6 million people in poverty — 14.3 percent of the population.

For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create affordable housing, obtain fair wages and provide job training, as well as organizing projects led by low-income individuals to help people and resolve problems in their communities.

CCHD-funded programs "empower the poor and marginalized to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods," according to the agency. CCHD also has educational programs to teach Catholics about poverty and creates opportunities for them to interact with the poor and reflect on a faith response to poverty.

Last year, CCHD awarded more than \$7.8 million to 223 grantees throughout the United States; 648 Catholic parishes, 39 Catholic institutions and 31 religious communities were involved in CCHD-funded groups.

Embryonic stem-cell research topic at RTL dinner

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — "You don't need a gun to get people to seduce themselves into believing the promise of a medical utopia," explained Nikolas Nikas, keynote speaker at the annual dinner held by Saint Joseph County Right to Life, Nov. 4, in South Bend.

By "gun" Nikas was alluding to the 20th century totalitarian regimes that unleashed their destructive power killing millions of innocent people. By "medical utopia" he was referring to the advocates of embryonic stem-cell research, which destroys a new human life who claim they will be able to cure every sort of disease if only they are allowed and funded to do the research.

Nikas is a pro-life attorney who is the president and general counsel of the Bioethics Defense Fund. Nikas explained that the great challenge of pro-life advocates regarding the issue of embryonic stem-cell research is to humanize the person being destroyed. The abortion industry lies when it says the baby being aborted is just "a clump of cells," because by the time the mother realizes she is pregnant there is a recognizable human form. Newly-conceived embryos lack that differentiation yet nevertheless are human beings.

Close to 450 attendees filled the exhibition hall at Century Center to enjoy dinner and the music of harpist Beth Paré. Saint Joseph County Right to Life president Tom Gill presented several awards to outstanding pro-lifers:

- Peter Gillis was given the Pillar of Life Award in recognition of years of generous financial support and for participation in Right to Life events.

- Katie Shanley was presented with the Annette M. Macknick Courage Award for the hours she has spent in prayer and as a sidewalk counselor at the local abortion business as well as legislative and educational efforts.

- The Brother John Lavelle,



TOM UEBBING

Tom Gill, right, president of St. Joseph County Right To Life, presents Peter Gillis, left, the Pillar of Life Award in recognition of years of financial support and participation in Right to Life events.

CSC, Scholarship recipients were Gabrielle Speach and Michael Hunckler. Speach has chaired the Notre Dame student Right to Life conference and worked on media relations for ND Response. She is currently the editor of the *Irish Rover*, an independent student newspaper known for its full and fair coverage of campus and national Right to Life events and other news. Hunckler has been a four-year member of Marian Right to Life club and is currently president.

- Bill and Elizabeth Kirk received a standing ovation when they were given a "Special Award of Recognition" for their roles during the Notre Dame-President Barack Obama controversy. Kirk, at the time associate vice president of student affairs, was the only senior member of the Notre Dame administration to attend the alternate graduation ceremony for students.

One of the prime objectives of the dinner was to raise \$30,000 to pay for another year for two large billboards that are positioned near the abortion clinic and offer assistance to pregnant women.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY GERALD M. COSTELLO, THE CHRISTOPHERS

Serving and protecting America – Not just somebody else's job

Veterans Day used to be more of a stirring occasion than it is today, and that's too bad. We still have the ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery that honors those who died for their country, of course, and some towns still hold parades to pay tribute to the men and women who have served the colors. But local parades aren't as prevalent as they used to be, and sometimes those in the line of march outnumber the people who turned up to watch.

You can find reasons for that without looking too hard. Robert M. Gates, the Secretary of Defense, pointed to some of them a few weeks ago when he spoke of the growing disconnect between military service and the country at large. "For a growing number of Americans," he said, "service in the military, no matter how laudable, has become something for other people to do."

And there are those who don't think that serving in the military is laudable at all. Consider the colleges, for example, that have barred ROTC units, which train officers-to-be, from having any campus presence. That's particularly true of so-called "elite" institutions, such as Harvard and Columbia. In fact, as *New York Post* columnist Glenn Harland Reynolds noted last month, Columbia won't allow the ROTC program on campus even as it welcomes such critics of America as Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Gates said that while those coming home from service in Iraq and Afghanistan are still being treated warmly, "for most Americans the wars remain an abstraction — a distant and unpleasant series of news items that do not affect them personally."

Some, tragically, are affected very personally. They are the families and friends of those young people dying every day in those wars; those who will never become "veterans" because they have given their lives for their country while serving on active duty.

One of them was Navy Lt. Brendan Looney of Silver Spring, Md., who was among nine U.S. military personnel killed when their helicopter crashed Sept. 21 in southern Afghanistan. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a member of the Navy's elite SEAL force, Lt. Looney was buried following a funeral Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. His death did not pass unnoticed. The congregation, which filled the vast church, numbered 3,000.

Among them were Lt. Looney's wife, Amy; his parents and his five brothers and sisters. Also there were midshipmen from the Naval Academy, who were among those recalling that Lt. Looney had now joined in death his Academy roommate, Marine 1st Lt. Travis Manion, killed while serving in Iraq in 2007.

A Catholic News Service story quoted from the eulogy by Lt. Looney's sister Bridget, who told the mourners, "When Brendan went to the Naval Academy and I saw him for the first time in his uniform, I realized this new version of our brother was important not just to us, but to our entire country."

Brendan Looney, she said, was "an American hero, a military hero, a hometown hero."

And, I might suggest, Lt. Looney — a hero, as his sister said, to the entire country — is one to remember, to keep in our hearts, and hold in our prayers this Veterans Day.

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Supreme Court case takes aim at violent video games

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court entered the world of virtual violence Nov. 2, when the justices heard oral arguments in a case involving a California law, enacted but never put into effect, that bans the sale of violent video games to minors.

The issues at hand include just how deleterious the effects of violence are on the underage targets of the manufacturers, and whether First Amendment freedom-of-speech rights trump the content of the violent message.

Darcia Narvaez, a professor at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, studies the effects of experience on moral development.

"A couple of years ago, my lab did several studies comparing violent versus helping game play," Narvaez told Catholic News Service in a Nov. 3 e-mail. "We found that people who played the helping game were more pro-social afterwards in the task we gave them."

Narvaez also discovered one unwanted side effect during her research: "Unfortunately, we found that everyone came in with elevated levels of aggression, suggesting that youth experience so much violence — in media or life — that they are more aggressive than in the past."

Craig Anderson, a psychology professor and director of the Center for the Study of Violence at Iowa State University in Ames, has been conducting research into video games and behavior since the 1980s.

Anderson calls himself a "gamer," someone who plays video games, dating back to text-based games in the 1970s when he was a university student. He even recalls having one of the early versions of Pong, the video ping-pong game that seems archaic today but was revolutionary 30 years ago in that players could get their television screen to show something other than broadcast TV.

"There are both short-term

and long-term effects to playing violent video games," Anderson told CNS in a Nov. 4 telephone interview. "In both cases, what we find is that exposure to violent video games increases the likelihood of later aggressive behavior, aggressive feelings, aggressive thinking. Such games also lead to a decrease in pro-social or helping behavior and a decrease in empathy — or what some people would call an increase in desensitization to scenes of violence and victims."

The Supreme Court got the message Nov. 2 that the jury is out on the effects of prolonged exposure to violent video games. But "the ones who are claiming the evidence is mixed are ignoring the vast majority of studies that are out there," Anderson told CNS. "I've been a gamer for many, many years, but that hasn't blinded me to the fact that there

can be harmful effects."

But Donald W. Greenberg, an associate professor of politics at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., said he believes the studies will not be enough to persuade the court to deny First Amendment

rights.

"The only thing I think the legislature can do, and the only thing I think that works, is labeling," Greenberg told CNS Nov. 4.

The justices would have to define, and score, a test on violence in the same manner as they would on obscenity. Greenberg recalled former Justice Potter Stewart's quote on obscenity: "I know it when I see it." "What's actionable?" Greenberg asked aloud. "It's still going to be a difficult thing to determine."

While many hold the First Amendment sacrosanct, according to Greenberg, it is not absolute. One of the "classic" limitations on free speech is former Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes' test: "You cannot yell 'fire' in a crowded theater."

Obscenity, likewise, is not

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immune, Greenberg said. "Whatever it is, it's not protected," he added, noting, "the court has not done anything on this in 25 years."

One other area where the First Amendment is not absolute is in the protection of minors. Even there, though, the high court has preferred a minimalist approach, Greenberg said, citing an Internet censorship case in which the court ruled "not that it was inherently wrong to do, but that parents had less intrusive means to make it work. You can put filters on, you can put caps on ... so there's no need to go so draconian" as outright censorship.

The other First Amendment exception is commercial speech, which does not enjoy the same level of protection as "social" or political speech. Greenberg said he didn't know if the state of California made a sufficiently strong argument Nov. 2 that the commercial speech involved in violent video games warranted government action. "You can regulate speech or proscribe speech when it presents a clear and present danger to the public," he said. "The danger has to be clear — very, very obvious — and very immediate."

"Violent media should be considered as unhealthy as cigarettes are for kids, so sales should be carefully monitored," declared Notre Dame's Narvaez. "Funny how the U.S.A. is so nonchalant about violence when the empirical evidence shows it (is) overwhelmingly harmful in the short and long term."

"U.S. society is toxic for children these days wherever you look: food, consumer products, air, water, soil, media," Narvaez added. "It's really unfair to put policing all these things on parents. Plus parents don't have the information they need on all these things. Society needs to step in and make things safe for kids, like banning BPA plastics or monitoring violent video game sales."

Such games also lead to a decrease in pro-social or helping behavior and a decrease in empathy

Vatican meeting cuts the speeches

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — By Vatican standards, it's a small revolution: A pontifical council is holding a major assembly without prepared speeches.

Participants in the Pontifical Council for Culture's mid-November plenary meeting have been told to prepare for free discussion instead. The main theme of the encounter is communication, and someone decided that the old model — hours of reading prepared texts — just wasn't working anymore.

Those who have sat through Vatican meetings will appreciate just how radical this innovation really is. Reading speeches has been the main activity at Roman Curia assemblies for as long as anyone can remember.

There is no prize for brevity, either. Being long-winded is a point of pride at these encounters: The feeling among speakers is that if you don't go overtime, you shouldn't really be on the rostrum.

For years, outside participants, especially those from the United States, have quietly complained that such overly structured snooze-fests left little or no time for real discussion. Their protests are now being taken seriously, aided in part by the digital media explosion.

Perhaps someone simply took a look around the room: At one recent Vatican meeting, as officials read their speeches, many in the audience were texting or working on their mini-laptops.

Archbishop Claudio Celli's Pontifical Council for Social Communications recently began looking seriously at the issue of language and made it the theme of its next plenary meeting in 2011.

Msgr. Paul Tighe, secretary of the communications council, fired an opening salvo in an article earlier this year. He said bluntly that the Church relies too much on texts, often using a vocabulary that is "unintelligible and off-putting" to its audiences.

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Now the Pontifical Council for Culture has taken up the banner, too. Not only will written texts be absent, but its meeting is being moved out of the Vatican and into the public square — to Rome's city hall, where guests from other walks of life, including the arts and business, have been invited to take part in the conversation.

The meeting will examine the characteristics of modern language and what makes it effective,

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A sobering thought

There was a reflection question in one of my spiritual reading books a few months ago that I have pondered off and on ever since. The author asked, "What would happen to you if God decided to take back all his gifts that you neglected to thank Him for?"

That is a sobering thought! Imagine if God made a declaration that He would give us a week to decide for what in our lives we want to thank Him and he would take back all his other gifts. Further imagine that God made it even more difficult and told us we had to limit our choices to 10 things. No doubt, whatever we would choose would tell us a lot about our values and what is really important to us.

As I reflect on this I guess the first thing I would give thanks for is the fundamental gift of life itself. It is so easy to take our lives for granted. That comes home to me every time I hear about a sudden or unexpected death, like a vivacious, fun-loving friend of mine who suddenly dropped dead recently. I could also have been aborted by my mother and never had a chance to live.

My family would also be included on my list. There are so many abandoned and abused children in the world. To have a loving and supportive family is truly a gift for which I am grateful. And as I write this I remind myself how important it is to express my gratitude to the members.

Another valued gift for me would be the family of Holy Cross. My religious vocation and my community are precious to me. I have been touched in numerous ways by my sisters. My vocation has also given me the opportunity to do many things and to serve many wonderful people. I guess this is part of the "hundredfold" that Jesus spoke about.

Friends would be high on my list. God has blessed me with special people in my life and I cannot imagine what it would be like not to be close to anyone. We all need intimacy no matter what walk of life. Without loving relationships we cannot fully develop.

My faith is also a valued gift. As I have written before, I cannot even begin to imagine what my life would be like if I did not believe in God. I would be overwhelmed by the troubles of our world if I did not trust and hope in Jesus. He is my rock and foundation. I can count on His love



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no matter what!

I am also grateful for my education and the many opportunities I have had, and continue to have, to develop my mind. The ability to learn is also part of this gift. Sometimes when we are young we don't fully appreciate school but education is a very valuable gift that not everyone has — one that many waste or take for granted.

Life in a democracy and the freedoms that come with it is a gift I value. The United States has many flaws and is not the perfect society, but I'd never want to live anywhere else. Our country has been blessed and has a responsibility to share our abundance with others.

Another gift I cherish is the ability to serve others. I think of those who are out of work, have jobs that they hate or unable to work at all. For the most part I have loved every ministry I have ever been in. That is truly a gift to thank God for.

I would also thank God that I enjoy the basic necessities of life and more. There are millions around the world who lack food and shelter. When I was little I used to wonder what my life would be like if I were born in one of the poor countries of the world. Sometimes we can take for granted all that we have and forget that we really are a minority. The haves are fewer than the have-nots and ironically many are happier than we are.

Last, but not least, I would thank God for my health, the fact that I can see, hear, speak, talk, walk, etc. Every time I meet someone who is physically challenged I thank God and ask for the grace to bear whatever will happen to me in my life.

There are many other gifts that God has showered on me but I could live without them if I had to do so, but I would surely miss my top ten!

It is good to recall every now and then that all that we have comes from the generous love of our God and God deserves our thanks and praise. Don't wait until Thanksgiving to let God know what you appreciate in life. Thank Him often.

Be true to the Gospel



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 21:5-19

The Book of Malachi is the source of this weekend's first biblical reading. The author's name, contrary to what might seem to be the case, is not Malachi. Rather, the word is a title, or description, for the author. It means "Messenger of God."

The book was not dated when it was written, but the context leads scholars to think that it was composed about 450 years before Christ.

As in the cases of all the prophets, the purpose of Malachi is to summon the people to greater religious devotion. This book was written, it is believed, in the aftermath of religious reforms. It probably was an effort to reinforce these reforms.

Such attempts involved encouraging the people. But, warnings also came, reminding people that digressions from God's law reaped the whirlwind.

These warnings often were bleak and very much to the point. One terrible day God will come with swift and final justice. The wicked and the lukewarm will not escape.

For its second reading, the Church offers a passage from the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians in which Paul again declares how seriously he takes his

vocation to be an Apostle. He says that he works day and night to meet the obligations imposed by his vocation. Discharging his obligations is his only purpose.

St. Luke's Gospel is the source of the last reading for this weekend.

Generally speaking, in reading the four Gospels the Church teaches that we should be aware of three stages of interest. The first stage is the actual life of Jesus. The events in the Lord's life, told in the Gospels, are important. Circumstances surrounding these events are important.

The second stage is the experience of the Christian community existing when the Gospel was written, and for which the Gospel was written.

The third stage is the context that the text of the Gospel itself literally creates.

Quite clear throughout Luke, and surely in this reading, is the fact that Christ, and then Christianity, faced serious hostilities in the first century AD Roman imperial world. The message is crystal clear in this reading. Indeed Jesus warns the disciples that they will be hated simply because they are disciples. He predicts catastrophes that in time actually occurred.

Most shocking of all predictions was the Lord's announcement that one day the temple would fall. It was so shocking because the temple was regarded as God's dwelling on earth, indeed a symbol of God. To say that the temple would fall could be construed to mean that God, the almighty, the eternal, would fall. Of course, Jesus also said that God would rebuild the temple, and the new temple, the new dwelling of God, would be the Lord Jesus.

Reflection

The Gospel reading from St. Luke's Gospel is typical of other sections of the same Gospel. It is somber and almost chilling. Terrible things will happen. When the Gospel was written, also quite likely at the time of Jesus, Christians were seeing their own friends and enemies turn against them. It was a frightening sight. It was to be left alone in the face of enemies.

These readings together remind us that we cannot choose our circumstances in every situation. We are at the mercy of fate and often of other human beings. Others can gather against us. Circumstances in our lives can be very perplexing.

Our task as Christians, indeed our only option, is to be true to the Gospel. As Paul indicates, nothing else truly matters. Being with God for eternity is the only reason to live.

Pursuing this ideal of being with God requires deep and uncompromising commitment. We cannot hesitate. We cannot turn away. However, God will assist us. He will reward us, with everlasting life.

READINGS

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

Monday: Rv 1:1-4;2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6,14-22 Ps 15:2-4b,5 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Lk 20:27-40

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Qualified

"Qualified." It's a loaded word. It means capable, competent, skilled, trained, experienced. We look for the most qualified plumbers, contractors, builders. We scour through applicants, if we are in a position to hire, to find those most qualified for a specific job. Colleges want the most qualified students. Voters want the most qualified candidates. This is good. Excellence is important.

However, there is in life a real temptation to look at the world, to look at one another even, only through the eyes of "qualification." There is a temptation to view others, indeed to evaluate others, (I hesitate to say "judge" but it might be that too) on the basis of what they have done, rather than who they are. Gosh, sometimes we even do that to ourselves.

Don't get me wrong. I want the most qualified plumber in my bathroom, and the most qualified repairman under my car, and the hefty absence of funds in our family checkbook because of a payment to a standardized test prep service indicates that I also want my kids to be the most qualified when they sit down to take required college entrance exams, but the value of an individual human being doesn't rest on his knowledge of the intricacies of his profession, or on his score on the SAT test, or frankly on his ability to whip up a gourmet meal for the family. We are wisest if we remember that.

"There's always going to be someone who is better than you in something," is a sobering quote I remember hearing as a child. Rather than quelling my desire for

accomplishment or excellence, hearing this freed me to try my best and not be afraid. Accepting this bit of wisdom was me facing the reality that even if I tried my hardest in some endeavor I might not be the best in the world, and that that's okay. God loves me anyway, I came to realize. What a relief. Hearing that quote also put a dose of humility in all my endeavors.

Mother Teresa said, "We are not called upon to be successful, but faithful."

Does that let us off the hook for trying to be successful too? No, success can be a way to give glory and honor to God. Honest work and using, as my dad would say, "the brains God gave you" is one way to say "thank you" to Him for his many gifts and to glorify him as well. But Mother Teresa's quote reminds us that what God requires is faithfulness. He'll handle the rest. Whew.

There's a phrase going around e-mail circles and Facebook pages — perhaps you've heard it: "God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called." And this is very true. God will give the help any one of us needs to accomplish the tasks He calls us to do if we stick by his plan. We must work hard. Reach our potential. Only settle for the best, but recognize that our value as human beings doesn't rest on what we achieve externally. It's not all about awards or degrees or knowledge.

There will always be those smarter or more accomplished or more efficient than we may be, even if we try our best in every task we undertake. We shouldn't



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worry ourselves with that, though. Besides being a temptation to envy, it can really drag us down in our daily efforts. If we feel pulled down by thoughts of our own smallness and mediocrity, feeling expendable perhaps in our daily work, we ought to remember that there is one place in our lives where we are absolutely indispensable, and that is in our families.

Many write more cleverly and clearly than I do. Some cook better. A few are more efficient and have more organized and more prettily decorated homes. But I can rest in the knowledge that despite my qualifications or lack thereof, as I struggle to be faithful daily, I am loved by God and needed by my family. My husband has but one wife; my children but one mother. I may or may not be the most "qualified" for these positions, but they are the positions God gave to me, and I'm going to proceed forward in them, knowing that relying on Him is enough.

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St. Paul visits Athens

What did St. Paul see and do in Athens?

St. Paul probably first landed by ship at Piraeus, the port of Athens in Greece since the 5th century B.C. Piraeus is now the largest port in Greece. I landed and took off from Piraeus to visit the Greek islands. Baedeker says at Piraeus you can see ancient boatsheds under water, the remains of a Greek theater, the old city walls and a shipping museum.

At Athens, St. Paul saw the famous hill of the acropolis (Greek for high city). Ancient cities were often built on a hill for better defense. The most beautiful and famous structure on the acropolis is the Parthenon or temple to the goddess Athena. You can spend a lot of time staring at this architectural wonder.

St. Paul would have entered the acropolis through the Propylaea, a monumental structure consisting of three wings. The Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament says that St. Paul spoke to the people from the Areopagus or Hill of Ares, the god of war. Baedeker says this rocky hill was the seat of the supreme court of ancient



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Athens.

St. Paul had seen many temples to pagan gods in Athens and he was upset. Someone even joked that there are more gods in Athens than people. So St. Paul spoke to the men of Athens about their temple he saw dedicated to an unknown God. Paul then said this "unknown God" is the true God who created the world. His Son Jesus rose from the dead and will judge and save the world. A modern bronze tablet here today is inscribed with St. Paul's sermon. On the northern slopes of the Areopagus are the remains of a basilica dedicated to St. Dionysius, a member of the court of the Areopagus who was St. Paul's first convert in Athens.

Other sites in Athens include

the odium or theater of Herodes Atticus that St. Paul would have seen. It is so excellently preserved that musical performances are still held there today. St. Paul would have visited the Agora, or Greek marketplace, where there was an Altar of Mercy. There is the Erechtheion, a temple housing the wooden cult image of Athena from 406 B.C. St. Paul could have seen the gymnasium of Ptolemy with a stone statue of the god Hermes. A later addition below the acropolis is the Church of the Holy Apostles built in the 11th century. Meinardus says that every June 29, the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, a vesper service is conducted upon the rock of the Areopagus. A large wooden cross is set up on the top of the rock behind a portable altar, which is flanked by a life-size icon of St. Paul. The archbishop of Athens usually performs the ceremony. There is a St. Paul's Catholic Church in Athens. But the patron saint of Athens is Dionysius the Areopagite, St. Paul's first convert there. An early document mentions an epistle of St. Paul to the Athenians, but we do not have a copy of it.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 14, 2010

Luke 21:5-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: grim news about the coming end times. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

TEMPLE	OFFERINGS	THROWN DOWN
TEACHER	SIGN	I AM HE
THE TIME	WARS	TERRIFIED
NATION	AGAINST	EARTHQUAKES
PERSECUTE	WISDOM	PARENTS
DEATH	HATED	BY ALL
A HAIR	HEAD	GAIN

COMING DAYS

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including clarity, simplicity and interactivity. That almost guarantees self-criticism when it comes to traditional Vatican modes of communication.

"Our language often has little impact because it is very self-referencing. We have linguistic categories that are like code, and that are not understood on the outside," Cardinal-designate Gianfranco Ravasi, president of the culture council, said at a Vatican news conference Nov. 3.

Cardinal-designate Ravasi is an unlikely crusader for simple and concise expression. He has the gift of verbosity, and while his linguistic displays of intellect have impressed many, others find it heavy going. Nevertheless, he understands, as he put it, that a "radical shift" is occurring in communication, especially among young people, and that the Church cannot afford to ignore it.

The news conference was unusual: Participants did not read speeches but spoke off the cuff — presumably practicing for their plenary assembly.

Richard Rouse, an official of the culture council, outlined the characteristics of what he called the "grammar of our culture." The digital age is increasingly marked by a dialogue model that favors speed, brevity, efficiency, interactivity and a convergence of image,

text and sound, he said. In this context, there are naturally problems with the "informative monologue" model that often characterizes the Church's approach.

Rouse said the Church is not ready to drop its traditional language of parables, metaphors and symbols, but needs to add new ways to reach younger generations.

Cardinal-designate Ravasi made clear that the Church is not uncritically accepting of the new model of communication today. One major concern is the "virtual" nature of digital interaction.

"Our children no longer communicate with each other through the color and warmth of the skin, through voices and through physical encounter, but through the coldness, the iciness of the computer screen," he said.

When it comes to language, Pope Benedict XVI is an interesting figure. His love of the written word is well-known, and many of his sermons and speeches require study, not just a quick listen.

Yet the German pontiff can speak simply, too. Often his most direct and effective talks are with children, as he demonstrated in late October at a meeting with thousands of Italian young people.

The pope spoke from his own experience. He related that when he was young, he was one of the smallest boys in his class, and that made him want to do something big when he grew up. That "something big" became clearer when he entered into a friendship with Jesus, he said.

Sports

SPARKY ANDERSON, CATHOLIC HALL OF FAME MANAGER, DIES AT 76 George Lee "Sparky" Anderson, the Hall of Fame manager who managed three World Series-winning teams, died Nov. 4. He was 76. Just two days before, his family issued a statement that Anderson, a Catholic, was in hospice care as he was suffering from the complications of dementia. When he retired from managing following the 1995 season, he was third all-time in the number of wins he had managed, at 2,194. He was the first manager to guide teams to 100-win seasons in both the American and National leagues, first with the Cincinnati Reds in 1970, 1975 and 1976 and the Detroit Tigers in 1984.

CYO, ICCL teams fight for bragging rights at championship games

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA— A snow covered field ceremoniously invited guests from the Catholic Youth Organization's Fort Wayne Chapter to participate in the annual diocesan battle with their foes from the Inter-City Catholic League for yearlong bragging rights and Division I and II championships.

The first contest pitted an upstart St. Vincent Panther squad from the east against perennial power home town Holy Cross Crusaders vying for the Division II title.

For the Crusader running back Brendan Connelly, the first offensive play from scrimmage was like a nightmare from the ICCL championship game a week earlier as the ball slipped from his fingers but was fortunately recovered. The premonition would be short lived as on the next play the resilient back raced 66 yards down the sideline to draw first blood.

Connelly's points after attempt was good making the score, 8-0.

The cold and snow coupled with the slick playing conditions stymied the Panthers in the early going but when receiver Jeffrey Kalonji slipped behind his defender, quarterback Noah Coonan threw a perfect strike for a 32-yard touchdown reception. The PATs attempt was wide left.

The Panthers again would be terrible guests as William Backstrom caught a middle screen and pranced 42 yards down to the seven. Jeremy Kalonji finished the job with a bursting into the end zone, giving the Panthers a 12-8 lead.

Power running was this season's signature formation for the Crusaders, and this game would be no different as the three headed monster of Connelly, Andrew Petsche and Peter Rymysza rode the shoulders of a well-oiled offensive line scoring on the latter's seven yard stroll. Connelly's kick found its mark again pushing the margin, 18-12.

It wouldn't take the Crusaders long to show off their defense as Connelly picked off an errant pass and dashed 64 yards untouched into the end zone making the score, 22-12.

As the second half opened the Crusader's Rymysza, took a hand off and sprinted 54 yards for pay dirt

and with the Connelly boot being good, the score was now 30-12.

St. Vincent would however not go away as quarterback Dalton O'Boyle again found Backstrom on the middle screen for a 16-yard touchdown. Kicker Skyler Noll was true this time tightening the game up, 30-20.

The Panthers looked as though they would get the ball right back but on a fourth down and 5, Petsche bolted his way for a 50-yard touch down run increasing the lead to 36-20.

The scoring parade would not be over for the Crusaders as Petsche again found the end zone on a 49-yard play, making the final 44-20 for the hosts.

"This was our kids' remedy for last week's game. It was nice to go out with a win," commented Crusader Coach John Krzyzewski. "I just want to say that the St. Vincent staff and players did a great job and they pressured us all game. They just kept fighting to the end."

"This game was a great experience for the kids and it can only make us better for the future," explained Panther Coach Drew Linder. "We played each other last year and we knew what to expect. They have a solid big line and they executed very well today."

The night cap would match up the powerful CYO St. Charles Cardinals of Fort Wayne against the undefeated ICCL Champion St. Anthony (St. Joseph SB, St. Pius X) Panthers who were focused on a perfect season.

The mighty Cardinals showed a precision attack as they methodically dissected the field showing their strength as receiver Samuel Talarico literally pried a would-be interception from a defenders' hands for a 20-yard completion. Quarterback Cody Miller ended the surgical drive on a keeper to open the scoring with just 3.6 ticks left on the clock to end the first quarter. Cardinal kicker Martin Pentenburg's boot was good, 8-0.

The Panthers could not immediately answer, so big back Andrew Gabet continually pounded the ball into the line, and after a 30-pass reception by William Blume, the Cardinals were threatening again. The maroon clad Panthers would not break holding on a fourth and one play.

The Panthers were not defeated by luck, their quarterback Camden Bohn used his weapons

equally as well finding Oliver Page on a 35-yard pass play and then hitting wide out Brennon Koehler on a 34-yard touchdown strike. Their points after attempt was no good ending the half 8-6, Cardinals.

The Cardinals began the second half as they started the game with another solid drive but on a fourth and 11 Miller found Brendan Pearson for a big gainer into the red zone only to be whistled back for a procedure penalty.

On the ensuing series, Panther Oliver Page faked a handoff and then sped down the field 48 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. The PAT was no good making the score 12-8, Panthers.

Both squads settled in and had opportunities that the other team's defenses continued to stop.

The Panthers would break the defensive trend when on fourth and 11, Bohn was unable to find an open receiver and tucked the pigskin running over and dragging three would-be tacklers down the sideline for a drive saving play. It wasn't long after when tailback Connor Wong took an inside hand-off and bounced it left and then darted 21 yards for a score. Bohn connected with Page on a conventional conversion making it 19-8, with just 3:23 left in the game.

The Cardinals would not say quit. Miller again found Pearson for a big play, this time of 45 yards and into the red zone. After a big time sack by defensive lineman Alex Jones, Miller threw deep but into the waiting arms of Panther defender Page to seal the fate and to close the book on the undefeated season.

Squires finish perfectly

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Undefeated for the 2010 season in Catholic Youth League (CYO) volleyball play for the small-school division was St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel.

The Lady Squires entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed and took home the 2010 title under Coach Shawnette Metzger, in her rookie season.

Metzger was very pleased with the solid performance of her team during the tournament, "We had a lot of good energy and a lot of good teamwork," she explained. Metzger praised the solid play of her eighth graders noting their overall play and specialty services like serving from Maddie Strack, setting from Hannah Beckman, kills from Kendall Knapke, defense from Samantha Muldoon and serve receives from Aubrey Feipel.

This particular class accomplished an astounding task — they had a perfect record. The eighth-grade Lady Squires finished their CYO careers without losing a single match over their four years — not in pre-season, regular season or tournament action, not even at scrimmage or practice games. Metzger also felt her seventh graders came off the bench and really contributed in the run. "I couldn't have asked for a better, more positive group of girls," she concluded. In the championship, the Squires beat St. John, New Haven, 25-6, 25-20.

Coached by Linda Heddens, St. John, New Haven, advanced to the final round after a close match with the No. 2 St. Therese/St. Aloysius team which went three games. Both Heddens and St. Therese/St. Aloysius

Coach Lisa Palmer agreed the games could have gone either way. Palmer's ladies won the first contest, but New Haven came out on top 25-24 in the second, forcing a third game which is played to 15.

Even when the Raiders were up 14-8, Heddens later told Palmer that she didn't feel confident the Crusaders would not come back. She told them how much they hustled and what a great game they played. Heddens made a special point to add, "Your team improved 100 percent since the first time we played you and you have nothing to be ashamed of. You can be very proud of yourselves." A touched Palmer was so impressed with the display of what CYO sports is truly about, "In 27 years of coaching, I have never had an opposing coach come over to my post-game huddle after they have beat us and tell my team that."

In the Green League, the St. Vincent Panthers defeated St. Charles, 25-13, 25-7, to earn the 2010 seventh-grade title. The Panthers were prepared for a tough rematch after going three games against St. Charles during the regular season. Coach Julie Lukemire explained, "We had a good group of girls who worked really hard. Our focus was fundamentals and having fun." In her third year at St. Vincent, Lukemire was joined this season by Rhonda Winkeljohn, the former junior varsity coach from Bishop Dwenger, who challenged the team to go undefeated. The Panthers did just that and finished with an impressive 14-0 record. "We really gelled at the right time," summarized Lukemire. Kristin Beamon also served as an assistant coach for St. Vincent.

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Book focusing on US priest's training as exorcist being made into movie

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Rare is the priest in the United States who holds the title of diocesan exorcist.

Rarer still is the priest who is the focus of a book on his training as an exorcist, not to mention that the book has inspired the making of a feature film called "The Rite" — starring Anthony Hopkins, no less.

But that's all become part of the life of Father Gary Thomas, a priest of the Diocese of San Jose, Calif., who is pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Saratoga, Calif.

When some of his fellow priests were discussing that another priest had declined an offer from the bishop to serve as diocesan exorcist, he thought to himself, "I could do that."

Not that it was easy, Father Thomas said. For one thing, he could find no U.S.-based course of study for priests to be trained as

exorcists. He wound up taking a three-and-a-half-month sabbatical to go the Rome seminary of the Legionnaires of Christ and get training from a priest based there.

His experiences are recounted in the 2009 book "The Rite: The Making of a Modern Exorcist" by Matt Baglio.

But Hollywood being Hollywood, when reality isn't good enough for the big screen, it invents a new reality. "In the movie, I don't start out as a priest. I start out as a seminarian who has a faith crisis," Father Thomas said in an Oct. 18 telephone interview with Catholic News Service. "I am ordained eventually before the end of the movie. In the book, I'm already a priest and I'm not having a faith crisis."

Hopkins plays a priest-mentor to the seminarian, who anchors the story.

Father Thomas explained that "two months before Pope John Paul II died, he issued a directive



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Exorcism is a rarely used rite in the Catholic Church. Under canon law only those priests who receive permission from their bishop can perform an exorcism. A priest performing the rite wears a purple stole. A crucifix and holy water are among the religious items used in the rite.

through Cardinal Ratzinger's (now Pope Benedict XVI) office that every bishop train and appoint an exorcist."

With no U.S. training available, Father Thomas studied three days a week during his sabbatical. "Partially, I made up my own curriculum," he said.

A priest for 27 years, Father Thomas has been San Jose's exorcist for the past four years. In that time, he said, he has conducted

exorcisms on five people.

"One is ongoing and has been successful, but has not been completely delivered," Father Thomas told CNS. "Two decided not to continue after a time because they lost patience. And the other two, the persons are dramatically better."

But those are just the five whose cases he's taken. "I get calls from all over the United States and e-mails, and I try to direct them to their own local Church. It's difficult to diagnose these things over the phone," Father Thomas said.

Father Thomas said he served as a consultant on the set of "The Rite," with an anticipated released date of Jan. 28.

"I'm very excited about the release of this movie," he said. "I think the movie is very authentic about the topic. I was very impressed with Anthony Hopkins and Colin O'Donoghue (who plays the seminarian) and their portrayal of the ministry of exorcism as accurate ... as was the scene that specifically involved exorcism."

Mark Tuohy, a co-producer of "The Rite," said of Father Thomas, "I think he's a great guy."

Father Thomas said he is certain that demonic possession exists. He noted that one theme in common with his five exorcism clients is "they had opened doorways to the demonic, either through witchcraft or going to witch doctors or other people having gone to witch doctors on their behalf."

Asked about the case of Republican U.S. Senate aspirant Christine O'Donnell of Delaware,

and her comment that she had "dabbled into witchcraft" in high school, Father Thomas replied, "I find that incredibly troubling that a person who had taken part in witchcraft would run" for office.

O'Donnell made the comment in an appearance on a 1999 television show. The segment had never aired until the host of the show, Bill Maher, aired it during the election campaign.

"I think that immediately disqualifies her from public office (as it would for) anybody who engages in witchcraft or engages in any new age activities," the priest said. "It opens doorways to the diabolical. I think it impairs people's judgments."

"There's a difference between witchcraft," Father Thomas said, "and somebody who goes and has their palm read."

With no American training for exorcists available, Father Thomas said he has given orientation sessions to other priests. "But spending a day and a half with me is nothing compared to the three and a half months I spent in Rome," he added.

The U.S. bishops and priests, including diocesan exorcists, are scheduled to meet Nov. 12-13 at a closed-door conference, prior to the annual fall general meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Nov. 15-18.

"I've been pushing that (training) at the local seminary without success," Father Thomas said. "We hope something will emerge (in Baltimore), but we have nothing at the present."



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Holiday bazaar

Bristol — St. Mary Parish, 411 W. Vistula St., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dismas House Holiday Open House

South Bend — The Dismas House, 521 South St. Joseph St., will offer music, cookies, punch and Dismas Design jewelry made by Dismas residents Tuesday, Nov. 30, from noon to 6 p.m.

Kris Kringle craft show

South Bend — A Kris Kringle craft show will be Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Little Flower Church. A bake sale, raffle tables and lunch available. Nonperishable food and cash donations to the food pantry will earn a chance to win a \$25 Martins Supermarket gift card.

Arts and craft fair

South Bend — Sanctuary at St. Paul's, 3602 S. Ironwood Dr. will have an arts and craft fair Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shop craft, jewelry, gift baskets and more. Call (574) 299-2250 for information.

St. Jude Christmas Boutique

Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will have a Christmas Boutique Saturday, Nov. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church hall and school auditorium. Food will be available.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Pay-What-You-Can-Sale helps families

Waterloo — St. Michael Church, at 1098 County Rd. 39, will have a sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, in the parish hall. Clothing and household items will be available with no set prices — you can discreetly leave a donation for your purchases. This is sale for everyone. This is a service project — not a fund-raiser — sponsored by St. Michael's Youth Group. Any money collected will be used for a local family at Christmas.

Sunday breakfast at St. Pius X

Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, Nov. 14, after the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses at St. Pius X. Adults \$5, children 6-12 \$2.50.

New vigil Mass time at Christ the King

South Bend — Effective Saturday, Nov. 13, Christ the King Church, 52473 State Road 933, will move the Saturday evening vigil Mass from 5:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Andrew Budzinski will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father Budzinski is the associate pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne.

Women's fertility workshop offered

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Thrift stores offer half price sales

South Bend — The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 2302 South Bend Ave., in the Greenwood Plaza Shopping Center, is having a 50 percent off sale Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. till 7 p.m. The store at 3408 Ardmore Trail will be having a 50 percent off sale on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sales do not include large appliances, electronics or cars.

Catholicism Revisited

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish announces Catholicism Revisited Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. On Nov. 15, "Naked and Ashamed" will be presented by Lisa Marino, RCIA director at St.

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Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series will continue Monday, Nov. 22, with "Men's Health," from noon to 1 p.m. at the North Campus, 2702 Spring St. Nonperishable food item donations accepted.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Carry-out available.

Knights plan senior citizen Thanksgiving Day dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a turkey dinner Thursday, Nov. 25, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted. Reserve space by Nov. 12 to (260) 493-1914.

Knights plan Mass, Thanksgiving dinner parties

Granger — The Knights Council 4263 will have a Mass for all deceased Knights and wives Thursday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. in the St. Pius X chapel. Mass will be followed by a pre-Thanksgiving dinner in the Holy Cross Room. Tickets are \$10 per

person. On Friday, Nov. 19, the Knights will have a Thanksgiving party turkey potluck at 6 p.m. in the Holy Cross Room. Call (574) 271-7853 for information.

Mystery dinner theatre at St. Therese

Fort Wayne — St. Therese Parish will present "Clue — The Musical," Nov. 19 and 20 in the parish hall. Dinner and theatre tickets are \$25. Doors open at 6:15, dinner and the show at 7 p.m. Cash bar available.

Victory Noll Center offers service work

Huntington — Individuals are invited to Victory Noll Center every Thursday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to make no-sew blankets that will go to local charity organizations. Call (260) 356-0628 for information.

Turkey and ham dinner planned

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a turkey and ham dinner Sunday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the parish hall. A country craft store will also be offered with silent auction and quilt raffle. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 5-13 and free for children under 5.

Panis Vitae

Elkhart — High school teens can attend a weekend retreat Friday Nov. 12-14, at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/YM.

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2010	Feast Day	Fort Wayne 10:30 a.m. WISE-TV, Ch. 33	South Bend 10:30 a.m. WNDU-TV, Ch. 16
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Canadians celebrate newest saint with prayer, cheers, symbols

LAURA IERACE AND BROTHER CHARLES MCBRIDE, CSC

MONTREAL (CNS) — Olympic Stadium, usually home to football games and trade shows, was converted into the largest place of worship in the country as Canadians celebrated their newest saint. More than 30,000 people — including religious and political leaders — from across the country and the U.S. gathered in the stadium Oct. 30 for a more than two-hour Mass packed with elements significant to the life and mission of St. Brother André, Alfred Bessette, a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Brother André, who founded St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome Oct. 17, but Canadians delayed their local celebration.

During the extended entrance procession, the assembly prayed a litany of Canadian-based saints and blessed. The litany closed with Canada's newest saint: Brother André. At the mention of his name, the assembly applauded spontaneously and waved white scarves in the air. Young people and people with disabilities — two groups that were dear to the new saint and central to his mission — were seated closest to the altar.

The entrance procession — which included 58 Canadian bish-



PHOTOS BY BROTHER CHARLES MCBRIDE, CSC

A Mass was held at the Olympic Stadium in Montreal Oct. 30 to honor St. Brother André Bessette. Near the altar at the celebration for St. Brother André were the old, the young and infirm.

ops, more than 100 priests and nearly 200 young people — presented a new reliquary containing a sliver of Brother André's heart. The concelebrants venerated the relics before they were placed at the foot of the altar.

The offertory procession included one of Brother André's

little black suitcases, which he would take on his many trips; large votive candles, representing the many candles lit by pilgrims at the oratory and other sanctuaries around the world; St. Joseph's oil, which the new saint used to bring hope, comfort and healing to the sick and the infirm; flowers, repre-

present at the Mass were Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Quebec Premier Jean Charest and Quebec Lt. Gov. Pierre Duchesne. The prime minister paid a short visit to the Oratory of St. Joseph before the Mass.

Over 42,000 tickets at \$5 each were sold, but police estimated the congregation at 30,000. Earlier this month over 2,000 Canadians went to Rome for St. Brother André Bessette's canonization. The celebrations in Montreal Oct. 25-31 were for people who couldn't make it to St. Peter's Square.

Coming to the cavernous stadium was almost as if St. André Bessette was a rock star: vendors sold T-shirts at \$10 each. St. Joseph's Oratory, in its souvenir shop, sold bandanas, posters, religious medals and books, wooden



A reliquary containing a sliver of the heart of St. Brother André was carried in procession and placed below the altar during the Oct. 30, Mass to honor the new saint.

sending the many artists who have brought beauty to the oratory; and crutches, representing all those who were healed at the oratory through the intercession of St. Joseph.

Montreal's Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte's homily was greeted with applause and the waving of white scarves eight times.

"The Church never canonizes someone solely for what they were or lived before, but for what they have to say and to demonstrate to women and men today," the cardinal said. "First of all, (Brother André) tells us and demonstrates to us that a life is beautiful and fruitful when it is put to the service of others."

"This is not a small saint that has been canonized, but a great saint, a very great saint," the cardinal said, referring to Brother André's height of less than five feet. "This very great saint — Brother André — is homegrown."

"Pray for us," he petitioned Brother André on behalf of the assembly at the end of the homily. "Pray that we may become women and men of compassion, attentive to the needs of others, women and men who love God with a great love because they know they are very loved by him."

Among government officials

crucifixes, key chains, statues and candles nonstop before and after the Mass.

The celebration continued Saturday night with the Oratory of St. Joseph hosting some 250 Holy Cross religious for a community meal and celebration. The Holy Cross religious from throughout the world represented one congregation of men and three of women. There were 25 Sisters of the Holy Cross from across the United States attending the Montreal celebrations. The sisters sent 12 sisters to Rome including three from the United States.

On Oct. 31, Holy Cross Father Richard Warner, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross and former director of campus ministry at the University of Notre Dame, was the principal celebrant and homilist at the English Mass in the crypt of the Oratory of St. Joseph where over 100 relatives of St. Brother André from the United States gathered for a Mass and heritage dinner.

The real devotion to St. Brother André could be seen at the Oratory on Sunday, Oct. 31, as hundreds of pilgrims waited in line in total silence to touch, leave flowers, petition notes and pray for a few moments at the tomb of St. Brother André Bessette.



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