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Father Donald Calloway will rekindle the fire in hearts of men



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Father Donald Calloway, a priest of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception and known as the surfer priest, will be one of the speakers of the diocesan men's conference, "Can You Handle the Truth?" on Feb. 19, 2011, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center in Fort Wayne. Registration is available now.

Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference Feb. 19 is taking registrations

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Men of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are invited to attend the diocesan men's conference, "Can You Handle the Truth?" on Feb. 19, 2011, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center in Fort Wayne. The all-day event is presented by the men of Rekindle the Fire and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The conference will feature Boston College professor of philosophy and author Dr. Peter Kreeft, Marians of the Immaculate Conception Father Donald Calloway and singer-songwriter W. Keith Moore. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a 4 p.m. Mass.

Father Calloway, known as the surfer priest, recently spoke with *Today's Catholic* about the upcoming men's conference. "We're going to get into some nitty gritty details about some manly

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Pope offers Step-by-step guide on 'lectio divina' meditation

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In his post-synodal document on the Word of God, Pope Benedict XVI urged all Christians to get to know the sacred Scriptures better.

He gave a few suggestions that included having a Bible in every home and engaging in a more attentive, prayerful listening to Gospel readings.

The pope paid particular attention to the importance and efficacy of "lectio divina," a form of prayerful meditation on the word of God, and he offered a step-by-step guide on the practice.

The post-synodal apostolic exhortation, "Verbum Domini" ("The Word of the Lord"), was released Nov. 11.

The pope said the first step is to open with a reading ("lectio") of a text, "which leads to a desire to understand its true context: What does the biblical text say in itself?"

Understanding what the text is trying to say is important so as to move beyond one's own notions and ideas, he said.

"Next comes meditation ('meditatio'), which asks: What does the biblical text say to

us?" the pope wrote.

Christians both as individuals and as a community need to let themselves be "moved and challenged" by what the sacred text is telling them, he wrote.

"Following this comes prayer ('oratio'), which asks: What do we say to the Lord in response to his word?" wrote the pope.

"Finally, 'lectio divina' concludes with contemplation ('contemplatio'), during which we take up, as a gift from God, his own way of seeing and judging reality, and ask ourselves what conversion of mind, heart and life is the Lord asking of us?" he wrote.

Contemplation and reflection let the mind consider reality as God sees it and help foster within oneself "the mind of Christ," the papal document said.

"The process of 'lectio divina' is not concluded until it arrives at action ('actio'), which moves the believer to make his or her life a gift for others in charity," said the pope.

The pope said in his document that the monastic tradition of "lectio divina" is "truly capable of opening up to the faithful the treasures of God's word, but also of bringing about an encounter with Christ, the living word of God."

BISHOPS OPEN FALL MEETING IN BALTIMORE



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Members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops gather for Mass at the start of the bishops' annual fall meeting in Baltimore Nov. 15. New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan was elected president of the conference on Nov. 16.

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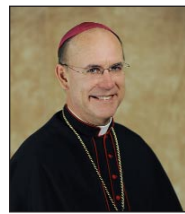
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'Long live Christ the King'



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. How fitting it is that we give honor and praise to Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This Solemnity reminds us that Christ is the King of heaven and earth and that He has sovereignty over all creation. It reminds us that we belong to Him, that we are His and His we wish to be.

The Kingdom of Christ is mysteriously present now in His Church, the seed and beginning of the Kingdom on earth. It will enter into its perfection at the end of time. Yet now we are called to increase His Kingdom. This begins with Christ reigning in us and in our lives. When Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1921, he pointed out that Christ must reign in our minds, in our wills, in our hearts, and in our bodies.

In 2005, several martyrs were beatified in Guadalajara, Mexico. They were faithful Catholics who died defending the Church against the persecution by the government there in the 1920s. Some were tortured for their loyalty to Christ the King. Each martyr's story is inspiring. Each is unique, however, in common, each one before his or her execution shouted: "Viva Cristo Rey" ("Long live Christ the King").

One of the Mexican martyrs was a young teenager, Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio, a devout 14-year-old boy who, after being captured, was asked under pain of death to give up his faith in Christ. Jose Luis refused to apostasize. His mother was overwhelmed by sorrow and anguish, but she kept encouraging her son. The soldiers sheered off the skin from the soles of his feet and made him walk through the village to the cemetery. He wept and moaned with pain, but would not give in. He said along the way: "Viva Cristo Rey." Every now and then along the route, they stopped and said to Jose Luis: "If you cry out, 'Death to Christ the King,' we will spare your life. Say 'Death to Christ the King.'" But each time, Jose Luis answered "Viva Cristo Rey." At the cemetery, before shooting him, they asked him one last time to deny his faith. He refused. His assassins then fired upon him and he died like so many others shouting: "Viva Cristo Rey."

The Mexican martyrs of the 1920s included a Jesuit priest, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, whose feast we celebrate this Tuesday, November 23rd. I remember celebrating Mass at his tomb in a church in Mexico City. Father Pro risked his life by celebrating the sacraments during that severe persecution of the Church in Mexico. He would disguise himself in various ways to evade capture as he went about doing his priestly ministry with charity and zeal. He was eventually discovered and arrested like so many other faithful Catholics. As he stood before the firing squad, he stretched out his arms like



PROVIDED BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and altar servers at the reliquary with the remains of Blessed Miguel Pro after Mass in Holy Family Church, Mexico City, in 2006.

Jesus on the cross and declared "Viva Cristo Rey." He was shot to death and died at the age of 36.

Blessed Jose Luis, a teenager, and Blessed Miguel Pro, a priest, and all the Mexican martyrs are an encouragement to all of us, especially our young people, to live for Christ more fervently, to live with Christ as the King and Lord of our lives, the center of our life each and every day. At times, this may bring us criticism, even some persecution and suffering.

Our King's crown was made of thorns. His throne was a wooden cross. He revealed from that throne that God is love. He offered Himself in expiation for the sins of humanity and He defeated Satan, the ruler of this world. From that throne, from the cross, He established the Kingdom of God once and for all. This is how God reigns as King! His triumph is the victory of love. He does not impose his rule by force. He invites us to follow Him, to embrace His cross, to overcome evil with good, so as to enter into His eternal Kingdom.

At every Mass, we listen to the Word of God which enlightens our way to the Kingdom. In the Eucharist, we offer ourselves and our lives in union with Christ in His sacrifice of love on Calvary. Our King feeds us with the bread of life, with Himself, His holy Body and Blood. He nourishes us with the food that the martyrs received, the food of immortality. He strengthens us to live our faith with fidelity and conviction and to love one another as He has loved us.

In the Preface of Mass on this Solemnity of Christ the King, we will hear these beautiful words:

"As king He claims dominion over all creation, that he may present to you, his almighty Father, an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace."

May we be loyal servants of Christ the King and serve the building up of His kingdom on earth!

VIVA CRISTO REY!

Cardinal reviews health reform debate as 'wound to Church's unity'

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

BALTIMORE (CNS) — In his final address as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago criticized those who define the Church's usefulness by whether it provides "foot soldiers for a political commitment, whether of the left or the right."

In his talk opening the Nov. 15-18 fall general assembly of the USCCB, the cardinal devoted much of his time to reviewing the debate over healthcare reform earlier this year and the "wound to the Church's unity" caused by differences over the final legislation.

Cardinal George said "developments since the passage of the legislation" have confirmed that "our analysis of what the law itself says was correct and our moral judgments are secure."

He did not specify what those developments were.

The USCCB opposed passage of the final health reform legislation, saying that it would permit federal funding of abortion, inadequately protect the conscience rights of healthcare providers and leave out immigrants. Other Catholic groups, including the Catholic Health Association and many orders of women religious, said the final bill and an executive order signed by President Barack Obama would exclude any possibility of federal money going to pay for abortions under the health plan.

Cardinal George said the debate also raised the question of "who speaks for the Catholic Church."

"The bishops ... speak for the Church in matters of faith and in moral issues and the laws surrounding them," he said. "All the rest is opinion, often well-considered opinion and important opinion that deserves a careful and respectful hearing, but still opinion."

He said the Catholic Church "should not fear political isolation; the Church has often been isolated in politics and in diplomacy."

"We need to be deeply concerned, however, about the wound to the Church's unity that has been inflicted in this debate and I hope, trusting in the good will of all concerned, that means can be found to restore the seamless garment of ecclesial communion," he added.

He also dismissed arguments that the health reform legislation was too complex for the bishops to understand it.

"If you will excuse my saying so, this implies either that no one can understand or judge complicated pieces of legislation, in which case it is immoral to act



CNS PHOTO/NANCY WIECHEC

Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, celebrates Mass at the start of the bishops' annual fall meeting in Baltimore Nov. 15.

until sufficient clarity is obtained, or it is to say that only bishops are too dense to understand complicated pieces of legislation," Cardinal George said.

The latter comment drew laughter from the bishops and a comment from the cardinal that this was "an arguable proposition, but we won't argue it now."

The cardinal, who was completing a three-year term as USCCB president, also warned against the U.S. Catholic Church seeing itself as "a purely American denomination."

He expressed concern for Christians in the Middle East, saying that they were "uniquely ... without protection in the wake of the American invasion of Iraq."

Cardinal George's voice caught as he told the story, recounted by a U.S. Dominican nun in Iraq who is a friend of a friend, of a 3-year-old boy named Adam who "witnessed the horror of dozens of deaths, including that of his own parents," during the Oct. 31 massacre at the Syrian Catholic Church in Baghdad.

"He wandered among the corpses and the blood, following the terrorists around and admonishing them, 'Enough, enough, enough,'" the cardinal said, quoting the Dominican. "According to

witnesses, this continued for two hours until Adam was himself murdered."

"As bishops, as Americans, we cannot turn from this scene or allow the world to overlook it," Cardinal George said.

He also urged attention to "the active persecution of Catholics in other parts of the Middle East, in India and Pakistan, in China and in Vietnam, in Sudan and African countries rent by civil conflict."

Cardinal George also stressed the Church's "consistent concern for the gift of human life, a concern that judges the full continuum of technological manipulation of life the use of artificial contraception to the destruction of human embryos to the artificial conception of human beings in a Petri dish to genetic profiling to the killing of unwanted children through abortion."

"If the poor are allowed to be born, then the voice of Christ continues to speak to the homeless and the jobless, the hungry and the naked, the uneducated, the migrant, the imprisoned, the sick and the dying," he said.

"Our ministry is consistent because the concerns of Jesus Christ are consistent," he added. "He is at the side of the poor."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 21, 10 30 a.m. — Televised Mass at WNDU, South Bend
- Sunday, Nov. 21, 6 p.m. — Vespers at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Elkhart
- Monday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. — Mass and pastoral visit at St. Joseph School, Garrett
- Tuesday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. — Meetings of Corporation of Diocese, Catholic Charities, Catholic Cemeteries, and Saint Anne's Home, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Nov. 24, 12 p.m. — Midday Prayer with investiture of novices at Our Lady of the Angels Oratory, St. Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m. — Thanksgiving Day Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m. — Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Nov. 27, 5 p.m. — Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur

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issues. It gets the guys fired up and you just feel like a group of brothers in there. I love it," he says enthusiastically.

Father Calloway, a convert to the Catholic faith, says he will weave his radical conversion story throughout the themes that he will present. "A lot of the things I went through are the things a lot of men are going through in the times in which we live," he says, citing the culture's pervasive sensuality, rugged individualism and workaholicism that men can fall prey to.

Prior to his conversion, Father Calloway was a troubled youth who dropped out of high school to live a precarious life involving crime and substance abuse. But the testimony of his journey to God holds an effective message for men.

"My conversion goes through when I was a really bad young man to falling in love with Jesus, Mary and the Church," Father Calloway says.

Following his conversion Father Calloway earned several degrees and has authored many academic articles. He has appeared on several broadcasts on EWTN and is the editor of "The Immaculate Conception in the Life of the Church," and "The Virgin Mary and Theology of the Body." He also is the author of "Purest of All Lilies: The Virgin Mary in the Spirituality of St. Faustina," and most recently "No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy."

Currently Father Calloway is the House Superior of the Marian House of Studies in Steubenville, Ohio.

Father Calloway's message to the men is simple yet powerful. "We are the ones who are called to be the defenders and protectors of the beauty that has been entrusted to us," he says, adding that that beauty includes wives, children

and the Church — all of which are under attack in this present age. Father Calloway will rally the men of this diocese to fight this spiritual war and its enemy, by teaching them to arm themselves with spiritual weapons such as the rosary, devotions and Confession.

He says he will encourage them to "pray with your wife. You, as the man of the house, must take up the challenge." This, he says, inspires the men to tackle this challenge no matter their vocation. "This also applies to the priests. All men are included in this," he says, emphasizing that no one can do this alone. "We do this covering each others' backs, looking out for each other and having accountability with each other."

Fruit of a large conference such as "Can You Handle the Truth?" says Father Calloway, is men's groups that form at the parish level that are a follow-through application of what the men learn there. Father Calloway says the men can meet once or twice a month to "just be guys together, shoot the breeze — but also to get together to pray, to have accountability."

The enthusiastic surfer priest looks forward to meeting with the men of the diocese and believes the spirit will move them. His hope for the male faithful who will attend? "To step up to the challenge and to see their role as men in this new light of 'you are called to be a soldier, a knight to protect the beauty entrusted to you.'"

A final invitational note from Father Calloway to the men of the diocese, "Don't miss your chance to bring your son. ... You won't regret it. It's a really unique experience for a father and son to come together and pray. ... It's a real bonding experience."

To learn more about Father Calloway visit www.fathercalloway.com.

Registration opened Nov. 1 and is available online at www.rekindlethefire.net. For information, call (260) 452-6875.

Haiti cholera toll rises as medical supplies are rushed to victims

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Medical supplies, chemicals to purify water and materials to build temporary beds were rushed to Haiti as the outbreak of cholera surged across the country and reached some of the squalid settlements housing earthquake survivors in the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Exhausted aid workers, working around the clock for at least a week in the wake of flooding caused by Hurricane Tomas, tried to head off the intestinal disease in the most vulnerable areas but faced mounting difficulties and a rapidly depleting amount of medical supplies.

"Some people have been reporting that we've gotten in front of it and are in control of the spread of cholera," Laura Dills, director of programming for Catholic Relief Services in Haiti, told Catholic News Service Nov. 15. "Actually WHO (World Health Organization) doesn't believe that. There's such a severe underreporting of cases that they're not sure of all of the hot spots."

"We don't expect this to peak for a number of weeks," she said in a telephone interview.

Haiti's Ministry of Public Health and Population reported that, as of Nov. 12, 917 people had died and more than 14,640 people had been hospitalized since the outbreak began Oct. 19 in rural Artibonite department near the city of St. Marc.

Some aid agencies have said



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the toll could be higher because the government does not track deaths in rural areas where people never reached a hospital or one of the emergency cholera treatment centers.

Louise Ivers, a physician who is chief of mission in Haiti for Boston-based Partners in Health, told reporters in a briefing Nov. 12 that she feared the centers and hospitals could be overrun with cholera patients if the number of cases continues to grow as it did after the hurricane.

CRS, more than 40 non-governmental organizations, five U.N. agencies and the International Organization for

Migration have joined with the Haitian health ministry in a massive education program aimed at preventing the disease from spreading.

The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs expects as many as 200,000 people eventually could show symptoms ranging from mild diarrhea to serious dehydration. The figure is based on projections of past cholera outbreaks and projections by the Pan American Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

The U.N. agency has requested \$164 million to battle the dis-

ease.

Dills said the spread of the water-borne disease, of which symptoms may not be apparent for several days, is compounded by the transient nature of Haiti's people. Left untreated, cholera can kill a person within hours of the onset of symptoms because of dehydration. The disease can be treated with fluids and antibiotics. People who receive treatment quickly usually survive.

As the outbreak spreads, people in settlements with access to chlorinated water are safer than

rural residents who lack clean water, Dills said.

Efforts are being made to get water purification chemicals to the more than 1,300 settlements housing an estimated 1.3 million people left homeless by the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Despite the effort, the health ministry reported that cholera has spread throughout the country, with the highest number in Artibonite department. Significant numbers of cases also were reported in the North, Northwest, Center and West departments, including Port-au-Prince.

Government officials in the neighboring Dominican Republic have taken steps to limit access to public markets commonly frequented by Haitians along the border.

Dills said that, each day, CRS-trained workers spray a bleach-based chemical on latrines and showers in the 12 camps the agency administers in an attempt to limit the spread of the bacteria that causes the disease.

The education effort has reached Salesian-run schools throughout Haiti. Children are being taught the importance of personal hygiene, especially regularly washing their hands.

In addition, Salesian Brother Hubert Mesidor, whose educational program on Radio Soleil reaches much of the country, has devoted much of his daily show to education about cholera.

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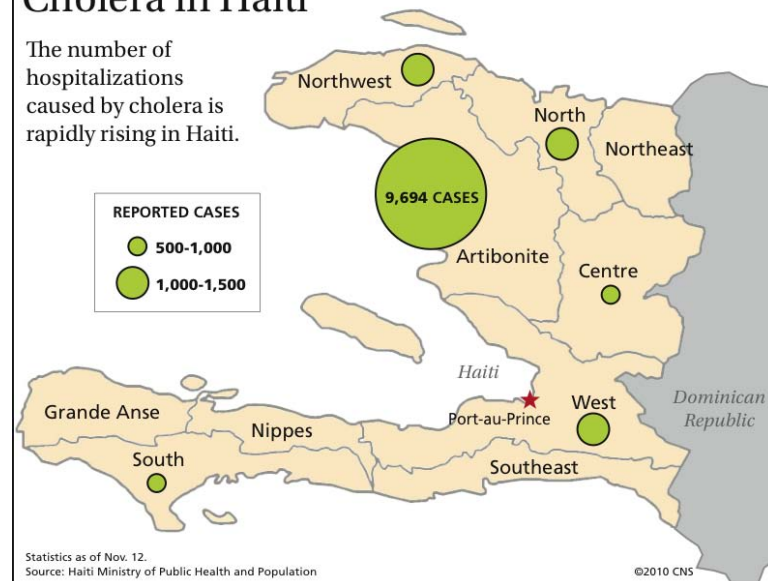

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Reject partisan strife on Church issues, panelist urges Catholic women

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholics must find ways to discuss important issues in the Church without adopting the “vicious” rhetoric of partisan politics, a panelist told the National Council of Catholic Women convention Nov. 12.

“We need to be utterly intolerant of trashing other people in the Church,” said Sister Carol Keehan, president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association. “It undermines the charity that is at the heart of the Church.”

Sister Carol, a Daughter of Charity, was among five Catholic leaders who participated in a panel discussion opening the NCCW’s 90th anniversary convention in Washington.

The panel discussions, moderated by Tony Spence, director and editor-in-chief of Catholic News Service, focused on the NCCW’s year-old Campaign for Human Dignity, which brings together a number of issues on which local councils work under a single umbrella.

The campaign deals with issues that include human trafficking, abortion, pornography, immigration, marriage, climate change and poverty.

John Carr, executive director of the U.S. bishops’ Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, urged the more than 600 women at the convention not to see Catholic teaching “as an either/or” but to see it in terms of “and.”

“It’s about human life and dignity, human rights and responsibility,” he said of the range of Catholic concerns. “It begins with life, but it doesn’t end there.”

Carr also criticized the “intense polarization, partisanship and politicization” that has seeped into the Church from the political world.

“We can divide up the work, but we can’t divide up the Church,” he said.

Both Carr and Sister Carol have been the targets of intense campaigns, primarily through blogs and e-mails, accusing them

of taking actions or supporting organizations opposed to Church teaching. Neither mentioned those campaigns, although Sister Carol said she has been “the subject of the most blogs that end, ‘Send money.’”

Helen Alvare, an associate professor at George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, Va., and a former adviser to the U.S. bishops on life issues, said Catholic women should not be shy about sharing the Catholic response to what she called the secular “sex, marriage and mating market,” where abortion is seen as “insurance” if contraception fails.

“What we have in our theology of the body is what actually works,” she said. The secular answer of contraception, abortion and divorce, however, has resulted 1.2 million abortions a year, out-of-wedlock births making up 41 percent of all U.S. births and decisions not to marry “causing entrenched poverty,” she added.

Alvare said the money that had been spent on promoting marriage by Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush had been redirected during the Obama administration to programs that promote fatherhood.

“There’s good stuff there, but they are trying to connect fathers with their kids without connecting them with (the children’s) mothers,” she said.

Kathleen McChesney, CEO of Kinsale Management and the first executive director of the U.S. bishops’ Office of Child and Youth Protection, urged the NCCW to remember, in addition to the important issues in their human dignity campaign, the many “men and women and boys and girls abused by Catholic clergy and the men who have been falsely accused” of abuse.

“Their pain is not going to go away,” she said, noting that many of the 10,000 people found to have been abused by Catholic clergy between 1950 and 2002 are “still alive and still in pain.”

She also urged those in the audience to pay attention to the clergy and religious in their lives. Although many have lives that are “very joyous and fulfilled,”

others experience loneliness and “don’t have relationships with other adults that are really important.”

“Reach out to them,” she said. “Share some of the joys in your life so you can share some of their joys.”

Kerry Robinson, executive director of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, said her organization aims to help those who carry out the Church’s mission of promoting human dignity gain the “competencies and expertise to strengthen the temporal affairs of the Church.”

“The Church’s ability to make a positive contribution ... is tied to its ability to be well managed,” she said.

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PHOENIX (CNS) — More than 500 people crowded into St. Mary's Basilica for Mass Nov. 7 to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Crosier order in Belgium in 1210. Among those in attendance were Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares and retired Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien, all of the Diocese of Phoenix. The Crosiers Fathers and Brothers, a worldwide religious order, have been serving in the Phoenix Diocese for 30 years and in the United States for 100 years. In 2007, the Crosiers moved their national headquarters to Phoenix. Crosier Father Thomas Enneking, prior of the Crosier community of Phoenix, welcomed the crowd to the celebration. Thirty Crosier Fathers and Brothers, arrayed in their trademark black and white cassocks, lined the first several pews of the basilica. "Our celebration today is really like a commencement ceremony. We end our festivities, but the main focus for us is our future," Father Enneking said. "We are deeply grateful for God's fidelity during these past 800 years, and we are full of hope that God will be faithful to us for the next 800 years."

Iraqi Catholics injured in Baghdad flown to Rome for treatment

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Twenty-six Iraqi Catholics injured in an Oct. 31 attack on their cathedral in Baghdad were transferred to a Rome hospital for treatment. Pope Benedict XVI thanked Italy's foreign minister for helping facilitate the transfer of three children, seven men and 16 women. Fifty-eight people died in the attack on the Syrian Catholic church after military officials tried to end a terrorist siege of the church. In a press release Nov. 13, Rome's Gemelli Hospital said most of the 26 were in fair condition and were being treated by a medical team with a variety of specialties. As of midday Nov. 15 the hospital had not issued a further update. The Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, reported that Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, had asked Italy's foreign minister, Franco Frattini, to organize the transfer of the patients for treatment. A group of 35 Iraqi Catholics hurt in the attack already had been transported to Paris Nov. 10. Frattini, a former ski instructor, joined a group of ski instructors Nov. 15 at an audience with Pope Benedict. Before speaking to the group, Pope Benedict said he wanted to express his deep gratitude to Frattini for arranging the transfer of the patients to Rome. The transfer was funded by Italy's foreign aid program and the patients were flown to Rome from Baghdad by the Italian air force.

NEWS BRIEFS

BROTHER LEADS PRAYER DURING FALL GARDEN BLESSING



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Capuchin Brother Bob Malloy leads a prayer during an annual fall garden blessing at Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Earthworks Urban Farm Nov. 10 in Detroit. Brother Malloy blessed the fallen leaves, which were then put on gardens to protect and nourish the soil over the winter.

Pope calls for local support for prayer vigil for the unborn

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI encouraged Catholics around the world to participate in a prayer vigil for unborn babies to be held on the eve of the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28, either in St. Peter's Basilica or in their local parishes. Speaking Nov. 14 after reciting the Angelus, the pope said, "The season of preparation for Christmas is an appropriate time for invoking divine protection over every human being called into existence and for thanking God for the gift of life we received from our parents." The pope called for the vigil to pray for the unborn and their parents, for an end to abortion and research that destroys embryos, and recognition of the dignity of every human life. The Vigil Nascent Human Life will include prayers for overturning of laws that permit the destruction of innocent lives, and for the healing of those who have acted against innocent human life. Pope Benedict will preside over an evening prayer vigil in St. Peter's Basilica Nov. 27 and asked that parishes, religious communities, associations and movements around the world hold vigils of their own.

Even with new media, actions speak louder than words, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While the Church is looking for creative ways to evangelize through new media, the actions of Catholics always speak louder than words, said Pope Benedict XVI. "Only love is worthy of belief and turns out to be credible," he told participants of a meeting hosted by the Pontifical Council for Culture. The virtuous lives of saints and martyrs fascinates and attracts others in a way words cannot, he said Nov. 13 at the Vatican. "We need men and women who speak with their lives, who know how to communicate the Gospel with clarity and courage, with the transparency of their actions, and with the joyous passion of charity," he said. The pope spoke to members and invited speakers attending the council's plenary assembly Nov. 10-13 on the theme, "The Culture of Communication and New Languages." Profound cultural change is under way today with new technologies and modes of communication, the pope said. Priests and lay Catholics have noted, "with concern, some difficulties in communicating the Gospel message and conveying the faith within the Church community itself," he said.

Maryland theologian joins CCHD as consultant on moral, ethical issues

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A professor of moral theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., has joined the Catholic Campaign for Human Development as a consultant on moral and ethical issues. Capuchin Father Daniel Mindling, who also serves as academic dean at the seminary, will advise the campaign when questions surface about particular activities of a CCHD-funded group and to ensure that the program clearly follows Catholic teaching and moral principles. Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, said in a statement that the priest will play an important role in CCHD's effort to reach out to poor and vulnerable people. Father Mindling is no stranger to programs at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He serves as a consultant to the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the bishops' Task Force on Catholic Health Care. The moral theologian was recommended to serve as a consultant to the bishops' program that addresses social injustices by Cardinal-designate Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, who chairs the bishops' Committee on Doctrine.

Cuban bishops still see 'promise' of freedom for political prisoners

MIAMI (CNS) — The Cuban government may have missed a deadline to release 13 prisoners of conscience detained in Cuba, but the work of the Church on their behalf — and for all prisoners on the island, regardless of their offense — will continue, said Cuba Bishop Arturo Gonzalez of Santa Clara during a news conference Nov. 8 in Miami. The Cuban Church, led by Havana Cardinal Jaime Ortega, has been successfully negotiating the release of Cuban prisoners of conscience since this past summer, when the death of one of the prisoners, who was on a hunger strike, and the rough treatment of the Ladies in White, a group of women who protested peacefully each Sunday in Havana, brought international condemnation to the Castro regime. So far, thanks to the intervention of the Cuban Church, 39 from a list of 52 dissidents have been freed and repatriated to Spain along with more than 200 of their relatives. However, some of the dissidents have said they want to be released and allowed to remain in Cuba. "There is an offer of liberty for those prisoners who want to leave, and a promise of liberty for those prisoners who want to stay in the country," Bishop Gonzalez said. He said the work of the Church on behalf of the prisoners has been ongoing, "effective" and not always public.

Thai Church workers send aid to border for refugees from Myanmar

BANGKOK (CNS) — Church workers have rushed humanitarian aid to thousands fleeing to Thailand from Myanmar to escape fighting between an ethnic militia and the military. "Myanmar people feel unsafe to live there as casualty figures on the Myanmar side of the border could not be confirmed," said Suree Vinitchop, director of Santhawamaitri Suksa school, run by St. Paul de Chartres nuns in Mae Sot, Thailand. "The violence has also spilled over to the Thai side," she told the Asian Church news agency UCA News. Fighting broke out Nov. 8 between Myanmar troops and rebels belonging to the Karen ethnic minority who seized key government offices in Myawadi, Myanmar, on the border with Thailand. The violence came just one day after Myanmar's first elections in 20 years. Suree led a Catholic team to aid Myanmar civilians Nov. 9. "Villagers living in at-risk areas on the Thai side of the border were evacuated to safer areas," she said, adding that aid officials will plan other kinds of assistance after studying the situation. According to Thai media reports, at least 10 people, including Thais and Myanmar villagers, were wounded when stray shells landed on Thai territory.

Events open to the public during Christmas at USF

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will offer a variety of seasonal festivities for the community's enjoyment in December as part of its annual Christmas at USF celebration.

The planetarium program, "Star of Bethlehem 2010," will be held in Schouweiler Planetarium in Achatz Hall of Science on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 5, at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. Parking is off Leesburg Road. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and those under age 18. The maximum charge per family will be \$14.

"Christmas in the Castle" will give visitors an opportunity to see the newly renovated Brookside mansion decked out in seasonal glory by local florists and designers. All levels of Brookside will be open for touring. Brookside is located near Mirror Lake on the Spring Street side of campus. Parking is available across the street at the North Campus, 2702 Spring St. Admission is \$5 per person and \$20 maximum per family. Tours will be Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5, from 1-5 p.m.; and Monday, Dec. 6, from 3-7 p.m.

A Fair Trade Alternative Shopping Bazaar will be offered by USF's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 3-5:30 p.m. in the Pope John Paul II Center. Shoppers can choose from high-quality hand-crafts from international producers who have earned a fair price and received credit and training for their crafts, and who maintain long-term relationships with organizations rooted in the principles of human dignity and economic justice.

A free Living Nativity will be presented in the amphitheater next to the Pope John Paul II Center on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. Members of the university community will honor a tradition, dating to 1223 in Greccio, Italy, in which Francis of Assisi led a group of villagers in replicating the scene of poverty and humility of Christ's birth. The character of St. Francis will narrate the Christmas story, and all gathered will sing "Silent Night." A free petting zoo with the animals from the scene will be open for children before the reenactment from 5-5:50 p.m. Parking is available off Leesburg Road.

USF's "Lighting of the Lake," in which luminaries circle Mirror Lake on Spring Street as a shining symbol of Christmas, will be Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. Luminaries dedicated to a loved one, in memory of someone special, to recognize a special occasion or simply to wish a student good luck with final exams can be

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BISHOP RHOADES TOURS ST. FELIX MONASTERY



TIM JOHNSON

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades tours the St. Felix Monastery in Huntington on Nov. 4. The former Capuchin monastery was sold to the United Brethren Church in 1978, but this summer, Tippmann Properties of Fort Wayne purchased the facility. Renovations include new windows, roofing, and improvements to the heating system. On the 28-acre campus, 120 dead trees and brush have been cleared. Parishioners of Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Huntington have volunteered labor for the improvements. St. Felix was the home of Venerable Capuchin Father Solanus Casey, whose room has been preserved, and was one of Bishop Rhoades' stops on the tour. Capuchin Father Ron Rieder, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington, spent some of his novice discernment at St. Felix and was the guide on the tour. Outside of the restored Blessed Mother shrine are from left, Vincentian Father Augusty Kochuparathanathu, associate pastor at Ss. Peter and Paul Church; Capuchin Father Ron Rieder; Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades; Franciscan Father David Mary Engo; Msgr. Owen Campion, associate publisher of Our Sunday Visitor; and Father Larry Tippmann, retired.

purchased for \$10 each by calling (260) 399-8037 by Dec. 2. There will be no charge for the Lighting of the Lake event.

USF's free Christmas music concert will be Sunday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium. University music groups will present traditional carols and classical arrangements by a variety of composers and arrangers.

The University of Saint Francis will also host two free art exhibits during the holiday season. The National Ceramics Invitational will feature decorative and figurative works of over 50 ceramic artists from across the United States in the Rolland Center's Weatherhead Gallery off Leesburg Road through Jan. 7, 2011.

Paintings by 30-year USF School of Creative Arts instructor

Maurice Papier will be on display in the Lupke Gallery on the North Campus from Dec. 4 to Jan. 28, 2011. Papier will demonstrate his expertise in watercolor, oil and acrylic paint, airbrush illustration, mixed media and digital imaging in his exhibit of portfolio paintings.

Hours for both galleries are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. The galleries will close Nov. 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 23-Jan. 2 for Christmas. For more information, visit www.sf.edu/art.

Studying the waters

DONALDSON — On the 10th anniversary of the Earth Charter (www.earthcharter.org), the

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry Center Ecological Relationship Committee, along with MoonTree Community, Flat Lake Watershed Group, Ancilla College and Earthworks, initiated a training program for those interested in learning the ways and means of testing and protecting lakes and streams.

Becoming familiar on a first name basis with the stream communities, the multigenerational group gathered west of the Menominee Wetlands as it begins its way towards Tulip Road. This study, hopefully, is the first of many tributary streams of human involvement with the water systems.

The lakes have been monitored the past several years by the Flat Lake Watershed Group, which meets bimonthly at the PHJC

Ministry Center attempting to glean the story of the two major lakes in the watershed: Flat Lake and Gilbraith Lake.

Dissolved oxygen and temperature are the two parameters that indicate the health of a lake. Information on these indices are found at www.indiana.edu/~clp/. Both lakes are listed on this site.

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and their ministries believe in and promote the wise use and care of all resources. Caring for and monitoring the water in and around Plymouth helps ensure healthier water for future generations.

St. Adalbert School marks 100 years in 2011

SOUTH BEND — Plans are under way to commemorate the Centennial of St. Adalbert School in 2011. An historic and familiar fixture of South Bend's west side, St. Adalbert opened its doors in September of 1911 to the largely immigrant Polish families that populated the neighborhood and had built the beautiful parish church building. Currently St. Adalbert serves a rich diversity of children and families, which adds to the culture and Catholic identity of the school.

While numerous centennial events are being planned for the 2011-2012 school year, a grand celebration weekend will take place July 29, 30 and 31.

Friday evening will feature a Centennial Kick-off Reception in the Heritage Center, which will recognize friends and alumni of St. Adalbert who have made significant contributions to the school's history.

Saturday's Family Fest will feature the foods, culture and talents of the school community throughout the years.

The weekend events will conclude Sunday morning with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades followed by brunch in the Heritage Hall.

Mini-reunion class groups will be gathering informally throughout the weekend to renew friendships and reconnect with their history.

St. Adalbert School has been blessed through the years by the devotion and commitment of many community groups who have supplied countless hours of volunteer work, professional expertise and financial assistance. The occasion of the centennial is a perfect time for the entire St. Adalbert community to reflect on the motto "Grounded in Our Past, Building For the Future — One Child at a Time" as it looks forward to the next 100 years.

Alumni and friends of the school not currently receiving the newsletter are encouraged to contact Linda Hudak Cornett of the class of 1972 at (260) 637-6329 or through e-mail at Celebrate1911@hotmail.com or the St. Adalbert School office (574) 288-6645 in order to receive centennial information.

Earthworks Whole-House Christmas sale set for Nov. 19-20

BY IDA CHIPMAN

DONALDSON — It's that time again! The Earthworks Whole-House Christmas Sale.

Every holiday-decorated room in the Earthworks House, 9815 Union Rd., Donaldson, across the lake from Ancilla College and Convent, will be filled with items for sale, most all of them \$5 or less.

The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20,

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sisters and their friends offer rummage sale goodies (recycled, polished, ready for giving), hand-crafted items, many made by local artists and Earthworks homemade breads, oils, and jellies and jams.

"Last year," Sister Sue, a Sister of the Society of the Sacred Heart, said, "we sold out. This year we will have 600 jars." Some of the flavors available are blueberry, white peach, grape, raspberry and ruby red wine. The oils are extra virgin olive oil steeped in herbs.

The delicacies may be purchased singly, in jam and oil boxes or in gift baskets.

The sale is the major money-raiser for the Earthworks' mission-programs that are offered all year long to teach adults and children how to care for, love and respect our fragile earth.

New to the sale are "wrappies."

The children who attended Earthworks summer program this year made, among other things, "wrappies."

A wrappie is a reusable fabric sandwich holder, designed to replace plastic sandwich bags that don't biodegrade in the landfill.

The wrappies are made of reused fabric on the outside and water-resistant fabric on the inside. Thus, when filled with a sandwich, they hold in the drips from ketchup, pickles and other condiments you might put in a sandwich.

To use the wrappie, place the sandwich in the middle, fold in the sides and tie the edges together.

When it is time to eat, open the wrappie and it makes a placemat for the sandwich and other lunch items.



IDA CHIPMAN

Sister Teresa Schleper prepares to stitch "wrappies" for the annual Earthworks' Whole House Christmas Sale to be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20, at the Earthworks' House, across the lake from Ancilla Convent and College.

The children in the Earthworks' eight-week summer programs learned that plastic is a big environmental problem. Sister Sue has known that all along. She said that it is empowering for a child to know that he/she is making a contribution to solving an environmental problem. It doesn't matter if the step is small.

"A lot of small steps taken together eventually make a giant step," she said.

Sister Teresa Schleper, a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ, is making the wrappies to sell at the sale.

From Trenton, Ill., Sister Teresa said that for most of her

religious life she has been cooking and baking in Indiana communities.

A wiz at the sewing machine, the sister follows the theme that "Handmaids' hands are busy for the Lord."

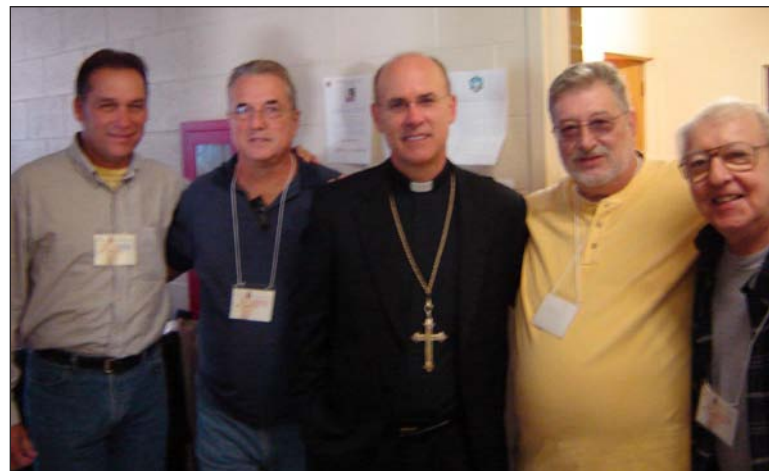
She said that she thinks she was supposed to retire in 2002, but "I'm not ready yet."

Complimentary tea and cookies will be served in the Earthworks' kitchen.

There will be Christmas music as well.

Sister Sue invites everyone to come and simplify their Christmas giving and help to support Earthworks' many worthwhile projects at the same time.

BISHOP RHOADES PRAYS ROSARY AT MEN'S CURSILLO



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades stands with some of those who participated in the Men's 83 Cursillo that took place at St. Patrick Parish in South Bend, Nov. 4-7. Participants came from Elkhart, Granger, Fort Wayne, Syracuse, South Bend and Edwardsburg, Mich. Pictured are Greg Lakner, Dave Garwood (rector), Bishop Rhoades, Neal Garwood and Pat Ruff. Bishop Rhoades led the team and candidates in the polanca rosary on Saturday and stayed for dinner.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Marian High Schools' research science students finished first in the state at the recent Junior Academy of Science held at Indiana University in Bloomington on Nov. 5.

Marian High School science research members win big at competition

The 28 members of Marian High School's science research classes were awarded most outstanding school, among other awards, at the Indiana Junior Academy of Science competition held at Indiana University in Bloomington on Friday, Nov. 5. Results from the competition

include: Marian High School — first place, Most Outstanding School; Michael Hunckler — second place, Research Finalist, third place, Outstanding Junior Scientist; Chloe Deranek — third place, Research Finalist; Tim Trippel — top 10 Outstanding Junior Scientist; Dana Lind — top 12, Research Finalist; Samuel Leung — first place in Problem Solving Exam; Connor Burke — second place in the Issues Presentation.

Other competitors in specific events were Stacie Skwarcan in the Problem Solving Exam, and Lauren Garatoni and Tracy Scott in the Science Olympiad — Forestry event. Throughout the day students toured various science facilities at Indiana University and cheered Connor on in the Issues Presentation.



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LOCAL PRIESTS REUNITE WITH PRIEST FRIEND IN WISCONSIN



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Fathers Ed Ruetz, Robert D'Souza and Paul Bueter took an unexpected 11-hour field trip on Oct. 19, to visit a longtime friend, Father Tom Zelinski, former pastoral associate at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington. Father Zelinski currently resides at the St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wis. The four priests are members of a clergy support group that meets monthly to discuss personal spirituality, health status, intellectual pursuits and pastoral work, along with group facilitator John Crowley. During their visit, the priests received a tour of the spirituality center, held their monthly support group meeting and celebrated Mass at a nearby senior center. From left are Father Ed Ruetz, retired priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Capuchin Father Tom Zelinski, Father Robert D'Souza, associate pastor of St. Jude in Fort Wayne, Father Paul Bueter, retired priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and facilitator John Crowley.

SEMINARIAN CHRIS LAPP RECEIVES MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE



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Christopher Lapp of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend poses with Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of the Archdiocese of Atlanta at the Institution of Readers and Acolytes that took place at the Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday, Nov. 7. Seminarian Lapp received the ministry of acolyte and was entrusted with the duties of attending to the altar, assisting the deacon and priest at Mass and distributing Holy Communion as an extraordinary minister.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENTS AS PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATES

Rae Huffman from St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne and Terry Broberg-Swangin of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, renewed their commitments as Providence Associates to the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods at the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Cathedral Square on Nov. 6. Msgr. Robert Schulte, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, presided over the ceremony and Sister Mary Ann Fox, a Sister of Providence, witnessed the renewal of commitment. In the photo, from left, are Sister Mary Ann Fox, Rae Huffman, Terry Broberg-Swangin, Camille Snyder, candidate-associate, and Msgr. Robert Schulte.



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All across America families and friends will gather to celebrate the nation's designated holiday of gratitude — Thanksgiving. It's a time to recall the nation's humble beginning and all the challenges and blessings that have brought it into the 21st century. Family traditions and favorite recipes will renew a sense of belonging and deepen the ties that draw travelers back to their origins. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend cherished prayers, recipes and traditions will personalized the Thanksgiving gatherings with the ever-present foundation of gratitude for God's grace and joy.

Thanksgiving prayer

Wendy Summers, member of St. Pius X in Granger, wrote a simple prayer she holds dear after a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) experience in July 2007, which she says, "opened the flood gates of my heart." She prays it daily, offers it to friends in need and has designed a holy card to hand out as well. Summers says of the prayer, "Those words were always in my heart because this prayer is thanking God for the Trinity and asking for the power of God's love so that I can make it through the day." Her prayer is, "Almighty God our Heavenly Father, I give thanks to you for this day; send down Your Son Lord Jesus and the power of your Holy Spirit so that I might know and love you in all I say and do today."



PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE AREND FAMILY

The Arend family are, from left, Gloria, Genevieve, Grace, Gayle, Mary, Rick, Ricky and Robbie.

Sparkling Thanksgiving memory

Mary Arend of St. Gaspar's Church in Rome City holds a joyful memory of a Thanksgiving day long ago and says, "At the first Thanksgiving celebration I attended with my future husband Rick, his brother-in-law and sister had brought a bottle of champagne to celebrate and announce that they were pregnant with their third child. They told me that they had made the announcement of each of their pregnancies this way, and that it had become a family tradition, so we should consider making our announcements the same way after we were married and had conceived."

Unfortunately, Arend had been informed by doctors that she would most likely not have children. Though she felt only joy for the expecting couple, her heart was heavy with the knowledge that she and her future husband may never carry a bottle of champagne to a Thanksgiving gathering.

Arend continues, "But much to our surprise, you can only imagine the joy we experienced the following year when we were able to take a bottle of champagne along for the Thanksgiving family gathering and announce that we were pregnant with our first child. It was truly a Thanksgiving we will always remember! The gratitude in my heart to God for that precious life in my womb was more than I could express in words. Rick and I have been married 25 years and are the proud parents of six beautiful living children, and we have two miscarried babies in heaven as well. Each Thanksgiving we remember and thank God for the gift of life and our beautiful family."

Seasoned Thanksgiving tradition

Vicki Welch, parishioner of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, and her family of five celebrate Thanksgiving together as their extended family lives out of town. The Welch tradition has each family member responsible for preparing part of the meal — a joyful culinary undertaking. But Welch's favorite part of her family's tradition is not sharing the bounty of food. She says, "... the best part of the day is sharing our thoughts of Thanksgiving. We each get 15 slips of paper that say, 'I am thankful for _____.' We each fill them in and throw them in a basket. As we are eating dinner, we pass the basket around the table and read the slip of paper and try to guess whose thanksgiving it is. Some are easy to guess and some are not so easy. Through the years, as our children have grown up, we try to 'fool' each other by either being vague or showing thanks for something out-of-the-ordinary. This really makes us think of our many blessings."

New traditions amidst the old

Claudia Herber, parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, has seen holiday traditions change and grow in the two years since her beloved husband Bob died. She says, "Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday, even over Christmas and birthdays. It was a simple time of food, family and thanks to God for all our blessings."

Though her family continues to hold dear the cherished tradition of each reciting a personal blessing or prayer before dinner, much has changed within the ever growing family. Herber says, "I am still examining my feelings about holidays without Bob. They will never be the same, but I am still blessed with family. We are still finding some new traditions ... we wrestle with five grandchildren now, trying to get their picture taken all together every year, to watch their growth. And we laugh about corralling them all in one place."

Herber continues to be grateful that her family honors Bob in some way at each holiday. She reports, "Special thoughts of Bob have been mentioned in our prayers these last few years."

Blessings come in all shapes and sizes. Delightful memories of past holiday gatherings and even honoring those who have gone before us help shape a grateful heart.

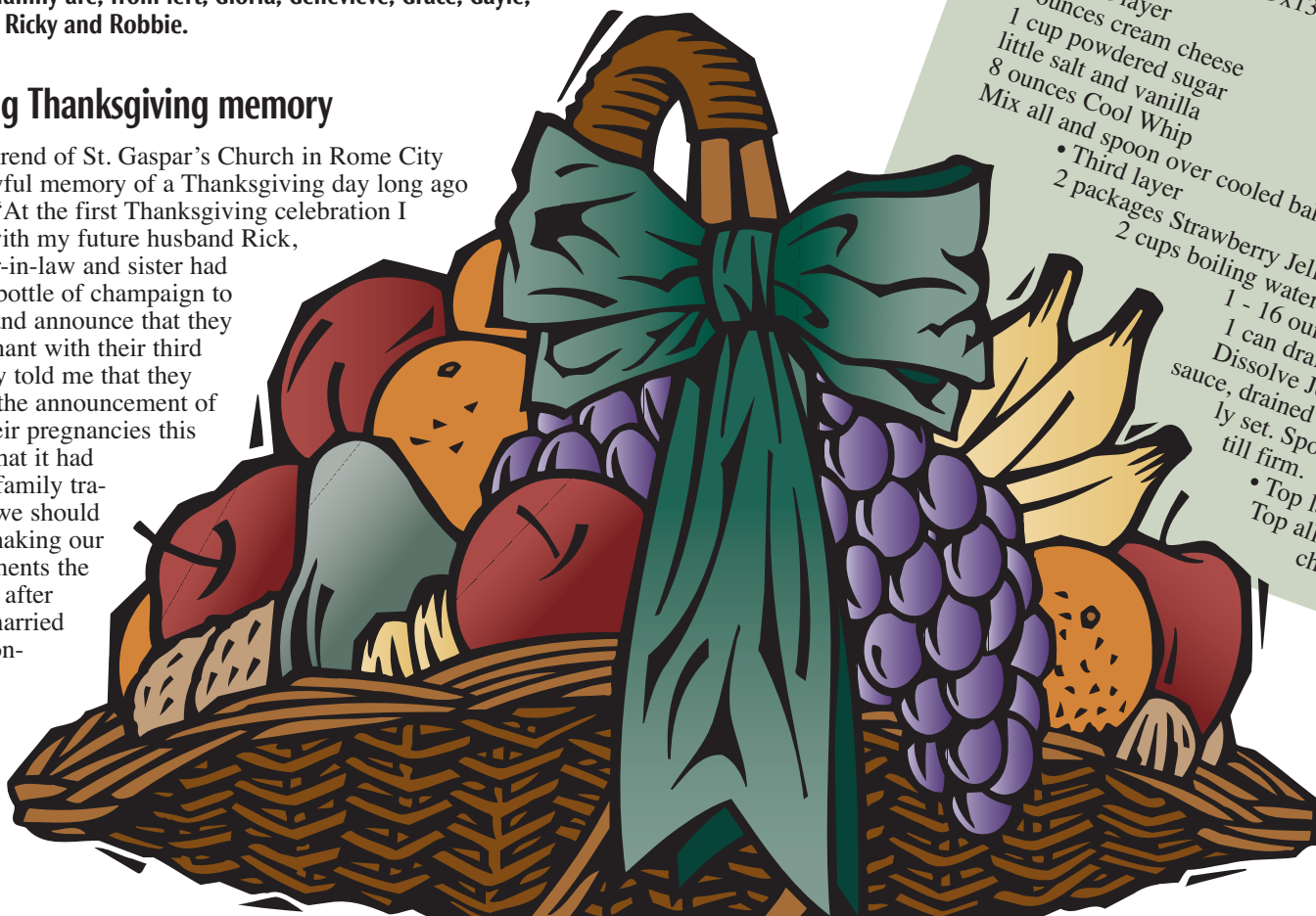
Original cranberry recipe

Dorthea Hartman, her husband and grown children enjoy this original cranberry dessert that she created about 10 years ago. "When it came out years ago how good cranberries are for you, I created this recipe," says Dorthea, who is originally from Germany. She serves it for her family at Thanksgiving and Christmas and proudly reports it is a hit where ever she serves it, including church receptions. The Hartmans are parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur.

Cranberry Pecan Delight

- First layer
- 1 cup flour
- 1 1/2 stick margarine softened
- 1/ cup chopped pecans and pinch of salt
- Mix all and press into 9x13 pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes and cool.
- Second layer
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- little salt and vanilla
- 8 ounces Cool Whip
- Mix all and spoon over cooled baked first layer.
- Third layer
- 2 packages Strawberry Jell-O
- 2 cups boiling water

- 1 - 16 ounce can whole cranberry sauce
- 1 can drained crushed pineapple
- Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Stir in cranberry sauce, drained crushed pineapple. Refrigerate until partially set. Spoon over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate till firm.
- Top layer
- Top all with 8 ounces of Cool Whip and chopped pecans.



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An Italian Thanksgiving

Terry Andorfer and her husband Phil, parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne, began a new tradition years ago as their adult children left home. Because of Terry's Italian heritage the couple made homemade ravioli together. She says, "Phil helped me make them that first year. His job was to fork around the edge of each and every one of the ravioli. That first year we made about 100 ravioli."

The following year two of their granddaughters wanted to help and as the years progressed more of the granddaughters came to enjoy the festive family event. Eventually Terry had each granddaughter design her own apron to be worn at the Thanksgiving ravioli gathering. She says, "We now make over 150 meat ravioli and about 100 cheese. Each one of these ravioli is forked by, of course, the youngest granddaughter. We usually make them the Sunday before Thanksgiving and then I freeze them." With 12 granddaughters and four grandsons, Terry says, "I hope this tradition can follow my granddaughters through their lives here in Fort Wayne or away from home."



PROVIDED BY THE ANDORFER FAMILY

Five of Terry and Phil Andorfer's granddaughters show off their handcrafted Thanksgiving aprons.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE SCHADE FAMILY

Amelia, Sara and Annalee Schade hold their prized Thanksgiving tablecloth.

Thanksgiving tablecloth

The Schade family, parishioners at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, break out their favorite tablecloth at Thanksgiving every year to record their individual messages of gratitude. Mom Angela says, "Each of us writes or draws what they are thankful for that year. We have fun reading the past. I am sure this will be a treasured heirloom."



Favorite family recipe

This easy and delicious recipe is a favorite replacement for traditional pumpkin pie for Carole Klawitter and her family of St. Martin de Porres in Syracuse.

Pumpkin Torte

- Crust
- Mix together and line 9x13x2 pan with
- 1 2/3 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
- Middle layer
- 2 packages of cream cheese
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup sugar
- Top layer
- No. 2 1/2 size can of Libby's Pumpkin Pie Mix
- 5 oz. can of evaporated milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 packets Knox gelatin
- 1/1 cup cold water
- Mix together crust ingredients and line 9x13x2 pan with it. Beat cream cheese, eggs and sugar till fluffy. Bring pumpkin mixture to boil. Add gelatin. Cool slightly. Spread over cream cheese layer. Spoon over crust and bake 20-25 minutes. Remove and let cool. Soften gelatin in cold water. Chill thoroughly. Spread Cool Whip. Sprinkle with nuts (optional). This recipe can be prepared two days ahead. It freezes well too.



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GUEST COMMENTARY BY DAVID GIBSON

Implementing the new missal: An opportunity to 'unpack' rich Mass texts

You didn't hear these words at the end of last Sunday's Mass: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." But you may well hear them the first Sunday of Advent 2011, when the new English translation of the Roman Missal, the book of prayers used at Mass, is implemented at English-speaking Masses in the United States.

Msgr. Anthony Sherman, director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Divine Worship, pointed out in an interview that these words represent one of four options in the missal for what is termed "the dismissal" at the conclusion of a Mass. The other options are, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord," "Go in peace" and, somewhat more familiar in its sound, "Go forth, the Mass is ended."

Pope Benedict XVI felt there needed to be "more of a connection" between "liturgy celebrated and life lived," Msgr. Sherman said. The new options for the dismissal reflect that concern.

The world Synod of Bishops that met in Rome in October 2005 recommended to Pope Benedict that a way be found for the dismissal to accent every Christian's mission in the world. Responding to the synod in his 2007 apostolic exhortation titled "The Sacrament of Charity," Pope Benedict expressed agreement.

Liturgical scholars and theologians long have discussed the Eucharist's dismissal, which in Latin has been worded "Ite, missa est" ("Go, the Mass is ended"). They've made the point that these words do not mean, in effect, "OK, leave now; we're finished." Pope Benedict's apostolic exhortation picked up on such discussions, explaining:

"In antiquity, 'missa' simply meant 'dismissal.' However, in Christian usage ... the word 'dismissal' has come to imply a 'mission.' These few words succinctly express the missionary nature of the Church. The people of God might be helped to understand more clearly this essential dimension of the Church's life, taking the dismissal as a starting point."

How does the Sunday Eucharist connect to the complex lives people lead during the week at home and in workplaces, schools or during leisure time? That's the issue. And this point seems clear: The dismissal is worth talking about, learning about — like so many other Mass texts.

Msgr. Sherman explained that the rubrics (rules) that apply to the new translation indicate that any text of the Mass, not only the Scripture readings, is a resource for homilists. Who knows? Perhaps we'll hear a homily on the dismissal one day fairly soon.

During the year following the translation's introduction, Msgr. Sherman hopes to see a movement beyond earlier debates over how certain texts are translated and toward recognition that the newly translated missal represents an invaluable resource.

In his view, the translation's implementation offers a unique opportunity for scholars and then homilists to "begin to unpack" texts in the Mass. He noted that the missal texts also will constitute a resource for religious educators or those involved in spiritual formation.

Moreover, he commented, the translation's implementation presents an "outstanding opportunity" in the Church for delving deeper into the theology of the Eucharist. He regards the present moment as a time of continued liturgical renewal.

It appears, then, that implementing the new translation is a multidimensional project. It involves advance preparation to generate awareness of what is coming and the reasons the new translation was undertaken.

But once the translation comes into use Nov. 27, 2011, a new phase of implementation may well get under way, a period of unearthing the riches of the liturgical texts.

The advance-preparation phase is vital. The U.S. bishops advise that "use of the revised text requires preparation and catechesis for both priests and the faithful."

It is important that priests acquaint themselves with the new translation. They can even listen in their cars to an audio recording of it, Msgr. Sherman pointed out.

Their preparation requires some "minimal effort," but he believes priests will find gearing up to use the new missal very doable. He recommends they read up on the theology of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The easy accessibility of extensive online materials facilitates the preparation process, he indicated. For example, the Mass texts can be found on the U.S. bishops' national Web site (www.usccb.org/romanmissal), along with explanations of what will change for priests and the congregation, sample parish bulletin inserts and many more educational materials on liturgy.

On the first Sunday of Advent 2010, one year prior to the translation's implementation, Msgr. Sherman hopes parishes will have plans basically in place for introducing people to the new translation over the course of the year ahead and preparing them for their "not drastically changed" parts at Mass. Now is the time, he said, for weekly bulletin announcements about the translation and the Mass itself.

However, on the first Sunday of Advent 2012, one year after the translation's implementation, Msgr. Sherman envisions experts, homilists and many others at a different point. He hopes they'll be endeavoring to penetrate the riches of new texts and to expose all in the Church "to a deeper appreciation and understanding" of their content.

COMMENTARY

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Many very thin people, often subsisting only on roots, have come to his door saying in Swahili, "I'm hungry, sir."

Father Patten is now providing a survival diet for 80 women, mostly widows, and 265 children from the limited

resources the mission has available.

He figures \$20 per adult a month can provide enough nutrients to sustain them.

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Address of Pope Benedict XVI to the Members of the St. Peter Circle, Feb. 25, 2006

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Not a disease

Here is an unsigned editorial from the Nov. 4 issue of Catholic New York, from the Archdiocese of New York.

A panel of experts is set to begin a series of meetings to consider what kind of preventive care for women should be covered at no cost to the patient under President Barack Obama's healthcare reform act.

A set of "interim final rules" of more than 50 covered services for women, men and children has already been released and covers a broad range of generally accepted preventive services and screenings such as colonoscopy, immunizations, blood pressure testing and lead screening for at-risk children. It also includes autism screening for children at 18 and 24 months and tobacco cessation programs for adults.

The 15 services listed as specific to women include such familiar and expected procedures as annual mammograms, PAP tests and bone marrow scans to detect osteoporosis, as well as more esoteric, but no less useful, services, like folic acid supplements for women who may become pregnant (folic acid is known to greatly reduce the risk of certain birth defects).

What's not on that list, and rightly so, are contraceptives

— drugs and devices whose sole purpose is to prevent pregnancy.

Pregnancy, as everyone knows, is a natural, healthy condition.

It's not a disease, like cancer, to be diagnosed and treated as early as possible; neither is it an infectious condition, like polio, that's preventable with immunization.

But with the Department of Health and Human Services continuing its deliberations on covered services for women — with an eye toward issuing guidelines by Aug. 1 — concerns are mounting by the U.S. Catholic bishops and others that contraceptives and possibly sterilizations will be mandated under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Indeed, Planned Parenthood has already announced that it will lobby public officials to insist on mandating "family planning" services in the final rules, attempting to ensure that these drugs and devices will be available free or at very low cost to the woman.

Contraception, however, is a choice. The choice is made for personal or lifestyle reasons, not for medical or health reasons. And the drugs and devices pose their own serious risks and side effects, some of

which can be life-threatening. Many individuals and institutions, including the Catholic Church, also oppose artificial contraception on moral and religious grounds.

The bishops, and others opposed to "family planning" mandates, also are deeply concerned that drugs sold as "emergency contraceptives," particularly the new drug known as "Ella," can actually cause abortion, even weeks after conception has taken place.

Because the mandate of preventive services would apply broadly to group health plans and insurance companies, adding contraceptives to the list would pose "an unprecedented threat to rights of conscience for religious employers and others who have moral or religious objections," including the Catholic Church, said representatives of the U.S. bishops in a recent letter to HHS.

The federal government has had a long-standing commitment to respect the rights of conscience of all citizens, and to allow healthcare institutions and religious employers to participate in health coverage without violating their moral or religious convictions.

We urge the government to allow that commitment to stand.

Pope encourages devoted, reasoned approach to Scripture

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — God constantly tries to enter into dialogue with the people He created — speaking through creation and even through silence, but mainly in the Church through the Bible and through His Son Jesus Christ, Pope Benedict XVI said.

In his apostolic exhortation, “*Verbum Domini*” (“The Word of the Lord”), the pope encouraged Catholics to embrace and value each of the ways God tries to speak to humanity.

The document, a papal reflection on the conclusions of the 2008 Synod of Bishops on the Word of God, was released at the Vatican Nov. 11 and emphasized the need to improve Catholics’ familiarity with the Bible and with the need to read and understand it in harmony with the Church.

The Bible is not a dusty collection of ancient writings addressed only to ancient peoples, he said.

But it’s also not some sort of private letter addressed to individuals who are free to interpret it any way they please, the pope said in the document, which is close to 200 pages long.

The pope said he wrote “*Verbum Domini*” because “I would like the work of the synod to have a real effect on the life of the church: on our personal relationship with the sacred Scriptures, on their interpretation in the liturgy and catechesis, and in scientific research so that the Bible may not be simply a word from the past, but a living and timely word.”

Pope Benedict asked for greater Church efforts to teach Catholics about the Bible, to help them learn to read it and pray with it, to treat it with great dignity during the liturgy and emphasize its importance by making sure homilies are based on the day’s readings.

For centuries, Catholic laity

THE VATICAN LETTER

CINDY WOODEN

actually were discouraged from reading the Bible themselves. Even though that began changing 100 years ago, Bible reading often is seen as a Protestant activity.

In fact, some evangelical Christians use passages from the Bible to preach against the Catholic Church, which the pope said is truly ironic since “the Bible is the Church’s book.”

It was the Church that decided

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Christ the King belongs to us



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Feast of Christ the King: Lk 23:35-43

The Second Book of Samuel furnishes the first biblical reading for this feast, marking the close of the Church’s year.

Once the two books of Samuel composed a single volume. In time, editors divided the volume into the two books now seen in Bibles. The book records the major events of the reign of King David in Israel, which was from 1004 to 971 BC. It is classified as a history book in the Old Testament.

In this weekend’s reading, David becomes the king of Israel. He was more than a governmental authority or political figure. His task as king was to strengthen the union between God and the people. He was God’s instrument, not in a plan to control people. After all, people had free wills allowing them to choose the course of their actions.

Rather, David was God’s gift to the people. By bringing them more closely to God, David assisted in bringing them to prosperity, peace and life.

For its second reading, the Church presents a passage from the Epistle to the Colossians. This epistle was written to the Christians of Colossae, a moderately important city of the Roman Empire.

Jesus is the absolute keystone of creation. In the Lord come together all human beings and certainly all Christians. Through Jesus, all people possess the hope of eternal salvation. Through Jesus, all Christians share in the very life of God.

Magnificent in its imagery, this reading acclaims Jesus as the “image of the invisible God.”

St. Luke’s Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a passage from Luke’s powerful Passion Narrative that recounts the trial and execution of Jesus.

Central in the story is the inscription placed above the head of Jesus on the cross. It read, “The King of the Jews.” It is easy, and probably accurate, to assume that this inscription was placed on the cross above the Lord’s dying body by the Roman authorities to warn observers, and potential rebels, that such was the plight of anyone who dared to defy Rome.

However, it was a revelation. It situated Jesus in the full sweep of Salvation history, that pattern of encounters between God and the Hebrews. Jesus was of the Hebrews. He was a Jew. Most importantly, Jesus was the first among the Jews, the king.

The Gospel then gives the story of the criminals being executed beside Jesus. One bitterly blasphemes. The other beautifully professes Jesus as Savior. To him, Jesus promises life eternal. It is a majestic act of divine love and forgiveness.

Reflection

Fifty-one weeks ago, the Church began its liturgical year with Advent 2009. Then it called us to prepare ourselves to meet Jesus — in our hearts. It rejoiced with the Lord’s birth. It led us

through the Lord’s Passion. It proclaimed the Resurrection. It invited us to be one in the Spirit, in the Church.

It constantly has summoned us to faith and to faithfulness, asking us to be disciples, no easy task, but possible because of God’s grace.

This grace awaits us because Jesus died for us. He is one of us, human as the son of Mary.

A great heroine of the Second World War was Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, who had come to the throne as a very small child when her father died. On a great Dutch holiday early in her reign, her mother led Wilhelmina to the balcony of the palace to receive the cheers of the crowds. Thrilled with it all, the little queen asked, “Mommie, do all these people belong to me?”

Her mother replied, “No, dear, you belong to them.” Wilhelmina never forgot.

The great lesson of this feast is that the wonderful, loving and forgiving Son of God, Christ the King, belongs to us.

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-7b Lk 21:34-36

Happy Thanksgiving — 1621 and 2010

Mention “The First Thanksgiving” and people immediately think of Pilgrims in dark clothes with big white collars and brightly dressed Native Americans gathered for a feast at Plymouth, Mass. The year was 1621 and they spent three days celebrating the survival of the English settlement after a successful harvest. Of course, folks from Virginia might argue that English settlers there had conducted their own Thanksgiving two years earlier. Still, tradition is a powerful teacher, and today Americans recognize that gathering of 53 Pilgrims and 90 members of the Wampanoag tribe who shared venison, turkeys and a variety of other dishes including pumpkins (though probably not in pies) as the basis of our own holiday customs.

There’s no doubt that the new arrivals had reason to be grateful — to God, to the native people and to each other. They had lost about half their number to sickness and to hardship aboard the *Mayflower* and while they established their colony, yet they were already beginning to prosper. These determined people had come to the shores of America like so many after them to find a place where they could worship freely. Over the next two centuries, the desire for freedom and self-determination which was so vital to the colonists would lead to a revolution and the founding of a new nation.

In 1789, the United States of America was just finding its way with the establishment of the Constitution and the election of George Washington as the first president. Before the year was over, Washington issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation: “Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor — and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me ‘to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.’”



LIGHT ONE CANDLE

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But how many of us actually acknowledge “with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God” — whether on Thanksgiving or any other day? Do we really appreciate our country? Our community? Our family? Do we let those around us know just how much they mean to us?

All too often we get so caught up thinking about ourselves, our needs, even our accomplishments. We take the blessings — large and small — from our Creator as well as the everyday generosity that comes from other people for granted. So this year when we sit down at the holiday table with our loved ones, let’s take a moment to really say “Thanks!”

“Expressing gratitude for the gifted nature of our existence frees us from a delusion that cripples us with arrogance,” says Father Stephen Rehauer, C.Ss.R., a professor of moral theology, writing in *Liguorian* magazine. “Thanking God before we eat isn’t for God’s benefit; it’s a prayer of blessing. We do it to remind ourselves of a truth we so easily forget: We have all been and continue to be the recipients of the unearned love of God and the work of others. As individuals and as a nation, as a truly good and moral people, may we this year be truly grateful for what we have received — for all these things and for all these people who are the tangible ways in which God continues to bless us.”

We don’t have to travel to a new land to find God’s blessings or a reason to be grateful. We just have to open our eyes and our hearts.

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Countercultural time

During three years of outstanding service as president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago has often drawn the bishops' attention — and indeed the whole Church's attention — to the challenges posed by a new secularism that is, in its way, as great a threat to the integrity of Christian faith as the lethal totalitarianisms of the mid-20th century.

The cardinal's analysis is an important application of Pope Benedict XVI's warning about the dangers posed by a "dictatorship of relativism": the use of law and other forms of coercive state power to impose certain concepts of the plasticity of human nature on a range of issues including the protection due to human life and the nature of marriage. And the implication of that analysis seems clear. In the future, the Church may well have to take a more determinedly countercultural stance. The question is, how?

Let me suggest one specific, concrete way that Catholicism in America can begin to mount a campaign of resistance to the flattening-out of our common life by the ambient culture: Restore a distinctive sense of time to Catholic life, and do that by reforming the reform of the liturgical calendar.

As things now stand, the Church has bent its sense of liturgical time to the imperial demands of that modern cultural artifact, the weekend. The Holy See has permitted local churches to lower the bar of liturgical expectation by transferring solemnities like

Epiphany and Corpus Christi to Sundays, and the bishops of the United States have gone a step farther by lifting the obligation to attend Mass on certain holy days if those days fall on a Saturday or a Monday: thus, just a few weeks ago, the Solemnity of All Saints dropped off a lot of Catholic radar screens because it fell on a Monday, and was thus not a holy day of obligation.

These are very bad ideas, it seems to me. If the time we spend worshipping God through Christ in the power of the Spirit is, in truth, an experience of enriched time (because it anticipates the time-beyond-time,) then we should not look for ways to cut temporal corners by shifting to Sunday long-established feasts whose celebration during the week once gave a unique rhythm to Catholic life. So let's put Epiphany back where it belongs, on January 6, and let's get the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, back where it belongs, which is during the week.

By the same token, we ought not reduce the opportunities Catholics have to live in a different time-zone by eliminating holy days of obligation. Is it really too much to ask Catholics to attend Mass two days in a row, on those rare occasions when a holy day falls just before or after Sunday? Indeed, I would go even farther and suggest that we need more holy days of obligation, not less. Restored to their proper dates, the Solemnities of the Epiphany and Corpus Christi could be made holy days of obligation. So might the



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Solemnity of the Annunciation, which could become an annual celebration of the inalienable right to life from conception until natural death. And if the late John Paul II was right in lifting up Our Lady of Guadalupe as a special Marian gift to the Church in the Americas, then perhaps we should consider making December 12 a holy day of obligation, focused on the New Evangelization. I would also be tempted to add to an expanded list of obligatory holy days the Oct. 19 feast of the North American Martyrs, as a reminder of just how challenging the proclamation and defense of the faith can be.

As for the practical problems of distance involved in some rural areas, these can be easily addressed by the local bishop dispensing from holy days of obligation when he sees fit. Nonetheless, the Church as a whole ought to make a countercultural statement by reforming the way it orders the rhythms of its life.

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ing them intelligence and free will. In approaching the Scriptures, he said, people must use that intelligence to understand what is written.

Pope Benedict, a theologian who served for more than 20 years as president of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, said academic approaches to Scripture studies were essential for helping people understand the Bible, as long as those studies recognize that the Bible is not simply a piece of literature.

For example, he said, a lot of Catholics — including priests giving homilies — are completely at a loss when dealing with "those passages in the Bible which, due to the violence and immorality they occasionally contain, prove obscure and difficult."

Those passages, he said, demonstrate that "God's plan is manifested progressively and it is accomplished slowly, in successive stages and despite human resistance. God chose a people and patiently worked to guide and educate them."

God's education of His people continues today, for example, by helping people understand the importance of safeguarding creation and working for more justice in social and political systems, he said.

Pope Benedict said God's dialogue with humanity through the Bible must lead to greater faith and a more powerful witness in the world.

While the papal exhortation mentioned plenty of early Church theologians and their approaches to understanding Scripture, it also included a long section about men and women who read the Bible and were inspired to live its message in the world.

"Every saint is like a ray of light streaming forth from the word of God," he said, listing personalities ranging from St. Clare of Assisi to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and from St. Dominic to St. Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, the founder of Opus Dei.

Some of the Bible's lessons are old but need to be given new attention, Pope Benedict wrote.

The Scriptures make it clear that the family founded on marriage is part of God's plan for humanity and for human happiness.

"In the face of widespread confusion in the sphere of affectivity, and the rise of ways of thinking which trivialize the human body and sexual differentiation, the word of God reaffirms the original goodness of the human being, created as man and woman and called to a love which is faithful, reciprocal and fruitful," he wrote.

LETTER

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which of the ancient Christian writings were inspired and were to be considered the New Testament, the pope said. And it was the Church that interpreted it for hundreds of years.

"The primary setting for scriptural interpretation is the life of the Church," he said, not because the Church is imposing some kind of power play, but because the Scriptures can be understood fully only when one understands "the way they gradually came into being."

Obviously, he said, the key message of the Bible — the story of God's love for His creatures and the history of His attempts to save them — can be grasped only if people recognize that the fullness of God's word is Jesus Christ.

Jesus "is the definitive word which God speaks to humanity," the pope wrote, and "in a world which often feels that God is superfluous or extraneous, we confess with Peter that He alone has 'the words of eternal life.'"

The Scriptures themselves teach that God created human beings with a special dignity, giv-

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 21, 2010

Luke 23:35-43

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the feast of Christ the King, Cycle C: from the crucifixion account. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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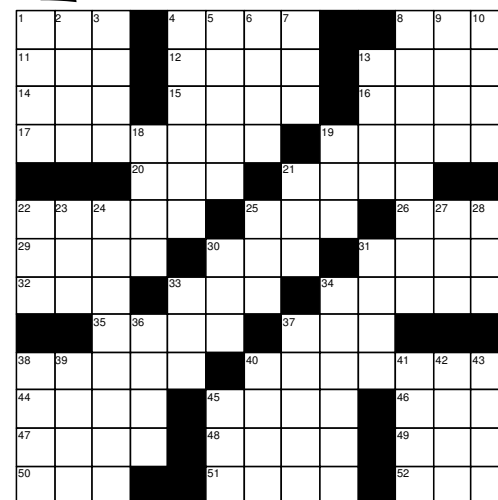
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The CrossWord

November 21 and 28, 2010



Based on these Scripture readings: Col 1:12-20; Lk 22:35-43 and Is 2:1-5; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

ACROSS

- 1 Workplace
- 4 Adam & Eve ate from
- 8 Dit's partner
- 11 Past
- 12 "Have ears but do not ___"
- 13 Challenge
- 14 Wet dirt
- 15 Church vault
- 16 Writer Bombeck
- 17 Gun addition
- 19 Synthetic resin
- 20 Dekaliter (abbr.)
- 21 Facial expression
- 22 Potatoes
- 25 Chinese pan
- 26 Snack
- 29 Forgiveness of
- 30 "Our Father who ___"
- 31 Sports channel
- 32 Charges
- 33 ___ league school
- 34 Beginning
- 35 Kph
- 37 "Bear" in Hebrew
- 38 Christ's symbol
- 40 Grail (2 wds)
- 44 Christmas Gospel writer
- 45 Go at it alone
- 46 Believe in ___ God
- 47 Notion
- 48 Bridge

- 49 Morse code dot
- 50 Write
- 51 Angelic appendage
- 52 Dined

DOWN

- 1 ___ of God
- 2 Water (Sp.)
- 3 ___ of Christ (church)
- 4 Give to the Father
- 5 Repulse
- 6 Magi came from
- 7 Before, poetically
- 8 The power of ___
- 9 Prayer group: The Blue ___
- 10 He is the ___ of the Body the Church
- 13 Cafe
- 18 Ratio of probability
- 19 Noah's boat
- 21 Received
- 22 Fast plane
- 23 ___ mater surrounds the brain
- 24 Whole
- 25 Dry humor
- 27 Baboon
- 28 Trinitrotoluene
- 30 "Hail" (Latin)
- 31 Jealousy
- 33 Possessive pronoun
- 34 Tea
- 36 Galilee is one (2 wds)
- 37 NY's archbishop
- 38 Trim
- 39 Ill-bred
- 40 SW pueblo builder
- 41 Musical repeat
- 42 Subdivision
- 43 Peter, for short
- 45 Compass point

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS GO TO SEMISTATE Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend, and Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools in Fort Wayne, will vie for the IHSAA semistate titles this weekend after winning regional titles last weekend. In Class 4-A, Bishop Dwenger will play Hammond Morton in Hammond. In Class 3-A, Saint Joseph's will take on Leo at Saint Joseph's. In Class 2-A, Bishop Luers will take on Rensselaer Central at Luers.

Dwenger grad Fogler named to CoSIDA ESPN academic team

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Fort Wayne native and former Bishop Dwenger High School gridiron standout Kevin Fogler is nearing the end of an illustrious football career and an outstanding four-year deployment to Air Force Academy where he has been a star both on and off the field.

Wearing No. 83 for the Falcons, the 6-foot 5-inch, 215-pound wide receiver led his team as a junior with 25 receptions, 567 receiving yards and five touchdown catches averaging 22.7 yards per catch. He was ranked ninth in his conference in receiving yards per game.

Because he has been on the dean's list five times for academic excellence and is carrying a 3.61 grade point average, Fogler has recently been named to the CoSIDA ESPN Academic All-District® football team as released by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Fogler earned first-team District VII honors in the university division and will be on the ballot for

Academic All-America honors to be announced in late November. Capping off his senior year highlights was a recent nomination by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame (NFF) as one of 121 semifinalists for the 2010 William V. Campbell Trophy. Although he did not advance to the final round of 15, being chosen as one of the brightest and the best in his field was quite an honor.

In a phone interview with *Today's Catholic* from Colorado, Fogler explained, "It is a great honor and very humbling experience to be nominated for these great awards." NFF Chairman Archie Manning, whose sons Peyton (1997 Campbell Trophy winner) and Eli were named NFF Scholar-Athletes in 1997 and 2003, respectively, explained, "This year's Campbell Trophy semifinalists embody the NFF's mission of building leaders through football."

He added that the schools represented by a semifinalist should take great pride in being represented by such well-rounded young men who will undoubtedly go on to do great things in life. To be

nominated by his school as a candidate for the esteemed group, Fogler had to meet the following criteria: be a senior student in his final year of eligibility, maintain a GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability as a first team player and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship. Florida's Tim Tebow was the 2009 recipient.

Fogler, who is majoring in management and minoring in Spanish, spent part of the summer of 2009 in Spain training in language immersion. He also completed the powered flight program and worked the assault course during Basic Cadet Training this past summer.

Fogler, who enjoys golf and snowboarding, is the son of Bruce and Sue Fogler, of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne. His siblings include Beth, Brian and Anne and his grandmother is Carol Eifert of St. Vincent Parish. After graduation, Fogler hopes to go to pilot training somewhere in Mississippi with a long-term goal of becoming the CEO of a major company.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM CELEBRATED



SUSAN LIGHTCAP

Dignitaries came to Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend on Nov. 4 to congratulate and honor the state championship girls' soccer team. An exuberant student body, the band, cheerleaders and parents welcomed the team and coaches as they entered the gym to cheers of "Indian Pride" and "We Are Saint Joe!" Chuck Freeby, an enthusiastic master of ceremonies, praised the new state champions and introduced the visiting dignitaries, including Congressman Joe Donnelly, South Bend Mayor Steve Luecke and Dr. Mark Myers, superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



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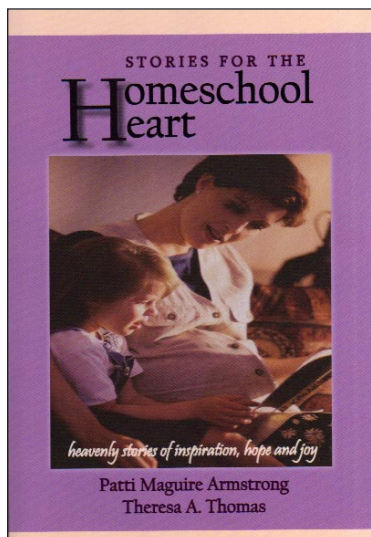


Make a fire and enjoy these new books for winter reading

BY KAY COZAD

The following are recently published books that have been sent to Today's Catholic. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase.

"Stories for the Homeschool Heart," compiled and edited by Patti Maguire Armstrong and Theresa A. Thomas is a heart-warming collection of inspiring stories of faith, fortitude, love and hope. Whether you homeschool your children or just want to parent with faith and wisdom, this book will warm hearts and inspire minds with its touching everyday life stories and lessons learned. Bezael Books, ISBN: 978-0-9844864-1-0.



"Why He is a Saint: The Life and Faith of Pope John Paul II and the Case for Canonization," by Slawomir Oder with Saverio Gaeta is a

translation of the best seller in Italy. Msgr. Oder, in charge of determining the pope's eligibility for canonization, writes a detailed account of why Pope John Paul should be a saint by looking at his life and death, and his faith and dedication to the Church. Included are public as well as unpublished correspondence that are startling revelations into the life of this faithful man. Rizzoli, ISBN: 978-0-8478-3631-4.

"Through the Year With Mary: 365 Reflections," by Karen Edmisten is a daily devotional that will draw the reader closer to the heart of Mary and to her Son Jesus. Each day features a quote from a variety of sources including popes, saints and more, and a question or reflection to springboard to prayer. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-0-86716-937-9.

"Good Words: Inspiration for Catholic Women," published by St. Anthony Messenger Press is a collection of words of wisdom selected from a rich treasure of Catholic books written by leading Catholic women writers. Each brief inspiration include a question for reflection on topics that include women's role in the world and Church, maintaining relationships and how spirituality is shaped. ISBN: 978-0-86716-956-0.

"Lay Ecclesial Ministry," edited by Zeni Fox delves deeply into key topics surrounding the ever increasing numbers of professionally prepared laity who serve in leadership roles in the Church. An essential resource for the Catholic community, the book offers inspiration and models of service for these lay ministers,

drawing on Church history, canon law, Scripture and much more. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc. ISBN: 978-1-4422-0577-2.

"Ask a Franciscan: Answers to Catholic Questions," by Pat McCloskey, OFM, is a treasure trove of information presented in an easy-to-read question-answer format that covers a myriad topics concerning Catholics today. The questions, compiled from the author's "Ask a Franciscan" column that appears in the *St. Anthony Messenger* magazine, are grouped in categories including how we understand God as Father, Son and Spirit, how we relate to Mary and other saints and more. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-086716-970-6.

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Fall conference announced
 Notre Dame — The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture will have a fall conference Nov. 18-20, entitled "Younger Than Sin: Retrieving Simplicity Through the Virtues of Humility, Wonder and Joy." The lectures and colloquia are free and open to the public.

Living Nativity at St. Therese,
 Fort Wayne — St. Therese Parish will have a Living Nativity Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6:15 p.m. Small groups will enjoy a shepherd-guided tour through the first Christmas after a simple dinner of chili, hot dogs and drinks hosted by the Knights of Columbus with a freewill donation accepted. Call Linda at (260) 747-9139.

Evening of Hope planned for diocese
 Granger — The diocesan Office of Family Life is hosting an evening of hope for those touched by infertility on Friday, Dec. 3, from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish. The evening will begin in the Holy Cross Room with witness talks by married couples, and will conclude in the chapel with a reflection by Father Bob Lengerich, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. This event is free and open to the public.

Catholicism Revisited
 Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish announces Catholicism Revisited Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. On Nov. 22, "Behold, I Make All Things New" will be presented by Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar, St. Vincent de Paul.

Holy Name Society fish fry
 New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Nov. 19, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children 5-12 \$4 and children under 5 free.

Turkey Bingo
 Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 10070 Aboite Center Rd, will have Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 21, in the St. Elizabeth School cafeteria. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and Bingo will be called from 1-3 p.m. Proceeds benefit the HASA.

St. Augustine plans greenery sale
 South Bend — St. Augustine will have a greenery sale with pre-ordered items only. Greenery will be available for pickup Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9-10 a.m. at the church, 1501 W. Washington St.

The Christ Child Society cookie walk
 Fort Wayne — The Holiday Cookie Walk and Bake Sale will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Church at Auburn and Wallen roads on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. Proceeds benefit infants and children who are in need.

Cookie walk announced
 South Bend — St. Patrick Parish will have a Cookie Walk, Bake Sale and Craft Sale, Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 308 S. Scott St. There will also be homemade soup available for lunch.

'Little Shop of Horrors' at Luers
 Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Drama Department will present "The Little Shop of Horrors" Friday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. in the Café.

Eighth-grade scholarship/placement exam offered
 Fort Wayne — All eighth-grade students interested in attending Bishop Luers High School are invited to take the scholarship/placement exam on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the school from 8-11:30 a.m. Cost of the test is \$10. A total of \$10,000 dollars in scholarships will be awarded through the Henry-Keefer Scholarship.

Eighth-grade scholarship/placement exam offered
 Fort Wayne — The James E. Robinson Merit Scholarship Exam will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9-11 a.m. Pre-registration cost is \$20 and must arrive at Bishop Dwenger by Nov. 19. There will be a limited number of walk-ins available at the door the morning of the test for \$30 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Prospective eighth graders can visit the school Friday, Dec. 3, from 7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. for Saints Day. Visit www.bishopdwenger.com or call the Bishop Dwenger Guidance Department at (260) 496-4701 for information.

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Christmas bazaar planned
 Churubusco — St. John Bosco Parish will have a Christmas bazaar Friday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 - ?. Handmade crafts, baked goods, gently used room, and more. Homemade lunch available.

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.

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Pope says rich economies must pay more attention to farming

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Modern economies must pay more attention to farmers and the entire agricultural sector, not out of some nostalgic yearning for a simpler time, but out of recognition that farms feed the world and offer dignified work to millions of people, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"I believe now is the time to re-evaluate agriculture, not in a nostalgic way, but as an indispensable resource for the future," the pope said Nov. 14 during his midday Angelus address.

Thanksgiving holidays in many countries at the end of the harvest season are an appropriate time for everyone to reflect on the importance of agriculture and on the ways that many modern economies ignore the sector or actually inflict harm on it through trade policies or through the promotion of industries that destroy farmland, he said.

With the current global economic crisis, the pope said, the

temptation of the richest countries is to band together to improve their own situations, often in a way that harms the world's poorest countries and uses up "the natural resources of the earth, entrusted by God the creator to human beings to cultivate and safeguard."

The world urgently needs to forge "a new balance among agriculture, industry and services so that development is sustainable, no one lacks bread and work, and so that the air, water and other primary resources are preserved as universal goods" belonging to all people, he said.

The response of all people of good will, the pope said, must be "to educate everyone to a wiser and more responsible style of consumption and to promote personal responsibility, together with the social dimension of rural activities based on perennial values such as welcome, solidarity and sharing toil and labor."



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A figure of Christ is seen as pilgrims attend Pope Benedict XVI's Angelus prayer in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Nov. 14.



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