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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Powerful message to pro-life audience

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — The Scottish Rite Center in downtown Fort Wayne was the site Saturday for the 37th Allen County Right to Life rally and the starting point for the March for Life which followed. The annual event marks the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades opened his remarks with an invocation, "We thank You for the gift of human life... Your glory shines on the face of every human being ... protect, Lord, those who are most vulnerable in today's society."

Keynote speaker for the day's event was Father John Raphael, an African-American priest and principal of St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. Father Raphael is well known nationally for his strong words during the pro-life rally in May, 2009, on the campus of his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame. The rally was held on the same day that President Barack Obama gave the commencement address and received an honorary degree from the university. "Notre Dame made one of the worst decisions" in conferring that degree, he said, because of the president's support of abortion.

On this more recent occasion Father Raphael's message was equally powerful. He told the story of his own childhood, of being told by his parents that, with dedication, study and hard work, he could grow up to be president of the United States. He admitted that he never really believed a black man could be elected to the highest office of the land so when it finally happened, it was a highly symbolic event for the African-American community.

Finally, a black man had become Commander in

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JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joins Father John Raphael, speaker at the Allen County Right to Life rally, and Father Jason Freiburger, for the Pledge of Allegiance on Jan. 29

Confession app helps with Reconciliation

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Can modern technology help strengthen our faith? According to Pope Benedict XVI and some techno-savvy Catholics from South Bend, the right application can.

In his recently released papal document, "Truth, Proclamation and Authenticity of Life in the Digital Age," Pope Benedict XVI says it's not enough to just "proclaim the Gospel through the new media," but one must also "witness consistently."

Developers of Confession: A Roman Catholic App for Apple's iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch think their product helps people do both.

As word of this new app spread primarily through the Internet, brothers Patrick and Chip Leinen and friend, Ryan Kreager, say feedback has been positive. The app, reportedly the only one with an Imprimatur,

is designed to help prepare people to make a better confession.

(The Imprimatur, given by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in this case, is an official declaration by a Church authority that a book or other printed work may be published. It declares the published work contains nothing offensive to Catholic teaching on faith and morals.)

"The app is really built for two kinds of people," explains Ryan. "For Catholics who go to confession regularly, it gives the user information. They enter their name, age, their sex, their vocation and their last confession date, and it generates an examination of conscience based on that information."

Centered on the Ten Commandments, the examination would be different for a young mother than for a teenage boy. The examinations were provided by two differ-

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POPE RELEASES DOVE AFTER LEADING ANGELUS



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI releases a dove after leading the Angelus prayer from his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Jan. 30. The pope and two children released two doves to mark international prayers for peace in the Holy Land.

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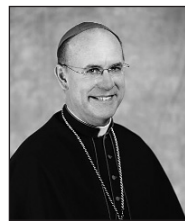
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Prayers requested for Bishop John M. D'Arcy



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Blessings to all the faithful of our diocese!

Recently, our beloved Bishop-Emeritus, Bishop D'Arcy, shared with me that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Gratefully, test results show that the cancer is contained within the prostate gland and has not spread. According to his doctors, the prognosis for successful treatment is good.

Bishop D'Arcy is giving a retreat this week to the priests of the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia. When he returns to Fort Wayne, he will begin a 40-day regimen of radiation treatment.

I ask for the prayers of all the faithful of our diocese for Bishop D'Arcy and for his full recovery. As Bishop D'Arcy writes in his letter (to the right), he is offering any difficulties or inconveniences he experiences for our diocese, especially for the intention of priestly vocations. Thank you, Bishop D'Arcy!

May the Lord bless Bishop D'Arcy with His healing grace! May our Blessed Mother watch over him during the coming weeks as he undergoes treatment and may she pray for all in our diocese who are battling cancer or other diseases!

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Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy
Bishop Emeritus

February 6, 2011

Greetings to all our priests, religious and laity.

Recently, I had a physical exam as I do every year. One of the findings showed that I have prostate cancer. I have been assured that it is both treatable and curable. The volume of cancer is low. After consulting with an outstanding urologist, radiology oncologist and my primary physician and paying close attention to their advice, I will shortly begin an extensive period of radiation treatments.

The prognosis is positive, and I am in the hands of good physicians. Above all, I am counting on your prayers for a full recovery. Whatever small difficulties or inconvenience this implies for me, I will offer for this diocese which I have loved and served for over a quarter of a century. Especially, I will offer it for a particular intention, which I pray for every day; namely; that more young men of good quality will come forward to take up the beautiful life of a priest for our people.

By the way, I received some very good news from my exam . . . since my retirement 13 months ago through good nutrition, skipping desserts, and regular exercise, I have dropped 22 pounds. How about that?! You would think that when this word gets around, I might get a call from the Boston Red Sox to pitch batting practice during spring training. No word so far. Maybe they are waiting for the stretch run at the pennant race.

I expect to keep close to my regular schedule in the months ahead. Again, I will count on your prayers and I pray for all of you every day.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

John M. D'Arcy
Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy
Bishop Emeritus

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Bishop Rhoades promotes marriage day, week observances, use of USCCB resources

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two initiatives in February focus attention on the need to strengthen marriage, in line with the U.S. bishops' priority interest in that area, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, told his fellow bishops.

Bishop Rhoades, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, expressed support for World Marriage Day Feb. 13 and National Marriage Week USA Feb. 7-14 in a Jan. 13 letter to bishops.

World Marriage Day, promoted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, has as its theme this year, "Love One Another."

The observance received Pope John Paul II's apostolic blessing in 1993, and "has continued to grow and spread among many countries and faith expressions

ever since," Bishop Rhoades said.

National Marriage Week USA is sponsored by the Let's Strengthen Marriage Campaign. First observed in the United Kingdom in 1996, it has since spread to other countries.

"This project — now in its second year (in the United States) — is a collaborative effort to influence the culture by faith communities, business, media, education and nonprofit groups," Bishop Rhoades said. He said it involves "new efforts for marriage education and crisis intervention," as well as promoting "a message about the benefits of marriage."

He also urged use of the online resources on marriage at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website, www.foryourmarriage.org, and its Spanish-language counterpart, [\[matrimonio.org\]\(http://matrimonio.org\); advocacy resources at \[www.marriageuniquetoforareason.org\]\(http://www.marriageuniquetoforareason.org\) on why marriage should be promoted as the union of a man and a woman; and the bishops' pastoral letter on marriage, "Love and Life in the Divine Plan," available online at \[www.usccb.org/loveandlife\]\(http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife\).](http://www.portu-</p>
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The For Your Marriage website received nearly half a million visits in 2010, a 23 percent increase over 2009, according to a report from Google Analytics.

The report found that articles on preparing for a Catholic wedding were especially popular. The site offers information about wedding readings, music, ceremony options, interchurch marriages and tips for planning a memorable wedding.

"People visit For Your Marriage because they want useful and reliable information," said

Sheila Garcia, USCCB staff member and the site's content editor. "Whether you're interested in Marriage preparation or enrichment, or what the Catholic Church teaches about Marriage, you'll almost certainly find what you need."

Visitors to the site came from 213 countries or territories, with significant numbers from the United Kingdom, Australia, Philippines and India, according to the report.

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Chief, not just the chief butler in the White House. "Even I could understand and appreciate that symbolism," he said.

But substance must triumph over symbolism, he pointed out. And the truth is that this president is not pro-life and must be challenged on that point. "We are bound to walk, talk, march — to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves." The beauty of being American is that we "have the ability to right that which is wrong." We have the fundamental freedom to live out our convictions, he pointed out.

He railed against all politicians who speak of social justice yet support abortion. We are destroying tomorrow's work force and talent pool, he said. The root of all social justice is protection of life.

Father Raphael has dedicated himself to bringing more African-Americans into the pro-life movement. He admitted that many in the black community can't understand how a black priest can speak out against a black president, but he feels he must live out his convictions and attempt to spread the pro-life message. Only then, in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, will we be "free at last," he said.

In other highlights, Cathie Humbarger, executive director of Allen County Right to Life, reported that the National Abortion Rights Action League recently gave the state of Indiana a grade of "F," drawing enthusiastic applause from the audience.

Newly elected U.S. 3rd District Congressman Marlin Stutzman reported that he



PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

Members of the Knights of Columbus lead the Allen County Right to Life March in Fort Wayne Jan. 29.



At left, Father John Raphael presents the keynote address.

believes we will soon see passage of two pieces of legislation in the House of Representatives, one guaranteeing the sanctity and protection of life and a second defunding Planned Parenthood. His words were warmly received as well.

Regarding pro-life legislation closer to home, Allen County Commissioner Nelson Peters updated the audience on the patient safety ordinance passed recently by commissioners which

has greatly reduced abortions in Fort Wayne and put the local abortion clinic in financial trouble. He exhorted his listeners, "Stay strong and help us unite this city for life."

Finally, in a taped message, Congressman Mike Pence congratulated the audience for electing a pro-life majority both in Indiana and in Washington, D.C. "This is a cause in which we must never relent," he said.

Church leaders follow Egyptian unrest with interest, concern

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Church leaders were watching the unfolding political drama in Egypt with a mixture of hope for reform and concern over potential violence, said the head of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa told Vatican Radio Jan. 30 that the widespread unrest that has weakened the 30-year rule of President Hosni Mubarak came as a surprise to Catholics in the region.

"We all sense that these are epochal changes. None of us would have imagined these kinds of developments a few months ago," he said.

"This means that there are currents, especially in the Arab

world, that now have found visible expression. This is certainly a positive sign, but it's also worrying because we don't know how all this will end — we hope with the least possible amount of violence and bloodshed," he said.

Father Pizzaballa said he hoped that "respect for religious minorities will be preserved" in Egypt. His concern appeared to reflect the fact that Mubarak's opponents include both radical and moderate Muslim groups, and it was unclear who might assume power if the president resigns.

Father Pizzaballa spoke on a Church-sponsored day of prayer for peace in the Holy Land. At the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI marked the day with a prayer to "lead minds and hearts toward concrete projects of peace." He did not specifically mention the

unrest in Egypt.

The pope, joined by two Italian youths, then released two doves from his apartment window as a sign of peace.

In his comments to Vatican Radio, Father Pizzaballa said the search for peace and freedom involves "not allowing oneself to be dominated by passions."

"We all see how in the Middle East, in the Holy Land and in Jerusalem, passions can blind people. Instead, to have real freedom, we need a certain distance from things in order to see them more clearly," he said.

He said real freedom in the Middle East needs to include religious freedom, access to places of worship and holy places, and freedom of religious expression.

Francesco Zannini, who teach-

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. — Mass at St. Joseph Church, South Bend
- Tuesday, Feb. 8, 11:30 a.m. — Light of Learning Luncheon, Marriott Hotel, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. — Mass and pastoral visit at Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m. — Light of Learning Luncheon, Hilton Garden Inn, South Bend
- Friday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. — Mass of Installation of new Archbishop, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Saturday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m. — Class and Mass for deacon candidates, Lindenwood Retreat Center, Donaldson



DIANE FREEBY

Ryan Kreager, Chip Leinen and Patrick Leinen say their recently developed Confession app is designed to help people with their examination of conscience, and also to help people return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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ent priests explain the developers, who say that's what allowed them to receive the Imprimatur.

In addition to helping Catholics who already make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Ryan explains how the Confession app is helping another group of people.

"It's also for people who've been away from the Church and want the opportunity to go to Confession," he says. "You go to the examination of conscience and it literally walks you through, step by step, your confessions as you're in the confessional."

Serving as a kind of digital notebook designed to help people remember the various prayers as well as document the sins they want to confess, the Confession app provides several versions of the Act of Contrition, including one in Latin.

Melanie is a 17-year-old junior at Marian High School in Mishawaka who says going to Confession is an important part of her life. A fan of technology, Melanie appreciates the customized examination of conscience.

"It makes me evaluate my personal situation in life," she says, noting how easy it is for her to understand and remember the sins she wants to confess. "My favorite part is definitely the inspirational quote that pops up after you have gone to confession. Each time I feel like it really tells me what I really need to hear at that moment. It is a great motivational tool after a good confession!"

Pete, an 18-year-old senior at Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend says he's likely to use the app next time he goes to Confession.

"It's nice that it has a list feature," adds Pete. "It makes it really easy to recall things when I'm in the confessional."

In addition to customizing the user's list, everything is password protected for privacy.

"Once you go to Confession, all that information is wiped out," says Ryan. "All it's going to remember is personal data like your name, age and date of last confession."

For more information on downloading the Confession app, go to www.littleiapps.com. Littleiapps is the company created by the Confession app developers. (Little "i" as in "I must decrease and He must increase," explains Chip.) They say they hope to create more Catholic apps in the future.

Bishop Rhoades kicks off Catholic Schools Week in Monroeville

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

MONROEVILLE — Built one century ago, as depicted by a marked cornerstone, St. Joseph School in Monroeville and its families welcomed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to kick off Catholic Schools Week 2011 with them at their Saturday evening Mass on Jan. 29.

Located side by side between Summit and Mulberry streets, the historic parish, St. Rose of Lima, was established in 1868 while the school began construction in 1911. Father Steve Colchin has served as pastor at St. Rose since 2003.

A full house and local television media were on hand to greet Bishop Rhoades, who recalled his own childhood Catholic education at St. Mary's in Lebanon, Pa. He told the congregation how much he enjoyed visiting the nearby town of Hershey and taking in the smell of chocolate while walking its

streets. He also congratulated the parish members of the small town for supporting the noble mission of a Catholic school.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades focused on the Baltimore Catechism and the question, "Why did God make us?" He had the students memorize and repeat the answer, "God put us in the world to know, to love, to serve Him and to come to paradise."

Bishop Rhoades went on to detail that we are to organize our lives with the goal of knowing, loving and serving God. He also referred to different saints including St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of Catholic schools and St. Augustine — Pope Benedict's personal favorite.

Bishop Rhoades touched on the Gospel message about the famous Sermon on the Mount when the eight Beatitudes were delivered explaining, "Jesus lived each one of the Beatitudes perfectly." Bishop Rhoades fin-

ished by challenging all those in attendance to strive to be holy; to be men and women, boys and girls, of the Beatitudes.

Before the closing hymn, the Home and School Association gifted Bishop Rhoades with a St. Joseph School jacket and monogrammed bag. The third- and fourth-grade students performed the song, "Open My Eyes," through sign language, and awards were presented to three different members of the school staff for more than 75 years of service.

Debbie Groves, who instructs the third- and fourth-grade classroom has been teaching at St. Joseph for 25 years, while Principal Carolyn Kirkendall was recognized for 26 years, as well as Joan Bultemeier, the first- and second-grade teacher.

After the Mass, Bishop Rhoades journeyed with the students to their classrooms. In each room, a special presentation was on hand and letters of appreciation were given to the



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades quizzes students on the U.S. state capitals during a recent visit to classrooms at St. Joseph School in Monroeville.

bishop to fill his new bag. The kindergartners, who are taught by Natalie Pugh, eagerly reenacted their morning routine.

When the bishop explained that he was like a shepherd and they, his sheep, the kindergartners all started giggling and "baa-ing."

The 21 first-and-second graders prepared a special song about the Twelve Apostles, while the young third-and-fourth graders portrayed their rendition of Paul Revere's Ride.

The fifth-and sixth-graders eloquently recited the Hail Mary in Spanish as taught by their instructor Amy Smith, a St. Joseph School alumni.

Finally, Susan Nice's seventh-and-eighth graders challenged Bishop Rhoades to join them in a series of brain-based exercises.

A reception with the school families and parish members followed in the school basement.

This extraordinary place of learning was opened in 1912 and staffed by the School Sisters of St. Francis who continued until 1972. The school underwent major renovation that was completed in the summer of 1998.

An additional celebration marking the 100th anniversary is being planned for the fall of 2012 with the alumni of St. Joseph School.

The mission statement of St. Joseph School teaches Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, to ensure a lifelong formation of faith. The students are challenged toward academic excellence so they become contributing members of society.

The school's current enrollment is 71 students and all faiths are welcomed. St. Joseph School is currently registering for the 2011-2012 school year. For questions, please call the school office at (260) 623-3447.



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Special education services in nonpublic schools to improve under proposal

INDIANAPOLIS — Special needs children attending nonpublic schools generate millions of federal and state dollars so they can receive specialized educational help. The problem is many are receiving little if any direct service.

Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, wants that to change and is working to ensure that state dollars allocated for students with special needs will reach the student even if the student is enrolled in a nonpublic school.

The special education grants bill, House Bill 1341, authored by Rep. Behning would do just that.

"The bill requires that state funds allocated for special needs students enrolled in nonpublic schools to be spent on their behalf," said Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) executive director. "It is the right thing to do for our special needs children and the Church supports the bill."

Behning who testified before the House Education Committee said, "Currently under federal law special education grants are made available to students in nonpublic or home schools.

"Many of our public schools across the state have been providing these services for nonpublic students, but this bill is to specify

and make certain that this happens in all school corporations, because it is not happening across the state," said Behning.

"The goal is to make certain that those nonpublic school students and home school students that have been identified and are in need get the special education services."

Becky Bowman, an official from the Indiana Department of Education who assists in the administration of Special Education Services, testified in support of the bill. "This bill mirrors the federal language guiding the proportionate share so that schools spend the special education money generated by counting the nonpublic special education students that that money actually goes into services for the nonpublic students. There has not been a requirement up to this point that school corporations do this. I believe that most public schools because they are serving students with disabilities in nonpublic schools that they are using these funds, but we have no way to ensure that or monitor that."

John Elcesser, Indiana Non-Public Education Association (INPEA) executive director, testified in support of the bill.

"We believe that this bill will

INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

improve the services by parentally placed nonpublic school students, with disabilities, but also provides the opportunity for additional nonpublic school students with disabilities to be served," Elcesser said.

"After three years in my position at the INPEA, the issue that surfaces most is accessing special education services and the limitations imposed by the lack of resources," said Elcesser. "I think sometimes there is a perception that nonpublic schools do not serve children with disabilities, but a study conducted by the INPEA in collaboration with University of Notre Dame showed that 97 per-

cent of the nonpublic schools in the state who responded to the study serve students with disabilities."

"One estimate that I received was that nonpublic school students with disabilities generate up to \$11 million for the state. If all that money was being spent on direct services to those students, I think the impact could be enormous," said Elcesser.

Kathy Mears, assistant superintendent for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, a teacher, a former principal and a special education teacher since 1987, told the House Education Committee that she's "been on a mission since 2004" to get the allocated dollars for special needs children to the children who attend nonpublic schools.

"Fifteen percent of our students in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis have been identified as a special needs child," said Mears. "Our schools want to serve more students with disabilities. I want to make that very clear.

"HB 1341 is not going to solve

all our problems, but it will allow more students with disabilities to attend nonpublic schools in Indiana," she said. "It will help the students who are already there to receive more appropriate services, more services and maybe provide just more time with a specialist."

Angela Bostrom, principal of St. Malachy Catholic School in Brownsburg, said that her school enjoys a very collaborative relationship with Brownsburg Community Schools in serving their special needs children.

"Unfortunately every special needs student who wishes to enroll at St. Malachy is not able to due to the limited resources," said Bostrom. "If HB 1341 passes and become state law, St. Malachy will be able to enroll and serve more students with disabilities."

After nearly three hours of testimony from Catholic school officials, nonpublic school teachers and parents, the House Education committee approved the bill 11-0. The bill now moves to second reading on the House floor.



CNS PHOTO/JOSE LUIS MAGANA, REUTERS

A demonstrator shouts slogans during a protest outside the White House in Washington Jan. 29. Protests also took place in Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles and New York. In Washington about 150 people marched from the Egyptian Embassy to the White House and stood outside the gates, calling on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to resign.

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es at the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies in Rome, said the situation in Egypt reflected the weakening political power of Arab leaders who have ruled as "monarchs" but who are threatened by changes brought by globalization.

In Egypt, it was unclear whether the momentum of the unrest was great enough to bring lasting reforms, Zannini told the

Rome-based agency AsiaNews. One big question, he said, was whether Mohamed ElBaradei, an opposition leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner, had the capacity to govern Egypt.

Zannini said that although Islamic extremists had begun to join the protests in Egypt, he doubted whether they would ever present a governing alternative there. He said he thought radical Islam was losing influence among the populations of the Middle East, and had shown itself too inflexible to have success on a political level, where consensus-building is needed.




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VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named U.S. Cardinal Raymond L. Burke and Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet to the council of cardinals and bishops advising the Vatican Secretariat of State on diplomatic matters, and he named Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City to the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers. The appointments were announced at the Vatican Jan. 29. Cardinal Burke, who heads the Apostolic Signature, which is the Vatican's supreme court, and Cardinal Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, were named to the advisory council along with Cardinal Peter Erdo of Esztergom-Budapest, Hungary, and Cardinal Fortunato Baldelli, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, another Vatican court. The council of cardinals and bishops advises the section for relations with states of the Vatican Secretariat of State. In other appointments, Pope Benedict named Bishop Wester, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration, to be a member of the pontifical council that promotes the pastoral care and rights of migrants, refugees, seafarers and others who are far from home.

Cardinal: Muslim-Christian dialogue will continue despite setback

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue will still move forward in its efforts to promote Christian-Muslim dialogue despite the fact that top Muslim academics in Egypt suspended talks with the Vatican. The head of the council, Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, said he believed the boycott could be resolved and that he was still scheduled to meet in February with Muslim academics from Cairo. The president of al-Azhar University in Cairo and members of the Islamic Research Academy announced Jan. 20 that they were freezing all dialogue with the Vatican to protest Pope Benedict XVI's remarks about anti-Christian violence in Egypt and the need to protect religious minorities there. Cardinal Tauran told the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, Jan. 29 that they were still trying to understand what compelled Cairo's Muslim academics to suspend dialogue. He said he believed "an attentive reading" of the pope's remarks would help clear up any misunderstanding. "If we want to move forward with dialogue, one must first of all find the time to sit and talk face-to-face, not through the newspapers," he said. "In such a precarious world so full of walls separating people physically or morally, it seems to me more necessary than ever for religions, despite their differences, to promote together love and peace," he said. The interreligious dialogue

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EXCHANGE OF GIFTS AT THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE



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Pope Benedict XVI exchanges gifts with members of the Catholic-Oriental Orthodox theological dialogue at the Vatican Jan. 28. "All Christians need to work together in mutual acceptance and trust in order to serve the cause of peace and justice," he told the group.

council "will continue to welcome with friendship whoever wishes to enter into a conversation with the Catholic Church," said the cardinal.

Catholic council: Faith community must fight stigma of mental illness

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The entire faith community is responsible, as individuals and collectively, for addressing the nation's mental health crisis that contributed to the tragedy in Tucson, Ariz., a Catholic organization said Jan. 26. The Council on Mental Illness of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability said an underfunded mental health system and the "stigmatization, stereotyping and isolation from society" experienced by those who are mentally ill and their families were factors in the Jan. 8 shootings outside a Safeway grocery store in Tucson. Jared Lee Loughner, 22, is charged with killing six people and wounding 13, including U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., in the incident. "It seems evident that Jared Loughner was and had for some time been experiencing a mental illness," the council said in a statement. "We are saddened by the knowledge that with appropriate treatment this tragic act likely could have been avoided." The

group urged prayers "for those who have died, for the healing of those injured and struggling to recover, consolation for those who have lost ones they love, and peace for a community that has experienced this trauma." Citing statistics from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the council said one family in five is affected by mental illness, with approximately 6 percent of the population — or one person in 17 — experiencing a significant mental illness. "Most people with mental illness suffer silently, often hiding to escape the stigma of being known as a person with this condition, sometimes hiding in full view," the council said. "Regrettably, such individuals often are unable to find access to needed services due to underfunded mental health systems incapable of delivering proper care."

Celebrations planned to mark progress in Father Baker's sainthood cause

LACKAWANNA, N.Y. (CNS) — As Msgr. Nelson H. Baker continues on the road to canonization, the Diocese of Buffalo has planned two special celebrations to honor the priest who devoted his life to helping those in need in the name of Our Lady of Victory. A March 18 vespers service for

parishioners of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica in Lackawanna has been scheduled, along with a March 19 Mass of thanksgiving for invited guests and employees of the Our Lady of Victory Institutions founded by the priest commonly known as Father Baker. March 19 marks the 135th anniversary of Father Baker's ordination as a priest, as well as the feast day of St. Joseph, patron saint of the Diocese of Buffalo. Father Baker, a Civil War-era soldier and grain dealer who became a Buffalo diocesan priest in 1876, served as pastor of Our Lady of Victory for more than 50 years. He operated soup kitchens and a hospital, as well as homes for unwed mothers, homeless and troubled boys and abandoned infants. "I ask all in the Diocese of Buffalo, and those whose lives were touched by Father Baker in some way, to join me in praying that, if it be God's will, Venerable Nelson Baker be canonized," said Buffalo Bishop Edward U. Kmiec at a Jan. 25 news conference at the basilica. Bishop Kmiec noted that a Vatican decree issued Jan. 14 confirmed Father Baker's heroic virtue and added the title Venerable to his name. The development completes the first step in a three-step process toward canonization. "Pope Benedict has recognized the exemplary life led by Father Baker, a simple diocesan priest whose devotion to Our Lady of

Victory and service to the least among us was extraordinary," he added.

US-born Jesuit: Zambia must not let elections be marred by violence

LUSAKA, Zambia (CNS) — Zambia must not permit its 2011 elections to be marred by political violence, as happened in other African countries, said a U.S.-born Jesuit who served for 20 years in Zambia. Jesuit Father Peter Henriot, outgoing director of the Jesuit Center for Theological Reflection in Lusaka, said Zambians must ensure that their general elections are held freely and transparently. He said that means ensuring fairness in the period leading up to the election. "That means the media should cover all political parties," he told Catholic News Service in a recent interview before leaving the country. "Secondly, those civic authorities, the police and election officials must also treat all parties equally." He said elections should not be seen as a technical exercise but as a reflection of the values of the nation. "Elections are a matter of what kind of country we want to see in the future. You know a lot of people envied Zambians. We have had ups and downs, but we are not the Ivory Coast, we are not Zimbabwe or Kenya, and we should not be," said Father Henriot, who returned to the United States and was scheduled to go to Malawi later this year. Father Henriot said he regretted the failure by the National Constitutional Conference delegates to recognize the importance of the economic and social rights clause as imperative to the development and well-being of the nation. He said there was lack of understanding about those rights, which were portrayed by many as a burden to government rather than a progressive realization of basic human rights.

Bishops condemn bomb blast in Manila, say it could be part of plot

MANILA, Philippines (CNS) — Catholic bishops have condemned a deadly bomb attack on a bus in Manila's business district, warning it could have been an attempt to destabilize the government. The Jan. 25 blast killed five people and wounded 12 others, reported the Asian Church news agency UCA News. Police said an 81 mm mortar shell with a cell phone as a triggering device was used. "We should be vigilant. There could be people out to destabilize the present government," said Bishop Honesto Ongtioco of Cubao. "We should also pray for those who commit evil so that they may realize its consequences," he added. Retired Bishop Teodoro Bacani of Novaliches also said the attack might be part of a plot to destabilize the government.

Edith Stein Project Conference

NOTRE DAME — The public is invited to the 6th annual conference of the Edith Stein Project at the University of Notre Dame Feb. 11-12, which has the theme “Irreplaceable You: Vocation, Identity, and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

The student-led conference “will draw on the richness of Catholic teaching on authentic personhood and sexuality, including presentations on masculinity and femininity, marriage, lay vocation, the priesthood and religious life, the family, homosexuality, Pope John Paul II’s theology of the body, and student life,” according to the conference registration information. All sessions will take place in Notre Dame’s McKenna Hall.

Included in the list of 40 speakers is Wendy Shalit, author of “A Return to Modesty: Discovering the Lost Virtue,” “The Good Girl Revolution: Young Rebels with Self-Esteem and High Standards” and “Girls Gone Mild: Young Women Reclaim Self-Respect and Find It’s Not Bad to Be Good,” speaking at 2 p.m. Feb. 11. The author of “The Thrill of the Chaste,” Dawn Eden, will speak at 10:15 a.m. Feb. 12.

Registration is not required, and anyone may attend any of the sessions. However, registration is encouraged and is required for attendees who wish to partake of conference meals. People may register at www.nd.edu/~idnd/edithstein/registration.html. The adult rate is \$60. Graduate students pay \$40, undergraduates \$25, and students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College and Holy Cross College are free.

USF sponsoring Cleveland museums trip

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts (SOCA) will sponsor a trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Feb. 15. The bus will depart from the Rolland Center for Art and Communication at 7 a.m. and return around 10 p.m. The cost is \$30 for students and \$40 for the general public.

The Cleveland Museum of Art houses one of the most impressive art collections in the Midwest, while the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame holds many of the most important artifacts in rock and roll history.

Admission to the Cleveland Museum of Art is free. General admission to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is \$22 (\$17 for students and those over 65 with ID). Passengers can visit one or both museums.

To reserve a seat, contact Molly Allen, SOCA coordinator, at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001. Payment can be made in cash or check at the SOCA main office, 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne, IN,

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Cymbals, drums, firecrackers, flowers and brilliant splashes of red filled St. Patrick Church in Fort Wayne on Sunday, Jan. 30, to celebrate the Vietnamese lunar new year, the year of the cat. After the final blessing, parishioners came forward to receive spiritual wishes from the Mass celebrants, Fathers Thu Pham, Thomas Aschman and Antoine Leason, Divine Word Missionaries. Members of the Vietnamese community celebrated with Vietnamese food, customs and fellowship following the Mass. In this photo, Sara Tran selects a spiritual wish from St. Patrick’s pastor, Father Andrew Thu Pham.

46808. Checks are payable to the University of Saint Francis.

China Night at Saint Mary’s College celebrates the Chinese New Year

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College will hold its annual China Night at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, in O’Laughlin Auditorium. The event, which is free and open to the public, celebrates the Chinese New Year, and is hosted by the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) and three student clubs: The Chinese Cultural Club, the Pacific Islander and Asian Club, and the Around the World Club.

Dr. Alice Siqin Yang, CWIL’s assistant director for global education, says the event will help students’ global learning, while it is also an opportunity to celebrate the Chinese culture with the South Bend Community.

“The main purpose of the event

is to share and promote Chinese culture on campus, helping students to learn Chinese culture, language and history,” Yang said.

Groups that will participate in the event include the Granger Chinese Dance Company, the South Bend Chinese Language School, the Michiana Chinese Christian Church, Chinese language classes from Clay High School, as well as students from the University of Notre Dame and the Holy Cross College.

The event will include dancing, games, choral and orchestral selections and a fashion show. Performers will range in age from 6-93. As part of the show, Saint Mary’s students will perform a traditional Chinese folk dance and play Chinese musical instruments; the Saint Mary’s Women’s Choir, which will tour China over spring break, will sing two Chinese selections; and a student from the University of Notre Dame will perform Chinese kung fu. A Saint Mary’s College student will also

offer a reflection on her experience participating in the College’s China Summer Program (www.centerforwomeninleadership.org/global-education-/study-abroad/places-go/china-summer-program). As an interactive part of the event, red envelopes will be given to children and students as a Chinese New Year tradition.

Christopher West to speak at Holy Cross College

NOTRE DAME — “God, Sex and the Meaning of Life,” an evening of reflection on Pope John Paul II’s theology of the body, will be provided by internationally renowned speaker Christopher West on Friday evening, Feb. 18, from 7-9:30 p.m. at Holy Cross College’s Pfeil Center.

West will help demonstrate that the truth about sex is the truth about love, and the truth about love reveals the meaning of life

for which we’re all looking. With wit and wisdom — drawing from John Paul II’s theology of the body, as well as insight found in popular music, movies and viral videos — West will explore how the Church’s teaching on sex corresponds perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

Live performances by folk-rock act Mike Mangione and The Union will accompany West’s presentation. Their dynamic, expressive sound and soul-searching lyrical themes provide a poetic backdrop for this evening of reflection.

This event is open to the public and a free will donation of \$2 is suggested.

Legacy Auction support Fort Wayne school

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School held its annual Legacy Auction on Jan. 29. The auction is an annual fundraiser comprised of a catered dinner, followed by a live and silent auction.

The monies raised at last year’s Legacy Auction went to purchase the school’s electronic lunch program and student desks.

This year’s funds will go toward the purchase of a much-needed school bus.

Parents, teachers and friends of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School got dressed up and met for the gala evening in the festively decorated Parish Activity Center for an enjoyable evening of dining, socializing and bidding on the silent and live auction items.

Mission to be held at Holy Cross College

NOTRE DAME — Father Kevin Joyce from the the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb., will be the presenter of a mission with the theme “The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me.” The mission will be held on the weekend of Feb. 26-27 at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame.

Father Joyce has led more than 60 missions in the United States and around the world including parish missions, charismatic conferences and group retreats to religious orders.

There will be five talks focused on the anointing of the Holy Spirit — anointed in sonship; anointed as offering; anointed for battle; anointed through Mary; and anointed with hope.

The cost for the weekend is \$75 with lunches included. The cost for college students is \$25. Mass will be offered on Saturday and Sunday mornings in St. Joseph Chapel on the campus of the college.

This mission also provides an opportunity to prepare for the Lenten season. Brochures are available.

The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 18. Additional information is available by contacting Dave and Jan Torma at fisherofmendjt@msn.com or calling (574) 291-3381.

'Thomas Aquinas is the best basis for the new apologetics'

Father Robert Barron speaks at Saint Mary's College

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The only "multimedia star" recognized as an authority on St. Thomas Aquinas spoke at Saint Mary's College the evening of Jan. 25 on "Thomas Aquinas and why the atheists are right."

Father Robert Barron, whose Word on Fire Catholic Ministries reaches millions of people through television, radio and the Internet, was the guest speaker for the Saint Mary's 14th Annual Symposium on Saint Thomas Aquinas. Father Barron, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, also is the author of several books, essays and DVDs and holds the Francis Cardinal George Chair of Faith and Culture at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

Professor Joseph Incandela, the Joyce McMahon Hank Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology at Saint Mary's, introduced Father Barron and gave him that "multi-

media star" title, which resonated with the 100-plus people who filled the Saint Mary's Student Center Lounge for the 7 p.m. lecture.

Father Barron explained that he meant for the title of his lecture to be "provocative." He referred to the technique used by the Dominican theologian Father Vincent McNabb (1868-1943) in engaging atheists. When one of his students at Oxford would profess disbelief in God, Father McNabb would ask the student what he meant by God. After the student gave his ideas, Father McNabb would respond: "I don't believe in that God, either."

Like Father McNabb, Father Barron said he also finds that atheists help us both spiritually and theologically "to clarify what the true God is not." The atheists' idea of God usually is made in the image of human beings, what the Bible would call "idolatry," he said.

Atheists often conceive of the

God of believers as a vengeful being who competes with His creatures, watches the world from the outside and imposes His rules on human freedom, much like the mythological king of the gods, Zeus, Father Barron said. He also compared this concept of God to that of a dictator like Kim Jong Il presiding over North Korea with an iron fist.

That image of God is like idolatry and has "deeply disturbing implications for humanity," Father Barron said, for it leads the atheist to reason: "If God exists, I cannot be free. But I am free; therefore, God does not exist."

Thus, the so-called "new atheists" like Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins tend to see religion and political totalitarianism as closely aligned, he said, particularly since the terrorist acts of Sept. 11, 2001. The only thing new about new atheism, he said, is its "nastiness" and "dismissive contempt for religion and religious people."



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Father Robert Barron speaks at the 100-plus gathering at The Saint Mary's College student center.

Thomas Aquinas, however, is particularly enlightening when dealing with atheists because in some of his writing, he also tries to understand more about God by examining what God is not, Father Barron said

First of all, Aquinas saw a "radicality of difference" between God and what He made, he continued, for God, the source of all existence, cannot be placed in any genus or category of being and cannot be compared to His creatures, as atheists are wont to do.

"God is never reducible to the level of a creaturely agent; He can never, even in principle, become the object of an empirical scientific investigation; He could never be defined or categorized by an inquiring mind," Father Barron said.

Aquinas sees God as creator who creates from nothing. And in creating, God doesn't affect pre-existing reality in some accidental way. Rather, Father Barron said, "He brings the whole of that reality into being."

And why did God create?

Certainly not to compete with His creatures or impose His will on them.

"God's creation is an expression of love," Father Barron said. "God doesn't push or pull human wills from the outside as much as he energizes them from the inside," without compromising human freedom or free will. Indeed, God interacts, but does not interfere, he said.

Father Barron observed that since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the Church has been "inept" at presenting its theology of God. And since Sept. 11, 2001, the "new atheists" have become more aggressive against religion, portraying religion as dangerous.

It is time, Father Barron said, for a "new apologetics," to explain the faith, and "Thomas Aquinas is the best basis for the new apologetics," he concluded.

The Aquinas Symposium takes place annually on or around the saint's feast day of Jan. 28 and is sponsored by the Joyce McMahon Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology at Saint Mary's.

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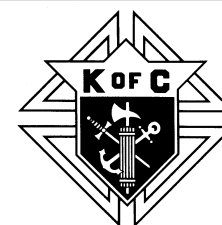
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Secretary of Defense Robert Gates selected as 2011 commencement speaker

BY DENNIS BROWN

NOTRE DAME — U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates will be the principal speaker and recipient of an honorary degree at the University of Notre Dame's 166th University Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 22, at Notre Dame Stadium.

"The contributions Dr. Gates has made in service to our nation and to higher education are many and significant," said Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, Notre Dame's president. "I am so pleased that he has accepted our invitation and look forward to welcoming him to our campus. I am sure his perspectives on our nation and world will be of considerable interest to Notre Dame's graduating Class of 2011."

Nominated by President George W. Bush, Gates was confirmed by the Senate and sworn in Dec. 18, 2006, as the 22nd secretary of defense. He was asked to continue in office by President Barack Obama, making him the only defense secretary in U.S. history to be asked to remain by a newly elected president.

Gates served as president of Texas A&M University, the nation's seventh largest university, for the four years prior to his current position and was interim dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M from 1999 to 2001.

As A&M's president, he made significant progress in four key areas of the university's "Vision 2020" initiative — student diversity, increasing the size of the faculty, building new academic facilities and enriching the undergraduate and graduate education experience. During his tenure, Gates encouraged the addition of 440 new faculty positions and a \$300

million campus construction program, and the university saw dramatic increases in minority enrollment.

A native of Kansas, Gates earned his bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary, his master's degree in history from Indiana University, and his doctorate in Russian and Soviet history from Georgetown University.

Gates joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1966 and spent nearly 27 years as an intelligence professional, including nearly nine years at the National Security Council.

He served as director of the CIA from 1991 until 1993 and is the only career officer in the agency's history to rise from entry-level employee to director. He was the deputy director of the CIA from 1986 to 1989 and was assistant to the president and deputy national security adviser at the White House from January 1989 to November 1991.

Gates has been awarded the National Security Medal and the Presidential Citizens Medal. He twice received the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal and three times received the CIA's highest award, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal. His memoir, "From the Shadows: The Ultimate Insider's Story of Five Presidents and How They Won the Cold War," was published in 1996.

Gates was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1967 and served as an intelligence officer at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.

After being held in the Joyce Center for more than 40 years, Notre Dame's University Commencement Ceremony was moved to Notre Dame Stadium last year. It will begin at 9 a.m.

New university president says Catholic intellectual life needs renewal

BY MAUREEN BOYLE

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Calling for a rebirth in Catholic intellectual life, a pursuit that leads to virtue, John H. Garvey was sworn in Jan. 25 as the 15th president of The Catholic University of America in Washington.

"As Pope Benedict said at this university in 2008, 'this is a place to encounter the living God. ... This relationship elicits a desire to grow in the knowledge and understanding of Christ and his teaching,'" Garvey said in his inaugural address.

Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, Catholic University's chancellor, was the main celebrant and homilist for the inaugural Mass, celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

He was joined by Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George, Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, as well as Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the Vatican's apostolic nuncio to the United States, and by more than a dozen bishops from around the United States, and nearly 100 priests.

"The Catholic University is a university — a community of scholars united in a common effort to find goodness, truth and beauty," said Garvey, 62, who was dean of Boston College's Law School when he was appointed to his new post.

"The intellectual life, like the acquisition of virtue, is a communal,



JOHN GARVEY

not a solitary, undertaking. We learn from each other," he continued. "The intellectual culture we create is the product of our collective effort. A Catholic intellectual culture

will be something both distinctive and wonderful if we bring the right people into the conversation and if we work really hard at it."

For the Mass, which opened to the stirring strains of "Holy God We Praise Thy Name," hundreds of faculty members, dressed in their full academic regalia, as well as university staff, members of the university's board of trustees, alumni and students filled the cavernous basilica. Students were excused from class to attend the Mass.

Presidents of and representatives from universities and colleges throughout the country also were in attendance. Many members of Garvey's family were present for the liturgy, with his five children serving as gift bearers.

Garvey and his wife, Jeanne, also have 12 grandchildren, a number of whom were in attendance along with other relatives.

During the Mass, Garvey was presented with the symbols of his new office — the university mace, or scepter, the presidential medalion and chain of office. He wore the presidential regalia, an aca-

demical gown of the university's official colors, gold and white, which mark the founding relationship the university has with the Catholic Church.

He recited the profession of faith and took an oath of fidelity, swearing he will "preserve communion with the Catholic Church."

In his homily, Cardinal Wuerl praised Garvey, describing him as "a leader who realizes the worth, but also the identity and heritage of this institution. We pledge our collaboration as he undertakes the mission to bring us into a future that holds renewal of spirit, academy, institution and achievement."

The cardinal assured Garvey and the university that his prayers are with them.

"We ask God's blessings on this entire academic community, that in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and with your direction, we might all be led more surely and confidently to a deeper and richer grasp and embrace of our faith."

In his address, Garvey, who is Catholic University's third lay president, also talked about the secular concept of a conflict between faith and reason.

"The story of this war is so familiar that we often redescribe the conflict of faith and reason as a conflict of religion and science," he said. "And the challenge for Catholic universities is finding a place for Bibles and papal decrees between our telescopes and microscopes."

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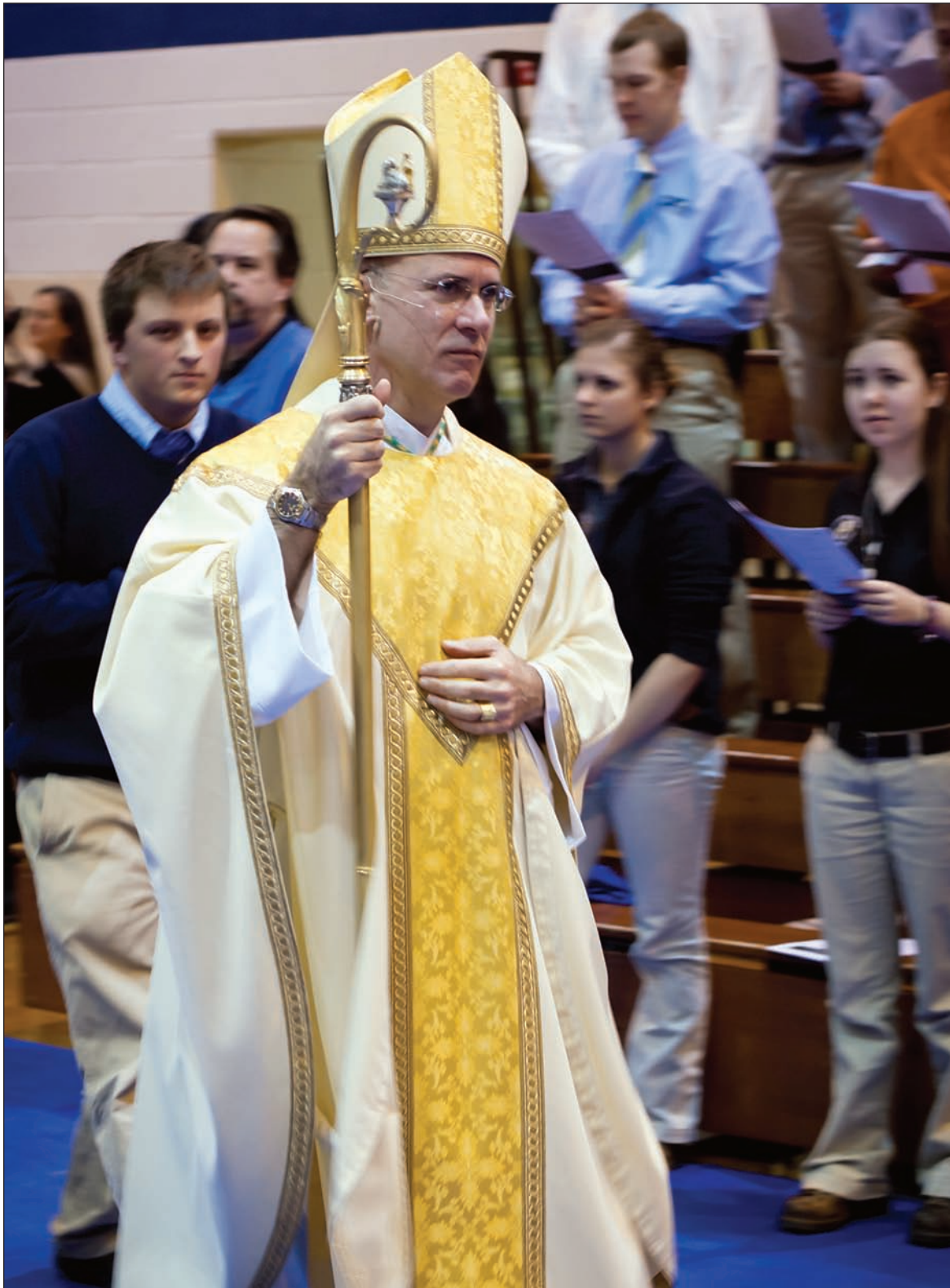
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FAITH AND REASON OF ST. THOMAS AQUINA

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades makes pastoral

BY TIM



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades enters the Bishop Dwenger High School gymnasium for an all-school Mass Jan. 28.



The liturgical orchestra rehearses before the all-school Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, celebrant, on Jan. 28.

FORT WAYNE — The feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of Catholic schools, colleges and universities and one of the 33 doctors of the Church, provided a wonderful setting for Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to visit the diocese's largest Catholic high school, Bishop Dwenger in Fort Wayne.

Known for its academic pursuits, commitment to social justice, athletic achievements and a burgeoning fine arts department, Bishop Dwenger is a school that combines faith and reason — a philosophy promulgated by St. Thomas Aquinas. Bishop Rhoades helped students understand this throughout his visit.

During the morning hours, Bishop Rhoades visited with senior theology classes — Tom Kenny's Great Catholic Thinkers and Melissa Wheeler's apologetics class. The bishop also met with Principal Jason Schiffler and the administration before celebrating an all-school Mass in the gymnasium.

St. Thomas Aquinas was the focus of the homily. St. Thomas Aquinas is one of the 33 men and women who are doctors of the Church, "and many would say," Bishop Rhoades related, "of the 33 great doctors of the Church, 'Thomas Aquinas is the greatest.'"

St. Thomas studied 4th century B.C. Greek philosopher Aristotle following his reemergence in the 13th century. While others followed Aristotle blindly, Bishop Rhoades said of St. Thomas Aquinas, "He showed that what Aristotle discovered by use of his human reason was overall great discovery, and he praised the insights of this philosopher, this pre-Christian philosopher."

Bishop Rhoades said the relationship between reason and faith remains a big issue in the world today. There are the extremes — people who embrace rationalism, who only accept what they know through their own experience by science and math, and people who only accept what is known by faith or "fideism."

Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century explained,

"We can come to knowledge about God, the truth about truth about creation, we can see the natural light of reason of faith — that faith helps faith, that they aren't in conflict."

"And that's why we have faith," Bishop Rhoades said, encouraging the compatibility of faith and reason in many ways, when we speak about the truth, you have faith. Bishop Dwenger High School

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A special collection was taken up at offertory for the Malmstrom family whose son attends Bishop Dwenger. The Malmstrom parents, who work in the medical field and are parishioners of St. Charles Parish in Fort Wayne, have sold their home and will go to Haiti with their two sons to serve for one year. The collection will assist with finances.

Schiffli noted how, in athletics, home games begin with a prayer, and sometimes Mass. This, he said, has been noticed by coaches at other non-Catholic schools.

The school offers Reconciliation on Thursdays for students. Father Jason Freiburger and Father Tony Steinacker are school chaplains and available for students and Mass.

Every class begins with prayer, noted Schiffli. Students get to an opportunity to pray for one another's needs and needs of loved ones. "It builds such a tremendous sense of family and community," Schiffli said.

Bishop Dwenger is recognized as an "exemplary" school by the state of Indiana. It is fully accredited with NCA. It is a Lighthouse School in Indiana for its noted writing initiatives. The school has four National Merit Scholar Finalists this year.

"We have a growing fine arts department," Schiffli said, "and over half of our students take art."

Again, the community service aspect was expressed recently when several photography and art students joined department chair Marcy Adams and photography teacher Tristin Conroy for a visit to the Burmese Advocacy Center in Fort Wayne. The students worked with Burmese refugees and interviewed and photographed their new friends in January. They will use the images to create narratives that explore the Burmese culture.

The school's very active Social Justice Club spent Martin Luther King, Jr., Day delivering and distributing 400 pairs of shoes for children in Indianapolis as part of the Samaritan's Feet fundraiser. Twenty-two students and five adults visited the Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center in Indianapolis, washed the feet of the recipients, and gave them new socks and shoes.

The Social Justice Club is also active with fundraising for Darfur and the Invisible Children of Uganda.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits with students in Tom Kinny's Great Catholic Thinkers theology class.



Bishop Dwenger High School Principal Jason Schiffli greets Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades meets with student council and government students for lunch at Bishop Dwenger High School on Jan. 28.



The arts are important at Bishop Dwenger High School. Erin Cox hangs some prints she took for photography class.



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Bill Gallagher's journey leads to permanent diaconate

Between the years 2002 to 2006 Bill and Mary Gallagher had the opportunity to make the Camino De Santiago pilgrimage, also known as the St. James' Way, once individually and once together.

Their pilgrimage in many ways symbolizes the spiritual journey that has led them to the permanent diaconate. The 500-mile pilgrimage through Spain takes weeks to complete and provides many opportunities to build relationships and a sense of community. Bill remarks that the journey to the permanent diaconate has taken many years, much prayer, faithful companions, a great family, patience and a heart open to the will of God. The peace and acceptance felt in their presence are perhaps the result of this total trust in God's plan for their lives.

Bill and Mary, now married for 43 years are blessed with seven children: William married to Kelly, Theresa, Patricia, Joanne, Angela, Mary P. and Holy Cross Father James Gallagher. Their close-knit family, now enlivened with six grandchildren, look for opportunities to be together despite their many ministries and professional obligations.

Following high school, Bill enlisted in the Navy, where he served for three years, and became an electronics technician. The skills acquired while in the military opened the door to a career in

the area of computer technology. For 40 years he continued this work, which was constantly evolving and changing.

During his career Bill noticed that his coworkers often sought his advice and felt comfortable talking with him about things of importance. He wondered if the Lord would somehow use these gifts perhaps in a more formal way within the Church. Keeping all of these thoughts in his heart, Bill tirelessly volunteered for over 35 years as a religious education catechist, teaching middle school students at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, Christ the King Parish, South Bend, and Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame.

Around the year 2000, Bill became a Secular Franciscan. A Secular Franciscan commits to reading and studying the Gospels so that they can personally live it and teach it to others. Secular Franciscans also pledge to live in the spirit of the Beatitudes, and in a particular way, the spirit of poverty. The way of St. Francis fosters the spirit of "others before self" through a strong discipline of prayer.

Bill's continued desire to serve led him to the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center where he enrolled in the Extended Clinical Pastoral Education Program. Prepared through study and experience, Bill began to offer spiritual support to those who were ill or aging. His

A GLIMPSE: THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

BY GINNY KOHRMAN

love of God and others and his desire to teach and evangelize did not go unnoticed.

When Bishop John M. D'Arcy asked his pastors to submit the names of possible permanent deacon candidates, Bill was recommended without hesitation.

Bill is currently assigned to Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka, as part of his required permanent diaconate practicum. There he assists Father Dan Scheidt with altar server training, proclaiming the readings at Mass, RCIA instruction and a Sunday morning adult faith formation program entitled "Are you Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" Bill also visits Sacred Heart homebound and nursing home parishioners. He is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at both parishes.

Mary, a very gentle and loving wife and mother, juggles the responsibilities of a busy family life with her desire to care for others both spiritually and medically. Mary is a registered nurse who



BILL AND MARY GALLAGHER

worked for over 19 years at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and St. Joseph Visiting Nurse Association. Her love of nursing eventually led her to the Clinical Pastoral Education Program where she earned a certification with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

Mary now teaches for Holy Cross College, most recently guiding students through courses on Spirituality and Aging and Death, Dying and Bereavement. Mary provides spiritual direction for students and others who seek her guidance in matters of life and faith.

Mary and Bill look to each other for love and support, particularly as they work to balance family life and ministry. Their greatest desire is to get each other to heaven through a mutual trust in God's fidelity. As Bill nears ordination, they hope to become more fully committed to their witness of faith, family and then to others. There is already great evidence that God is fulfilling that dream.

Bill proudly confesses that his 4-year-old granddaughter Kaley takes great delight in sitting on his lap as together they pray Evening Prayer.

Even with new media, actions speak louder than words, Pope Benedict XVI says

BY CAROL GLATZ

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 tech-

nologies 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.

The Church not only faces the challenge of evangelizing people who are indifferent to or unaware of the Christian message, it must also "persuasively re-proclaim the word of God" to Christians so that they can "concretely experience the power of the Gospel," said the pope.

Often the Gospel message is presented to people in a way that is "not so effective or engaging," he said.

The Church seeks to commit itself to its mission of communicating the Gospel "with renewed creative dedication, but also with a critical sense and attentive discernment" of the new modes of communication available today.

Many young people are "numbed by the infinite possibilities offered by the Internet and other technologies" as they take part in methods of communication that risk increasing a sense

of solitude and disorientation, he said.

The pope reiterated his concern for this "educational emergency" that the Church and others must respond to with "creative intelligence." People must promote communication that upholds human dignity and encourages "a critical sense and the ability to evaluate and discern" what has real worth in the plethora of information available, he said.

While the Church works to improve the way it presents its message and show God's true face, he said it will also seek to "purify, bring balance to, and elevate" the best characteristics of new media and forms of communication so that new technology can be at the service of the whole human being and world community.

The Church wants to engage in dialogue with everyone, but in order to communicate in a way that is fruitful and effective, "it is necessary to be on the same wavelength in friendly and sincere settings," he said.

Journalism expert sees opportunity for Church in digital landscape

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Today's model of "consuming" journalism bears little resemblance to the old-time model of perusing the newspaper for 20 or 30 minutes at a time at the breakfast table and after work, the head of a journalism think tank told members of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Communications Jan. 12.

"Most of what we knew about how people get news is obsolete now," said Tom Rosenstiel, founder and director of the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism, in a presentation to the committee on "News in Our Digital Lives."

But he said the Catholic Church might have a jump on others in building the "brand loyalty" needed to attract and retain readers today, because it is a membership organization with a built-in audience.

"You guys are networked in," Rosenstiel said. "You can tell their stories, provide their perspective. It is a tremendous opportunity."

But he recommended that church leaders learn to "speak all the different formats" and to "understand the potential each medium has and exploit that."

Rosenstiel told the committee that the vast majority of people today get their news from multiple platforms but said they are "not aimless wanderers." Most visit two to five websites daily, and about a third visit each site several times a day, he said.

More than half of those responding to a Pew survey said they get their news from non-news institutions that they follow through social networking websites, while less than a quarter get their news from news organizations on social networking sites.

"We have moved from the 'trust me' era of news, to the 'show me' era of news," Rosenstiel said, adding that the "me" in the equation has changed from the journalist in the former case to the reader in the latter case.

"The product has to show me why I should trust it," he said. Readers have "become their own editors," he added.

Friends of St. Monica group prays for those who have left the Church

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — A small but mighty group of parishioners faithfully gather each Tuesday evening at 6:35 p.m. at the chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Church for a very specific purpose — to pray for those who have left the Church.

The Friends of St. Monica formed just over a year ago when Donna Kaiser, longtime parishioner at St. Charles, pitched the idea of a prayer group to Casey Ryan, director of adult education at the parish, after attending a workshop on fallen-away Catholics.

"Some of us have family members, or friends with kids in this situation (not attending church). It's hard to speak to people about it. I knew I couldn't go door to door but wanted to do something," Kaiser says.

Teaming with Ryan after researching a Chicago-based parish that sponsors a St. Monica sodality, bulletin invitations to an initial meeting attracted a handful of faithful to investigate this evangelical opportunity. Originally the group thought to meet monthly but after praying with Father James Kumbakkeel, parochial vicar at St. Charles, who was inspired by his own need to pray for inactive Catholic loved ones, a time was established for weekly prayer sessions.

"I have family members who don't attend church. When I pray I have these people in my mind," says Father Kumbakkeel.

It was decided that the St. Charles group would focus their time and effort on prayer, rather than discuss specific friends and family members who have left the Church. So the group, named for their patroness St. Monica, gathers to pray for her interces-

sion. St. Monica is the virtuous mother of St. Augustine Hippo, who with patience and persistence prayed for her wayward son for 17 years to return to the Church.

A special box is placed at the foot of the chapel's altar each week with pen and paper to inscribe the names of those who will be lifted in prayer. A rosary and special novena to St. Monica is recited for those names placed in the box as well as for all inactive Catholics around the world. Mass follows at 7 p.m.

Who can join the friends of St. Monica? "Anyone can come, from any parish. We don't have members, but just invite parishioners," says Kaiser, adding that she hopes Catholics from other parishes will unite with them in prayer for all the lapsed loved ones.

"I've learned that God still loves these people," she says. "This gives you hope that our loved ones are not being forgotten."

As for the fruits of this prayer ministry, Kaiser notes that the participants may never know how and when God will work in the lives of their loved ones. But she believes in the power of prayer and knows of one success story from a friend whose son has rejoined the Catholic Church and intends to have his four children baptized in the faith.

Ryan agrees saying, "We don't know what God's will is and a lot of times we think we need to do the converting." With the St. Monica prayer ministry he says, "We do our part in our asking and He'll (God) give the graces to change the hearts."

For more information on the Friends of St. Monica prayer group contact St. Charles Parish at (260) 482-2186.

Study results: Students benefit from iPads in the classroom

NOTRE DAME — Perhaps the most surprising findings from the first phase of the University of Notre Dame's year-long study of eReaders are what didn't take place in last fall's paperless pilot Project Management course.

"The iPads certainly were not disruptive to the learning environment," said Corey Angst, assistant professor of management. "In fact, I never felt the students were more focused on the devices than on what I was teaching them. Tech support wasn't overwhelmed by the class, and the devices weren't lost or broken."

The potential for distraction in the classroom and damage to the iPads — which are not inexpensive and were loaned to students by the university for the course — were among the issues Angst sought to study in his pioneering experiment with the eReader devices, which were handed out to students at the start of the fall semester.

A member of Notre Dame's ePublishing Working Group, Angst taught Notre Dame's first class using Apple's wireless tablet computer to replace traditional textbooks. After his 7-week course ended, the iPads were redistributed to students in three different undergraduate courses and a small group of MBA students, and this semester they are with law students.

Members from a broad array of Notre Dame's colleges and departments are evaluating the creation, distribution, consumption and usefulness of electronic course materials in an academic setting by examining the usefulness of the iPad as an eReader, with the broader goal of designing an "ePublishing ecosystem" that serves faculty, students and staff by making the creation, distribution, sharing, reading and annotation of eMaterials simple and inexpensive.

"Our findings suggest the greatest value of the iPad may not be its ability to function as an eBook

reader, but instead its capacity to consolidate or aggregate information," Angst says. "A statistically significant proportion of students felt the iPad made class more interesting, encouraged exploration of additional topics, provided functions and tools not possible with a textbook and helped them more effectively manage their time."

"It made team communications so easy," says senior Gabrielle Tate. "Often in group projects, it's difficult to send files between Macs and PCs, but having everyone on the same device expedited the process. My favorite function was DROPBOX, which allows users to upload documents into its shared space and avoid sending e-mail after e-mail. We could almost effortlessly share our project work and the information was accessible from our iPads as well as our own computers."

Tate's group helped South Bend's Center for the Homeless evaluate establishing a guest-run coffee shop, and the project was so successful it now is entered in Notre Dame's McCloskey Business Plan Competition.

"It wasn't the eReader function



of the iPads that won over the students," Angst says. "It was a host of other features that support learning. For example, students were able to instantaneously check statistics I mentioned in class or pull up information to add to the discussion as I talked about various companies' projects.

Moments before the start of class, I could place a video into students' dropboxes, and the majority of them would arrive having already watched it and able to discuss it. Those sorts of things made the class more interesting and dynamic and could never have happened in the past."

Angst notes further studies including natural observation, surveys and student focus groups are necessary to fully explore the extent to which learning outcomes vary with respect to iPad use.

But Tate already is sold on the device.

"The iPads made our project more streamlined and efficient," she says. "I definitely had a much better experience in class because of it."

The ePublishing Working Group's full report is available online.

New magazine for Catholic singles

NEW LONDON, Conn. (CNS) — Tobias, a new magazine published by Bayard U.S., aims to address the needs of the 27 million single Catholics in the United States.

Dubbed "the magazine for single Catholic living," *Tobias* will include articles on singles who dare to make a difference, faith at work and personal stories of courtship and marriage.

It will focus on Catholic singles of all ages and stages in their personal faith journeys — those who are widowed or divorced and single parents, as well as recent college graduates and young professionals.

"*Tobias* editor Christina Capecchi has her finger on the

pulse of the community of single Catholics in the U.S.," said Bret Thomas, president and CEO of Bayard. "We believe that this audience deserves a high-caliber magazine of their own to help them navigate the challenges of living a Catholic life in a secular culture."

Capecchi, 28, a former staff writer for *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, works as a freelancer and writes the nationally syndicated "Twenty Something" column that appears in about 50 diocesan newspapers. She holds a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Tobias will be published quar-

terly, with the first issue debuting Feb. 1. Subscriptions are available for \$9.95 a year. Bulk subscriptions also are offered to parishes.

Bayard U.S. has three divisions — Bayard Magazine Group, which publishes *Catholic Digest*, *Living With Christ*, *Today's Parish*, *Creative Catechist* and *Exploring the Sunday Readings*; Twenty-Third Publications, which publishes books, programs and multimedia materials for pastors, parish staff and pastoral leaders; and Creative Communications for the Parish, which publishes *Living Faith* magazine and other devotional resources for both Catholic and Protestant parishes.



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COMMENTARY FROM TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Technology aids evangelical efforts

February has historically been known as Catholic Press Month. And this week, a few stories focus on evangelization and how newspapers and magazines — the traditional press — are tools that assist in making the presence of God and the work of our Church known throughout our diocese, nation and world.

But new media has also emerged as an important piece of evangelization. And *Today's Catholic* has never shied away from employing new technology as a means of evangelization or providing Catholic news whether in the printed or digital form.

Last year, the *Today's Catholic* News website was launched. It provides some of the newspaper's content as well as updated stories from the Catholic News Service. Visit the site for photo slideshows, video, audio, archived copies of the newspaper and even the most recent copy of the newspaper.

Today's Catholic offers a podcast — a 15-minute audio broadcast of the newspaper with selected stories. It can be downloaded on iTunes and right to your MP3 player. Or visit our website and listen there.

In this digital age we can e-mail a PDF (portable document format) of *Today's Catholic* to our subscribers. It looks exactly like the print version. By receiving the PDF, you can help us cut our printing and mailing costs and “be green” at the same time. Readers can adjust the size of the print to their preferences.

Recently, *Today's Catholic* and the diocese have joined in the social media: Facebook, Twitter.

Many diocesan departments are collaborating on the diocesan Facebook group as one cohesive entity. Diocesan department heads can share information about special events and other happenings around the diocese. We hope our Facebook fans will “like” us when visiting facebook.com/diocesefwsb and keep up on current activities across the diocese.

Similarly, the diocesan website, www.diocesefwsb.org, and *Today's Catholic* News, www.todayscatholicnews.org, hosts a diocesan calendar. Visitors can look for events on the calendar, find out where the local parish fish fry or spaghetti dinner is being served, as well as the latest parish mission or prayer service.

On the diocesan site, plans are under way for a new Google map of the diocese. Each parish in the diocese will be located on the map and include contact information and Mass times. Visitors will be able to sort by city, parish name or the map. This was a feature that many people said they missed when the site was redesigned a year ago. Keep an eye on www.diocesefwsb.org/map for the latest updates.

You might start noticing a symbol in print material that resembles a square bar code, referred to as a Quick Response or QR code. It is a tool that directs the reader to a website, video clip, perhaps a coupon or an Internet site that has value for the reader. You'll notice a QR code on page 2 of *Today's Catholic*. Again, it's an effort to stay current with technology. As a consumer, you will need a QR reader application on your Smartphone in order to scan the code. To get the app, search for QR code readers recommended for your phone. Once it's on your phone, scan QR codes with your phone and you'll be taken to the site the company wants you to see. In *Today's Catholic's* case, the QR code takes you to www.todayscatholicnews.org.

Perhaps someday soon you'll be reading *Today's Catholic* on an electronic reader, a device such as the iPad or Kindle, where Catholic news would be delivered right to you. No paper, no recycling. And it offers extras: audio, video, slideshow capabilities.

The world of communications is changing quickly. Who would have thought just a few years ago how iTunes would revolutionize the way we purchase music or that we could download homilies from our parish pastors and listen on our phones and MP3 players?

It's an exciting time to be reaching out to the world and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI, speaking about the new media last November, has asked the Church to seek to commit itself to its mission of communicating the Gospel “with renewed creative dedication, but also with a critical sense and attentive discernment” of the new modes of communication available today.

While the Church works to improve the way it presents its message and show God's true face, the pope said it will also seek to “purify, bring balance to, and elevate” the best characteristics of new media and forms of communication so that new technology can be of service to the entire world community.

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‘New evangelization’ changing parish spirit

BY FATHER JIM SHAFER

It all began with little things noticed. Collections down a bit, a slip in attendance, a growing reluctance to volunteer, a bit of spiritual apathy, a problem recruiting people for Christ Renews His Parish weekends, a smaller RCIA group coming forth, just a number of slight indications that something was amiss in our faith community. As staff began to speak about it and share observations about it, it started to gel for me. We were in the early stages of spiritual lethargy and it was most likely growing.

As a parish we needed a shot in the arm, a boost in enthusiasm for this great gift that we have been given, our Catholic faith. I recalled that in an earlier assignment at another parish, the parish council and I noted, after three failed attempts to get lapsed Catholics in our neighborhood to return to the Church, that the real need for our parish community was for evangelization of the people already in the pew.

We were not on fire for our faith; our Eucharistic celebration was not as joyful as we knew it should be; our preaching was not where it needed to be. In short, we were the first problem. We had to begin with ourselves. Then, Jesus, the Eucharistic Lord, would use us to reach out to others.

It was time for our annual fall staff retreat. The staff planners and I settled on the theme of evangelization. We decided to use Chapter 6 of Pope John Paul II's Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in America* addressed to all the Catholic people of the United States on the encounter with the living Jesus Christ: “The Way to Conversion, Communion and Solidarity in America,” issued Jan. 22, 1999. Chapter 6 in particular is entitled “The Mission of the Church in America Today: The New Evangelization.”

Our late Holy Father was direct and succinct in his call for all of us in the Church to enter into the new evangelization, and so we as a parish staff entered into that task as we enjoyed our day of retreat. Little did we know where it would all lead, but we were open to allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us where we needed to be as leaders and servants of our parish.

Pope John Paul in this chapter first focuses on the truth that we are all — clergy, religious and laity — called to this task of new evan-

gelization. In fact, we are sent by Christ for this very purpose. “The basic task for which Jesus sends out his disciples is the proclamation of the Good News, that is, evangelization,” says the Holy Father. He continues, “As the Church's supreme pastor, I urgently desire to encourage all the members of God's people, particularly those living in America — where I first appealed for a commitment ‘new in its ardor, methods and expression’ — to take up this project and to cooperate in carrying it out.”

Our late Holy Father called on each of us to keep in mind “that the vital core of the new evangelization must be a clear and unequivocal proclamation of the person of Jesus Christ, that is, the preaching of his name, his teaching, his life, his promises and the kingdom which He has gained for us by His Paschal Mystery.”

We knew that it had to begin with us. Each of us had to enter into the wonder of this new evangelization before we could help our parishioners to enter into it. We had to allow the Good News of Jesus, the prime evangelizer, to renew us first. This personal encounter with Christ would feed our own hearts and enable us to become instruments to feed the hearts of others.

We spent time with this chapter, reflected on it personally, shared our insights and returned to the parish. We knew we had been touched by the Spirit of God and that something new and fresh was in our midst. Without saying anything to our parishioners, we began to meet at least weekly, setting aside our usual staff meeting format. We brainstormed the evangelization of our parish that would heed the call of John Paul II for something “new in its ardor, methods and expression.”

One side of the walls in our staff meeting room soon took on the look of a corporate board room — newsprint on the wall, different sheets for different kinds of activities. This all started Aug. 31, 2010, with our retreat. At the Mass closing retreat, each of us, like missionaries, received a special crucifix that we are wearing as a reminder that we preach only Jesus Christ and Him crucified and risen from the dead.

Countless meetings and sub-meetings were held. The other side of the room soon became a year-long calendar and items from one side were transferred to the other

as projects and opportunities. We teased the parish with some surprise staff encounters, events quickly labeled “Parking Lot Evangelization”: All of us passing out notices of our change in day for Adoration to our school and religious education parents as they came to pick up their kids; staff handing out Confirmation prayer cards for our confirmandi after a child and sponsor meeting; staff greeting all parishioners on two different weekends as they arrived for Mass with welcoming signs. On the feast of Christ the King, Nov. 21, 2010, at all Masses, we officially kicked off a parish Year of Evangelization, which will stretch until the feast of Christ the King, 2011. The theme for the year is “We Become What We Receive: Nourished, Transformed, Sent Forth.”

That first Sunday we unveiled our new Parish Welcome Center in the gathering area, which has already garnered a good supply of volunteers for staffing it at each weekend Mass. We installed a TV monitor in the gathering area that welcomes folks, announces parish activities and shows pictures of parish events. On Epiphany the staff was present at each Mass to pass out an Epiphany house blessing with a piece of chalk so people could bless their own homes. On the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, as the Christmas season came to an end, we passed out small candy canes with an explanation of their religious significance to everyone after Mass. There were smiles abundant!

Father Drew Curry and I have been trying to work “evangelization things” into our homilies, we sing our evangelization hymn “Table of the Lord” at most of our Masses, we close the Sunday Prayer of the Faithful with our parish evangelization prayer. We have a parish mission in the planning stages for the three days before Lent begins March 9.

Through this process we became aware that even though we call ourselves a stewardship parish, in fact only about a third or less of the current membership actually has been evangelized in stewardship by way of a formal program. So in the spring at our annual renewal of stewardship, we will have a full blown stewardship event.

Already we have noticed a change in the parish attitude or spirit. It is different than it was last year. It seems to be catching on.

Shifting religious landscape

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The rate at which Latinos are entering U.S. Catholic life is “sudden” and “dramatic,” according to the co-author of a recently published book chronicling trends in U.S. religious life.

But, said David Campbell, who co-wrote “American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us,” it is just one manifestation of a shifting U.S. religious landscape.

“Of those Catholics under 30 who were at Mass last weekend — pick any weekend — but last weekend, 60 percent of them were Latino. Sixty percent. And that group is only going to grow,” Campbell said during a luncheon organized by the Pew Research Center’s Forum on Religion and Public Life.

“Latinos are more likely to remain within the faith; they don’t intermarry as much. They hold onto their young — they also have a higher birthrate. And so those

two factors together mean that the Catholic Church is on the leading edge of the Latino-ization of America,” said Campbell, the John Cardinal O’Hara associate professor of political science and founding director of the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

“It’s an interesting story because having diverse ethnic groups within the Catholic Church — that’s nothing new. The Catholics have welcomed immigrants from around the world for generations. What’s new is that it used to be the Poles, the Lithuanians, the Italians and the Irish. And now it’s the Guatemalans and the Mexicans, and to see the interplay between those groups is interesting,” Campbell said.

“It means that of all the religious groups in America, the one group that’s most likely to report

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attending a racially diverse congregation are American Catholics. And even though there are obviously a lot of tensions and it’s not like everything’s smooth sailing, that is itself a remarkable fact and, I think, should be noted,” he added.

“American Grace” profiles several congregations, including two Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago whose ethnic focus has shifted in recent

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Discipleship requires grace



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 5:13-16

The Book of Isaiah’s third section is the source of this first weekend’s reading. Scholars believe that this section was written perhaps in Jerusalem for the Hebrew remnant that had returned from Babylon.

This would put this section of Isaiah at a date after the epic Babylonian captivity. As political fortunes turned, the Persian ruler, Cyrus, had overtaken Babylon, and his decree allowed the Jewish exiles to return to their homeland after an absence of four generations. Indeed, probably few had ever seen their homeland.

Nevertheless, release from Babylon brought utter exhilaration to the exiles. They were free to go home!

However, the opportunity was bittersweet. When the exiles reached their ancestral homeland, they found deprivation and want, conditions worse than those that they had experienced in Babylon.

In this section of the Book of Isaiah, the prophet reaffirmed God’s goodness, but the prophet also called upon his people themselves to provide for those in need. Then they would experience the fullness of vindication, the fullness of God’s promise to give them life and peace.

St. Paul’s First Epistle to the

Corinthians provides the second reading. This epistle was addressed to Christians living in Corinth, then one of the major cities of the Roman Empire. Rich and sophisticated, Corinth was a virtual center of the culture at the time.

Nearby was Athens, the very symbol of wisdom and logic. Paul had preached in Athens, not with great success.

He encountered skeptics who asked if the Christian Gospel made any sense. After all, the Gospel ran counter to every conventional pattern of thought. And, finally and most importantly for so many, the founder of Christianity, Jesus of Nazareth, had been legally executed as a common criminal and as a traitor to the empire.

In response, Paul insisted that he relied upon a source greater and more dependable than human wisdom, namely the Holy Spirit.

St. Matthew’s Gospel furnishes the last reading, a collection of two brief statements by Jesus, given in the highly descriptive but clear imagery.

In the first statement, Jesus tells the disciples that they are the “salt of the earth.” In the second, the Lord admonishes followers to be the “light of the world.” These images, salt and light, hardly are unknown today, but an ancient aspect of each of them is not known in this culture.

At the time of Jesus, salt was precious. Roman soldiers were paid in salt. (“He is not worth his salt.”) “Salary” derives from this practice. Salt also was unrefined. Dust or sand mixed with salt. The less the dust and sand, the better the salt.

Today people are accustomed to bright light at night. Darkness was a serious obstacle at the time of Jesus. Light, then, was precious in its own sense.

Jesus urges disciples to uplift

the earthly society by being “salt” and “light.”

Reflection

Gently, but deliberately, the Church is guiding us onward from its introduction of Jesus of Nazareth as son of the human Mary, and Son of God, and Redeemer of the sinful human race, as given at Christmas, Epiphany and the Feast of the Lord’s Baptism. It is challenging us to respond to Jesus.

These readings are clear. Discipleship is no mere lip service. It is the actual and intentional resembling of Christ in our daily lives.

However, and Matthew makes this clear, believers have a strength upon which to draw as they illuminate the world. It is within the grace of their faith. As disciples, they are precious. Being a disciple is demanding, but it is not impossible.

Of course, to be pure, worthy, and therefore strong as was salt free of impurities, so disciples must rid themselves of sin and fortify their Christian resolve. This is the task of Lent.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9

1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 13:16

Monday: Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,24,35 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2, 27-30 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

The new translation of the Holy Mass:

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

We continue our review of the upcoming translation changes in the Order of Mass by starting into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, which begins with the Preparation of the Gifts. When the gifts of bread and wine are placed upon the altar and raised by the priest as an offering to God, we often hear two prayers spoken aloud over each element (they can also be spoken quietly by the priest).

The current versions of these two prayers are very familiar, so it is easy to see that the differences (shown in bold) are relatively minor. The following is the new translation of the prayer spoken when the priest lifts the paten (the sacred vessel that holds the unleavened bread):

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have **received**

the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,

it will become for us the bread of life.

And this will be the new prayer at the lifting of the chalice:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

for through your goodness we have **received**

the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

The people’s response to both prayers remains, “Blessed be God for ever.”

These prayers over the bread and wine are very important, because they express the sacramental reality of the sacred liturgy. Through our human work amidst creation, we offer back to God what is already His (the new translation highlights that we first “received” these gifts from Him), and He brings it to its heavenly fulfillment. In an overarching sense, this applies to our entire Christian lives on earth. Just as the bread and wine become Christ’s Body and Blood, we look forward to our resurrection in glorified bodies (as we profess in the Creed), and also to the perfection of all creation in the heavenly Jerusalem.

After reciting a couple quiet prayers for humility and purity, the priest then washes his hands, and extends this invitation to prayer:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),

that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God,

the almighty Father.

Whereas the current translation has “our sacrifice,” the new translation is changed to “my sacrifice and yours.” This seemingly slight distinction, found in the original Latin, actually conveys the reality

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BY BRIAN MACMICHAEL

that those who are gathered offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass in different ways. The priest offers it on our behalf in a special manner, in persona Christi (in the person of Christ), by virtue of his ordination.

But those of us in the pews are not idle spectators. The Second Vatican Council’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy No. 48 says that the faithful should be “conscious” participants “by offering the Immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him, they should learn also to offer themselves.”

This call to join ourselves to the action of the priest is answered when the people stand and make the following response:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his **holy** Church.

The addition of “holy” reminds us that the Church belongs to Christ, and is founded on His grace. Afterwards comes the priest’s “Prayer over the Offerings” — part of the proper prayers that change depending on the liturgical day. Just as with the Collects at the beginning of Mass, many of these will feature richer and fuller content.

The Eucharistic Prayer itself then begins with this dialogue:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

Of the two highlighted changes, we have already seen “And with your spirit.” The phrase, “It is right and just,” is a simple rendering of the Latin, “Dignum et iustum est,” emphasizing the fact that it is fitting and fair (“just”) to give thanks to God, since He is both our Creator and Redeemer.

This dialogue is followed by the Preface, a more lengthy prayer that can vary depending on the liturgical occasion. Most Prefaces in the new translation expand upon the words of the preceding dialogue by beginning, “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks.”

Saving Sunday

Does anyone else remember quiet, peaceful Sundays when gas stations and most places of business were closed? Sundays where nobody was rushing off to a child's basketball or soccer game? Sundays when the day was a relaxing experience where spontaneously relatives visited or an outing happened? Sundays where family members, even if they didn't go anywhere, used the day to lighten up, calm down, recharge, relax and read or visit leisurely with others after Mass? Sundays where God was actually put first? What has happened? And why?

I was talking to a mom of four last week. She has to work (at an occupation she doesn't particularly like) in order to afford Catholic school for her children. She does a crazy good job of getting everyone out the door to school in the morning, then herself off to work. She puts in a full day in a strenuous environment then picks up her children, helps with homework, drives the kids to sports practice and throws something together for dinner ... then she gets up the next day and does it all over again.

Saturdays are for laundry, cleaning, maintenance and going to her children's sports games. But the school sports schedule includes Sunday games too. The mom confided to me that the Sunday games are the proverbial straw that breaks the camel's back. She's exhausted. She can't fit in seeing Grandma. Her kids had six games last weekend; three of those games were on Sunday. Even with a helpful husband, she said it's like running a marathon, and losing. She said she wants, no, needs Sunday — just one day a week to herself, her family and her God.

I know why they do it. I know

why the organizers try to squeeze their events in on Sundays. It's because "everyone is home on Sundays." It's like the last blank spot on the calendar, the final shot for coaches or club organizers or administrators to utilize and be efficient. But at what cost? I think it's at the family's detriment.

A high school might schedule a dance on a Sunday because the next day is a holiday — President's Day or Martin Luther King Junior Day, let's say. It's a day off and the school wants to utilize it. That's understandable. But do you know what? Maybe families want to utilize it too. Maybe families want to use the long weekend to visit their college-aged kids with the younger ones in tow, or accomplish a fun or charitable project together.

Stress is introduced between child and parent when they are forced to choose between activities. Maybe the family would benefit, after a busy week, from sitting around the table after a big, leisurely Sunday dinner and playing a board game, or charades, or popping in the car to go visit Grandma, but can't because there's a National Honor Society induction that evening.

We really need to preserve Sundays for families. Imagine a Sunday where after Mass a family did not experience imposed outside obligations. Imagine if the members chose to spend it together in a common activity, maybe even a parish activity of their choosing. Imagine the bridges that could be built, the conversations that could be had, the ideas that could be exchanged, the fun that could be experienced, the bonds that could be forged and strengthened and nurtured. Imagine the home-cooked meals that would be



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more likely, the pitching in to clean up together unhurried, rather than rushing out. Imagine how much happier the grandparents would be because they could actually see their grandchildren for an entire afternoon. Perhaps the family rosary would flourish once again if the family had some time together.

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI visited Austria, and there exhorted Christians to keep Sundays holy. The Holy Father urged Christians to set aside Sundays to devote themselves to Christ's teachings and "create oases of selfless love." He further stated, "Give the soul its Sunday and give Sunday its soul." Yes! Oh yes! He continued, "We need ... relationship that sustains us, that gives direction and content to our lives."

We must evaluate whether our current Sunday activities help sustain us, give us direction and content to our lives. Are the activities faith-building and family-enriching or simply an extension of the rest of the week? Sundays need to be different. Sundays need to be for faith and family. Everything else should wait.

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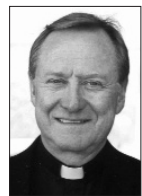
Present day Acre visited by many

Where is Ptolemais where St. Paul spent the day with his fellow Christians?

Ptolemais is a seaport city in Israel across the bay from Haifa on the Mediterranean Sea with a population of about 35,000. It offers light industries, steel rolling mills and fishing. Ptolemais is now called Acre or Akko. Baedecker says in 1104 the Catholic Crusaders captured Acre and named the city St. Jean d'Acre.

The Crusaders built a palace at Acre and the mighty vaults of the crypt of the Knights of St. John. St. Francis of Assisi visited Acre in 1291 and founded a nunnery there. The emperor Frederick II and the French King Louis IX visited Acre during the Crusader period. In 1290 the Crusaders slaughtered large numbers of Moslems. The Moslem Mameluke took revenge and after 200 years of existence, the Crusader state came to a bloody end.

Pope Paul VI visited Acre in 1964. Before this, Pope Gregory X,



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while still a layman, visited Acre on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1271. In ancient times, Julius Caesar visited Acre in 47 B.C. And Acre's first known Christian bishop was Clarus in 190.

Baedecker mentions some of the sights in Acre. There is the city wall erected in the 18th century. There is the Ahmed Jezzar mosque, the largest of the four mosques in Acre. It was built in 1781 on the site of the Catholic Crusader cathedral. There is a beautiful fountain at the entrance to the courtyard. Under the palm trees stands the sarcophagus of Ahmed. Opposite this mosque is a

massive complex of buildings erected by the Knights of St. John called the Crusader city. Seven halls have been uncovered, presumably corresponding to the seven divisions of the Order. One of them is now a concert hall.

In this complex, is the refectory, a rectangular room with three massive round pillars. From the refectory you can travel through an illuminated subterranean passage that was used by the Crusaders as a secret link to the port. At this exit is what used to be the Pilgrims' Hospital. It is now an Arab school. At Acre, is also a city museum, the lighthouse and the sea wall. Near here is an 18th century citadel eventually used as a prison.

In Acre is a small Franciscan nunnery. Here stood the nunnery of the Poor Clares that St. Francis of Assisi founded in 1219. There is also a Church of St. John at Acre, as well as a Maronite church, the Greek Catholic Church of St. Andrew and the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for February 6, 2011

Matthew 5:13-16

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: lessons about bringing flavor, life and light. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SALT	THE EARTH	TASTE
NO LONGER	GOOD	TRAMPLED
UNDERFOOT	LIGHT	WORLD
A CITY	BE HID	UNDER
BUSHEL	BASKET	LAMPSTAND
IT GIVES	TO ALL	HOUSE
SHINE	BEFORE OTHERS	FATHER

ON A STAND

B U S H E L L A O T N
L E H R E G N O L O N A
A T F A T H E R O J O N
M S W O R L D F E L L A
P A J O R L R C H O D T
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decades from European to Latin American.

"You find that Americans in the 1950s said, 'Yeah, religion has a huge influence in our society.' But then by the time you hit the '60s, that drops off dramatically, and it correlates very tightly with all of these other changes, particularly those related to sexual beliefs and attitudes, and customs and practices in the United States," Campbell said.

"That's the shock. But it was followed by two aftershocks," he noted. The first is that "throughout the 1970s, all the way through the mid-1990s, we see a growth in evangelical Protestantism."

The second, Campbell said, "consisted of a dramatically increasing percentage of Americans who report, when asked, that they have no religious affiliation." Tallied at 5 percent a generation ago, that cohort has more than tripled in size to 17 percent, according to the Pew surveys.

Campbell noted the paradoxes in American society's attitudes about religion, including its political spillover.

"The two parties have fallen into a way that they talk about religion. Maybe a better way to

put it is that the Republicans have a way they talk about religion and a way they exploit religiously oriented issues," he said.

"If I know that you are a grace-sayer on a regular basis" — 44 percent in the Pew survey reported saying grace daily or more often, while 46 percent said it only occasionally or never — "I actually know a lot about you," Campbell added.

"I can probably predict how you vote," he continued. "I can probably predict where you land on the political spectrum, and I can predict a lot of things about what you believe and what you might even do in your life. This is a pretty useful indicator of the level of an individual's own religiosity."

As a result, "we have, now, a polarized religious environment in the United States because we've seen a growth in conservative religion. That growth has largely stopped and it's begun to decrease a little bit, but it's still a sizable fraction of the American population," he said.

One seeming contradiction among young people, who are least likely to claim denominational affiliations, is that "young people today are actually more likely to be pro-life or at least ambivalent about abortion than are their parents' generation," Campbell asserted, adding "there will be an opening for political entrepreneurs to come in and construct a new coalition."

Sports

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE SAINTS STUN CONFERENCE LEADER JUDSON Taylor Williams of South Bend recorded his fifth double-double of the season and the Holy Cross College Saints stunned the visiting Eagles of Judson University Jan. 29 at the Pfeil Center. The Saints were able to hit their free throws down the final stretch and keep the Eagles off the scoreboard as they knocked off the conference leader 60-56.

After 30-year rewarding run, Coach Sorg to leave CYO basketball

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — A longtime friend to Catholic Youth League (CYO) basketball will be hanging up his whistle after the upcoming 2011 boys' tournament.

St. Aloysius (St. Al's) coach Tony Sorg, has seen a good many of the tournaments over the years, both as a coach and a player. Sorg graduated from St. Aloysius in 1972 after playing for the Gators. He went on to Wayne High School where he played football and ran track. After high school, Sorg worked construction and started farming.

Sometime in the early 1980s, he began coaching nieces and nephews back at St. Aloysius and has served many roles with both the boys' and girls' teams as assistant or head coach over the years. While Sorg is not sure what year he began helping out with Gator teams, his wife, Leigh knows he was on the court before they were married in 1983. Sorg went on to work in the carpenter shop with Fort Wayne Community Schools where he has stayed for the past 21 years while continuing to farm.

When asked about highlights during his career, Sorg replied, "It is always great to make it to the championship game of the CYO tournament."

The Sorgs have four sons: Tyler, Kyle, Eric and A.J. The year Kyle was in eighth grade and Eric was in seventh,

Sorg's team won both the CYO title and the diocesan title. Now that the youngest, A.J., is an eighth grader, Sorg will be calling it quits after a rewarding run.

Sorg summarized: "The best part and most fun have been being able to coach all four of my own boys."

This year, St. Aloysius returned just two players with any varsity experience and lists only eight players total on their roster: four eighth-graders, one seventh-grader and three sixth-



St. Aloysius Coach Tony Sorg on the bench during his final season after nearly 30 years of CYO basketball.

graders. Although Sorg's inexperienced group has been winless in league play this season, his Gators fight hard.

"They are really a good group to work with and are very coachable," Sorg said. "It is a struggle in practice when the sixth graders have a game and are not there. We are left with five players. Fortunately, my older boys and several former players have stepped up and helped out."

The team fell to Most Precious Blood, 45-31, on Saturday, Jan. 29, after leading 10-6 early on.

Sorg explained, "Without a lot of depth, we seem to run out of gas during the games and can't

quite get over the top, but the boys have played tough all season long."

ICCL Kings fulfill their expectations

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Christ the King's girls' basketball team has expected to win for years. Now the Kings are fulfilling their expectations, and raising them as well.

"Our ultimate goal is winning the ICCL championship," says Christ the King Coach Brent Imus. "These girls have all worked hard to develop themselves, and we believe that this is the year that it will all pay off."

That definitely showed last Friday night as the Kings raised their record to 3-0 on the young season with a 30-16 triumph over Holy Cross on the Crusaders' home floor. The Kings used a suffocating defense to take a commanding lead early and held off a couple Holy Cross runs later in the game.

"Our strength has always been good team defense, and most of the girls have played in our system for three years leading up to eighth grade," commented Imus. "Over our first three games, we have done a great job of making teams earn their points from the outside, or at the free throw line."

The backcourt duo of Lucy Presnal and Shannon Hendricks proved to be a powerful 1-2 punch for the Kings in the win over Holy Cross. Presnal led the way with 11 points, while Hendricks tossed in

10. Point guard Paige Douglas paced Holy Cross with 8.

Even though, it's early in the season, Imus senses there's something special about his squad.

"You cannot coach unselfishness with the basketball, and we have that," remarks the Kings' mentor. "You cannot coach heart and effort, and we have that. You cannot coach a love for the game and the desire to put the team first, and we definitely have that."

Christ the King has plenty of company at the top so far.

St. Joseph, South Bend, became the first 4-0 team over the weekend, defeating Corpus Christi and Holy Cross. Michelle

Weaver had 19 points in the win over the Cougars.

St. Pius X remained unbeaten as well, knocking off Holy Family, 23-4. St. Pius and St. Joseph, South Bend, square off in next Sunday's headliner.

The most exciting game of last weekend's action may have been the Saturday clash between Corpus Christi and St. Matthew. The Cougars rallied from an 8-point deficit to win in overtime, 37-32. Sam Kambol's free throw with seven seconds remaining forced the extra session. Kambol finished with 10 points, while Rachel Cole led Corpus with 17. Bri Martens paced the Blazers with 10.

For a complete list of the weekend's scores, go online to www.icclsports.org.



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ICCL unites in prayer for health of St. Joseph Coach Jeff Jankowski

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA — A dark cloud fell over the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) this week as St. Joseph (South Bend) Coach Jeff Jankowski lay in a nearby hospital clinging to life.

Jankowski, who had been a ray of bright light to all the athletes that had the privilege of his mentoring, the coaches that competed with him, and, as he would attest, the unfortunate referees that called his games, was the focus of the league on this day.

"The league in its entirety has Jeff and his family in our hearts and in our prayers," solemnly remarked Tony Violi, ICCL president. "We can only hope that he can someday return to the sidelines with his flair and determination that embraced his personality."

Though not as big a battle that the Jankowski's were enduring, the matchups on the hardwood would pit St. Martin DePorres West front running Corpus Christi against the Bulldogs of Our Lady of Hungary, just one game back.

The Cougars started the game using an inside-outside attack that exposed the interior defense of Our Lady of Hungary as the Bulldogs employed three-pronged dribble penetration arsenal consisting of guards — Boniface Mugaro, Mikal Henderson and Tyler Schweis — that would try to exploit the Corpus Christi man to man.

Corpus Christi jumped out to a 16-7 first-quarter lead as there big

men Grant Bognar and Nick Wawrzyniak controlled the glass and kept the upstart Bulldogs from getting to the rim.

The Cougars extended their lead to 14 but as is their custom, the Bulldogs would fight valiantly back with a 6-0 run to cut the deficit. Corpus Christi took the shot from Our Lady and after a well-placed time-out the Cougars had a run of their own setting the score at the half, 27-13.

The Bulldogs came out of the locker room with a different game plan to start the second stanza. They deployed a hard full-court

press and a pressure man-to-man defense that would cut the

deficit in half just three minutes in.

Again, the Cougars of Corpus Christi would respond and inch the margin to nine despite the

scoring of lefty Schweis ending the third quarter with the title on the line.

Henderson and Mugaro attacked the basket with full force again cutting the point spread to five with just 2:22 left to play but guard Dominic Farro and his 14 points would hold off the Bulldog defense and capture the crown for the Cougars with one weekend left on the schedule.

"Our kids knew that this was a big game, but we tried to deflect pressure from them in practices this week," explained Corpus Christi Coach Mike Kelley. "Our big guys played well, but I was so confident that our four ball handlers would be able to come through and control the basketball and limit turnovers."

"We had a very good week in practice, we had played Corpus

Christi at Christmas time and they played zone, we prepared for that, the only problem was they played man to man," remarked Bulldog skipper Jake Domonos. "We adjusted in the second half and we feel that we are going to be playing our best basketball come tournament time."

In other action from the St. Martin DePorres Division, St. John the Baptist held off the Falcons of St. Jude, 40-23, behind 13 point scorers, Jullian Collier and Max Harrison, and despite the 10 netted by Chris Bayers.

Michael Voor's 14 lead St. Bavo past St. Monica and Joe Molnar's 12 by a 47-19 margin.

The Wildcats of St. Joseph (Mishawaka) kept pace with the Panthers by defeating Queen of Peace, 32-16, behind Will Whiten's 13.

In the St. John Bosco Division, despite the courageous fight by the Eagle of St. Joseph (South Bend), the Crusaders of Holy Cross prevailed, 40-34, behind Mark Madden's 16 and Wes Short's 12. Camden Bohn tossed in 14 in the loss.

Christ the King won setting up a division show down next Sunday for the West title by beating Holy Family, 42-15, with Jake Matthews scoring 11 points.

St. Thomas and Ryan Schafer's 23, held back the upset attempt by Nate Bonk's 11 and the black- and-orange-clad Blazers of St. Matthew.

The East Division was decided as undefeated St. Anthony and 12 points by Oliver Page beat the Lions of St. Pius, 26-18.

The final weekend of the regular season will take place at both Marian and Saint Joseph's high schools with two division crowns still to be determined.



Saint Joseph's wins South Bend swim title

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — For the first time in school history, Saint Joseph's High School won the South Bend City Meet boys swimming championship Saturday at Riley High School.

The Indians ended Riley's 21-year stranglehold on the title, thanks in large part to the Carroll brothers, Tony and Trevor. Each Carroll posted four first-place finishes as the Indians accumulated 422 points compared to 388.5 for second-place Riley.

"This is a big deal," stated a jubilant Saint Joe Coach Tony Kowals afterwards. "Our guys

swam well. We're really proud of this, but these guys are going back to work. We have other goals to accomplish."

Sophomore Trevor Carroll set a new meet record in the 200-meter freestyle, posting a time of 1:43.86. That beat by two seconds the previous standard that had stood for 14 years.

Senior Tony Carroll participated in two winning relays, while also repeating as champion in the 100-meter backstroke.

Other individual champions for Saint Joseph's included Luke Fifer (50 freestyle), Tom Polega (100 butterfly) and freshman Chris Bals (100 breaststroke).

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Concert highlights 10th anniversary celebration

Huntington — Victory Noll Center will commemorate its 10th anniversary with "An Evening with the Pipes" on Saturday, Feb. 12, featuring a pipe organ concert in the Our Lady of Victory Chapel at 6:30 p.m. with a reception including hors d'oeuvres and drinks. At 8 p.m. the concert will begin. Tickets are \$25 per person. Register by Feb. 5 at (260) 356-6104, ext. 174, or by e-mail at victorynollcenter@olvm.org.

NFP classes offered

Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer Natural Family Planning classes starting Sunday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register call (260) 489-1856 or e-mail ronshannon@frontier.com.

Holy Half Marathon planned

Notre Dame — Registration is now live for the Holy Half Marathon at the University of Notre Dame on Sunday, April 10. It is a two-loop, 13.1 mile course around the campus. All race pro-

ceeds benefit the Center for the Homeless, Michiana Down Syndrome and St. Adalbert Elementary. All runners will receive a race T-shirt. Register at nd.edu/~holylhalf for \$35.

Simple Living raffle announced

Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent de Paul Society's annual "Simple Living" raffle began Feb. 1 and will culminate in a Mardi Gras Raffle drawing party Tuesday, March 8. Local music Blammo will provide entertainment at Club Landing. Raffle and event tickets are available from thrift stores, local conferences or the district council. Visit www.saintvincent-in.org, e-mail laura.baker@saintvincent-in.org or call (260) 234-6000.

Breakfast to benefit drama club

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570 will have a breakfast for the benefit of the Holy Family School Drama Club on Sunday, Feb. 13, in the school cafeteria from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 6-12.

Trivia night and silent auction

Bristol — St. Mary Parish will have a trivia night and silent auction to benefit their World Youth Day participants on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Father Bob Lengerich is emcee. Tickets are \$100/table of 10 or \$10/person. Call Karen Swick (574) 262-8773, Mary Stutzman (574) 264-2706 or Lisa Dawson (574) 264-3157 for information.

St. Vincent plans Trivia Night

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will have a Trivia Night Saturday, Feb. 19, at the parish. Tables of 10 are \$100. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games beginning at 7 p.m. Bring food and drink for your table. Call (260) 489-3537 for information.

Winter homecoming

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers will have a winter homecoming alumni event after the Feb. 18 boys varsity basketball game. Live music by Gene Donnelly, II, will provide entertainment in the cafe. All alumni are welcome.

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Franciscan Father Roch J. Niemier dies at 71

Born on Feb. 15, 1939 in South Bend to Aloysius and Lottie, Father Niemier attended St. Casimir School as a child.

Father Niemier was ordained into the priesthood by Franciscan Father Rembert Kowalski after which he served as assistant retreat director at Our Lady of Lourdes Friary in Cedar Lake, Ind. and later minister of formation of future friars.

Father Niemier died on Dec. 31, 2010 in Milwaukee. He is survived by a brother, Aloysius Niemier and his wife Carol of South Bend, and a sister, Stella Niemier of South Milwaukee, Wis. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Sister M. Jude Niemier.

A Mass of Christian burial took place on Jan. 4 at St. Clare Parish, Wind Lake, Wis., with interment in Provincial Cemetery, Pulaski, Wis.

Crosier Father Richard T. 'Dick' John dies

Crosier Father Richard T. John was born in 1921, in Long Prairie, Minn., and was ordained to the priesthood as a Crosier in 1946, in Hastings, Neb. Father John earned a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Notre Dame.

The funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Crosier Priory Church in Onamia, Minn., with burial in the Priory cemetery.

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BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection: "The Gift of Peace," by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

REVIEWED BY KAY COZAD

"The Gift of Peace" by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, (Image Books, Doubleday Publishing, ISBN: 0-385-49434-3, \$11), is *Today's Catholic's* choice for this month's reading. It is 153 pages of personal reflections shared by this renown church leader and author on the events of the final three years of his life.

If you didn't already know about the workings of Cardinal Bernardin's heart before reading "The Gift of Peace," you will get a sense of the deep abiding love of God and humanity, and purposeful thinking this man displayed during his lifetime. The cardinal's trust in the presence of God in the joys and challenges of his life informed his every action.

According to the publisher, Cardinal Bernardin took great pride in his penmanship and personally hand wrote countless notes to people all over the world. To connect with his readers on this most important personal note, the cardinal chose to hand write the title, introductory letter and chapter titles of his book. This was a man of heartfelt detail.

The book opens with the introduction titled, "Letting Go," which unfolds as the predominant theme throughout the text. "By letting go," Cardinal Bernardin wrote, "I mean the ability to release from our grasp those things that inhibit us from developing an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus." This letting go is never easy, he said, and is a life long process.

Cardinal Bernardin's insights into his personal struggles with letting go in adverse situations are chronicled in each of the four parts that embody the book with personal details. Part One describes the bewildering maelstrom that required intense patience, trust and media communication

when the cardinal found himself falsely accused of sexual abuse. In his fight to be understood, Cardinal Bernardin "emptied himself" and let Jesus come in. And in the loneliness of his suffering he identified with the suffering of Christ. Following his heart and the Gospel, the cardinal told the truth and eventually reconciled with his accuser. It was the first gift of peace.

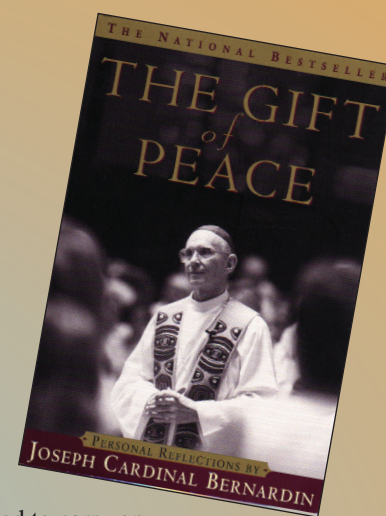
Parts Two and Three recount the cardinal's diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic cancer and the ministry that evolved from his experience. Through the turn of events precipitated by his declining health, the cardinal focused even more on Jesus and His redemptive suffering. Again his honesty with the media worked in his favor as he strove to continue his ministry as archbishop of Chicago. And his honest insight into prayer during illness unveiled the very humanity of this learned man. Pray, he advised, while you are well, because it may be too painful to pray when you are ill.

Cardinal Bernardin continued his walk with Christ during his illness by living out his own ministerial advice to the masses — empty yourself and let God's love enter. The cardinal spent much of his time in the hospital during treatments following what he felt God was calling him to — reaching out to other cancer patients in their need. He continued this ministry by sending handwritten notes upon his release in an effort to bring these people closer to God. As he prayed for strength to accomplish his new ministry, he again received the gift of peace.

The final chapters of this insightful tome reflect upon Cardinal Bernardin's acceptance of his terminal diagnosis even after his hopeful remission, and his spiritual and literal "letting go." He felt, once again, that God was providing

yet another opportunity to empty himself and offer others God's gift of peace. Determined to carry on his healthcare advocacy and cancer patient ministry, Cardinal Bernardin saw his inevitable death as a friend. And though he continued to participate in programs and meetings, he remained a man of the people, even participating in a special anointing of the sick, this time as one of many in need. He wrote, "It was a deeply spiritual experience for me." Cardinal Bernardin died on Nov. 14, 1996, receiving his final gift of peace.

"The Gift of Peace" by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin is an inspiring book about a man seeking God at every turn. Though it may leave you wanting to know more about this Church leader's life, his message is clear — let God into your heart and you will find peace.



Reflection questions

- When have you been wrongly accused? How does your response to your own situation compare to that of Cardinal Bernardin? Did you find the gift of peace?
- Cardinal Bernardin reached out to others who were ill to share his peace, even as he was undergoing treatment for cancer. How does ministering to others bring peace to you?
- Cardinal Bernardin wrote of letting go and letting God. What does that mean to you? How do you live that in your life?

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