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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Light of Learning luncheons pay tribute to teachers, administrators

BY TIM JOHNSON



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades shares a light-hearted moment with James K. Fitzpatrick, senior vice president and chief development officer of Quality Dining, Inc. as he purchases a You Can Lend a Hand coupon book. The You Can Lend a Hand fundraising program has raised \$8.2 million for area Catholic schools.

FORT WAYNE, SOUTH BEND — Forty-one educators from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend received the Light of Learning Award last week at luncheons in Fort Wayne and South Bend. Quality Dining, Inc., of Mishawaka, hosts the annual events to demonstrate its continued commitment to area Catholic schools and Catholic education.

Catholic Schools Superintendent Dr. Mark Myers spoke of the School Choice Scholarships that may offer opportunities for Catholic schools. He encouraged the Catholic community to write to legislators in the Indiana Statehouse to pass the bill.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades served as the keynote speaker at both events and purchased the You Can Lend A Hand coupon book, a fundraiser of Quality Dining, Inc., that has raised over \$8.2 million for Catholic schools in the diocese and Western Michigan through the years. For \$3, each booklet, sold by Catholic school students, offers \$95 worth of coupons and discounts for restaurants such as Burger King, Chili's and Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen and sporting activities, depending on location.

Bishop Rhoades, in his keynote address, spoke of the Catholic education as a noble task.

"Through our schools, we form new generations in the knowledge of the faith and we teach what it

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iPhone confession app 'no substitute' for sacrament

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Vatican official said a new iPhone application can help Catholics prepare for Confession, but cannot substitute for the sacramental encounter between a penitent and a priest.

"Confession: A Roman Catholic App" for Apple's iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch was recently released as a way for Catholics to prepare for and participate in the Sacrament of Penance. Some recent press reports, however, have suggested that the application could replace in-person Confession.

"It's essential to understand that the Sacrament of Penance requires a personal dialogue between the penitent and the con-

fessor, and absolution by the confessor who is present," Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, told reporters.

"This is something that cannot be replaced by any application. One cannot speak of a 'confession via iPhone,'" he said.

Father Lombardi said the new application could be useful in helping people make an examination of conscience. In the past, he noted, Catholics would sometimes use written questions and answers to prepare for confession, and that's something that could be done today with the aid of a digital device.

The application, developed by a small firm in Indiana, is based on the Ten Commandments. It was designed in part for people who have been away from the church and want the opportunity to go to confession.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VATICAN RADIO



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A bust of Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of radio, is seen Feb. 10 during the opening of an exhibit at the Vatican Museums celebrating the 80th anniversary of Vatican Radio. Marconi collaborated with the Vatican to build its first radio broadcasting station.

Bishop Rhoades addresses this topic in his column. See page 2.

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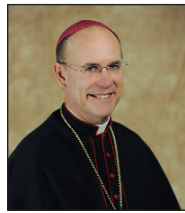
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iPhone Application and Confession



IN TRUTH
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CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

When I gave the imprimatur for the text of the iPhone application created by three faith-filled young men in South Bend on preparing for confession, I did not know that this was the first time a bishop had given an imprimatur for material on an app. I also did not anticipate the huge response by the media. Last week was quite a week as we received calls and messages from media throughout the world.

Part of the reason for all the attention was that some media sources erroneously reported or suggested that the app allowed one to go to confession via iPhone. That certainly is not possible and it was more than puzzling that anyone would think that the application could replace in-person confession. Nothing on the app would suggest such a thing. It is meant to help penitents prepare for confession. These false press reports sowed some unnecessary confusion.

Father Federico Lombardi, the spokesman for the Vatican, explained to reporters, as I have done, that one cannot go to confession via iPhone. He explained that the new application can be useful in helping people make an examination of conscience. It can help people to prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation. I commend the creators of the app for their work and creativity. I am hearing from people around the world how helpful this app is for them, especially young



The new app available for download to an iPhone, iPad or an iPod Touch is available at the Apple App Store for \$1.99. It was developed in South Bend.

people who are engaged in this newer technology.

Perhaps all the publicity generated is a very positive thing since it has people talking about the sacrament of Penance. The interest in, and popularity of the new app shows that many are open to learning more about this great sacrament and are seeking help in preparing for confession.

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could replace in-person confession.

This week I was reminded of the words of Pope Benedict at the Mass he celebrated at Nationals Stadium in Washington, D.C., in 2008. Speaking of the sacrament of Penance, he said: "The liberating power of this sacrament, in which our honest confession of sin is met by God's merciful word of pardon and peace, needs to be rediscovered and reappropriated by every Catholic. To a great extent, the renewal of the Church in America and throughout the world depends on the renewal of the practice of Penance and the growth in holiness which

that sacrament both inspires and accomplishes." I pray that the new app, developed here in our diocese by three fine young people, with the assistance of two of our priests, will contribute to this renewal which our Holy Father encouraged.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we will hear the words of Jesus: "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." The Lord calls us to holiness. In order to reach this perfection, to grow in holiness, we need the Lord's grace. We need the Holy Spirit to give us grace for repentance and conversion. Jesus gives us the wonderful sacrament of Penance for the forgiveness of our sins. It restores us to God's grace. It revitalizes our hearts and souls so that we can grow in holiness.

Christ personally addresses us every time we go to confession. Through the priest, he says to us "your sins are forgiven." This happens in a personal dialogue with the priest who acts "in the person of Christ" as he hears our confession and imparts absolution. This is something deeply personal and cannot be done through an iPhone!

We receive spiritual strength every time we receive the sacrament of Penance. I encourage all to go to confession regularly. If you need help to prepare, you may want to check out the new app!

World Youth Day in Madrid announces Pope Benedict XVI's August 18-21 schedule

BY SARA ANGLE

ROME (CNS) — When Pope Benedict XVI travels to Madrid for World Youth Day in August, he will hold special meetings with young university professors and with young religious sisters.

In early February, organizers of World Youth Day 2011 published what they said was the pope's "entire agenda" for his Aug. 18-21 trip to Spain.

WYD will begin Aug. 16, before the pope arrives; many of

the events will take place near Madrid's central Plaza de Cibeles and at the Cuatro Vientos Air Base, organizers said.

The pope will arrive at the Barajas airport Aug. 18, where he will be greeted by the king and queen of Spain, they said. The usual welcoming ceremony with youths from around the world will take place that evening in the Plaza de Cibeles.

While much of the schedule repeats standard World Youth Day events, a couple of new appointments have been added to the

pope's schedule, the organizers said.

On his second day in Spain, Aug. 19, the pope will meet young religious sisters at the Monastery of El Escorial, about 27 miles north of Madrid. Afterward, he will meet about 2,000 young university professors there.

In what has become a standard World Youth Day appointment, Pope Benedict will celebrate Mass Aug. 20 with seminarians in La Almudena cathedral.

Also on the papal agenda is a visit with a delegation of disabled

persons participating in World Youth Day and with residents at a center for those with handicapping conditions.

In addition, the organizers said, Pope Benedict will be present in the Plaza de Cibeles Aug. 19 for the beginning of the Stations of the Cross, which will be spaced out over just under a mile of a main Madrid street. Each station will be focused on one of 14 statues contributed from 10 different cities across Spain. The statues normally are seen only during Holy Week.

Many possible political, economic paths seen for post-Mubarak Egypt

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After the 18-day “revolution” of public protests that toppled Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Feb. 11, the path ahead for the nation is a blank slate, with a wide range of political and economic paths possible, according to an expert on Egypt at the University of Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

As news was still getting out about Mubarak’s resignation, Patrick Mason, research associate professor at the institute and its “Contending Modernities” program, told Catholic News Service he thinks that Egypt’s way forward will be a form of civic nationalism that transcends ethnic, religious or other cultural identities.

The tone set during the weeks of protests in Tahrir Square in Cairo and in other locales was one of cross-differences collaboration, where the unifying point among the tens of thousands of activists was that of being Egyptian, not whether one was Muslim, Christian, Arab or some other type of identification, Mason observed.

That is a hopeful sign for the country’s beleaguered Coptic Christian minority, said Mason. Scenes from the protests of Christians forming a human shield between praying Muslims in the square and outsiders who might have tried to interfere, and of Muslims creating a protective ring around churches where Christians were praying inspired confidence that treatment of religious minorities can improve under a new government, he said.

At 10 percent of the population, Christians in Egypt have long faced discrimination and harassment.

A bomb attack on a Coptic Orthodox church in Alexandria Jan. 31 left 23 dead and 97 injured. Mason noted that Muslim leaders were quick to decry the incident and made a conspicuous effort of protecting the church and its people at Christmas celebrations Jan. 7.

Religious leaders did not play a significant role in the protest campaign, according to Mason, and he said he wouldn’t expect them to be deeply involved in shaping a new government. Sheik Ali Gomaa, the grand mufti of Egypt, issued a statement supporting the protesters, but Mason said he otherwise apparently didn’t participate in the events.

A Coptic Christian leader urged the protesters to go home, he said.

“They have been tentative and cautious,” Mason said, “not at the forefront of the protests.”

The young people of Egypt feel allegiance to their religious leaders as part of their faith and society, he said, but that doesn’t extend to believing they should have political power.



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Anti-government protesters celebrate atop a tank in Tahrir Square after the announcement in Cairo of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak’s resignation Feb. 11. Egypt’s Vice President Omar Suleiman said Mubarak had bowed to pressure from demonstrators in the streets and resigned, handing power to the army.

Top religious leaders, particularly Muslims, have been closely associated with the institutions of the state, Mason said. Given those affiliations and the grass-roots nature of the protests, he said he’d expect religious leaders to be minor participants in reshaping the government.

Mason, who taught at American University in Cairo from 2007 to 2009, said he was personally very inspired by the news out of Egypt, but that such events were inconceivable when he was there.

In those days, he said, “I was very encouraged by my students,” and their aspirations for their country, although they were tremendously dissatisfied with the current situation and felt powerless to do anything about it. They looked forward to an end of repression and opening of society, but the notion of accomplishing that was inconceivable, he said.

The details of how Mubarak was finally persuaded to step down and exactly what role the country’s military would have were as yet unclear. Mason noted that Egypt’s military has long been a part of the status quo and its complex web of interests — it controls factories, hotels and other businesses and its leaders are well entrenched in the country’s elite.

Within a couple of hours of the announcement by Vice President Omar Suleiman that Mubarak had handed over power to the military, a spokesman for the military said the armed forces would not act as a substitute for legitimate government. The announcement said steps would be announced soon explaining what steps would be taken to make the governing changes the people demanded.

Another professor with an eye on Egypt, Ghada Talhami, a Palestinian-born professor of politics at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill., said she was surprised at Mubarak’s exit. “I expected it to drag on until September,” the end

of Mubarak’s term in office.

With Mubarak gone, said Talhami, who has published four books on Egypt, “there is hope for Gaza, definitely.” The Gaza Strip is nestled between Egypt and Israel, and Israel has blockaded many basic supplies from reaching Gaza for the past year. A blockade-busting supply convoy was attacked by Israeli commandos last May, with nine killed.

Talhami said Egypt’s change in leadership may make it possible “for Egypt to play a larger role in bringing the Israelis and the Palestinians together. The Egyptians have acted under Mubarak as if they had no leverage in this situation.”

It would be best if Egyptians, who protested en masse for more than two weeks, were to “go back to the everyday business of normal living,” Talhami said. She added that needed reforms included dismantling the Egyptian parliament, allowing all political groups to form and run for office, and setting an election date.

Reese Erlich, author of “Conversations With Terrorists: Middle East Leaders on Politics, Violence and Empire,” said Egypt could be “a shining example of democracy in the region.”

Changes also may lie ahead for the region’s relations with the United States, he said.

Egypt, Lebanon, Tunisia, Yemen and Jordan are nations where new leaders may shun the current model of U.S. alliances, he said.

“Not that they’re going to be run by extremists,” Erlich said, but discontent with U.S.-backed Egyptian-Israeli relations was one element that sparked the discontent in Cairo.

Contributing to this story was Mark Pattison.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Tuesday, Feb. 22, 12 p.m. — Meeting of Council of Teachers, Ramada Plaza, Warsaw
- Tuesday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan School Board, Ramada Plaza, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Feb. 23, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
- Thursday, Feb. 24, 7:30 a.m. — Speech at Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, Visitors’ Center, Bluffton
- Friday, Feb. 25, 5 p.m. — Mass for 50th anniversary of Opus Dei Center in South Bend
- Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. — Mass at “Panis Vitae” Retreat, Marian High School, Mishawaka
- Saturday, Feb. 26, 4 p.m. — Mass at St. Hedwig Church, South Bend

Vatican statistics show overall increase in number of priests

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The number of Catholic priests in the world has increased consistently over the past decade and the “relative superabundance” of priests in Europe and North America has begun to attenuate, the Vatican said.

The “relative superabundance” refers to the percentage of the world’s priests who live in Europe and North America compared to the percentage of the world’s Catholics who live there.

Anticipating some of the figures that would be released in the Statistical Yearbook of the Church later in February, the Vatican newspaper said that

in 1999, just more than 15 percent of the world’s priests lived and ministered in Central and South America while 42.4 percent of the world’s Catholics lived there. At the end of 2009, the percentage had changed slightly: Latin America had 17.3 percent of the priests and 42.2 percent of the world’s Catholics.

L’Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, published its article Feb. 10 with a small selection of statistics from the yearbook reporting worldwide Church figures as of Dec. 31, 2009.

The newspaper article focused on the statistics’ demonstration of 10 years of steady growth in the number of Catholic priests in the world. A more complete set of statistics was expected to be

released when the Vatican had finished printing the yearbook.

The Vatican reported an increase of 809 priests during the 2009 calendar year and an increase of close to 5,600 priests between 1999 and 2009, the newspaper said.

The overall increase came despite the continuing steep decline in the number of religious-order priests, it reported.

Of the 410,593 priests in the world reported at the end of 2009, the Vatican said 275,542 were diocesan priests and 135,051 were members of religious orders. Ten years earlier, there were only 265,012 diocesan priests, but there were 139,997 religious order priests, the Vatican said.

The worldwide increase, however, did not mean the number of priests increased on every continent, the newspaper reported. In North America, the number of diocesan clergy decreased 7 percent and the number of religious clergy fell by 21 percent, it said.

The uneven distribution of priests in the world is still remarkable but is easing a bit, the newspaper said. The ratio is changing not only because more priests are being ordained in Africa, Asia and Latin America, it said, but also because the average age of priests is much younger in those regions than in Europe and North America, so the death rate is lower.

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Vocation, identity and pursuit of happiness focus of conference

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The largest student-run conference at the University of Notre Dame filled McKenna Hall on campus for the Feb. 11-12 event. The Edith Stein Project conference every year focuses on gender, sexuality and human dignity under various themes, with the 2011 theme being “Irreplaceable You: Vocation, Identity and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

Edith Stein was chosen as the patron of the project because, as an early 20th century philosopher, she championed the dignity of women. She converted to Catholicism and entered the Carmelite order, but was killed by the Nazis at Auschwitz in 1942 because of her Jewish heritage. Edith Stein was canonized in 1998 and is known as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

The vocation theme of the conference was broad, dealing with how the concept of human dignity should guide one's vocation as a student, one's state in life — whether it be the priesthood or religious life, marriage or single life — and the work one does.

Two of the headline speakers were authors Wendy Shalit and Dawn Eden. Among Shalit's books are “A Return to Modesty” (Touchstone, 2000) and “Girls Gone Mild” (Random House, 2007). Eden wrote “The Thrill of the Chaste” (Thomas Nelson, 2006).

Shalit discussed real femininity, in contrast to society's notion of empowerment and individuality.

Eden told the participants that in society at large, “One's ultimate value depends not on being made in the image of God, but being wanted and loved by other human beings.” She recounted how this false value caused her to pursue a lifestyle that brought excitement and popularity, but left her feeling empty, depressed and unfulfilled. After she discovered Catholicism,



ANN CAREY

Three sisters shared their vocation stories with students at the Edith Stein Project Conference. Pictured are the sisters and some of the Notre Dame students who attended their presentation. From left are sophomore Mary Kate Thielman; Sister Constance Carolyn, ISP; sophomore Sandra Laguerta; Sister Benedicta Duna, OSF; Sister Jane Dominic Laurel, OP; and senior Brittani Russell.

she learned how she could love her neighbor and God appropriately and bring God's love to see Christ in every person. The real “thrill of the chaste,” she said, is to “listen to the way God calls us at each stage of life.”

The call to religious life or the priesthood was discussed by priests and sisters. Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy shared his vocation story at the Feb. 11 dinner, and on Feb. 12, a panel of three sisters talked about their vocations.

Franciscan Sister Benedicta Duna of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka is a 2008 Notre Dame graduate who helped organize the Edith Stein Project when she was an undergraduate. She was a student at the University of Chicago

studying in Italy when she witnessed the crowds gathering in St. Peter's Square to pray as Pope John Paul II lay dying. Witnessing that “outpouring of people” and seeing the “universality of the faith” planted a seed in her, she said, and she transferred to Notre Dame where she could be among people her own age who were serious about the faith.

Sister Benedicta said she was “open to any vocation God would show me,” and one day as she was praying before the Blessed Sacrament, she felt “so called” to religious life.

For Little Sister of the Poor Constance Veit of Baltimore, the thought of a religious vocation came to her as a sophomore in high school when she volunteered at one of the Little Sisters' homes for the elderly poor, most of whom were infirm and senile.

“From the first moment, I was seized by God, who seemed to be saying ‘This is what I need you

for: To give your life to them,’” she said.

Sister Constance said she found this call “life-changing and terrifying,” but as she attended college and continued her work with the Little Sisters, she came to realize that self-absorption didn't make her happy. The path to joy, she discovered, was in humility and service to the poor, the hallmark of the Little Sisters.

Sister Jane Dominic Laurel of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville told the students that in college she had it all: A handsome and virtuous fiancé, nice clothes and the prospect of a lucrative and exciting job.

“Christ gave me everything I could ever want. Then I realized only God could fill my heart,” Sister Jane said. “I have never been happier in my life than belonging to Jesus Christ.”

Several Notre Dame professors spoke on the different aspects of their lay vocation, including John

Cavadini of the Theology Department and director of the Institute for Church Life; David O'Connor of the Philosophy and Classics Departments; David Fagerberg of the Theology Department; and Gerald Bradley of the Law School.

Lisa Everett, co-director of the diocesan Family Life Office spoke on Natural Family Planning, and John and Monica Sikorski, both Notre Dame graduates, spoke on “The ‘Theology of the Body’ within marriage.” John is a graduate student at Notre Dame and works for the diocese as coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Outreach in South Bend.

The two Notre Dame alumnae who were the original founders of the Edith Stein Project at Notre Dame also spoke about the lay vocation. Caitlin Dwyer, a mother of two, discussed balancing family life with her career aspirations, noting that setting priorities for one's particular stage of life is essential. Anamaria Scaperlanda-Ruiz, a middle school teacher, talked about the need to adjust one's plans to the realities of one's life situation.

Both young women also addressed the culture of heavy drinking and promiscuous sexual activity on college campuses, pointing out that this activity is usually caused by a lack of purpose and direction and is damaging to human dignity.

Current Notre Dame students among the presenters were senior Michael Bohnert, speaking on “The overpopulation myth”; graduate student Michele Chronister, on how God's grace works in an individual's vocation; and graduate student Leonard DeLorenzo on “Learning how and what to love.” He also is director of the Notre Dame Vocation Initiative.

Student organizers of the conference were Notre Dame juniors Claire Gillen, Rebecca Roden and Christina Kuklinski. The conference was hosted by the Identity Project of Notre Dame, and funding was provided by several sources, including Our Sunday Visitor and several Notre Dame departments, centers and institutes, as well as generous individuals.

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Archbishop Buechlein, Bishop Doherty join attorney general to outline immigration reform principles at statehouse ceremony

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of Lafayette joined Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and over 20 individuals representing Indiana's business community, faith leaders and social service organizations to outline and sign the Indiana Compact — a five-point plan guiding principles for immigration reform during a Feb. 9 statehouse ceremony.

"Immigration is an issue that evokes strong emotions," said Archbishop Buechlein. "We must not let the frustration that many people are feeling lead our legislature to pass bad legislation."

"The wide range of groups represented here today is evidence that the people of Indiana want a national answer to this problem and not a patchwork of state and local laws," said Archbishop Buechlein.

"As we work to address the challenges surrounding the development of a sound immigration policy, we need our lawmakers to always keep at the forefront of their decisions the real human faces — the children and the families," said Archbishop Buechlein.

"Each person is created in the image of God. The challenges are great. We would do well to reflect on Jesus' words in Matthew 25: 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.' Surely we can craft a national policy that welcomes the stranger and serves the common good without denying anyone their natural God-given rights," said Archbishop Buechlein.

"The issue of immigration has been an example of the failure of the federal government in setting and enforcing clear policies in an area of their sole responsibility," said Attorney General Greg Zoeller. "It has also been the source of division among and within states in devising an appropriate response to this failure."

"While I understand the significant problems and deep frustration felt by our sister states, we must be realistic about the costs of the state superimposing itself onto a federal enforcement responsibility when the methods for doing so might be constitutionally suspect or fiscally impractical," said Zoeller. "By setting forth the immigration-reform goals Congress should pursue, the Indiana Compact strikes the right balance."

The compact, which was developed over several months by the Alliance for Immigration Reform in Indiana (AIRI) including the public policy arm of the Catholic Church — the Indiana Catholic Conference, contains five benchmark principles for meaningful immigration reform.

The main components of the compact include: 1) a federal



CHARLES J. SCHISLA

Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein begins the opening remarks on immigration reform at the Indiana Compact signing ceremony at the statehouse. Along with the archbishop, Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of Lafayette joined Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and over 20 individuals representing Indiana's business community, faith leaders and social service organizations to outline and sign the Indiana Compact — a five-point plan guiding principles for immigration reform during a Feb. 9 statehouse ceremony. From left are the following: sitting, Rabbi Dennis C. Sasso, Congregation of Beth-El Zedek, Indianapolis; Greg Zoeller, Indiana attorney general; standing, Bishop Timothy L. Doherty, of Lafayette; and Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein.

solution — immigration is a federal policy issue between the U.S. government and other countries — not Indiana and other countries; 2) law enforcement resources should focus on criminal activities, not civil violations of federal code; 3) the family, as the foundation of society, must be supported and not separated; 4) the economic role immigrants play as taxpayers is important and reaffirming Indiana's reputa-

tion as welcoming and business-friendly state creates economic growth, jobs; and 5) a free society — the way we treat immigrants will say more about a free society and less about our immigrant neighbors. Indiana should always be a place that welcomes people of goodwill.

There is one group that is always forgotten in the debate on immigration policy. It is the children and those who suffer at the

hands of traffickers. They are victimized through no fault of their own," said Kathryn Williams, co-chair of AIRI. "Policy makers must consider the consequences those who cannot advocate for themselves."

Potential consequences include significant disruption to Indiana's economy. "Immigrants in Indiana contributed more than \$2.3 billion in tax revenues to federal, state, and local coffers in 2007,

INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

and account for more than 160,000 jobs and more than \$10 billion in economic activity," said Kevin Brinegar, president of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. "As we approach a policy debate on how to treat immigrants, policy makers cannot ignore the fact that immigration impacts jobs and business growth, with potentially far-reaching consequences for immigrants and non-immigrants alike."

Those gathered for the Indiana Compact ceremony followed their comments by signing a representation of the compact. Hoosiers can also sign the Compact electronically by visiting www.indianacompact.com.

Several hours following the Indiana Compact ceremony, the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee heard over four hours of testimony on SB 590, a state immigration reform proposal, which is contrary to the principles outlined in the Indiana Compact. Despite the myriad of concerns raised by the immigration coalition members, and others who testified in opposition to the legislation, the Senate panel passed the bill, 8-1.

Senate Bill 590, because of the significant cost it will have on the state, was reassigned to the Senate Appropriates Committee. It is expected to undergo amendments to reduce the cost to the state.

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Prelates say words from Scripture should guide treatment of immigrants

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — In speeches the same day, Los Angeles' cardinal and its coadjutor archbishop talked about immigration in the United States, with one calling some of the rhetoric about the issue "not worthy of the Gospel," and the other saying the current system "is an immoral system that thrives upon the weakness and suffering of those without a voice." Cardinal Roger M. Mahony told an audience at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill Feb. 2 that the ethical injunctions of Scripture require "compassion for the stranger, the alien, and the worker. Whatever economic, political or social policies we discuss — and whatever discussion of constitutional rights and liberties — we cannot turn our backs to this biblical legacy of hope." Speaking the same day in Naples, Fla., to Legatus, a Catholic business leaders organization, Coadjutor Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles also drew on Scripture to explain that "the Church's approach to immigration — like the Church's approach to every social issue — is never about politics. It is about preaching the good news of God's love for all peoples. It is about transforming the city of man into the family of God." As coadjutor, Archbishop Gomez will take over as head of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, when Cardinal Mahony retires, which is expected to be in late February.

Defend doctrine, but don't attack others, pope says at audience

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Even in the midst of the upheaval of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, St. Peter Canisius knew how to defend Catholic doctrine without launching personal attacks on those who disagreed, Pope Benedict XVI said. St. Peter, a 15th-century Jesuit sent on mission to Germany, knew how to "harmoniously combine fidelity to dogmatic principles with the respect due to each person," the pope said Feb. 9 at his weekly general audience. The pope was beginning a series of audience talks about "doctors of the Church," who are theologians and saints who made important contributions to Catholic understanding of theology. In St. Peter Canisius' own time, more than 200 editions of his catechisms were published, the pope said, and they were so popular in Germany for so long that up until "my father's generation, people called a catechism simply a 'Canisius.'" The saint, who was born in Holland, insisted there was a difference between willfully turning away from the faith and "the loss of faith that was not a person's fault under the circumstances, and he declared to Rome that the majority of Germans who passed to Protestantism were without fault," Pope Benedict said.

NEWS BRIEFS

YOUNG MAN SMILES DURING MASS IN KENYA



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A young man smiles during Mass at St. Mary's Parish in the informal settlement of Mukuru Kwa Njenga in Nairobi, Kenya, Feb. 13. The settlement is home to more than 250,000 people who live in corrugated metal and wood shacks without running water, electricity or a sewage system.

Don't balance budgets on backs of poor, bishops tell state legislators

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic bishops around the country are reminding state legislatures and their fellow citizens that the nation's budgetary problems are not over and must not be resolved on the backs of the poor. "In the devastation of shrinking city and state budgets across the country, all face excruciating choices," said the Massachusetts bishops in one of the most recent statements, issued Feb. 9. "But we caution that while the temptation to turn away from the growing social needs confronting our cities and towns may seem attractive ... our capacity to move beyond the many complex problems we face today depends on our willingness to overcome that temptation." The heads of Massachusetts' four Catholic dioceses said their statement, titled "Standing in Solidarity With All," involved a pledge and a plea. "Our pledge is that we will do all we can as bishops to enable institutions — parishes, Catholic Charities, health-care facilities and schools — to continue to do their best in extending help to our neighbors in need," they said. "Our plea is that in the decisions facing our elected officials, and in the discussions and actions of all citizens, there be preserved, for the sake of human dignity, a special place and regard for

the vulnerable." That pledge and plea were being made across the country by bishops or their representatives in statements and testimony about states' efforts to balance their budgets. Many echoed the message delivered by Jennifer Allmon, associate director of the Texas Catholic Conference, in Feb. 2 testimony before the Senate Finance Committee on behalf of the state's 15 active Catholic bishops: "The charitable community in Texas does not have the capacity to absorb the needs created" by state budget cuts.

Ohio bishops urge end to death penalty; Illinois decision pending

COLUMBUS, Ohio (CNS) — Ohio's 10 Catholic bishops have joined in urging state legislators to debate and ultimately abolish the death penalty. "Just punishment can occur without resorting to the death penalty," the bishops said in a Feb. 4 statement, speaking at the Catholic Conference of Ohio. "Our Church teachings consider the death penalty to be wrong in almost all cases." The bishops said that although murder "rightly evokes moral outrage and a call for justice," it also requires "spiritual healing and caring support for all those impacted by such a tragedy." They added: "Just punishment — punishment that reflects the seriousness of the

offense, seeks restoration for the offense and protects society — is a foundational moral principle within our justice system." The bishops' call followed comments by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Paul Pfeifer and by Terry Collins, former director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections that the time has come for a debate about use of the death penalty in the state. Pfeifer, who was a state senator and helped write the death penalty law as chairman of the Senate's Judiciary Committee in 1981, said the law has not functioned as intended because an option for life in prison without parole was wrongly excluded from the original legislation. There are currently 157 prisoners on death row in Ohio, with an execution scheduled for each of the next seven months, beginning Feb. 17. "I think the best answer is for the governor to just commute them all and that we do what Illinois has done and say we don't need the death penalty in Ohio any longer," Pfeifer said in a mid-January newspaper interview.

Rome Diocese launches site dedicated to John Paul II's beatification

ROME (CNS) — The Diocese of Rome launched a new website dedicated to the beatification and canonization of Pope John Paul II. Published in seven languages, the

site — www.karol-wojtyla.org — offers news updates and background information on the late pope and his sainthood cause, as well as a live webcam of his tomb in the grotto of St. Peter's Basilica. The website also announced that the beatification ceremony in St. Peter's Square May 1, Divine Mercy Sunday, will be open to the public and no tickets will be required to attend. The evening before the ceremony, April 30, there will be a prayer vigil at Rome's ancient Circus Maximus racetrack, it said. The website offers the diocesan-approved prayer asking for graces through the intercession of Pope John Paul in 31 languages, including Chinese, Arabic, Russian and Swahili. A miracle after Pope John Paul's beatification would be needed for his canonization, which is a Church declaration that the person is a saint and worthy of universal veneration.

End to taxpayer abortion funding called long overdue

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The effort to make permanent a ban on federal funding of abortion is both long overdue and widely supported by Americans, an official of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops told a House subcommittee Feb. 8. Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, was one of three witnesses testifying on the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, H.R. 3, before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution. "H.R. 3 is a well-crafted and reasonable measure to maintain long-standing and widely supported policies against active government promotion of abortion," he said. "It consistently applies to all branches of the federal government the principle that government can encourage childbirth over abortion through its funding power, and that it should not coerce anyone's involvement in abortion." In his testimony, Doerflinger cited past surveys showing that the Hyde amendment — attached to annual Department of Health and Human Services appropriations bills since 1976 — has "consistently had the support of the American people," with many wrongly assuming that "it is already fully implemented at all levels of our federal government." He also said: "The fact is that Congress' policy has been remarkably consistent for decades, but the implementation of that policy in practice has been piecemeal, confusing and sometimes sadly inadequate." Gaps and loopholes have been found that allowed or could have allowed for the funding of abortions through the Indian Health Service, state Medicaid funding to HMOs and Medicare reimbursements for nonelderly disabled people, he added. He urged Congress to "finally put a stop to this ungainly mechanism and simply apply the principle of the Hyde amendment across the federal government once and for all."

University of Saint Francis students hosting health fair

FORT WAYNE — Students in the University of Saint Francis Physical Therapist Assistant Program will host a free annual health fair on Monday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon in the main hall of the Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education.

The following presentations will be made: "Aquatic Therapy"; "Developing Core Strength Through Pilates"; "Ergonomics: Good for You"; "X-box Kinect: Connect it to Your Workout"; and "Zumba: How it can Benefit You."

Students selected their topics and prepared the community education program for their PTA seminar, one of their final course requirements before graduation on May 7. Directed by Mary Kay Solon, the program is an accredited two-year curriculum leading to the associate of science degree.

Bishop Luers welcomes students from sister school in Japan

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School will be hosting 20 Fushiki High School students for five days from March 12-17. The official relationship with this Takaoka, Japan, area school has entered its third decade.

Bishop Luers is one of only four Fort Wayne schools to have a student exchange program with a sister high school in Takaoka. As a part of this cultural exchange sponsored by Fort Wayne Sister Cities International, some of the Luers' students and teachers have traveled to Japan in the past 26 years. A group of the Japanese students and their teacher-chaperones visit Bishop Luers High School every other year.

During the time Fushiki High School students and teachers will stay with host families from Bishop Luers High School and they attend classes at Luers during the day. Fushiki students will have some planned group activities such as meeting the Fort Wayne mayor during the school day and a Bishop Luers all-school assembly.

Notre Dame tuition increase same as in past

NOTRE DAME — Undergraduate tuition at the University of Notre Dame will increase 3.8 percent for the 2011-12 academic year to \$41,417, the same rate of increase as the previous year, which was the lowest since 1960. With average room and board rates of \$11,388, total student charges will be \$52,805.

In a letter to parents and guardians of students returning for the next academic year, Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, wrote that the university remains concerned about the economy and appreciates the tremendous sacrifices that families make to attend Notre Dame.

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Sacred Heart School in Warsaw students and staff had the opportunity to wear one of Principal James Faroh's ties on Wednesday, Feb. 2, for a donation. All proceeds went to the American Cancer Society for research. Faroh has been collecting ties for close to 40 years and has a collection of 300 different widths, styles and themes. From left, Laurel Kelsheimer, Jarod Ilada and Kendra Love decide which tie to wear.

He wrote that Notre Dame pledged to "honor (their) commitment by providing an educational experience that is second to none and fully consistent with our Catholic values."

Ongoing economic difficulties, he wrote, have prompted the university's officers and trustees to focus on finding ways to contain costs and limit spending. Still, Father Jenkins wrote that the university aims to provide the transformative learning experience that the Notre Dame family has come to expect. He pointed to the success and satisfaction of Notre Dame graduates as a measure of the university's performance.

At a time when many college students fail to complete their course of study in four years, he wrote, Notre Dame has one of the highest retention and graduation rates in the nation, with 96 percent of the university's students graduating on time. Surveys find that the satisfaction level of Notre Dame alumni routinely ranks in the top three in the nation, and they are able to find career opportunities within a year or less of graduation.

Speaking of what makes Notre Dame unique, Father Jenkins said the university combines a pursuit of academic excellence with a mission informed by faith, an education infused with a moral vision, and inquiry in service to the highest ideals.

Dr. Marilyn Keiser to present organ concert at St. Charles Parish

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church has announced an appearance by Dr. Marilyn Keiser, concert organist, Friday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 4916 Trier Rd. in Fort Wayne.

The concert is free and made possible through a generous gift from the estate of Hildegard K. Suelzer.

Keiser will perform organ music by Bach, Handel, Locklair, Howells, Harris and Vierne on the 30-rank instrument installed by the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kan., installed in 2009.

Keiser is Chancellor's Professor of Music Emeritus at Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, Bloomington, where she taught courses in sacred music and applied organ for 25 years. She is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and the School of Sacred Music of Union Theological Seminary in New York City where she received both a master of sacred music degree and a doctor of sacred music degree.

She has held posts as assistant organist of The Riverside Church in New York City; associate organist/choirmaster of The Cathedral of

St. John the Divine, New York; and organist/director of music at All Souls Parish in Asheville, N.C.

She has appeared throughout the United States in concerts sponsored by churches, colleges and chapters of The American Guild of Organists including an appearance with orchestra at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. In addition, Keiser has appeared as featured artist for The International College of Organists in Cambridge, England; in concert at Royal Victoria Hall with The Singapore Symphony; and at The American Cathedral in Paris.

Marian art students take prestigious awards

MISHAWAKA — Marian High School art students recently took 28 awards at the 88th Annual Scholastic Art Competition. The program offers students of the visual arts from around the country to be recognized for their outstanding work and creativity. The northwest Indiana and lower southwest Michigan region of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers Scholastic Art Awards is in its 88th year.

Digital images of the Gold Key awards are sent to National Adjudication in New York City.

Gold Key winners from Marian include the following: Laura

Herron, winning four awards — one in painting, two in photography and one in portfolio — Edward Hunckler, Renee Janiak, Abigail Prichard, Elizabeth Smith and Colette Udvardy.

Silver Key winners from Marian include the following: Caitlin Bartlett, Brittany Duszynski, Annadele Harris, Laura Herron, Helen Jagla, Emilie Koch, Colette Udvardy and Emily Voorde.

Honorable mention winners were Jacob Chartrand, Jack Feighery, Olivia Ganser, Mia Letizia, Emily Madigan, Taylor Milner, Mary Sobieralski, Nicole Walter and Allen Zielinski.

Colette Udvardy won a Visual Voice Award for her drawing "Flying Free with Diamond." Jack Feighery won the South Bend Museum of Art Class Scholarship Award.

These students' award-winning works are on display through March 6 at the Regional Museum of Art at the Century Center in South Bend.

Marian students earning Scholastic Writing Awards include Tess Gunty, Luke Street and Elisa Vanett earning Gold Keys; and Ian Bussan, Angela Kirori, Kelly Powell and Elisa Vanett, all taking honorable mention for their short stories or poetry.

Retro Bible prints, rock opera coming to USF

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) will offer an exhibit of reproduction prints of the Saint John's Bible and works by Art Ciso in the North Campus Lupke Gallery from Feb. 28 to April 3. The rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" will also open in the North Campus Auditorium March 25.

Saint John's Abbey and University commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a handwritten, hand-illuminated Bible in 1998. The Saint John's Bible is a work of art and theology. An artistic team led by Jackson in Wales and a team of scholars in central Minnesota combined the ancient techniques of calligraphy and illumination with an ecumenical Christian approach to the Bible, rooted in Benedictine spirituality.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. For more information, call (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001.

The exhibit will enhance the presentation "Jesus Christ Superstar" by the USF School of Creative Arts Fridays through Sundays on March 25-27 and April 1-3. With lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, the musical will feature the central character of Jesus as a social and political rebel.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$10. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time for general seating.

For more information, call (260) 399-7700, ext. 8004 or e-mail chuddleson@sf.edu.

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means to live as mature and responsible citizens in today's world. Catholic education is about forming the human person, imparting not only knowledge, but wisdom," Bishop Rhoades said. "And true wisdom is inseparable from knowledge of our Creator. There is a transcendent dimension of study and teaching that is integral to the Catholic educational enterprise. The Catholic faith informs every aspect of the life of the Catholic school and should be the driving force behind every aspect of the school.

"In our schools, children and young people learn not only the teachings of the Church; they learn also by experiencing the faith in a community that is living the Gospel and practicing the works of mercy," Bishop Rhoades added. "They learn, for example, through service of the least of our brothers and sisters.

Every Catholic school is called to be a community of faith, hope and charity. The prevailing atmosphere is to be truly 'Christian,' an atmosphere in which children and young people are able to experience the joy of knowing Jesus Christ and the joy of belonging to His Church."

"The excellence of our Catholic schools in every aspect (human, intellectual and spiritual) depends upon the quality of our teachers, their competence and their dedication," the bishop said. "Today we honor with the Light of Learning award select teachers who are models of this excellence. We thank them for their witness to the Gospel and for their hard work. Our teachers participate in a very special way in the mission that Christ has entrusted to the

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Church. We also thank our principals and our priests for their dedication to the noble task of Catholic education."

Award recipients are featured in this week's issue of *Today's Catholic*.

New this year was the implementation of the Msgr. J. William Lester Award. Msgr. Lester spent 65 years in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as a priest and educator. The recipients of the Msgr. Lester Award complement his life-long work with passion, tenacity and unselfish enthusiasm to our Catholic schools.

In Fort Wayne, James and Margaret Shields were presented the Msgr. J. William Lester Award by Bishop Rhoades. In South Bend, Peter and Nancy Baranay were the recipients.

Light of Learning Awards

Twenty-one educators from the Fort Wayne area and 20 educators from the South Bend area received the Light of Learning award in recognition of their positive impact on Catholic education.



Patricia Bond, St. Jude School, Fort Wayne



Stephanie Brite, St. Joseph School, Decatur



Eileen Brodmerkel, Bishop Luers School, Fort Wayne



Heidi Busch, St. John the Baptist School, New Haven



Chad Chenoweth, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne



Vanessa Diller, St. Louis Academy, Besancon, New Haven



Amy Edelman, St. Joseph School, Garrett



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Rebecca Smith, St. Therese School, Fort Wayne



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Robert Sordelet, St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne, was this year's Light of Learning Administrative recipient.

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Merryl Sherwood, St. Joseph School, South Bend



Caela Dominello, St. Jude School, South Bend



Sarah Pellico, St. Matthew Cathedral School, South Bend



Thomas duToit, Queen of Peace School, Mishawaka



Marti Merrick, St. Bavo School, Mishawaka



Lizabeth Konwinski, St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart



Melissa Roberts, St. Vincent de Paul School, Elkhart



Sister Colleen Bauer, SSND, St. John the Evangelist School, Goshen



Anne Bostwick, St. Pius X School, Granger



Marlene Dolan, St. Michael School, Plymouth



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Mary Anne Retseck of St. Matthew Cathedral School, South Bend is the Administrative recipient



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Bishop Rhoades makes pastoral

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Exterior of bishop Luers High School on Feb. 9.

PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was given a Luers Spirit welcome — once again with an embrace from one of the students — as he engaged the 540 students of Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne after an all-school Mass on Feb. 9.

Although Bishop Luers may be smallest of the four diocesan high schools, as Bishop Rhoades exclaimed in his pastoral visit, it is “big in excellence. And I am very proud of this school community for all the accomplishments that I constantly hear about or read about, whether it be in the area of sports and athletics, the area of drama and music, your spiritual life, the service that you do, the academic life — I really am proud of Bishop Luers High School. And when I see the spirit, I know that it is truly alive as I see the fruits of all the good things that are happening here at Bishop Luers.”

At the all-school Mass celebrated by Bishop Rhoades, he made the homily a sort of theology class explaining the first reading, aptly proclaimed by senior Sean Driscoll, from Genesis 2, the story of creation.

“These stories communicate and reveal to us very important truths for life: Truths about God, about the human person, about life, about sin and about death,” Bishop Rhoades said.

In the garden of Eden, there are two trees: the

tree of life, which represents the tree of the knowledge of good and evil whose fruit God forbade man to eat.

The tree represented the difference between the Creator and the creature. God placed this limit upon man.

Bishop Rhoades said, “The line between right and wrong, good and evil — man must discern what is God’s will and what is his own to do. But it is not our job to decide if it is good or bad.”

Bishop Rhoades told the students that sin, and really the root of evil, is pride. He said, “To sin, whatever it is, is this pride. That is the first sin, original sin, placing himself in the place of God as the One who determines life and death.”

Bishop Rhoades related the story of Adam and Eve every time (we sin), it is harmful to Adam and Eve. We sin, we’re putting ourselves in front of God. We’re willfully saying ‘no’ to His commandments.”

The heart of our faith is to redeem us, “to restore friendship with God.” And Bishop Rhoades pointed out that the tree of life is also came from a tree, the tree of new life where the gates of paradise would be opened, he said.

Bishop Rhoades spoke of a moral philosophy where everyone must choose on what’s good and evil, what’s right and wrong.

“That’s exactly the problem of creation with the original sin upon himself that claim that they know what is good and what is right and wrong. That is so harmful to society and so harmful to the human community. Right or wrong, good and evil, it is by God who is the Creator who prohibited the first human being from eating of the knowledge of good and evil,” he said.

Bishop Rhoades encouraged the students to find their happiness, to be obedient to God. Bishop Rhoades said the mission of Bishop Luers High School is to be holy, that this is a school that helps you to get to the end of your natural life. That’s why our Catholicism is so important.”

Bishop Luers Principal Mary Keefer, at the Mass, presented a “Luers Spirit” award to Bishop Rhoades.

Keefer said she encouraged the students to live the Gospel and to be kind. She said her hope was that whenever they see the Luers Spirit plate, they would see how the students of Bishop Luers High School are so dog gone nice to one another.

After Mass, Bishop Rhoades gave theology classes of Moral Instruction and Social Teaching. There was a discussion on euthanasia, women’s issues, organ donation, living wills, etc. Students engaged in questions dealing with the war and end-of-life issues. Bishop Rhoades said about priestly celibacy, “It’s a gift about alien life.”

Bishop Rhoades had a conversation with the council members and teachers, campus ministry members. “It’s a good place for



Above, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offers the lunchtime meal blessing as he joins student council members for lunch.

Left, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades receives a Luers Spirit license plate from Principal Mary Keefer at the all-school Mass.

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present here every day," Keefer noted in an interview last fall with *Today's Catholic*.

Whether its academics, athletics or the arts, clubs wrapped with the Catholic faith, Bishop Luers' students often find themselves overlapping interests. It is not unusual for a football player to also sing and dance in show choir. It's not unusual for an athlete to serve at an all-school Mass or be an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

"You have to be willing to give," Keefer said. "This is a good time and a good place to learn that."

Luers has a variety of students from wealthy families to those who live in poverty, from rural to inner-city. "We love them, we teach them, we nurture them," Keefer said. "We don't lower our standards."

"Our kids like being here," she added. "They are happy here. They are proud of their school. School spirit is alive and well."

Academically, Bishop Luers offers everything from an academic success program, which helps students who may need assistance and tutoring, to Advanced Placement where students can earn college credit for high school classes.

The goal of the spectrum of learning is "to prepare students for what's next," Keefer said.

She said the students of the school value each other, have a strong work ethic and do what they are asked to do.

Once a month, Franciscan Sister Lois, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, talks with young women who have an interest in religious life. And the school sponsors a popular vocation day. The presence of priests include chaplains Father Drew Curry, parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne; Father Dave Ruppert, pastor of St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne; and Father Larry Kramer, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City.

Twice a week, a priest is available for Reconciliation. And a peer ministry group coordinates retreats in the school, helps prepare liturgies, serves Mass, lectors and maintains the chapel.

This atmosphere pulls 20 students from Huntington and one family from Wilshire, Ohio, both over 25 miles away from the school, but Keefer says 20 to 25 feeder schools in the community are represented at Bishop Luers.

"We teach the standards of the state of Indiana infused with faith," Keefer said.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades makes an impromptu stop at a junior theology classroom.



Top, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits with students in the lunchroom. Above, Sean Driscoll proclaims at the all-school Mass.



Left, show choir students rehearse. Below, Bishop Rhoades gathers with student council members.



Faith should guide your journey to financial freedom

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Seven steps to becoming financially free is the subject of lively discussion on Thursday evenings at St. Charles Borromeo Church under the direction of parishioner and financial planner Joe Beier.

Material for the class is derived from the book of the same name authored by Phil Lenahan and subtitled "A Catholic Guide to Managing Your Money." According to Lenahan, this guide for managing one's money differs from many on the market in that "its primary aim is to show the important link that exists between our faith journey and how we handle our money."

We must set Godly priorities, he says. How we handle our money is the best indicator of the strength and vitality of our spiritual life. And insight can be gained from the Bible at every step of the way.

The first step to financial freedom, then, is to be a "steward of Providence."

It's a question of attitude, Lenahan points out. We must change our attitude about money from ownership to faithful stewardship. Based on the parable of the talents, we must recognize that everything ultimately belongs to God and we are merely his stewards. (Mt 25:14-30)

Step two is to develop a plan and assess where you are. Beier says that a common problem among those having financial trouble is that they don't know where their money is going. So he begins by having them categorize and tally their expenditures, then develop a budget. According to Biblical teaching, if someone wishes to construct a tower but does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion, he may lay the foundation and find himself unable to finish the work. (Lk 14:28-30)

Step three is to set aside a \$2,000 emergency fund. This is necessary to help break the

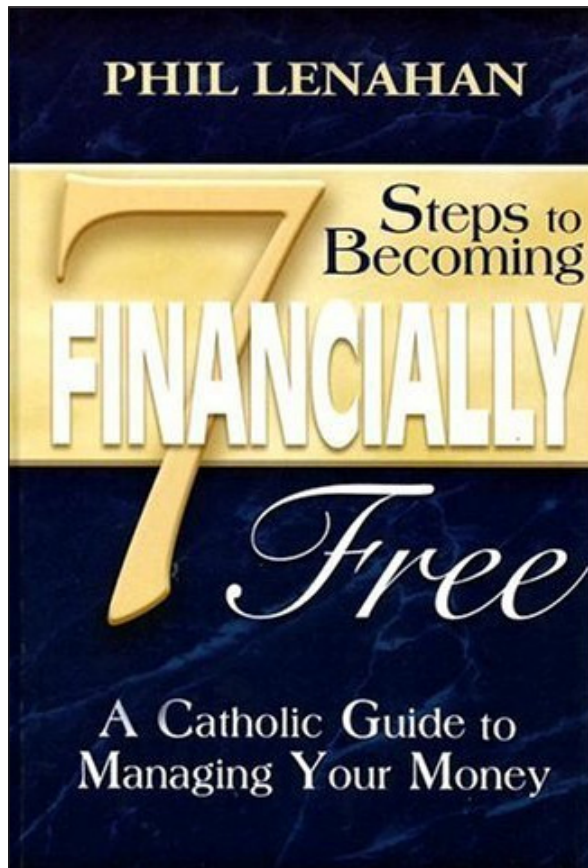
cycle of spending that creates credit card debt. "Possessions gained hastily at the outset will in the end not be blessed." (Prv 20:21)

Step four is to eliminate that debt. Most people who find themselves in financial trouble have a great deal of credit card debt, says Lenahan. He recommends an

Accelerator Repayment Plan, which includes a commitment to go no further into debt, then to prioritize one's debts and to budget a monthly amount for debt repayment. The Bible teaches that "the rich rule over the poor and the borrower is the slave of the lender." (Prv 22:7)

Step five is to set aside a rainy-day fund amounting to six months' living expenses. In today's uncertain economy, many families find themselves in dire straits when the breadwinner loses his job or illness strikes. This measure avoids the need to fund the shortfall with credit cards. Again, the Bible reminds us that "the plans of the diligent are sure of profit, but all rash haste leads certainly to poverty." (Prv 21:5)

Step six requires one to review insurance needs and estate planning. Lenahan emphasizes that this step is imperative once children enter the family picture. At a minimum, couples should have a will and even a trust for disposition of their assets, as well as plans for guardianship of the children



if necessary and appropriate health care directives. The Bible addresses the subject sternly. "And whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." (1 Tm 5:8)

Finally, step seven counsels us to save and invest with a purpose. Money is often thought to be evil in and of itself. But indeed, it is the love of money and its misuse that cause problems. A good reason for saving and investing is to meet one's own needs and then to invest in the lives of others. The Bible relates the story of seven years of abundance in Egypt during which the Pharaoh put Joseph in charge. When seven years of famine followed, the country was saved from destruction by Joseph's careful planning and rationing. (Gn 41)

Beier has taught Seven Steps to Financial Freedom the past five years at St. Charles and gets satisfaction from seeing stressed-out couples leave his

class with a better idea of how to manage their money. "I help them use Biblical principles to find a little more peace," he says.

He relates a story of one couple who, nearing retirement, decided to take the class though they appeared to have no financial worries. At the end of the session they provided positive reinforcement for him and other class members by commenting that they wished they'd done it 30 years ago. This should be part of pre-Cana instruction for engaged couples, they said.

The next session of Seven Steps will begin soon after Easter, Beier says. For more information or to sign up call the church office at (260) 482-2186.

Stewardship: A way of life

BY MSGR. WILLIAM SCHOOLER

We often speak of stewardship as a "way of life," because it is much more than a way of providing funds for the work of the Church. Since stewardship was introduced at St. Pius X, Granger, a few years ago, a growing number of parishioners have taken steps in faith every year to embrace it as a way of life. More people have stepped forward to give themselves in humble service to the parish.

Rooted in their experience of participating every Sunday at the Eucharist — Stewardship of Prayer — families have recognized in the message of stewardship specific ways of returning a portion of what God has given to them. In recognizing the talents they have received, they give them back generously, seeing their involvement in the life of the parish as a way of enriching their own family lives.

Those who are involved in ministries of service outside of the parish understand that they are the arms and feet of the body of Christ extending His care to the poor of our community. Those who accept the Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving and have taken steps in faith to increase the percentage of their tithe have appreciated the difference between what they need and what they want, trusting that the Lord will meet their needs.

From the perspective of the parish, we clearly see the results of a growing number of parishioners who have made stewardship a way of life. Our Masses are packed on Sundays and holy days, and we



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have seen increased interest in other forms of prayer, including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the rosary before daily Mass, participating in retreats such as Christ Renews His Parish and in the various liturgical prayers during Advent and Lent.

So many parishioners give of themselves in a variety of liturgical and musical ministries that it becomes difficult to schedule large numbers in a limited number of Masses.

Those who have lost loved ones are well served by a variety of ministries available at the time of a funeral, and mentor families welcome new families to our parish in a personal way.

Our educational programs flourish, both in religious education and the parochial school, because so many people give themselves in humble service.

As a result of steps taken by many in the Stewardship of

Sacrificial Giving, we are able to tithe 5 percent of our income to our sister parish of St. Adalbert, to assist them with their school. We tithe another 2 percent to the poor, which is allocated by a committee, which considers all requests.

Because of our parish tithe, we have eliminated all fundraisers, trusting that parishioners provide all the funds we need. This generosity also supports the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society, which actively serves the poor who come to us for help.

We have found that it is necessary to coordinate stewardship efforts in a parish of 3,000 families.

Betsy Quinn serves as the director of stewardship and evangelization, guiding our efforts and guiding our vision of stewardship in practical ways. She works with heads of committees to make sure that those who volunteer their services are called as promptly as possible. She is currently working with her Stewardship Core Team to assist all our ministries in keeping their focus on their mission.

Stewardship is, indeed, a way of life. It requires a great deal of work and much sacrifice. We know that we have a long way to go to get the message to everyone. We also need to take another step in faith in our parish tithe. But this way of life also brings a vitality and sense of mission to those who embrace it and to the parish which benefits from that faith.

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Stewardship benefits family, church and community

BY KAY COZAD

Many parishes of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have embraced stewardship as a way to not only remain financially solvent but spiritually vital with roots deeply immersed within the working community.

Stewardship, the careful moral management of time, talent and treasure, is a way for Catholics to serve God and others with the plethora of gifts and talents God has bestowed on them, each according to his or her ability. It requires a willingness to trust that God will meet their needs even in sacrificial giving. And that includes much more than simply contributing from financial resources. Offering time and skills and talents that serve others and the Church is also vital to the life of a steward.

For those who embrace stewardship in this diocese, it is an evolving practice. *Today's Catholic* looks at the fruit that has grown from three families' stewardship.

Jude and Craig Phillips

For Little Flower parishioners Jude and Craig Phillips, the meaning of stewardship has grown over their 43 year marriage. In the beginning, it revolved around participating in their children's activities at church, but eventually the concept of giving of one's time, talent and treasure expanded.

"To be a good steward you need to be willing to buy into the fact that stewardship is a way of life. Everyone can do something no matter what stage of life they are at," says Jude.

Jude is able to share her talent as a graphic designer by helping with the parish pictorial directory and being a part of the church's art and environment ministry.

She and Craig emphasize the importance of getting young couples involved especially with parishes that tend towards having an older community.

"We need someone to climb ladders!" Jude chuckles as she describes the decorating of the parish for the seasons of the liturgical year in the art and environment ministry.

Craig, who is a convert to the faith, began understanding his role in stewardship after attending a Cursillo weekend. For the past 10 years he and Jude have been involved with the parish's stewardship committee and getting out the message of participation for all age groups from children to the elderly.

"Even if you are homebound you can help make phone calls from the prayer tree or send cards and letters from your home," says Craig.

The giving of treasure is always a challenging piece of stewardship commitment, but both Jude and Craig have found that automatic



electronic deductions for parish pledges have improved this area. "It's been a huge help because if someone is on vacation or out of town, their money still comes into the parish. In our stewardship committee we focus more on time and talent, and we find treasure usually follows when someone makes a commitment to become more involved," he emphasizes.

Craig finds the best way to encourage stewardship is to personally ask someone for help. "While people are not always willing to volunteer, if you ask them, they have a difficult time saying no."

Judy and Tim Biggins

Tim Biggins and his wife Judy, longtime parishioners of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, find stewardship to be a multifaceted spiritual journey.

Tim says, "As children our parents acted out the stewardship role by giving of themselves for us. ... Our parents were actively involved at the parish level, Judy's at St. Rose in Monroeville and mine at Queen of Angels. Many a night was spent at church helping with bingo, rosary society, cleaning, painting or whatever else needed to be done."

He adds that their parents were role models supporting the offertory as well.

Tim finds that the practice of stewardship enhances his marriage relationship as well as their ties to their spiritual and social communities. "Stewardship connects Judy and I as a couple, as members of our parish community, as part of our social structure, as participants in the liturgy and tends to offer strength to our spiritual life," he says.

As for time and talent the Biggins have been grateful to offer many of their blessings back to their church community.

Tim reports, "As members of the cathedral we became involved in numerous activities over the years and remain active to this day, as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, parish coun-

cil, Legacy of Faith chair and secretary, stewardship committee and numerous other functions."

And he says, "Many of our friends are the result of parish activities based on spiritual and joyful activities that we have shared over the years together. Judy and I often look at our religious life as a continuation of our marriage, the more we participate in church activities with each other the closer we become. Through the participation in the multifaceted aspects of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception activities, we believe that our spiritual life has been strengthened."

The Biggins are encouraged that the stewardship program at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception continues to evolve. "We are trying new ideas all the time. One such example is online giving. Our goal was to have 40 people involved by the end of the first year and currently we are half way after six months," says Tim.

The Biggins are confident that stewardship as a way of life is a way to live out the Gospel and invites others to follow their example.

Kate and Matt Barrett

Longtime St. Joseph, South Bend, parishioners Kate and Matt Barrett believe that stewardship is a choice anyone can make.

Matt says, "Stewardship is about choices; in particular, about your life choices. Stewards are entrusted with life, with abilities, and with possessions."

Good stewards, they agree, are those that believe all time, talent and treasure are gifts from God to be used for the welfare of others. The challenge is recognizing that in that sacrificial giving, they must depend upon God for security.

They say, "When we give away what we could otherwise hold on to, to make our lives more 'secure,' it's a concrete way of recognizing that our true security is in our dependence on God. We're not in charge — and we're only kidding ourselves when we forget that."

And from their giving, this cou-

ple, happily married for 19 years, raising four children, knows that many times it is difficult to offer more than just "the easy stuff off the top." But they do find passing this legacy of love and service to the next generation a real blessing.

Kate says of involving their children in the practice of stewardship, "We've tried to choose some ministries we can do together, such as bringing the Eucharist to the homebound, serving as hospitality ministers at Mass, and going on food calls for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We also try to encourage them to make special gifts when needs arise, such as the earthquake in Haiti or Hurricane Katrina. Sometimes we'll offer to

match any gifts they make so that they can see their contributions make an even bigger impact."

The children all have a firm belief in the family's sacrificial giving and agree when 14-year-old Wilson says, "Stewardship combines belief in your faith and living it out. It means going beyond the bare minimum in your faith, reaching out to others and helping them."

So the challenge the Barrett family issues to all Catholics is "to use the gifts God has given us, and use them well."

Karen Clifford contributed to this story.

SCHOOL'S 'SOUP'ER BOWL COLLECTS OVER 6,000 CANS FOR CHARITY



PROVIDED BY ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL

St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School seventh graders sponsor the "Soup"er Bowl each year. This year the children collected food item donations of approximately 18 cans per student. Principal Chad Barwick told the students he would shave his beard any way they selected if they raised more than 6,000 cans. He is shown with his "mutton-chop" and beard. Seventh-grade teacher Jaci Byrne is shown with "green" hair and church organist Jerry Siefing is shown with a "buzz" haircut. Donations were given to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.



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GUEST OPINION EDITORIAL BY GLENN TEBBE

School choice — good for families, children, society

Governor Daniels' initiative to provide real options and choice for families regarding the education of their children is an important and essential step in supporting and strengthening the family and all of society. God established the family as the first and vital cell of society. All peoples and cultures affirm that the family is essential to development of individual persons and society. It is strong families that make strong societies.

Parents have the primary responsibility in caring for and rearing of children. In fulfilling this responsibility, by providing a loving home, instilling faith and values and educating their children, parents provide an invaluable service to society and more importantly to their children who are growing into their role as responsible adults and citizens.

Although parents are the first educators, they are not the only educators of their children.

Society, through its institutions, has an obligation to assist parents in this duty. Faith communities have an obligation and a right to assist parents in the awesome task of educating children. And the civic community (state) also shares in the obligation to assist parents in this responsibility.

The state must make possible the right of parents, as the primary teachers of their children, to choose appropriate educational opportunities best suited to their children's needs, because no one model of education fits everyone. Beyond the dignity and development of the individual child, quality education of the populace promotes the economic and social well being of all society. Moreover, it is the duty of parents to collaborate with civil and faith communities to ensure that children are appropriately educated.

In recent years the state of Indiana has begun to provide restricted educational opportunities, however, it does not foster and encourage parents to exercise their basic right and responsibility to choose an educational setting best suited to their child's needs. Availability to alternatives is limited and real opportunities are decreasing. Moreover, parents without financial means are often faced with even fewer options. It is unfortunate that for most children choices are limited to government opportunities only.

This is not the case in other areas of social and familial responsibilities. In the case of health care, child-care outside of the school setting, as well as in higher education and social services for the elderly, etc., choices beyond the government sponsored options are encouraged and supported as a matter of public policy and practice.

Given the critical role parents and families play in the development of children and in building the common good in society, parents ought to have choices in how and where their children are educated. Legislators and state officials have a moral duty to ensure that all parents, through their own choice, have actual access to schools — including public, religious and private — best suited for their children.

The growth and strength of Indiana depends upon the strength of its families and the quality of education of the children. The family as the basic unit of all society must be supported by state policies and practices. Moreover, a vibrant society depends upon a strong and diverse educational system, which also helps families and parents in their responsibilities to strengthen and support the common good.

Because of state policy and practice, most families and parents do not have an option regarding the education of their children. A right denied is a right violated. States accepting and embracing the choice of parents for diversity in the schooling of children and adults will inevitably flourish. As Indiana strives to improve its economic and educational opportunities for its citizens, parental choice in educating children is critical for future success.

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COMMENTARY

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Mental health risks and abortion

According to a recent study conducted in Denmark, the incidence of mental health risk is higher for women who have given birth than it is for women who have had an abortion. Such a claim is misleading, as extensive research over the years has shown otherwise.

The Denmark study based its data on a group of girls and women who had a first-trimester abortion or a first childbirth during 1995-2007, with no previous record of mental disorders within the same period. The study measured rates of first-time psychiatric contact within the 12-month period following the abortion or birth, in comparison with the prior nine months.

The study found that approximately 15 out of 1,000 women needed mental health treatment in the year following an abortion, but this high rate of mental health problems was only slightly higher than the percentage of those seeking treatment in the nine months before the abortion. In the group of women who gave birth, approximately four out of 1,000 needed psychiatric treatment before delivery, while almost seven out of 1,000 sought treatment after giving birth.

It is interesting to note that the number of women who needed treatment before and after abortion was over two times higher than those women needing treatment before or after giving birth.

The study concluded that, since the rate of post-abortive women who needed counseling did not change significantly in the period before or after the abortion, there was no increased mental health risk associated with abortion.

Such a claim seems to be an attempt to downplay the occurrence and severity of mental health consequences resulting from abortion. The study does not take into account the type and degree of mental health difficulties experienced after abortion compared to childbirth; it simply mentions that both groups of women experienced similar types of mental health disturbances: depression, anxiety and severe stress.

Short-term mental health difficulties can be dramatically different from long-term ones, which tend to be more serious. The Denmark study does not delve deeply into this distinction, leav-

ing out significant facts about more concrete mental health risks for both groups.

It may be relatively common for a woman who has given birth, especially to her first child, to experience some form of mental stress (due to inadequate sleep, hormonal changes and sometimes fear of their own inadequacy to care for a fragile new baby), including post-partum depression. But it is not common for a birth mother to have continuous or delayed psychological reactions of grief, sadness and depression in the years following the birth of her child, as is experienced by many post-abortive women.

In contrast to the Denmark study, there are numerous studies showing that post-abortive women experience far more severe forms of mental health complications than women who have given birth. It has been reported that 10 to 30 percent of women who abort suffer from serious, long-term psychological consequences, and that there is a higher risk of suicide associated with abortion versus childbirth.

To deny or minimize the mental health risks associated with abortion is misleading and a serious disservice to the advancement of women's health. Women deserve to be given accurate information about the abortion procedure and the resulting physical and psychological conse-

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BY KIMBERLY BAKER

quences that have been documented over the years. Let's hope that scientific studies will serve this aim, to help improve and protect the lives of women and their unborn children.

For additional information and resources regarding the after-effects of abortion, please visit www.HopeAfterAbortion.org.

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Valentine

third century
February 14

How Feb. 14 came to be celebrated as the feast for lovers is somewhat a mystery. What little is known of the feast's namesake can be attributed to the lives of two martyrs: one a priest, the other a bishop. Their lives have no connection to the contemporary holiday. The priest Valentine reportedly was beheaded in 269 by Emperor Claudius II. The bishop, known for healing, was martyred earlier. It's probable that a medieval custom of sending messages of love on this day somehow merged later with the feast.

 CNS Saints

Birds of a feather

The process we call grief is a natural but complicated journey. Though the road has been paved by those who have mourned before us, each mourner leaves a unique set of footprints in the wake of a loss.

I have learned that each distinctive way of grieving is formed, in part, by several factors, including our own personality, belief system, past experience of death, and the circumstances surrounding the death — whether it was sudden or following an illness.

Our relationship with the deceased, I believe, is another very important factor in how we grieve and seek support. A widow will grieve much differently than a parent who has lost a child.

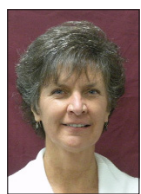
As we each traverse the wilderness of our unique grief we may receive support from our family, friends and relatives. However, frequently, it becomes necessary to seek the support of those who have experienced a similar loss.

Widows in the support group I

facilitate have shared that while they are grateful for the compassion of their family and friends, it is within the confines of the group that they find empathic understanding from other women who have lost their spouses. It seems that knowing another has walked in our shoes offers the hope that can lead us to our future.

Caroline, a widow of two years, says of the support group, "It's a club you never want to join, but are so glad there are members already there to welcome you. We are birds of a feather." She goes on to say that joining the discussions, with specific topics ranging from living in a couple's world and removing wedding rings to doing his chores, too, and financial issues, brings her insights into her own grief and the hope that she is not alone.

"My children want to help but don't know what it's like to have your better half taken from your life. They naturally want me to get over it. The widows in my group



KAY COZAD

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know it's not about getting over it, but about the process of discovering how life has changed since my husband's death and how I want to live it now," she says, adding that the others in the group know from personal experience what she faces. And that, along with her family's support, has helped her move through her grief in a healthy way.

My sister Betty and I have had several discussions on supporting others in grief over the years. When my husband Trent died 20 years ago she supported me the

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Observing God's law in trust and love



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 5:38-48

The first reading is from the Book of Leviticus, one of the five books of the Pentateuch, the Torah, the basic revelation by God to the Chosen People.

This reading reports the day when God spoke to Moses. "I the Lord, your God, am holy," says God. He continues that no one must hate another, using the term "brother" as if to emphasize the point.

The reading sets the stage for the message from St. Matthew's Gospel that will follow as the third reading.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the second reading. A favorite image employed by Paul throughout his writings was that, through faith and in Baptism, Christians literally bond with Christ. In Christ, they become heirs to eternal life. In Christ, they receive the Holy Spirit, bringing into their very beings divine grace and strength.

Having made this point, the Apostle then continues to remind the Corinthian Christians that they are not ultimately wise. They may be wise "in a worldly sense," but often genuine wisdom comes across as foolishness to the worldly.

It was a fitting reminder. Corinth was totally immersed in the pagan world of the Roman Empire. Everything seemingly extolled the majesty of the Roman culture. This culture had created the legal system that brought order to human society, a system that still lives, being the basis of law in Western civilization to this day.

The very wonders of Roman architecture and art reaffirmed the depth and greatness of human wisdom in the empire.

Against this backdrop of the splendor of all things Roman and pagan, Paul tells the Corinthians that there is much more.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the last reading. The context is the Sermon on the Mount, as Christians long ago came to call this section of the Gospel.

In the background is the Jewish preoccupation with keeping God's law. In the covenant, so basic to Judaism, God called the Jews to obedience. In obeying divine law, they would indeed be God's people, and God would protect them and bless them.

Here, in this reading from St. Matthew's Gospel, the Lord sets forth a series of contrasts. He gives a basis for obeying the law, separating truly Christian response to the law, which is love for God and others, from a series of mere maxims and rules.

Reflection

God has revealed to us the divine law. It is no set of rules for the sake of rules. Rather it is the blueprint by which we can live, more fully resembling the perfection and love that dwells in the Holy Trinity. So, the law of God is vitally important.

In each of the statements of

Jesus recorded in this reading from St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus draws a significant comparison. Realizing that God's law, as revealed to Moses, is of God and cannot be abridged or canceled, the Lord did not discount the law or belittle it.

Rather, these words illustrate the fact that the Lord came to fulfill it. What does this mean? Observing God's law does not mean simply going through motions, as meaningful as the results may be. More profoundly, it means obeying God because of trust in, and love for, God.

God is love, and at the root of God's love is love. God lovingly revealed the divine law to us for our benefit. If we respond because of our love for God, to be with God, then we obey fittingly. Then our obedience assumes a wonderfully higher personal meaning.

The reading finally reveals to us the identity of the Lord. God gave the law. Only God, as law-giver, can interpret the law. Jesus acts in a divine role by answering questions about the law. He is God.

READINGS

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6 Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:154, 171-172 174-175 Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35 Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-18 Mk 10:13-16

The new translation of the Holy Mass:

Eucharistic Prayer, Part 2

We continue our overview of the new translations in the Eucharistic Prayer by looking at the revised texts for the words of consecration, also known as the words of institution. At every Mass, the priest repeats these words by which Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, and by which the bread and wine become the true Body and Blood of Christ for us today.

The following are the words of consecration over the bread and wine, with changes in bold.

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and **eternal**
covenant,

which will be poured out for you and for
many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

The changes at the consecration of the bread are minor, but there are a few changes in the text for the consecration of the wine that are worth explaining. First is the replacement of "cup" with "chalice." Both refer to vessels from which we drink, and both terms appear in the Bible. However, "chalice" implies a special kind of cup — one that is precious and set aside for a noble purpose (in this case, the "new and eternal covenant"). This is part of the dignified language brought out by the new translation: just as we do not refer to the altar of sacrifice as merely a "table," so saying "chalice" at this moment emphasizes that the Blood of Christ is no ordinary drink. Such language can help foster greater reverence at the Holy Mass.

A significant change is the revision of the current phrase, "shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven," to "poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." The imagery of Blood being "poured out" is more vivid than "shed" — it portrays His Blood as true drink (Jn 6:55) and accentuates that Jesus entirely emptied Himself (Phil 2:7) out of love for us.

However, the most noticeable revision in those same lines is the replacement of "for all" with "for many." At the most basic level, "for many" is a faithful translation of the original Latin phrase, "*pro multis*." Moreover, Isaiah 53:12 prophesied that the Messiah would take away "the sins of many," and Christ Himself also said His Blood would be shed for "many" (Mt 26:28, Mk 14:24). This does not mean that Christ did not die for the sake of all humanity, for that is indisputable from Scripture.

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BY BRIAN MACMICHAEL

Rather, it upholds the reality that each individual must also accept and abide in the grace won by Christ in order to attain eternal life. The recovery of the wording, "for many," affirms that salvation is not completely automatic.

Nonetheless, it should not be interpreted as overly restrictive, either. The fact that Jesus was addressing only the Apostles in the Upper Room while saying, "for you and for many," implies far-reaching inclusion — that many more besides the Twelve would benefit from this new covenant.

So, the revised translation of "*pro multis*" is important, but may require some of the most careful catechesis, due to potential misunderstandings.

Then, after the consecration, the priest will simply announce, "The mystery of faith" ("*Mysterium fidei*") — a declarative statement about the Eucharist now present. Venerable Pope John Paul II reflected on these words in his encyclical, "Ecclesia de Eucharistia," writing that the very thought of the mysterious gift of the Holy Eucharist should fill us with "profound amazement and gratitude."

In response, the people shall make one of these acclamations:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

All three are rooted in Scripture (1 Cor 11:26, Jn 4:42). But what is conspicuously absent is the popular current acclamation, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." This line, although powerful, is not found in the Latin. In addition, it does not directly address Christ made present in the Blessed Sacrament, nor does it speak of our relationship with Him, as the others do.

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Anti-bullying focus at schools

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although bullying is nothing new, efforts to curb it are still in uncharted territory, especially in today's digital age when the scope of bullying expands far beyond school hallways or playgrounds.

Bullying is often a topic of discussion at school meetings and educational seminars and has also come under federal government's umbrella with guidelines it released last fall calling certain acts of bullying potential civil rights violations.

But despite all the talk, destructive and harassing behavior is still rampant and able to cause almost instant damage with a simple text message, Facebook update or e-mail.

A new study published in the February edition of the *American Sociological Review* says today's bullies aren't necessarily the most popular students but tend to be those who want to be popular.

"By and large, status increases aggression, until you get to the very top," said the study's lead author, Robert Faris, an assistant sociology professor at the University of California Davis. "When kids become more popular, later on they become more aggressive."

The study questioned nearly 4,000 North Carolina high school and middle school students asking them to list their best friends, people they had picked on and people who had picked on them.

The study's main finding reinforces what bullying-prevention groups are currently advocating, mainly that the old stereotypes of bullies no longer hold true. Today, especially with online tools, anyone can be a bully and more people can be victimized.

With the rise in this kind of harassment and its often dire consequences, anti-bullying programs are becoming more prevalent. One major effort, the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, is now used in more than 7,000 schools nationwide. The program, based at Clemson University in South Carolina, is named after a Norwegian researcher who began studying bullying more than 40 years ago. The program began in

just a handful of schools nationwide in 2001.

Marlene Snyder, the program's director of development, told Catholic News Service Feb. 10 that a number of Catholic schools across the country have "really embraced the program" and that religious-affiliated schools "seem to get to the heart of the matter a lot quicker" examining roles people play in a bullying situation as part of their religion classes.

"For decades we've known about bullying, but we have not always responded well," she said in a phone interview from her Montana home.

Snyder said the Olweus program is not a one-shot deal where schools learn about bullies and then continue on their way. Instead, the comprehensive program is meant to develop long-term changes.

Bullying has been a hot topic at recent National Catholic Educational Association conventions, and this year during the April 26-28 convention in New Orleans several speakers plan to address it.

During Catholic Schools Week Jan. 30-Feb. 5, several Catholic schools across the country included anti-bullying workshops as part of events held for the observance that included Masses, open houses and activities for students and teachers.

At St. Francis of Assisi School in Burien, Wash., which runs a yearlong anti-bullying program, a theater group acted out bullying scenes as part of a Catholic Schools Week presentation. The kindergarten through fifth-grade students watched a presentation about children getting mad on the playground, and the middle school students watched a performance that focused on gossip, rumors and cyberbullying.

After the performances, students were asked to think about what they saw and make comments.

The school's counselor told a local newspaper that bullying is a problem for private and public schools alike. She said it might be easier for a small school like St. Francis to take action when they

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see this kind of behavior because of their bullying policy and clear awareness of "when a student has crossed the line."

Many public and Catholic schools have specific anti-bullying policies in place and dioceses are also beginning to develop these policies in accordance with state laws. Currently, 45 states have anti-bullying legislation. The states that do not have these laws are: North and South Dakota, Michigan, Hawaii and Montana, as well as the District of Columbia.

At the end of last year, diocesan principals in Biloxi, Miss., established anti-bullying guidelines in accordance with new Mississippi law.

Rhonda Clark, assistant superintendent of schools, told the *Gulf Pine Catholic*, newspaper of the Biloxi Diocese, that the guidelines did come as the result of an increase in bullying but were "merely a matter of following the law."

She noted that a spate of bullying incidents in the national spotlight prompted many states to pass legislation on this issue.

In Mississippi, the new state law specifically defines bullying or harassing behavior as actions that place students in fear of harm or create a hostile environment.

Clark said the new guidelines establish a "uniform policy for all of the diocesan schools so that every school will be on the same page."

Bobby Trosclair, principal at St. Patrick Catholic High School in Biloxi, said bullying is simply a reality in today's schools. "It exists on all levels from elementary to high school. It's not something new. It's been around for ages. There's just been more public attention to it."

ing loved one. An awareness that mourners walk a very personal path to healing may help ease the burden of how to help. Simply hearing the words, "I don't know what you are feeling, but I am here for you in any way you need me," may just provide that snippet of hope your loved one needs to know he has your compassionate, nonjudgmental support as he walks his own unique path of grief.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for February 20, 2011

Matthew 5:38-48

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a lesson in perfect forgiveness. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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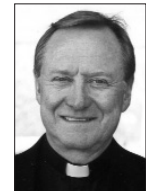
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Syracuse has rich history

Where is Syracuse where St. Paul stayed for three days?



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FATHER RICHARD HIRE

St. Paul had spent the winter on the island of Malta. When the weather improved, he set sail on a ship from Alexandria in Egypt and he was trying to go to Rome in Italy. On this journey, Paul first stopped at the city of Syracuse (or Siracusa), where he spent three days with the Christian community there.

Syracuse is a seaport city in southern Sicily separated from the mainland by a narrow canal. Syracuse is on the island of Ortygia. Syracuse was the birthplace of Archimedes, a mathematician and physicist. Syracuse was founded in the 8th century B.C. by settlers from Corinth in Greece, so Syracuse shows a lot of Greek influence. Some of Greece's greatest poets, like Aeschylus and Pindar, lived in Syracuse. The philosopher Plato visited Syracuse three times.

Baedeker mentions the sites of Syracuse. There is the Temple of Apollo from the 6th century B.C., which was dedicated to the goddess Artemis (or Diana). The cathedral was built in the 7th century on the site of a temple of Athena. Near the cathedral is the National Archaeological Museum. Here you can see a sarcophagus with carvings of scenes from the Bible, as well as a beautiful statue of Venus with a dolphin by her

side. South of the cathedral is the Fountain of Arethusa with its papyrus plants. North of the fountain is a nice sea front promenade with a view of the harbor and the volcanic Mt. Etna.

You can visit the Bellomo Palace from the 15th century and the Maniace Castle built in 1239. Ancient sites include the forum, the marketplace, the Roman gymnasium, the Augustan amphitheater, the gigantic altar used to sacrifice 450 oxen annually, the prison and the large Greek theater with a semicircular auditorium hewn from the rock where the playwright Aeschylus (d. 456 B.C.) directed the performance of one of his plays. This ancient theater is still used today.

Above this theater is a cave that was the end point of an ancient aqueduct. Near this cave are the Streets of Tombs from the Roman period. There is also the little church of St. John of the Catacombs. Here is the Crypt of St. Marcan, from the 4th century A.D.

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best she could with calls and visits. But she admits that at times she felt inadequate due to the fact that she could not know how I felt or what I needed. She had not lost her spouse.

And though I know well the intimate details of my own style of grieving as well as the generalities of grief, when Betty's 22-year-old son died four years ago of leukemia, I felt anxious about how to support her simply because I had never lost a child. We offered each other our compassionate

hearts, grateful all the while for our friendship and family bond, but Betty, like so many others, also found great solace and hope with other parents who have lost a child.

Many of us, if we're honest, will admit that before we experienced a loss in our lives, we did not understand how to support others in grief. An increase in compassion and the need to reach out to others in grief sometimes grows out of the ashes of our own loss. I recall moments in the past when in my own innocence I offered words of comfort that ring hollow to me now.

That's not to say that friends and family who have not experienced a loss can't support a griev-

Sports

BISHOP DWENGER'S REMOUND WRIGHT HONORED Bishop Dwenger High School senior Remound Wright was recently named one of five finalists, the "Elite Five," for the Franklin D. Watkins Memorial Award. This award recognizes African-American male athletes who have set and achieved high academic standards for themselves and who are committed to community service. Following in the footsteps of Franklin D. Watkins, cofounder of the National Alliance of African American Athletes, Watkins award finalists are expected to use their gifts and talents to be leaders in the effort to improve disadvantaged communities to empower those who live within them.

CYO Crusaders secure second place seed

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Mike Palmer's Crusaders from St. Therese finished up the regular season with big league wins to secure a second place seed heading into the Catholic Youth League (CYO) basketball tournament.

A week ago, the Crusaders pulled off a 44-39 victory over the feisty boys from Most Precious Blood thanks to five treys from Matt Palmer in the first half and 14 second half points from Cody Meyer.

In their final regular season matchup, St. Therese downed St. Rose-St. Louis, 24-15, improving to 6-2. The team's only losses were to St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, the league's top seed.

"We talked about Hessen Cassel at the beginning of the season and knew they would be a big challenge. We hoped a second- or third-place finish would land us a chance to play them in the championship game," predicted Palmer. "But the road will not be easy."

The Crusaders first meet a solid Twins' team from St. Rose-St. Louis.

Palmer feels this year's unit is special for many reasons, "I have three players who have started every game for me since the sixth grade (Meyer, Palmer and Nate Burrows). We have a lot of experience and an unbelievable amount of unselfishness. We also have an amazing new addition in Sam Lovejoy who has brought his wrestling toughness to our team along with incredible leadership abilities."

Palmer continued, "We are by far, one of the smallest teams in the league, yet I would challenge

any of the others to a skills competition. These boys are fundamentally sound and pass the ball better than any other team I have ever coached at this level."

And Palmer has coached a lot of teams. At 52, the dedicated Palmer has been involved in coaching at St. Therese, Bishop Luers and/or Y-ball teams since the age of 16. Over the years, Palmer explains how fun it has been to coach and how much he loves the game. He coached his older two sons, who have returned to the bench to help out with the two younger boys who are on the St. Therese roster of 12 for the 2010-2011 season.

The Blue League tournament kicked off Tuesday, Feb. 15, with Most Precious Blood slated to meet St. Aloysius. The winner will play the No. 1 seeded Squires from St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, who received the bye, on Thursday night, following the matchup between St. Rose-St. Louis and the Crusaders.

| Boys' season standings | | |
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| Team | W | L |
| Hessen Cassel | 8 | 0 |
| St. Therese | 6 | 2 |
| St. Rose/St. Louis | 3 | 5 |
| Precious Blood | 3 | 5 |
| St. Aloysius | 0 | 8 |

| Girls' season standings | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Team | W | L |
| Hessen Cassel | 7 | 0 |
| St. Therese | 6 | 1 |
| New Haven | 5 | 2 |
| Queen of Angels | 4 | 3 |
| Huntington | 3 | 4 |
| St. Aloysius | 1 | 6 |
| Precious Blood | 1 | 6 |
| St. Rose/St. Louis | 1 | 6 |

End-of-year playoffs begin for championship

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA — The Inter-City Catholic League has shut the book on the regular season and opened a new chapter as the end-of-year playoffs started with 16 teams all vying for the coveted championship trophy.

In second round action, the St. John Bosco Division champion,

St. Anthony Panthers, smothered the Spartans of St. Thomas, 39-17, behind the scoring of Oliver Page's 15 points.

The St. John Bosco West Division champion, Holy Cross Crusaders, disposed of Holy Family, 38-17, as Wes Short netted 10 for the winners.

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Defense keeps St. Joseph, Mishawaka, girls in ICCL hunt for a title

BY CHUCK FREEBY

ELKHART — It's one of sports' most used axioms that "defense wins championships." In the case of the St. Joseph (Mishawaka) ICCL girls basketball team, defense has certainly kept them in the hunt for a title.

Down by 10 at halftime, the Wildcats rallied for a dramatic, 19-18, overtime triumph over Queen of Peace Saturday here at the St. Thomas the Apostle Gymnasium. The victory raises St. Joseph's record to 3-1 and keeps them undefeated in the Martin DePorres Division.

"Our two eighth graders, Emily O'Lena and Shannon McCarty, really helped keep us calm," remarked Wildcats head coach Jeff Deitchley. "I talked about playing good defense at halftime, and they really responded. Those two help each other and they help the younger girls."

Queen of Peace, led by Sydney Burkhart's 8 points, held the lead for nearly the entire contest. The athletic McCarty tallied three of her team-high 8 points on an old-fashioned three-point play, tying the contest late in the fourth quarter. The game stayed knotted at 18 until Hannah Deitchley hit the front end of a one-and-one with about a minute remaining to provide the winning margin.

"This was a very evenly matched game," Deitchley said of the contest with the Pumas. "We knew they had size to contend with and expected a really good game. We work hard on defense at practice. We certainly emphasize it and that's what got us the win."

Winning in girls basketball is nothing new for St. Joseph-Mishawaka, which reached the championship game at both the varsity and JV levels last season. Still, Deitchley doesn't carry raised expectations.

"You never know how a group

of kids will play together," states the Wildcats mentor. "They know each other well, but we just want them to do their best and have fun. We'll see how the rest of the way plays out."

Close games were the order of Friday night in South Bend as Christ the King (Colors) nipped St. Jude, 23-22; St. Bavo topped St. Anthony, 23-19; and St. Matthew edged Holy Cross, 17-16.

Saturday, two of the league's three unbeaten remained unscathed. St. Joseph (South Bend) downed Holy Family, 25-10, while Christ the King edged St. Pius, 22-18. However, Corpus Christi knocked off previously undefeated St. Thomas, 34-17, on the Spartans' home floor. Rachel Cole, who has become one of the league's top scorers, tallied 17 to lead the Cougars.

For Sunday's results, check the girls basketball section at icclsports.org.

CYO small school crowns fifth-sixth grade tournament champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In junior varsity girls' action, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel finished a perfect season with an amazing 22-0 overall record and won the 2011 CYO tournament title on Sunday, Jan. 30.

In the final game, the Squires downed a tough team from Queen of Angels, 34-14. Coach Tracy Sweeney loved to challenge her girls, taking them out of the box by playing tougher teams and competing in several tournaments during the season.

At the beginning, she informed her team, "With 13 girls, we will play each game 13 strong."

An impressed Sweeney added, "The girls encouraged each other and never let up. They played together outside of the gym on their own and worked on fundamentals at home and on recess."

Before each game, Sweeney would challenge her players to do something they had never done before and report back to her. "Whether it was scoring a 'double double,' grabbing a steal or getting to the free throw for the first time, I loved watching each of them



BOB HARTENSTEIN

Pictured are the fifth- and sixth-grade girls from St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School who won the CYO small schools final's tournament Sunday, Jan. 30, at the St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Activity Center. The score was St. Joseph, 34, and Queen of Angels fifth- and sixth-grade girls, 14.

grow," she added.

"I will miss them dearly, especially our nine sixth graders," Sweeney concluded.

In the championship of the boys' tournament, when the weather finally cooperated, it was also St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, who beat a sound Huntington group, 41-25. With six sixth graders and three fifth graders on his roster,

Coach Brett Rupright led his team to a winning record with just four losses during the season, which came at the hands of schools in the larger enrollment league. "We were both quick and aggressive this season, while other games it was our defense that dominated," summarized Rupright. "It was great to watch the kids progress from November until now."

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The St. Martin DePorres Division champion, St. Bavo Panthers played Christ the King in a thriller but came up short as they couldn't connect on a couple of game tying free throws at the buzzer, 30-28. Brendan Connelly led the Kings with 19 as Michael Voor and Joe Molnar's double digit efforts fell just off the mark.

St. Joseph (South Bend) dispatched the attempts of the St. Martin DePorres West Division champion Corpus Christi Cougars, 61-30. Camden Bohn scorched the nets for 19 for the Eagles.

In the first round, St. Anthony beat the Falcons of St. Jude, 45-17, with another strong performance of Oliver Page and his 12 points.

The Spartans of St. Thomas held off the efforts of the Comets of St. Monica, 54-29. Spartans JP Kavanaugh and Ryan Schafer each tossed in double digits as Patrick Coulter netted 18 in the defeat.

Holy Family edged Queen of Peace, 27-24, and Holy Cross more than doubled the Blazers of St. Matthew, 44-18, thanks to the

scoring duo of Wes Short and Mark Madden.

The Panthers of St. Bavo were victorious in a nip and tuck skirmish with St. John the Baptist, 40-36, in double overtime as Michael Voor's 22 was just too much. Panther Joe Molnar and Spartan Justin Collier each had 10 in the hotly contested game.

Will Whitten's 17 and Will Glascoe's 16 were not enough as the Wildcats of St. Joseph (Mishawaka) fell short to Brendan Connelly's 21 for the triumphant Christ the King squad, 42-41.

The Eagles of St. Joseph (South Bend) upended the Bulldogs of Our Lady of Hungary, 56-21, behind balanced scoring from Camden Bohn, John Byszewski and Brennon Koehler.

The upstart team from St. Pius X could not hold back the 23 points from Corpus Christi Cougar guard Dominic Ferro, succumbing 40-39. Tony Pratt and Patrick Sandor each had 11 for the Lions.

The final four will play Saturday at Marian High School with the finals tipping off at Saint Joseph's High School at 2:20 on Sunday.

Justin Bieber: 'Never Say Never'

BY JOHN MULDERIG

NEW YORK (CNS) — Teenybopper ecstasy comes to the local multiplex with the arrival of "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never" (Paramount).

Happily for parents, this genial 3-D profile of the 16-year-old pop singer and musician not only provides entirely wholesome entertainment — threatening only in the sense that frenzied audience members may screech themselves hoarse — it also includes several scenes of prayer testifying to its subject's Christian faith.

Along with photos and home movies from Bieber's childhood in Stratford, Ontario, the film showcases footage chronicling his rise from street musician — sometimes performing on the sidewalk outside his hometown's Avon Theater — to stardom. His ascent to fame was a thoroughly up-to-date and perhaps groundbreaking one in that it was initially launched by, and continually fueled through his grass-roots celebrity on social media outlets such as YouTube.

Interspersed with these retrospective scenes are performances from Bieber's 2010 world tour. The buildup to his climactic appearance at New York's Madison Square Garden — tickets to which, we learn, sold out in 22 minutes — comprises what there is of a plot, while a modicum of suspense is introduced when Bieber contracts a sore throat only a few days before his big Gotham moment.

(Inundated with get-well tweets, he responds with characteristic politeness.)

What emerges through it all, under Jon M. Chu's direction, is the portrait of a likable young man striving to resist the tempta-



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Justin Bieber is pictured in a scene from the 3-D movie "Never Say Never."

tions of sudden-onset acclaim.

Bieber bids well to do so, thanks in large measure to his close bonds with his mother — Bieber's parents split while he was still quite young — and grandparents and to his sharing in their evangelical-style piety. By way of testimony to this spiritual inheritance, we witness the prayers he and his entourage recite before each show.

As for anything remotely objectionable, especially fastidious guardians will note that one adult fan explains, with reference to her age-atypical interest in Bieber, "I don't want him that way," while the lad himself describes a health drink he's being encouraged to swallow as tasting like "dinosaur pee."

But then, one imagines even Donny Osmond has been heard to say worse.

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 New Haven — The CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System about women's cycles and standardizing monthly record keeping can be used by women with regular cycles, PMS, postpartum depression, irregular cycles, PCOD, endometriosis, infertility and as a means of family planning. NaProTECHNOLOGY is being presented at St. John the Baptist, Monday, Feb. 21, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center. Single women, engaged and married couples should contact Theresa Schortgen CFCP at (260) 494-6444 or at chardaily365@frontier.com. Reservations are required.

Fish fry planned
 Fort Wayne — St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus will have a Lenten fish fry on Friday, March 11, from 5-8 p.m. in the St. Joseph School cafeteria located on the corner of Brooklyn and Hale streets. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for children ages 6-11.

Trivia Night held
 South Bend — Corpus Christi School will host trivia night on Saturday, March 5. Tailgating begins at 6 p.m. and gameplay begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, 12 per table. Register by calling the school office at (574) 272-9868 or Karen Collins (574) 243-4923.

Notre Dame Smoker planned
 Fort Wayne — A St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Notre Dame Smoker will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27, from 12:30-5:50 p.m. Food, drinks, casino and Notre Dame Players will be present. Admission is \$15. Stag only. Tickets available at door. St. Joseph is located at 11521 U.S. 27 South.

Hungarian Goulash and Langalo Dinner
 South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert, will have a Hungarian dinner Saturday, Feb. 26, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per dinner and are available at the rectory. Carry-out available.

ABC fish fry
 Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School Athletic Club will have a fish fry Friday, March 11, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for children 6-11 and \$1 for children 5 and under.

DCCW to meet
 Fort Wayne — The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m. at Redeemer Radio. A tour of the facility will be followed by the monthly meeting. For information call Julie Karst (260) 622-4465.

Book study of 'Rediscover Catholicism'
 Fort Wayne — On Friday evenings in February and March, the ArchAngel Institute will host a study of "Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide To Living with Passion and Purpose" by Matthew Kelly. Father Glenn Kohrman will lead conversations from 7-9 p.m., Feb. 4 to March 25, on the second floor of the ArchAngel Institute at 827 Webster St.

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Bishop Rhoades visits St. Augustine Parish

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — There was clearly a feeling of excitement at St. Augustine Catholic Church on Sunday morning. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was coming and when he arrived he didn't disappoint.

And as soon as he spoke, Bishop Rhoades immediately captured the hearts of not only the congregation but the children as well.

Bishop Rhoades made his pas-

toral visit to St. Augustine on Feb. 13 when he celebrated Mass and met the congregation. It was the bishop's first pastoral visit to the small multicultural parish in South Bend.

"I felt very welcomed here at St. Augustine's," Bishop Rhoades told *Today's Catholic*. "Coming to St. Augustine reminds me very much of a church that I pastored in Pennsylvania. It was a lot like this parish. I was also very impressed by the fact the teenagers are very involved and engaged in the Mass. I love the



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gives Communion to Ayari McDonald, a freshman at Marian High School, in Mishawaka. Bishop Rhoades made his pastoral visit to St. Augustine Church on Feb. 13.

different styles of music as well. I'm hoping to talk with some of the young people about vocations."

With the progress of the new Saint Joseph's High School, Bishop Rhoades expressed his desires that more minority students attend Catholic grade schools to continue their education into the Catholic high schools in South Bend or

Mishawaka.

"That is something we are going to have work on," Bishop Rhoades said.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke about the Sermon on the Mount from St. Matthew's account where Jesus talked about the Ten Commandments. The bishop touched on three points — anger, being honest and lust. He challenged the people to not only

live the commandments internally, but externally as well.

The bishop also shared with the St. Augustine congregation some of the confusion from the previous week concerning an iPhone, iPad and iPod Confession application, which Bishop Rhoades offered an imprimatur. He said it was a good tool for Confession but it soon erroneously ballooned that Catholics could make Confession over the iPhone. "No you may not make confessions over the phone," he said. The congregation laughed with him.

Holy Cross Father Leonard Collins, pastor of St. Augustine, said the bishop's visit was an important part of getting to know his flock.

"We were honored to have him visit with us," Father Collins said. "From the look on his face with the way the parishioners all welcomed him, he was happy to be here, too."

"What I like about the bishop's visit was that he took time to take a picture and talk with us," said James Taylor. "He just seemed to be so grand in his hat and vestments but he was still a nice person."

Ayari McDonald, 14, a freshman at Marian High School in Mishawaka was pleased to get to greet Bishop Rhoades. "His (visit) here made everyone get more involved in the (Mass)," she said. "He did an amazing job and told me he looked forward to confirming me."



PHOTOS BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass and made his first pastoral visit to St. Augustine Church in South Bend on Feb. 13. In the photo are Nick Jones, at left, who assisted Bishop Rhoades at Mass, Holy Cross Father Leonard Collins, pastor of the church, and Bishop Rhoades.



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