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Palm Sunday's six-church pilgrim walk highlights Christ's passion

BY KAY COZAD

SOUTH BEND — The high school age youth and young adults of the diocese are invited along with other interested faithful to participate in a six-church passion walk on Palm Sunday led by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The pilgrimage will offer the youth an extraordinary opportunity to not only pray the Stations of the Cross and celebrate Mass as a community, but to present a public witness to their faith as well. No registration is required.

The pilgrims of the faith community are invited to gather at St. Joseph Church parking lot, located at 226 N. Hill St. in South Bend, between 11:15 and 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 17. The pilgrimage will begin promptly at noon when those in attendance will sing hymns and pray the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary. A brief corresponding parish history will be read at each of the six churches on the journey.

Bishop Rhoades will then lead the travelers to St. Patrick Church, located at 309 S. Taylor St., where the pilgrims will begin their meditation on the Lord's journey to Calvary by praying the first four stations there. The next four stations will be witnessed at St. Hedwig Church, 331 S. Scott St. As the group processes again through the streets of South Bend they will stop next at St. Augustine

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Diocesan 'Pilgrimage of Faith' coming in early September

BY VINCE LABARBERA

From Sept. 8-11, individuals and families of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have an opportunity to go on a four-day pilgrimage with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Titled "A Pilgrimage of Faith: A Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., and Emmitsburg," participants will visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, both in Emmitsburg, Md.

The price per person includes motor coach transportation — from Fort Wayne or South Bend — lodging, most meals and travel insurance. The rates are: \$425 per person for quadruple hotel occupancy, \$475 per person for triple occupancy and \$525 per person for double occupancy. A single occupancy rate is



available upon request. A \$20 per person discount is available for a cash or check payment in full.

For more information about the pilgrimage, visit diocese-fwsb.org and see

the letter from Bishop Rhoades on page 2 and the advertisement on page 20. To register, contact Jeff Krudop at (260) 434-6660 or jkrudop@travlead.com. A deposit of \$100 per person is due at registration. Final payment must be made on or before July 22. No money will be refunded after July 22, unless the spot(s) can be filled. Pilgrims under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

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PILGRIMS ATTEND ANGELUS PRAYER AT VATICAN



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Pilgrims pray the Angelus prayer with the Holy Father at St. Peter's Square April 3. The pope told pilgrims he remembered Pope John Paul II in his prayers April 2, the sixth anniversary of his death.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

In September, we will have a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. and to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and to the National Shrine of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, both in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

I cordially invite you to consider participating in this spiritual pilgrimage of faith. I pray it will help us to grow closer to the Lord as we pray together at these beautiful shrines of our Blessed Mother and of our first American-born saint.

We will depart from our diocese and travel all day on Thursday, September 8th. On September 9th, we will be in Washington and on September 10th in Emmitsburg. We will return home on September 11th. Though it will be a long bus trip, it is my hope that the time together on pilgrimage will itself be an opportunity for enjoyable conversation and prayerful reflection.

Our days at these shrines will include Holy Mass, rosary, confessions, and prayer as well as time to enjoy tours of these holy sites. There is a connection between these shrines and our diocese since our fifth bishop, Archbishop John Noll, was a great supporter of the builder of our National Marian Shrine in Washington. The saintly Bishop Simon Brute, the first Bishop of Vincennes, of which our diocese was part, came to Indiana from Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg. He had been the spiritual director of Mother Seton. Also, our great pioneer priest and builder of our cathedral in Fort Wayne, Monsignor Julian Benoit, was ordained by Bishop Brute at Mount Saint Mary's. And today nine of our seminarians are studying at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary.

I am looking forward with joyful anticipation to this diocesan pilgrimage. May Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton pray for us as we continue preparations for the pilgrimage!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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Brief itinerary (unless stated otherwise, cost included in price of pilgrimage):

Thursday, Sept. 8:

- Depart diocese, times and locations to be announced
- Box lunch served en route
- Arrival at hotel in Frederick, Md.

- Welcome dinner

Friday, Sept. 9:

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Basilica of National Shrine of Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.
- Lunch at shrine (cost at about \$10 per person not included)
- Mass in Crypt Church with Bishop Rhoades
- Depart Washington, D.C.
- Dinner

Saturday, Sept. 10:

- Breakfast at hotel

- Visit Basilica of National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, Md.
- Mass in basilica with Bishop Rhoades
- Lunch at Mount St. Mary University
- Visit National Shrine of Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg
- Closing dinner
- Depart Emmitsburg

Sunday, Sept. 11

- Breakfast at hotel
- Depart hotel

- Mass with Bishop Rhoades (location to be determined)
 - Box lunch served en route
 - Arrive in diocese
- Additional details and information about the "Pilgrimage of Faith" will appear in subsequent issues of *Today's Catholic*, bulletin inserts, posters, and interviews and promotional spots on Redeemer Catholic Radio AM 1450, Fort Wayne.
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Rome expecting at least 300,000 pilgrims for John Paul II's beatification

BY CINDY WOODEN

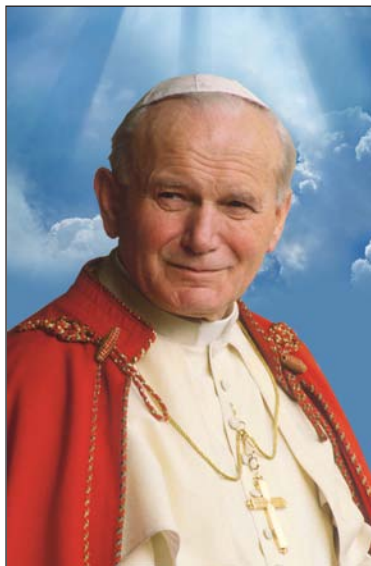
ROME (CNS) — Church and local government organizers are planning to accommodate at least 300,000 people in St. Peter's Square and the surrounding area for Pope John Paul II's beatification Mass May 1.

Msgr. Liberio Andreatta, head of Opera Romana Pellegrinaggi, the Vatican-related pilgrimage agency, told reporters March 29, "Rome is ready to welcome every pilgrim who wants to come. Earlier, newspapers published megalithic numbers and said every hotel is booked. That's not true."

Father Cesare Atoire of Opera Romana Pellegrinaggi said as soon as Pope Benedict XVI announced the beatification date, travel agents and others booked large blocks of hotel rooms. Now that the beatification is just a month away, they have a more precise idea of how many rooms they will need and so they are freeing up the extras.

In addition, he said, two campgrounds outside of Rome will be reserved for pilgrims who want to keep their costs to a minimum. The commuter trains, which usually do not run on weekends, will be on a special schedule to get them to the prayer vigil April 30 in Rome's Circus Maximus and to the Mass the next morning.

Because the pope is the bishop of Rome and the pilgrims will spend most of their time in Rome, not at the Vatican, the Diocese of



CNS PHOTO/GRZEGORZ GALAZKA, COURTESY OF POSTULATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

Pope John Paul II is pictured in an image released March 25 by the postulation of his sainthood cause. The Polish pope, who died April 2, 2005, will be beatified May 1.

Rome is responsible for much of the cost of the event, Msgr. Andreatta said.

The diocese is passing the collection basket to large Italian companies to come up with at least \$1.7 million to cover the costs of handling 300,000 pilgrims for the beatification, Msgr. Andreatta said.

Although the city of Rome and its hotels, restaurants and shops will benefit financially from the pilgrims, Msgr. Andreatta said the

financial crisis still weighing on Italy made the diocese look to donors instead of the local government for funding.

The money will cover building a stage and installing a sound system and lighting at the Circus Maximus, running extra buses, covering the cost of the bus and subway tickets included in the pilgrim's package, renting and erecting crowd-control barriers and renting dozens of large video screens.

The screens will be placed in the squares around the Vatican and in most of the churches in the historic center of Rome so that people who cannot get close to St. Peter's Square or would prefer to stay away from the crowds can still follow the Mass, he said.

An Italian beverage company has donated 1 million bottles of mineral water, he said, and a restaurant chain has donated the ingredients for thousands of box lunches.

Father Atoire said that as of March 29, the largest numbers of pilgrims were coming from Italy, then Pope John Paul's native Poland, followed by Spain and the United States.

Opera Romano Pellegrinaggi has launched a special website — www.jpilibeatus.org — to assist pilgrims with reservations and information. The information is available in five languages, including English.

"Jennings thought this would be a great way to expose our youth to the history of our churches."

The initiative has been the collaborative effort of a host of diocesan offices including the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, the Office of Youth Ministry, Hispanic Ministry and the Office of Worship. Glowaski says, "The spirit of cooperation

have been more than willing to participate even with their busy Lenten schedules. "The spirit of willingness has been inspiring," says Glowaski.

For many youth and young adults, gathering as community is not a priority, reports Glowaski. But she says this event will show them the importance of community and the universality of the Church, "right here in the diocese." The pilgrimage will also encourage their special and much-needed role in evangelization.

Bishop Rhoades looks forward to joining the faithful of the diocese on the pilgrimage, and says, "When I was in the seminary in Rome, every Lent we did a seven church walk to the seven major churches of Rome, following the itinerary of St. Philip Neri. When some of our parishioners suggested this walk in South Bend I thought what a great opportunity for us to walk together the Way of the Cross and to pray at these historic churches. I'm really looking forward to beginning Holy Week in prayerful pilgrimage with the faithful."

For more information contact the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry or the Office of Youth Ministry at (260) 422-4611.

among the departments and people of the community have made this possible. They have been a real blessing."

She adds that the city of South Bend has been gracious to work with, in closing streets and preparation for this event as well. And she reports that the parish priests



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, April 10, 9 a.m. — Mass at St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Kendallville
- Thursday, April 14, 1 p.m. — Meeting of USCCB Subcommittee on the Catechism, Chicago, Ill.
- Friday, April 15, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Joseph Church-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne.
- Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur

Riley Zimmer and friends leave love legacy

BY KAY COZAD

ANGOLA — Family, friends, community members and members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish and area churches in Angola came together this week to remember four of their own. Matthew Riley Zimmer, Evan Weaver, Matt Roe and Alexx Bauer, all died in a car accident in Alabama on March 26.

The son of Matt and Susie Zimmer and brother to three siblings, Riley, 18, was an engaging senior at Angola High School,

where he was involved in varsity football, the National Honor Society and Campus Life basketball. According to his pastor Conventual Franciscan Father Fred Pasche, he was an active participant at St. Anthony Church, as well.

"He was very active in the parish. He was a server and worked with the youth group," said Father Pasche.

Sunday evening St. Anthony of Padua Church opened its doors to the shocked community for a vigil service to honor the four teens. Scores of students from Angola High School and their parents gathered to pay tribute to the popular students.

"Different people got up and talked about all four students," recalled Father Pasche. The vigil was promoted by word of mouth said the pastor, who added that following the vigil at St. Anthony Church another service was offered at the area Methodist Church as well.

Visitation for the boys was held at Trine University's Busse Athletic and Recreation Center in Angola March 31, where thousands of mourners stood in long lines to pay their respects

to the respective families. Among those gathered at Trine University was Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades who offered his sympathy to the families, as well.

Father Pasche said, "The bishop's visit really impacted the Zimmer family as well as the others that were there."

Father Pasche reports that although the calling hours were scheduled from 4-8 p.m., the lines of mourners waited until well past 11 p.m. to have an opportunity to offer their condolences.

A Mass of Christian burial was held April 1 at St. Anthony for Riley Zimmer. Father Pasche was the main celebrant along with Franciscan Fathers Phil Schnieder, Bernie Lidell and Andy Martinez. Holy Cross Father Jim Foster from Notre Dame, where Zimmer's brother is a student, also concelebrated Mass. The service at the recently-constructed church was standing room only with mourners overflowing into the streets. Zimmer was buried in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

St. Anthony Altar Rosary Society in conjunction with Christ Renews His Parish participants hosted a dinner Friday evening at the parish to honor the family and friends of Riley Zimmer. The outreach of the church and broader community has been overwhelming says Father Pasche. "We've had so many calls asking what they can do. It's now centered on the meal," he says.

As the community mourns the loss of this kind, loving, faithful young man and his three friends Father Pasche extends a simple request, "Please pray for them."

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FATHER FRED PASCHE

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Church, 1501 W. Washington St., to pray stations 9-12 and finally conclude the Way of the Cross by praying the last two Stations at St. Stanislaus Church, 415 N. Brookfield St.

Following the completion of the Lord's Passion, the pilgrims will exit St. Stanislaus Church for the distribution and blessing of the palms, and the proclamation of the Gospel outside the church. Finally, the pilgrimage will route the faithful to Holy Cross Church, 1050 Wilbur, where they will join Bishop Rhoades in the celebration of Palm Sunday Mass at 4 p.m. A simple reception will follow. Buses will be provided to transport pilgrims back to St. Joseph Church.

The pilgrimage grew out of a spirited suggestion from author Kathryn Jennings of South Bend, who has provided the histories of the chosen parishes, taken from her book titled, "My Catholic Hometown." Mary Glowaski, director of the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, says,

Bishops' commitment to address clergy sex abuse remains firm

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops' procedures for addressing child sex abuse remain "strongly in place" and the bishops remain "especially firm" in their commitment "to remove permanently from public ministry any priest who committed such an intolerable offense," said the president of the U.S. bishops' conference.

"This painful issue continues to receive our careful attention," said Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York.

"The protection of our children and young people is of highest priority," the archbishop said in a statement released March 24. He added that the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," approved by the bishops in 2002, "remains strongly in place."

He said the bishops who met in Washington for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Administrative Committee meeting March 22-23 asked him to offer reassurances about the Church's resolve to address sexual abuse

and deal firmly with clergy who abuse children.

The Administrative Committee — composed of the executive officers, committee chairmen and regional representatives of the USCCB — is the highest decision-making body of the bishops apart from the entire body when it meets twice a year in general assembly.

"We bishops recommit ourselves to the rigorous mandates of the charter, and renew our confidence in its effectiveness,"

Archbishop Dolan said in his statement. "We repeat what we have said in the charter: 'We make our own the words of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II: that the sexual abuse of young people is by every standard wrong and rightly considered a crime by society; it is also an appalling sin in the eyes of God.'"

Both the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" and norms the U.S. bishops approved for dioceses to adhere to the charter's mandates have Vatican approval. The charter,

which also established the bishops' Office for Child and Youth Protection, was updated in 2005, the norms in 2006.

The charter mandates that safe environment programs be set up in dioceses and parishes. It also requires an annual audit on how dioceses and religious orders are complying with provisions in the charter.

In the nine years since the charter was first approved, "we have constantly reviewed the high promises and rigorous mandates of the charter, as we continually try to make it even more effective," Archbishop Dolan said.

He said the bishops "keep refining" it based on input from the lay-led National Review Board and from Catholic parents, professionals, the victim-survivor community, law enforcement officials and diocesan victim-assistance coordinators.

"We want to learn from our

mistakes and we welcome constructive criticism," the archbishop added.

He said the bishops are to take up a "long-planned review" of the charter during their June meeting.

Archbishop Dolan said the audits will continue in order to check on how well the Church is able "to protect our young people, promote healing of victims/survivors and restore trust."

His statement referred to "recent disclosures about the Church's response to the sexual abuse of minors by priests" but did not mention the recent clergy sex abuse crisis in the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

A Philadelphia grand jury released a report Feb. 10 that called for the archdiocese to "review all of the old allegations against currently active priests and to remove from ministry all of the priests with credible allegations against them."

In response, the archdiocese among other things has hired a former sex crimes prosecutor to review personnel files of the 37 priests named in the grand jury's report. Cardinal Justin Rigali has placed 21 priests on administrative leave while any allegations made against them are reviewed.

In his statement, Archbishop Dolan said the progress the Church has made in addressing abuse "must continue and cannot be derailed; we want to strengthen it even more; we can never stop working at it, because each child and young person must always be safe, loved and cherished in the Church."

He said the designation of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month provides the bishops with "the providential opportunity to unite with all Americans in a renewed resolve to halt the scourge of sexual abuse of youth in our society."

Did you know ...

1. The "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" was established by the USCCB in June 2002. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy.

2. The "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability and prevention of future acts of abuse.

3. The charter directs action in all the following matters:

- Healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors;
- Making prompt and effective response to allegations;
- Cooperating with civil authorities;
- Disciplining offenders;
- Creating a safe environment for children and young people;
- Providing for means of accountability for the future to ensure the problem continues to be effectively dealt with through a national Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection and a National Review Board.

4. The charter calls for annual audits of dioceses/eparchies to ascertain compliance with the charter by the bishop and his diocese/eparchy. Annual audits have been conducted since 2003. Of the 195 dioceses/eparchies 188 participated in the 2010 audit. Results of the audits are published and a copy is sent to the Holy See.

5. Safe environment training is taking place in all audited dioceses/eparchies of the country. Over 2 million employees and volunteers have been trained to recognize the behavior of offenders and what to do about it.

6. Safe environment training was provided to 162,026 educators; 38,053 priests, 14,783 dea-

cons and 6,007 candidates for ordination to recognize the behaviors of offenders and what to do about it.

7. Background evaluations have been conducted on over 2 million volunteers and Church personnel who have contact with children.

8. In 2010, 162,753 educators, 37,891 priests, 14,790 deacons and 6,028 candidates for ordination have had their backgrounds evaluated.

9. All audited dioceses/eparchies have Codes of Conduct spelling out what is acceptable behavior. These codes serve to let people know what behaviors are and are not accepted as well as what behavior can be expected.

10. All dioceses/eparchies have victim assistance coordinators, assuring victims that they will be heard. In 2010 dioceses/eparchies provided outreach to 2,346 victim/survivors.

11. Regardless of when the abuse occurred, a cleric against whom there is an established or admitted act of child sexual abuse is permanently removed from the priesthood. There is no statute of limitations for removing a cleric who has sexual abused a minor from public ministry in the Catholic Church.

12. Dioceses/eparchies require intensive background screening as well as psychological testing for those wishing to enter the seminary. Audit figures for 2010 report out of 6,078 candidates for Ordination 6,007 have been trained and 6,028 have had a background check.

13. Over 5,341,000 children were given the skills to recognize both a grooming process and to tell parents and other trusted adults about such behavior.

14. Again in 2010, no diocese

or eparchy entered into confidentiality settlements unless the victim/survivors/survivor requested it and it was specifically noted in the agreement.

15. Dioceses/eparchies report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor to the civil authorities.

16. The charter requires that all dioceses/eparchies be open and transparent regarding any and all cases of sexual abuse. Parishes affected by abuse are informed openly, honestly and compassionately of allegations.

17. There is a bishop representative from each episcopal region of the U.S. on the Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People.

18. The Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection helps dioceses/eparchies become and maintain compliance with the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" and to integrate the charter into the diocesan way of life.

19. The National Review Board is a lay group appointed by the USCCB president to offer its advice on matters of child and youth protection to the Bishops' Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People. You can see who all the current members are on:

www.usccb.org/ocyp/nrb.shtml.

20. The Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People has designed orientation sessions to address questions new bishops and eparchies may have regarding the charter and the audit process.

21. The Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection develops resources for use by dioceses/eparchies. Many are compilations of information from the audit documents. Resources can be found on their website: www.usccb.org

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School choice rally draws 800 supporters to statehouse

School choice measure passes House

INDIANAPOLIS — “School Choice Now! School Choice Now! School Choice Now!” This chant, which echoed repeatedly throughout the statehouse, was generated by a crowd estimated at 800, some of whom were school children, during a March 30 rally at the statehouse.

Following the rally, House lawmakers passed the school scholarship bill HB 1003, 56-42, which allows eligible families to use public dollars to attend a private school of their choice. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the bill.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett, addressing rally participants, said, “In all the time I spent coaching basketball, I have never enjoyed this time of year as much as I am enjoying this year, when we turn around education.

“Frequently, when I travel around the state I get this question,” said Bennett. “Tony Bennett, you are the superintendent of Public Instruction. Why do you support charter schools, private schools, home schools, if you are the superintendent of public schools? I want you to have this answer galvanized in your heart. I want you to look at the children standing all around me, and all the children standing up above in the balcony and all around you in this room. Ladies and gentleman, my public is these children. Your public is these children. Our future is these chil-



CHARLES J. SCHISLA

Dr. Tony Bennett, Indiana superintendent of Public Instruction, discussed the merits of the education reform legislation during a March 30 school choice rally at the statehouse. Dr. Bennett is surrounded by charter school students from across the state.

dren.”

Speaker of the House Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis said, “This is about our constitutional obligation to give every student the most educational opportunities that they can receive. This legislation is about options. We are going to see it though until the job is done.”

Sen. Earline Rodgers, D-Gary, said, “As a former teacher, I can never get away from asking a question. What takes time, pressure and heat?” The answer from the crowd was “a diamond.”

Rodgers drew an analogy between a diamond and charter schools. “It will take time, pressure and heat for charter schools to show their beauty,” she said.

“There’s a lot of pressure for schools to achieve. I think they (charter schools) can withstand the pressure and heat and contribute to the development of children so that they can compete in the global economy.”

Former chancellor of Washington, D.C. Public Schools, Michelle Rhee, and founder and CEO of Students First, an education reform advocacy group said, “We have the opportunity in Indiana today for this state to be leading the charge for education reform. We can not make this issue about partisan politics. We have a Republican governor and a Democrat President who support school choice. I’m a Democrat.”

Rhee said she was not a supporter of school choice until she was responsible for 25,000 students in the Washington, D.C., school system.

Rhee said she had mothers coming to her every day asking for a choice. “I was sending my own children to a private school because I could,” said Rhee. But for those who could not afford it, Rhee said, “Who am I, as chancellor of public schools, to deny these children a \$7,500 voucher so they could go to the school of their choice. I could not look these mothers and their children in the eye and tell them, ‘give it five years for the school to improve.’”

“Children can’t vote or contribute to campaigns, so they are voiceless,” said Rhee. She said that when these courageous Hoosier lawmakers take heat back in their districts for going against the status quo of the education establishment, they should remember they are representing “the next generation of constituents and voters.”

Gov. Mitch Daniels addressed the crowd on a big screen television. “We have a tremendous opportunity to move public education forward. We want to ensure a top quality teacher in every classroom. We want to increase the number of charter schools that are bringing great innovations to the classroom. We want to move in and turn around schools that are the worst per-

INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

forming,” he said. “I want to thank you so profoundly for coming to show your support, for our kids and their futures. The special interest groups who oppose any change of any kind do not represent, thank goodness, the majority of Hoosiers and they certainly do not represent the interests of children.”

Sen. President Pro Tempore, David C. Long (R-Fort Wayne) noted the striking difference between this rally and previous rallies this year. “It’s so nice to see a crowd ‘for something’ rather than ‘against everything.’”

Long said, “Good education is the key to success. The goal of the education reform legislation is to give our kids the educational opportunities that each of our kids need. Tell your neighbors that the education reform work we are doing here is very important. It is not against public teachers, but for giving children the best educational fit for them.”

House Bill 1003 now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

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Pope advances sainthood causes, including Canadian brother

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI advanced the sainthood causes of 35 candidates, including Canadian Christian Brother Adolphe Chatillon. During a meeting April 2 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the pope signed a decree recognizing that Brother Chatillon lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way. Before Brother Chatillon can be beatified, the pope would have to recognize a miracle attributed to his intercession. Brother Chatillon, who lived 1871-1929, taught in schools in Quebec and at the Christian Brothers' novitiate. Pope Benedict also signed decrees that paved the way for several beatifications: He recognized the martyrdom of French Norbertine Father Pierre-Adrien Toulorge, who was guillotined in 1793 during the French Revolution; he recognized the martyrdom of 22 Oblate priests and a layman, Candido Castan San Jose, killed in 1936 during the Spanish Civil War; he formally recognized the miracles needed for the beatifications of two Italian priests, two Italian nuns and a Spanish nun.

High court tosses out challenge to Arizona tuition tax credit program

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court April 4 tossed out a challenge to Arizona's tuition tax credit program — which directs money to scholarships for students at mostly Catholic nonpublic schools — saying that because no direct state expenditures are involved, taxpayers have no legal basis for suing. The 5-4 ruling written by Justice Anthony Kennedy held that because the arrangement is for taxpayers to receive tax credits for their donations to tuition scholarship organizations, no actual state spending is involved and that therefore taxpayers in general lack jurisdiction for challenging the program. "In an era of frequent litigation, class actions, sweeping injunctions with prospective effect, and continuing jurisdiction to enforce judicial remedies, courts must be more careful to insist on the formal rules of standing, not less so," wrote Kennedy. He was joined in the decision by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito. In a strong dissent, Justice Elena Kagan said that because of the program the state has lost an estimated \$350 million in revenue that never got into government coffers since the 1997 law took effect. The program allows tax credits of up to \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for couples who donate money to a scholarship tuition organization, which in turn uses the money to fund scholarships for students who attend private schools, including religious schools. The vast majority of such scholarships have gone to students who attend religious schools. "The court's arbi-

REFUGEE CAMP AT LIBYA-TUNISIA BORDER



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A refugee who fled the unrest in Libya shaves a friend's head at a refugee camp near the Libya-Tunisia border March 26. Refugees and migrant workers crossing the border from Libya into Tunisia continue to report incidents of hardship and extreme violence against them by Libyan nationals, said a Catholic humanitarian aid worker.

trary distinction threatens to eliminate all occasions for a taxpayer to contest the government's monetary support of religion. Precisely because appropriations and tax breaks can achieve identical objectives," wrote Kagan, "the government can easily substitute one for the other. Today's opinion thus enables the government to end-run (a previous ruling that guaranteed) access to the judiciary. From now on, the government need follow just one simple rule — subsidize through the tax system to preclude taxpayer challenges to state funding of religion."

Caritas reports 1,000 civilians dead, missing in Ivory Coast town

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — One thousand people were suspected to be dead or missing in the town of Duekoue, Ivory Coast, after clashes throughout the country intensified, Caritas Internationalis reported. Aid organizations have been recovering hundreds of bodies in Duekoue, according to news reports. Caritas workers visiting the town "are reporting a thousand people have been killed there or 'disappeared,'" Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church's aid and development agency, said in an April 2 statement. "Caritas condemns all attacks on civilians and says the humanitarian situation in Ivory Coast is rapidly deteriorating," it said. Army forces and militia supporting President-

elect Alassane Ouattara have been clashing with security personnel and others loyal to outgoing President Laurent Gbagbo, who refused to leave office after Ouattara was declared the winner of elections Nov. 28. Some 1 million people have fled the violence, according to the United Nations. Many have escaped the violence by taking refuge in Liberia. Caritas Internationalis called for an investigation into the deaths to find out who is responsible. The massacre took place in a part of Duekoue controlled by pro-Ouattara forces during intense clashes March 27-29, it said.

Cure of TV repairman is recognized as 68th miracle at Lourdes

ANGERS, France (CNS) — The cure of a French TV repairman who completed a 1,000-mile hike after his paralyzed leg was inexplicably healed has become the 68th miracle to be officially recognized by the Catholic Church at the French Marian sanctuary of Lourdes. "After profound expert examinations, the International Medical Committee of Lourdes has concluded this was a remarkable occurrence, an unexplained cure according to the current state of science," said Bishop Emmanuel Delmas of Angers. "This cure can be considered a personal gift from God for this man, an instance of grace and a

sign from Christ the Savior," he added. Serge Francois, now 65, had been twice operated on unsuccessfully for a herniated disk when he traveled to Lourdes on a diocesan pilgrimage April 12, 2002. He said the "unbearable flashing pain" in his left leg was replaced after a few minutes of prayer by an "intense sensation of good will and warmth," which continued until the paralyzed limb completely recovered. The repairman, now retired, reported the incident a year later to the Lourdes medical bureau, and it was judged "remarkable" by the 20-member International Medical Committee Dec. 1, 2008. His case was studied by a Church canonical commission in September 2010.

Seminarians urged to exercise Christ's authority in priesthood

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Seminarians must not be afraid to exercise the priestly authority of Christ upon their ordination to the priesthood, Bishop Samuel F. Aquila of Fargo, N.D., told an assembly of seminarians in Philadelphia. "Jesus is the shepherd who teaches us, as bishops and priests and future priests, how to shepherd, how to live His own pastoral authority bestowed upon us by Him and the Holy Spirit on the day of our ordinations," Bishop Aquila said at 10th annual Symposium on the Spirituality and Identity of the

Diocesan Priest. He urged the seminarians to understand how direct Christ was in calling people "to change their way of acting and thinking" and learn his criteria "for correcting a brother or sister," especially those who dissent from Church teaching on abortion, contraception, same-sex unions and euthanasia. He also questioned why Catholic politicians who year after year vote to keep legal abortion continue to receive Communion. In today's secular society, "with its rejection of God" and His authority, exercising the office of governance is the most difficult for the Church's leaders, but they learn how to exercise that authority by turning to Christ. The March 18 symposium was sponsored by the Institute for Priestly Formation and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Bishop Aquila delved into the Gospels to point out several examples of how Christ exercised that authority. Quoting from the Gospel of Matthew, he noted that Jesus called his Twelve Apostles and "gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal every disease and every infirmity."

Bishops' committee: Book misrepresents Catholic faith

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a detailed critique, the U.S. bishops' Committee on Doctrine has concluded that a 2007 book written by Fordham University theology professor Sister Elizabeth A. Johnson "contains misrepresentations, ambiguities and errors" related to the Catholic faith. The committee said in a 21-page statement released March 30 that the book, "Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God," failed to take the faith of the Catholic Church as its starting point and chose to use standards from outside the faith to "criticize and to revise in a radical fashion the conception of God revealed in Scripture and taught by the magisterium." The book was identified for review by the committee during winter 2009-10, said Father Thomas G. Weinandy, executive director of the Secretariat for Doctrine at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He did not identify who approached the committee or the exact date when the correspondence was received. "We don't go looking for things to criticize," he said in an interview March 31. "It was only when it was brought to our attention and it was asked that the doctrine committee examine it that we did." The statement from the committee, chaired by Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, indicated that the book was reviewed because Sister Elizabeth is a well-known theologian and that the book is aimed at a broad audience of general readers. The fact that it is used as a textbook in some theology classes at universities around the country also was a factor, the statement said.

Cathedral to present 'Sermon on the Mount'

FORT WAYNE — The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in the parish's ongoing celebration of the 175th anniversary of the church this year, will present "Sermon on the Mount" with actor Frank Runyeon on Sunday, April 10, at 1:30 p.m.

Runyeon has received national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 20 years. Runyeon has translated and adapted five Biblical texts for this one-man performance.

His presentation will include the Sermon on the Mount presentation and a talk on "Hollywood vs. Faith: The Three Other Beatitudes."

Runyeon is probably best known for his roles on television. He starred for seven years as Steve Andropoulos on "As the World Turns" and four years as Father Michael Donnelly on "Santa Barbara," and as Simon Romero on "General Hospital." He has had roles on "L.A. Law," "Another World" and "Falcon Crest." He has also appeared on stage.

The presentation is free; however there will be a free-will donation.

Legacy Dinner to feature Lou Holtz

SOUTH BEND — The St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Legacy Dinner on Thursday, April 28, at the Century Center. This event is an opportunity to celebrate and showcase the mission with the broader community.

The featured speaker is the legendary, former Notre Dame football coach, Lou Holtz. For more information on the event, please visit www.saintvincent-in.org/dinner-2011 or e-mail laura.baker@saintvincent-in.org.

Applications being accepted for Providence Associates

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods are currently accepting applications from persons interested in becoming Providence Associates for the 2011-2012 year.

In the five years since this relationship opportunity was introduced, 146 people have become Providence Associates, including three in Taiwan. Twenty-three individuals are currently preparing to become associates in November.

Providence Associates are women and men (at least 18 years of age) of diverse faith traditions who seek a formal relationship with the Sisters of Providence. Through the period of discernment and reflection, the associates will discuss participation in the life and mission of the Sisters of Providence with the companion and director. Some suggested

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PROVIDED BY MARTHA BERGMAN

At St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne, students from grades 3, 4 and 5 were encouraged to write and bind their own books for a writers' conference. Students shared their books in small groups, and 15 students will proceed to take their books to the city-wide Young Authors' conference in April.

ways for associates to participate are mutual and intentional prayer; appropriate community gatherings, reflection and prayer groups; Sisters of Providence retreats and spiritual enrichment programs; social justice activities; eco-justice projects; and/or other Sisters of Providence ministries. The associate makes a commitment for one year.

Applications will be accepted through June 30. For more information about Providence Associates, contact Sister Diane Mason, director of Providence Associates, at (708) 364-7917, e-mail dmason@spsmw.org or visit www.ProvidenceAssociates.org. An application can be requested from Sister Diane or Vicki Layton, administrative assistant, at vlayton@spsmw.org or (812) 535-2862.

Catholic Charities offers citizenship classes

SOUTH BEND — Catholic Charities will offer free citizenship classes from April 11 to June 13. Classes will be held Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. at 1817 Miami St., South Bend, 46613 and will provide information about the naturalization process and preparation for the citizenship exam. Class will not be held on May 4 or May 11. Classes will be conducted in English.

To register call Rose Rivera at (574) 234-3111 ext. 60.

Catholic Charities offers English as a new language classes

SOUTH BEND — Catholic Charities will offer free English as a new language (ENL) classes four days a week from April 11 to June 13. Times are Mondays 2:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesdays 5-7 p.m. (through May 19) and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be no classes held on April 20, May 30 or May 2 through May 12. Classes will be held at 1817 Miami St., South Bend, 46613 and provide students with the opportunity to increase their use and understanding of everyday American English. All levels are conversational and include speaking, grammar, listening comprehension and vocabulary. Classes will be conducted in English. To register call Rose Rivera at (574) 234-3111 ext. 60.

Workshop, retreat to assist chronically ill

GRANGER — The Stephen Ministry at St. Pius X Church in Granger will present a workshop Saturday, April 30, from 9-11:30 a.m. called "Chronically Fit: Finding a 'Spiritually Focused' Life in the Midst of Chronic Illness."

Chronic illness can pose many kinds of challenges: physical, spiritual and/or psychological challenges. Through presentations and

small group discussions, the workshop will take inventory of where participants are on their spiritual journey, focus attention on practical approaches to spiritual resilience and begin the journey toward having the life desired.

The cost of the workshop is \$25, which includes all materials and refreshments.

The retreat presenter is Carol Swope, director of Stephen Ministry at St. Pius X Church.

Stephen Ministry is an interdenominational ministry offered in more than 10,000 congregations around the world. Its purpose is to provide individual care and support to anyone experiencing a life challenge or spiritual crisis. For more than 25 years, Swope has also lived with a serious chronic illness and shares her own personal experience and spiritual journey toward acceptance, contentment, fulfillment and peace.

St. Pius is located at 52553 Fir Rd., Granger. Participants are requested to enter doors of the Parish Education Center off of Santa Monica Drive.

For reservations, contact Swope at (574) 247-6980 or e-mail cswope@stpious.net.

Promise of adult stem-cell research presented at IPFW, USF

FORT WAYNE — Dr. David Prentice, an adult stem-cell research advocate, will speak in Fort Wayne on Friday, April 15, at

noon, at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, in room 159, Liberal Arts Bldg., and on Saturday, April 16, at 9 a.m. at the University of Saint Francis' North Campus, 2707 Spring St.

Dr. Prentice is an expert in the field of medical ethics and stem-cell research. He is Senior Fellow for Life Sciences at the Family Research Council. He is a founding member of Do No Harm: the Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics. For 20 years he was professor of life sciences at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, and adjunct professor of medical and molecular genetics for Indiana University School of Medicine.

Joyce Racine of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, and one of the organizers of the event, says, "Any discussion of stem-cell research must include a qualifier that defines where the stem cells come from. Are they embryonic stem cells or adult stem cells? Embryonic stem cells come from embryos in the first few days of life. Obtaining them necessarily results in a baby's death. By contrast, adult stem cells are found in umbilical cord blood, the placenta and in virtually all tissues of the body from birth onward. Harvesting adult cells does not harm the individual from whom they are obtained."

Dr. Prentice says, "I am in favor of stem-cell research — adult stem-cell research. It is daily proving itself more capable of cures without moral and political difficulties. If we are truly interested in providing treatments for suffering patients, we should rapidly pursue that which shows real promise."

He adds, "In just a few years, the possibility that adult stem cells could repair and regenerate damaged and diseased tissue has gone from an unlikely possibility to a virtual certainty." Adult bone marrow stem cells are currently used successfully in the treatment of some types of cancers, immune deficiencies, leukemia and other blood disorders.

Treatments using patient's own stem cells show promise treating for MS, Parkinson's, repairing heart damage, Lupus, Sickle cell anemia, repairing damaged cartilage, growing new corneas and blood vessels and restoring movement to spinal cord injury patients.

Easter cantata April 10 at St. Charles Church

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Borromeo Church, Fort Wayne, will present the cantata, "Come, Touch the Robe: Encounters with the Healer, the Servant, the Lord of Easter" on Sunday, April 10, at 7 p.m.

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Lourdes Dinner Dance planned to sponsor pilgrim

BY LISA EVERETT

SOUTH BEND — For each of the past 50 years, Knights of Columbus Council 553 in downtown South Bend has sponsored an all-expense paid pilgrimage to Lourdes for someone who is suffering from an illness or injury. Ranging in age from small children to the elderly, these pilgrims have experienced not only the healing power of the Lourdes baths but also the spiritual fruits of this famous shrine which attracts over 5 million visitors annually.

Besides seeking donations to cover the cost of the yearly pilgrimage, Council 553 hosts an annual Lourdes Dinner Dance and silent auction. This year's event will be held on Saturday evening, May 7, at the Knights of Columbus Clubrooms, 553 E. Washington St., in downtown South Bend.

The most recent beneficiary of this annual fundraiser was Michael (Mick) Linsdell, who traveled to Lourdes this past September along with his wife, Erika. Mick, himself a member of Council 553, spent all of May 2010 and most of June in the hospital with recurrent mini-strokes. Physicians found a blockage in his brain and he underwent surgery to insert a stent. One of his fellow Knights submitted Mick's name to the Lourdes' selection committee, and he was chosen. Erika recalls how weak Mick

was, physically and mentally, when they began their pilgrimage. He was unsteady on his feet, and his speech was still slurred. Once in Lourdes, however, Erika realized that he was being supported by a strength that was not his own.

"I went there with no expectations," Mick remembers. "It was a wonderful experience. I found it very moving. There was definitely a spiritual feeling about the place. There seemed to be a peace there, despite so many people." The candlelight processions in the evenings were particularly beautiful, Mick noted. One night he and Erika walked up to St. Bernadette's Church for a bird's-eye view. As long a climb as it was, it did not tire him like he expected — he literally felt lifted up.

One of the highlights of the trip for both of them was a morning jaunt by train up the mountain Pic Du Jur near the village of Lourdes. "It was breathtaking to see the surrounding area and the Pyrenees mountains," Erika remembers. "Being up there felt like you were being filled with the Holy Spirit."

Another highlight was making the Stations of the Cross, which

Erika describes as "absolutely amazing, walking up and down along the path, almost as if you were following Christ's footsteps."

Then there was the Anointing of the Sick, the Eucharist processions, the wall of candles representing so many prayer intentions of pilgrims like themselves, and of course, the long wait for the baths, which have become the hallmark of the famous shrine.

While Mick is reluctant to think himself the recipient of a cure, the fact is that he has not had any relapses since he returned from Lourdes, and feels good. "I feel I was totally blessed," he comments. "I was blessed by the Knights to be sent, and it was phenomenal."

Reservations for this year's Lourdes Dinner Dance can be made by calling chairpersons John and Judy Lehner at (574) 236-7642 by April 29. The evening begins with a wine and hors d'oeuvres social and silent auction from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dinner catered by Fiddler's Hearth. Afterwards there will be dancing to the music of Mike Vazari and his band. The cost of the dinner dance is \$30 per person, \$60 per couple.

"Being up there felt like you were being filled with the Holy Spirit."

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SPRING SPORTS

Bishop Dwenger, Bishop Luers set spring sports goals

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With warmer temperatures just around the corner, both Fort Wayne area Catholic high schools are preparing for another spring season on the courses, fields, courts and tracks. Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high schools once again are expected to lead the area with successful Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) showings and deep post season runs.

Bishop Dwenger preview

Softball

In an amazing come-from-behind win, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger (27-2) secured the school's first state softball crown in 2010 downing No. 1 ranked Booneville, 9-8, for a Class 3-A victory. For Coach Dave Moyer and the Saints it will be more of the same for 2011 after graduating just two seniors from the championship team. The defending champs sit atop the preseason polls as Boston College recruit Andrea Filler returns on the mound for her senior year to cap off four stellar seasons at Bishop Dwenger.

Golf

Coaching golf for over 20 years now, Coach Dave Skudder has experienced great success with some very good golfers at Bishop Dwenger. Winning seven out of the past nine SAC titles,

including the 2010 honor, a 2010 sectional championship and a 13th place state tournament finish a year ago are some of the many highlights for the Saint linksters.

Patrick Ryan and Evan Hoopfer are returning seniors who averaged 40 and 44 last spring. Juniors Carter Eifert (39), Trevor Eccelstone (44) and Chris Boger (40.3) also return along with sophomores Casey Cooney (40) and Alex MacDonald (45). Newcomers Jake Leonard and Drake Eifert will join the Saints on the course. In hopes of defending both their SAC and sectional titles from 2010, Skudder explains, "Time will tell. We need to fit some players into the lineup who have not played much varsity golf. We hope to continue with our success and are planning to be competitive."

Baseball

After 22 years, Coach Larry Windmiller (367-239) has retired from the Bishop Dwenger baseball program and is replaced this season by John Tone, Jr., who served as his assistant for the past 14 years. In his rookie outing, Tone and the Saints opened against New Haven on Saturday, April 2. Bishop Dwenger lost to New Haven, 4-5, in the post-season first round of sectionals last year when they finished 11-13 (6-3 SAC). The Saints were hit hard by graduation returning just three starters and no experience on the mound, but list six seniors for 2011: Nathan Fenker, Russell

Coonan, Jacob Collett, Greg Black, Greg Kaiser and Pete Kosiarek. Kaiser led the team a year ago with a .519 batting average.

Girls' track

The Bishop Dwenger girls' track squad have nearly 60 members committed this season, half who return from a year ago, which includes 19 letter holders. Coach Erin Brady is also pleased to report, "Many of the 15 new freshmen are showing great potential, including a promising hurdler, Tori Houk." Already making her mark for this area, junior thrower, Chris Widner, is expected to dominate in the shot put for the Saints, competing in the state meet last year and qualifying for the Hoosier State Relays. Long jumper Brittany Trahin and the short relay teams, who return Mary Beier, Sarah Kleber, Michelle Marqueling, Madeline Pollifrone, Danielle Messman, Allison Coffin and Katie Rosswurm, are working hard to build on last year's success.

Boys' track

Tenured coach Herb Widner's boys' track team finished third in the SAC race last year and went on to an eighth-place showing in the IHSAA regional meet. The Saints will be led by a strong

returning core including pole vaulters Dave Schipper and Pat Krach, sprinters Colin Jasper, Anthony Offerle, Greg German and Emmanuel Okendu, distance specialists Phil Schroeder, Sam Gray, Andy Eckrich and James Myers and throwers Bryan Tippmann and Josh Bessesen. Bishop Dwenger is also looking for newcomers Nate Niese, Gus (Barney) Schrader, Jordan Bly, Matt Klein and Trey Casaburo to make a significant impact.



Tennis

"We have a great bunch of girls this season. This year's

team is the strongest team I have had in my coaching career. Our goal is to go all the way to state," explains Bishop Dwenger tennis Coach Anne Schenkel (88-22). And Schenkel has good reason for her confidence returning all 20 of her varsity players from the 2010 sectional championship team. In addition, freshman Audrey Rang joins the mix and will be playing No. 2 singles behind sister Ashlyn (19-2), who has committed to Ball State. Danielle and Elizabeth Maxson are also back at No. 1 doubles. The sister duo, who finished 24-2, made it to the first round of the individual state doubles tourna-

ment last season. More sister sets round out the roster in the Stetzels and Lees for Bishop Dwenger.

Bishop Luers preview

Lacrosse

The Knights' lacrosse team was left with a young group after graduation, but hopes to build on a late season and 2010 playoff run. This season's roster is heavily laden with quick juniors and sophomores, but a good deal of first-year players and over 30 in all. Bishop Luers returning seniors include: Dan Rodenbeck, Demetrius Jackson and Luke Minich. In his third year at the helm, Coach Lonnie Nichter is pleased to have several home games slated for Tillman Park after a 1-2 start pre-spring break.

Tennis

Bishop Luers currently has 33 girls on their tennis team roster. Just two seniors, Kailyn Baumgartner and Natalie Burrell return. Samantha Rahrig (11), who had a tremendous No. 1 singles season finishing with a 17-3 record, Abby Oberley (11), Christina Regan (11), Andrea Choka (10) and Courtney Witte (10) are also back as varsity players while two freshmen, Natalie Rahrig and Madeline Brown are predicted to make an immediate impact vying for varsity spots

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with their solid tennis ability. Julia Hellinger, Laura Welling and a number of others will also be pushing for varsity appearances with the junior varsity squad also expected to have a strong season for 2011. In his preview interview, Coach Brady McArdle beamed, "We are very excited about the 2011 edition of girls' tennis at Bishop Luers. We look forward to the tremendous challenges that we will face and hope that we can rise up to the occasion." In his seventh season, McArdle is thrilled to have some top notch help this season in assistant Jerry Rahrig, who is reported to be a tremendous asset to the group bringing much tennis knowledge and experience, along with Barbara Maher. Maher, an excellent player herself, communicates and relates very well with the girls according to McArdle. Conference play for the Knights begins on April 13. Last year

Bishop Luers finished 6-3 for third place in their league.

Softball

Coached by Jeff Doll for the past 12 seasons, the Lady Knights will open their 2011 season on April 13. Between varsity and junior varsity, assistant coach Erin Eastgate reported that Bishop Luers lists 25 players on their softball roster. "We are looking forward to playing some tough SAC games," commented Eastgate. The Knights will have great leadership from their five seniors: Emily Hayes, Liberty McCartney, Natalie Raugh, Emily Shafer and Kate Potchka. The team also returns six young players from a year ago.

Golf

As a freshman, Joe Leja fired a 78 at the sectional to advance to regional competition, earning him Bishop Luers 2010 golfer of the year. Leja returns along with junior Parker Watts (putter of the year) and senior Hugh Baldus and are expected to lead the Knights in their 2011 season. Coach Tom O'Brien is also looking at Ben Mauch, John Fink and Eric

Perrine to step in and contribute as Bishop Luers looks to improve on last year's 4-5 conference record. Summer tourneys and talented newcomers are also very hopeful factors for the Knights' success this spring.

Baseball

In his 25th season, Hall of Famer Coach Gary Rogers (370-325) and the Bishop Luers Knights are preparing to return to the state championship arena in 2011. "After a state championship in 2008, we have had two sub-.500 seasons and are anxious to right the ship again," explained Rogers. The Knights, who are ranked eighth in the Class 2-A preseason poll, lost in the sectional finals a year ago. "As always, we have a goal to win 20 games and a state

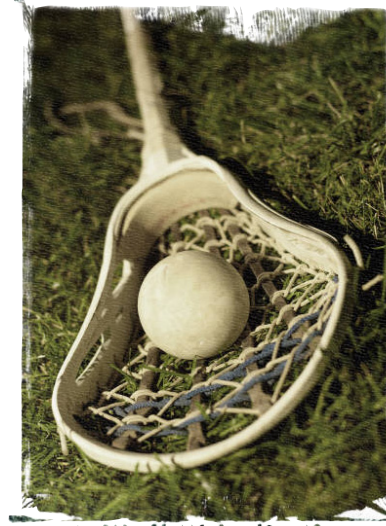
championship," he added. To assist in reaching their goals, the Knights return their top hitter from 2010 and all-SAC selection, senior Charlie Pfister, along with seniors Gabe Mendoza, Eddie Thoma and Henry Till. A key outfielder, Drew Morken, Aaron Lamaster, Mason Coy, Zack Millard and Jeff Cardenas are also back. In addition, Cam Gallaway, David Hamel, Tyler Green, Eric Sorg, Dylan Call, Adam Reust

and Matt Williamson are all varsity newcomers expected to contribute. Pfister, who had 17 rbi's and 53 strikeouts in 2010, will catch and carry a good share of the of the pitching load this season.

Track

Coach Jason Draper begins his 13th season with the Bishop Luers track program. He has an overall boys' and girls' combined record of 481-436-7. Led by senior captain and sprinter Elizabeth Swygart, the Lady Knights also return senior sprinter and vaulter, Bridget Wellman, junior distance runner Rachel Crouch, junior sprinter and jumper Kori Current, sophomore sprinter Keirsten Baumgartner and sophomore sprinter and hurdler Heather Wuellner. Freshmen Kate Eifrid and Sarah Goodwin are listed as incoming athletes to watch for. The Knights had a seventh place conference finish in 2010.

Draper's boys' squad have named senior distance runner Billy McManus as captain for 2011. Gabriel Sundberg (senior sprinter), Corey Leffers (junior hurdler/sprinter) and sophomore distance runners John Wellman, Sean McManus and Luke Martinez all return for the 2011 season. Sophomore Keyontae Green, a sprinter and jumper, and junior distance runner Manny Martinez are listed as newcomers to watch for Bishop Luers.



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Marian, Saint Joseph's prepare for spring athletics

BY JOE KOZINSKI

Marian preview

MISHAWAKA — The Marian Knights, coming off a very successful winter campaign, are looking to grow from their accomplishments and move towards a very competitive spring season.

"We are very blessed to have some of our most experienced coaches leading our spring teams," commented Reggie Glon, athletic director. "Jim Kryder, our golf coach and George Grenert our softball coach each have more than 20 years at the helm, speaks volumes of their dedication and success.

"Larry Daher is the father of our rugby program that is more than a decade old, and Tim Prister is working on his eighth year at the helm of our baseball team," continued Glon. "When you have experienced coaches in these positions it lets them focus on development and game competitiveness without the little administrative distractions that accompany newer staff members."

Softball

As the Marian softball team marches onto the diamond this spring it will be doing so with a mix of both young and experienced players that will compete for the conference and sectional title.

"I think that our strengths right now are our defense, quickness and pitching," explained Grenert. "I think that throughout the season our hitting will progress and that we will become a pretty good team with the bat.

"We have a couple of seniors, Colleen Doyle and Colleen Earley, that have shown some very good leadership," continued Grenert. "We also have some talented freshmen that will have to learn some new positions and get comfortable with their rolls."

Grenert said, "Defensively we have built the team to be solid up the middle. Junior Ariel Sheets is on the mound. Catching is junior Ellen Nagy, Kathleen Kavanagh is at short and Katie Barnard is at second. Anchoring our outfield is junior center fielder Emily VanTornhaut. I think that our team will continue to get better everyday and will be ready to battle for a sectional title."

Baseball

The Knights are on track to have a solid season as they are ready to harvest the fruits of a couple of years of youth development and the steady progression of talented players.

"It feels like we have been young since our title drive of 2008 (state runner up)," commented Coach Tim Prister. "This squad is one of our most experienced, filled with upperclassmen including three of our top four pitchers being seniors, so we are very hopeful this will be a big year for us."

Prister said, "I believe our strength lies in our pitching and our everyday lineup and I am extremely encouraged by our development. We do have some speed at the top of our batting order but with our big guys, we will primarily be a station to station type team."

He said, "We are excited to have seniors Taylor Krugh and left-hander John Leszczynski on the hill giving our staff stability and experience. Leftfielder Chase Parker is everything you would look for in a leader and we also are looking for a solid season from Matt Gibson and Bobby Norell, hopefully giving us that game tested experience that will have us heading deep into the state tournament."

Boys' golf

The Knights are expecting to get back on track after a season that saw the Marian golfers end its streak of 12 years of advancing to at least the regionals.

"Last season we did advance a golfer to the regionals but our team just fell short," claimed Coach Jim Kryder. "I think with the team and experience that we have returning, we will push for the conference crown as well as the sectional championship."

Kryder explained, "We have three very solid seniors back — Michael Rutledge, Tim Trippel and Ian Saboski. Michael Makris is a freshman that can become an extremely good player for us and we have four others that can really push to be in the mix."

Kryder said, "I'm very optimistic that we can progress as a team and improve a couple of strokes going into the tournament. I have promoted the passage of Phil. 3:13, (But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead)."

Girls' track

Excitement, passion and improvement are the three cornerstones that make up the small but focused compliment of girls that will represent Marian in track and field during the spring campaign.

"We have 18 girls that have come together as a team and are working very hard to be competitive in the upcoming weeks," said Coach Jared Owens. "We are young. We have two seniors Abigail Majewski and Grace Pretro that have dedicated their time, and their leadership shows.

"Overall we are young and our sprinting corps will be our building blocks for future success," continued Owens. "Maggie Hartnagel is an outstanding freshman, Jordan Beuter has been a big surprise in the discus and shot, and we have an extremely exciting sophomore in the pole vault in Elizabeth Eversole."

Owens added, "The girls as a team are working very hard and are seeing improvement daily. The word is youth. We are young, young, young, but the exuberance is catching on."

Boys' track

The boys' track team is almost a mirror image of the girls' as their coach has just as much raw passion in the future of the program and how the student athletes are embracing the transformation.

"What I love about this team is that they are young and its so exciting working with kids that want to push themselves and be the best they can be," explained Owens. "Probably our best leader and runner is our only senior, Fabio Maia. Unfortunately he is an exchange student and can't run varsity, but he works so very hard.

"We have a trio of junior sprinters that work hard and are very talented — Eric Plude, Anthony Rice and Connor Burke," continued Owens. "Junior Luke Street is going to score for us in the throwing events, but other than that we are young and untested."

Owens said, "It has just been wonderful working with the kids so far, they work hard in the weight room, they are working hard on our programs and they

definitely want to be here."

Girls' tennis

The tennis team at Marian is rebuilding and improving as it readies for the upcoming season.

"We lost the state champion in singles, Caroline Eberhart, to a transfer. So that is considered a big loss," explained Coach Sarah Stanchin. "I'm confident that sophomore Sarah Krizman will fill her shoes as our number one singles player.

"After Sarah we are pretty even and challenge matches will be a big part in determining our last six spots," continued Stanchin. "We are pretty young but I'm optimistic that we will grow together and be competitive with the other schools in our conference."

Rugby

The mesh of four schools; Marian, Saint Joseph's, Mishawaka and Adams high schools make up the silver-and-blue-clad legion that will do battle on the pitch under the flag of the

Knights.

"We lost some good players to graduation, but we will have a junior dominated squad of 30 with a handful of seniors," commented coach and founding father of Marian rugby Larry Daher. "Antonio Winn, Pat Russell and Gavin Glon, our senior leaders, have handled the responsibilities just fine.

"Our team strength is in the Pack and we can boast an All-USA player in Tommy Stachowiak and Michael McNamara has an engine that just won't quit," remarked Daher. "This will definitely be a season in which our staff will do quite a bit of teaching and development and the expectation is that the players learn and improve and become competitive at the highest level."



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Saint Joseph's preview

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's athletics are continuing to grow and reach new heights and with the help of the capital campaign "Forward

in Faith" may mean state-of-the-art onsite athletic facilities.

"Every one of the head coaches on our staff is returning and they have developed a sense of camaraderie that builds success," commented Eric Gohlke, athletic director. "We currently have 13 points towards the Bishop's Cup (trophy between Saint Joseph's and Marian), historically 15 points will retain the trophy, so we are hoping to close it out for the year."

"The Forward in Faith capital campaign means a great deal to the school academically, but it also benefits our athletes tremendously," explained Gohlke. "We will add a weight and aerobic facility, a track, a main and auxiliary gym and our campus will have an onsite football stadium."

"I think our kids will have a great sense of pride running out to their own football field on Friday nights," remarked Gohlke. "This is an exciting time for our school as well as our athletes."

Softball

Softball at Saint Joseph's is riding high after winning its first Northern Indiana Conference title and making it to the state's final four.

"We played well last season and our expectations are high," said Coach Earl Keith. "We lost five all-conference players but we return our pitcher Jenny Bals."

"We may be a little younger but we are still very talented, and we have the ability to make another run," explained Keith. "Despite losing three fourths of our infield, the cupboard isn't bare. Including Bals we return four first or second team all-conference players."

Keith said, "It will take us a little time to mesh, but by midseason, I think we have the ability to be very good. We return all-conference selections in our senior designated hitter, Taylor Kurzhal, who hit over .400 last year, and juniors, catcher Annmarie Lindzy and third basemen Emiley McColleston-Purlee — all very talented."

Baseball

A short synopsis of the Saint Joseph's baseball team — 10 seniors graduated.

"Offensively and defensively we are young, I hate to use the term, I would rather say we have some new faces," exclaimed Coach John Gumpf. "Our lack of experience will however not be an excuse; we just need people to step up."

"I'm really not worried about anyone else but ourselves," continued Gumpf. "I think that if we play solid defense, throw strikes and produce some runs we will be competitive."

Gumpf said, "We do have four seniors in our lineup; Kyle Zappie in left, Joey McCombs at utility infield, Nick Klevn who had the winning hit in last season's sectional championship game and Dylan McMahan on the mound. I believe that the more we practice together, the more time we spend together, the better we will become."

Girls' track

The movie "Hoosiers" was based on a smaller Indiana school competing in a one class system. The Lady Indians will try to take a bite out of history as the 11th-ranked team laces them up against the track powerhouses of 2,500 to 3,000 students.

"I would say we have a strong junior class, but balance will be our key for success," said Coach Mike McCarthy. "I feel we can score points in every event, which is so important when competing in meets."

"We have a couple of returning seniors that are pretty accomplished with Katie Campbell in the speed events and Melissa Macellari in the discus and shot," explained McCarthy. "Junior Morgan Carroll has had great times already in the 200 and the 4x100 and Mikaila Chamblee is expected to be a standout in the 300 hurdles, 4x100 and has jumped 17.9 during the indoor season."

McCarthy said, "Our 4x800 team broke the state indoor mark. Unfortunately so did two other teams. We have a very good group, our focus will be on us."

Boys' track

Last season's Indian squad was the surprise team in the area by winning the South Bend City Meet, the NIC and the sectional.

"We are going to take the positive momentum from last season and try to expound on it," remarked McCarthy.

"We have been striving for consistency in our program, and I think that with all of the quality assistant coaches and the work ethic of our athletes we have accomplished it," explained McCarthy. "Our distances are in great hands with a talented trio of juniors that feature Joey Zelinski, Connor Method and Josh O'Brien."

"We also return the defending sectional champion in the shot put, Thomas Davis," continued McCarthy. "Junior Xavier Remmo-Long is a name to look at and could content for conference MVP."

McCarthy said, "We have runners that have already had personal bests in our early intra-team competitions. Our kids have done an excellent job in the off season, the key to our continued success will be staying healthy."

Boys' golf

The golf team would like to start where they left off during last season's gritty campaign.

"We graduated some good golfers, but our senior leaders — Mitch Pajakowski and Jake Radde — are as good as they come," explained Coach John Troeger. "The three guys behind them will be solid, I'm just not sure yet what three golfers they will be."

"So far I've seen some of the kids really making changes to fill those coveted slots," Troeger added. "I think that we have the quality to go to the state again, we just have to catch a break here and there."

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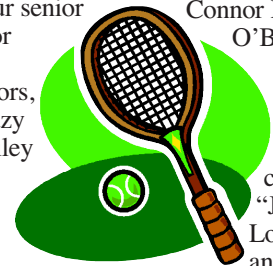
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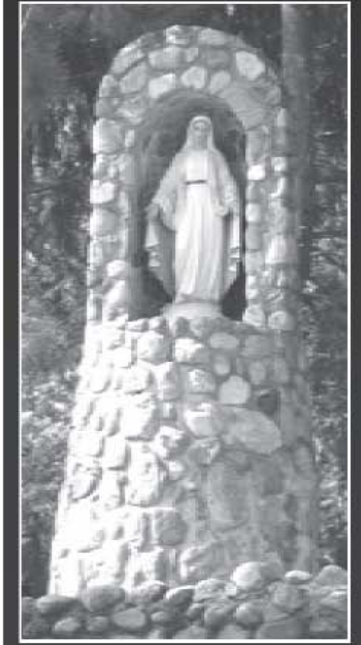
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A Lenten reflection

Once read an article on Lent that recommended that the 40 days should be filled with self-denial, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It further urged attendance at daily Mass and Communion, praying all 15 decades of the rosary and the Way of the Cross. Since I agree that all of those practices are good, I was disappointed in the reasons given for adopting them.

Self-denial, prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent are not to ensure us a guarantee of "living in Paradise for all eternity by being in the state of grace." We should not make the Way of the Cross because we wish to gain a plenary indulgence. "A good, well-lived Lent" is not for the purpose of avoiding "the fires of hell and to enjoy the bliss of an unending Easter Sunday in Paradise." We do not go to Mass and pray the rosary every day so that we may be secure in the knowledge that we shall avoid

hell and "are deserving of Heaven."

All these practices are not intended to guarantee our salvation. Such an attitude may create in us a smug self-righteousness. That is the very Pharisaical attitude which Christ challenged. The rosary, The Way of the Cross and Scripture reading provide us a model for living the Gospel. After all, we cannot imitate what we do not know. Self-denial, prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to a predisposition to a Christian life. Therefore, if we really want to live the supernatural love that the Gospel requires, we should embrace these practices not out of duty, nor discipline, nor a guarantee of Heaven, but because we are trying to live that Gospel message. Just as those practices give us knowledge and a disposition to be Christlike, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist give us the power of God's grace to strive to reach that goal. "Our spir-

A LENTEN REFLECTION

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itual life depends upon the Eucharist," Pope Benedict XVI said.

The purpose of Lent is to reconnect with God, the source of all our strength, to repent our failure to love others as Christ loves us and to resolve to transform our lives so that we gladly give of ourselves for the good of others (charity).

"For the Church, charity is not a kind of welfare activity which could well be left to others, but is

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Only Jesus can give us life



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5th Sunday of Lent Jn 11:1-45

The Book of Ezekiel provides the first reading for this weekend. Even a quick reading of the history of ancient Israel shows that there were precious few periods of prosperity and calm. Indeed, only the reigns of David and Solomon might properly be considered as truly good times.

However, some times were more trying than others were. Certainly, the generations spent in Babylon were a miserable time. Confined in Babylon in wretchedness, and a minority, the Jewish exiles yearned for the day when they would be able to return to their homeland.

Ezekiel built upon this theme of hoping and expectation. As did all the prophets, he saw a release from Babylonian bondage not as an accident or a happy turn of events. He saw it as a result of God's mercy and of fidelity to God. Thus, in this reading, the Lord speaks, promising to breathe new life into the defeated, dejected people.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans furnishes the second reading. Rome was the absolute center for everything in the 1st century Mediterranean world — the political, economic and cultural heart of the empire. Its inhabitants came from everywhere, having brought with them a great variety of customs

and beliefs. It was a sophisticated city. Paul wrote to the Christian Romans, among whom eventually he would die as a martyr.

This reading stresses two spiritual realities. The Christian is linked with God in Christ. So, the Christian possesses the very life of the Holy Spirit, a life, of course, that will never die.

For its third reading, the Church this weekend presents the Gospel of John. Jesus went to Bethany, then a separate community but now a part of greater Jerusalem, summoned by Martha and Mary who were anxious about their brother Lazarus, the Lord's friend, who had died.

When Jesus at last arrived, Lazarus was dead. In fact, he had been dead for several days. Putrefaction had begun. Responding to the sisters' faith, the Lord restores Lazarus to life.

Several important themes occur in the passage. First, of course, is the active, life-giving love of Jesus. In the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus knows and expresses human love. Secondly, the faith of Martha and Mary is unqualified.

The Evangelist sees a parallel between the Resurrection of Jesus and the restoration of earthly life to Lazarus. In each account, mourning women are essential parts of the story. A stone closes the tomb. The body is dressed, and a face cloth, customary in Jewish burials of the time, covers the face. Finally, in each story, faith and human limitation have important roles.

Reflection

Next week, on Palm Sunday, the Church will invite us to learn, and to worship, in the most intense liturgical days of its year. Calling

us to Christ, and with ancient drama and the most compelling symbolism, it will proclaim Jesus as Savior and as Risen Lord.

This weekend, the Church prepares us for this experience, giving us the beautiful and wondrous story of Lazarus.

Echoing the Lord's own Resurrection, today's message is clear. If we are united with Jesus, as Lazarus and his sisters were united, then in God's power we will have everlasting life.

However, this eternal life will occur only if we seek Jesus, and if we seek Jesus with the faith uncompromisingly shown by Martha. Only Jesus can give us life.

The other readings reinforce this theme. For everyone, life can be taxing. Death awaits all. Ezekiel assures us that God will give us true life. It will be the life of holiness, the life that never ends.

St. Paul reminded us that this divine life abides only in Jesus. So, as Lent progresses, as Lent anticipates its culmination, the Church calls us to Jesus, the Lord of life.

READINGS

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8
Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,
33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn
8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn
10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-
13 Jn 11:45-56

Escaping 'The Waiting Place': wisdom from Dr. Seuss

Another batch of graduates is nearing the finish line, and preparations are humming along — party planning and robe ordering, "i" dotting and "t" crossing.

And speech writing, of course. That's my favorite part of the pomp and circumstance: the prospect of a send-off speech that summarizes the past four years and prepares for all the remaining ones. An address that wipes away distractions — sweltering heat, silly stilettos, stiff chairs — and makes us all feel promising and powerful. A boldface life manual.

My hope is to be surprised, to be challenged and delighted by something original, free of cliché and the standard quote recipe (JFK + MLK + Helen Keller).

I've collected my favorite commencement addresses, stored as hardback books and YouTube clips, and I turn to them on foggy days.

Last night I revisited what may be the best one, Dr. Seuss's rollicking speech turned book, "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" It was published in 1990, the year before he died, and has enjoyed one of the longest stays on *The New York Times* bestseller list, landing there 178 weeks — nearly three-and-a-half years.

It was nothing like I had remembered.

I remembered the rhyming fanfare, the mountain moving and "banner flip-flapping." The part about my success being 98 3/4 percent guaranteed. I suppose that's what I wanted to hear.

But reading it again, I saw it more clearly, not as a celebratory book but a cautionary one.

"Wherever you fly, you'll be the best of the best. Wherever you go, you will top all the rest. Except when you don't. Because sometimes you won't. I'm sorry to say so but, sadly, it's true that Bang-ups and Hang-ups can happen to you."

The book is a tour through pitfalls and potholes, which makes it a valuable read for the post-graduate, those of us who have traveled far enough to have hit some.

Dr. Seuss doesn't sugar coat, noting that life's detours are lengthy, that you'll "grind on for miles" and "hike far" and you'll



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

row "up many a frightening creek, though your arms may get sore and your sneakers may leak."

The two-page spread that struck me most illustrates "The Waiting Place," which looks like one big, drawn-out staring contest: long lines, long faces, blank expressions. There, people wait for "the mail to come, or the rain to go, or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow or waiting around for a Yes or a No or waiting for their hair to grow."

It's a wake-up call for 20-somethings like me, caught in the drift between graduation and *The Rest Of My Life*, floating between the milestones of 21 and 30, settling for *The Good Enough For Now*.

Somewhere along the line, the important and the urgent are divorced. A bad job market takes the blame. Grad school slows our pace. And busyness masquerades as meaning and purpose.

Suddenly, we're in *The Waiting Place*, sitting on stories and leads and invitations, holding the keys but afraid to unlock the door.

"NO!" Dr. Seuss screams out. "That's not you! Somehow you'll escape all that waiting and staying."

So join me today: stop waiting, start doing.

We walk the path of the saints, who turned dreams into deeds — whether there was rain or snow, whether they heard yes or no. We heed God's call to action, his summons to use our talents and not bury them. And we hold the banner high, with a Seuss-like bravado, so the new graduates can see where to go.

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Spanish showdown

In the fall of 2007, I spent a week in Spain, giving lectures, meeting with Spanish Catholic leaders, and making a hair-raising climb up several hundred scaffolding stairs to the top of Antoni Gaudi's Basilica of the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona — preceded by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, John Paul II's longtime secretary, who was doing the trip in a cassock (after confessing to me, "sotto voce," that he wasn't too fond of heights)! Over the course of numerous conversations in those days, it became clear that the government of Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, in power since April 2004, was not simply secular in character but aggressively secularist.

Textbooks were being rewritten to enforce the government's leftist view of modern Spanish history; students aiming for admission to prestigious universities would be required to give the "correct" answers about such traumas as the Spanish civil war in order to pass their entrance exams. Street names were being changed to eradicate the memory of the politically disfavored from Spain's past. Marriage had been legislatively redefined so that any two people, of whatever gender, could be civilly "married." (Shortly after I left the country, another law enabled a Spaniard to enter a civil registry office and "change" his or her sex simply by making a declaration to a government bureaucrat that she was now he, or vice versa. Some things are so absurd that they compel ridicule, and this one prompted me to a knockoff from "My Fair Lady": "The dame in Spain is mainly in the name.")

In interviews with the Spanish press, I suggested that the 20th

century had a name for a political program that tried to remanufacture human nature while rewriting history: the name was "Stalinism," which used to be considered a hateful thing. Zapatero's Spain was not, of course, Stalin's Soviet Union in the latter's most brutal manifestations. Nor was the current Spanish government as crudely malevolent as the Spanish Stalinists of the late 1930s who, during the Spanish Civil War, murdered tens of thousands of priests and religious, often sadistically. The Zapatero government, I suggested, was far more clever. It would impose a hard-left agenda on Spain through legislation, step by step, rather like the frog being slowly boiled in a pot of water who doesn't realize that death is at hand until it's too late.

Recent events in Spain have done nothing to persuade me that these judgments were excessively harsh.

Pope Benedict XVI visited Spain last November, gave two spectacular homilies at Santiago de Compostela (on the Christian roots of Europe) and at the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona (on beauty as a pathway to God). Prime Minister Zapatero did not attend either event and spent the three days after the pope's departure denouncing Benedict XVI while campaigning in Catalonia.

In March, dozens of secularist student gangsters, armed with a megaphone and defamatory posters, crashed into the chapel of Madrid's Complutense University while Catholic students were at prayer. The radicals shouted deprecations of the Church, Pope Benedict, and the Catholic clergy; several of their number, women, stood on the altar and undressed



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from the waste up; two of the striptease artists boasted of their lesbianism. This obscene spectacle in the Spanish capital came shortly after several Spanish churches throughout the country had been trashed.

All of which suggests that Spain is now Ground Zero in the European contest between Catholicism and the dictatorship of relativism. And the latter is precisely what the secularist radicals of Spain are up to: imposing their concept of freedom-as-license through coercive state power and intimidation-through-violence. Bizarre legislation that rewrites history and redefines human nature is the first half of the equation; gang violence is its new and ominous complement. A different kind of war has been declared on the Church.

It hardly seems accidental that these attacks against Catholic facilities have come in the months before World Youth Day 2011, which will be held in Madrid from Aug. 16-21. The gauntlet has been thrown down. A tremendous turnout at Madrid in five months will demonstrate that the challenge has been accepted.

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a part of her nature, an indispensable expression of her very being." "God is Love," Pope Benedict XVI. But we, the people of God united in the Body of Christ, are the Church. Therefore, charity is part of our nature and an indispensable expression of our very being. To avoid living the love of others (charity) by placing that responsibility on government or others is to deny that part of our nature and to fail to demonstrate an indispensable expression of our very being.

The Church is not merely a club you join with a set of dogmas, which you must obey in every detail lest you be expelled. "The path marked by Jesus with His teaching is not an externally imposed regulation. Jesus Himself took this path and asks no more of us than to follow Him." — Pope Benedict XVI.

If our lives radiate Jesus Christ crucified for our sins, we have conformed our will to the

will of God and thus demonstrated our love for Him. We cannot love God as much as He deserves, but we can strive to imitate His mother, the only person who loved God as much as she could by conforming her will to His at all times throughout her life. — St. Alphonse Ligouri, "The Glories of Mary."

Because I hold this view of the Church and the true practice of the Catholic faith, I seldom argue religious tenets or try to convince others by argument or logic to embrace my beliefs. Such evangelization seldom is the way to help people find Jesus. Talking is of little value. There is already too much talk. If you want to help people find Jesus — which you should if you have a genuine faith — live the Gospel. Only if our lives radiate the love of Jesus Christ crucified will others be drawn to Him through us. When that happens,

they will ask and then you should talk about your faith.

My faith tells me only one thing for certain: God loves me with all my sins and imperfections and if I strive to love Him as His Son loved Him, I shall be saved.

Here is a prayer to begin each day:

Come, Holy Spirit and create in me a renewed desire to lovingly proclaim the Good News of Jesus

Christ by the way I live. Fill my heart with God's love so that I may joyfully give of myself for the good of others. Fill my mind with the wisdom of the Almighty so that I will know that I do Your Will. Fill my soul with the presence of God so that I may accept whatever life brings me as God's will for my ultimate good.

Amen.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 10, 2011

John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A: the death and raising of Lazarus of Bethany. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SISTERS	LOVE	IS ILL
ILLNESS	DEATH	JESUS LOVED
LAZARUS	DISCIPLES	JUDEA
THE TOMB	LORD	BROTHER
RISE	LAST DAY	BELIEVE
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St. Paul summons priests to the Church

Where is Miletus where St. Paul spoke to the priests?

St. Paul was in Troas in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and he wanted to go to Jerusalem by way of Miletus. So Paul traveled overland to Assos, an ancient city south of Troas where the philosopher Aristotle taught in 348-345 B.C. Here Paul boarded a ship and sailed to Mytilene, which is the Greek island of Lesbos off the northwest coast of Turkey. This island is famous for its 7th century B.C. lyric poets Alcaeus and Sappho.

The next day Paul reached a point opposite Chios, a Greek island that claims to be the birthplace of the ancient poet Homer. Two days later Paul crossed to Samos, a Greek island that was the birthplace of the ancient mathematician Pythagoras and was a principal commercial center. Paul sailed past Ephesus on the Turkish coast and landed at Miletus, a great coastal city with four harbors and a large trade and literary center. Miletus founded colonies on the Black Sea, in Egypt and in Italy. Paul summoned the priests from Ephesus to meet him in Miletus, a journey of 30 miles.

In his speech to the priests, Paul reminded them of repentance for sin and faith in Christ. Paul said that suffering and imprisonment lie ahead for him. Paul asked the



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priests to shepherd the Church well. Paul predicted that some men will distort the truth of the Gospel and lead others astray. By hard work, the priests must help the weak. Paul concludes his speech by recalling the words of Jesus: "There is more happiness in giving than receiving." These words of Jesus are not recorded in the four Gospels. So here we see that the Gospels did not write down everything Jesus said. That is why Catholics look not only at the Bible, but also at Sacred Tradition.

Miletus today is an extensive archaeological site. It was the birthplace of Thales, the father of philosophy, in the 6th century B.C. Thales stressed the fundamental unity of the physical world and showed that the world can be explained. Thus he moved Greek thought from myth to science. When I was in Miletus, the refreshment stand for tourists was called "Thales' Bar."

All Diocese Team

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BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

Girls basketball



Hilary Watts, senior, forward, St. John, New Haven



Miracle Woods, junior, center

Boys basketball



Evan Blackmon, senior, guard



Kenny Mullen, senior, point guard

Gymnastics



Faith Miser, sophomore, Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne

Wrestling



Sam Johnson, junior, 140 lbs. weight class, St. Mary, Fort Wayne



Lucas Martinez, sophomore, 130 lbs. weight class, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Matt Wood, junior, 215 lbs. weight class, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

Diving



Maria Beck, senior, St. Therese, Fort Wayne

Girls swimming



Erin Hipskind, junior, St. Joseph, Roanoke



Rachel Myers, junior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

Boys swimming



Henry Till, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne



Alex Miller, junior, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel



Daniel Colvin, sophomore, St. Therese, Fort Wayne

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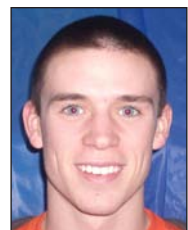
Boys Basketball



Dylan McMahon, senior, forward, Corpus Christi, South Bend



Brandon Thorpe, senior, forward, St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend



Sean Hart, senior, guard, St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend

Girls Basketball



Sarah Hall, senior, guard



Alex Kubsch, junior, forward, St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend

Wrestling

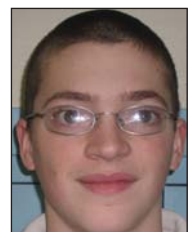


Mark Rymza, sophomore, 103 lbs. weight class, Christ the King, South Bend

Boys Swimming



Tony Carroll, senior, St. Joseph, South Bend



Trevor Carroll, sophomore, St. Joseph, South Bend



Sean Nees, senior

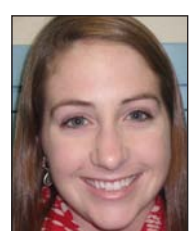
Girls Swimming



Sarah Brechenser, junior, St. Joseph, South Bend



Kaitlyn DelleDonne, sophomore



Ellen Roof, senior

BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

Boys basketball



Jacob Torkeo, senior, forward, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, Fort Wayne



Greg Kaiser, senior, guard, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne

Girls basketball



Eleni Shea, junior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne



Olivia Fawcett, junior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne

Wrestling



Michael Nix, junior, 135 lbs. weight class



Carter Delaney, junior, 152 lbs. weight class, St. Jude, Fort Wayne



Peter Waikel, senior, 189 lbs. weight class, Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne

Swimming



Ethan Welch, junior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne



Dillon Oswald, sophomore, Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne



James Ryan, junior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne



Marissa McDonald, sophomore



Eric Plude, junior, 145 lbs. weight class, St. Pius X, Granger



Marissa Jackson, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne



Robert Deering, junior, 215 lbs. weight class



Julia Lee, senior, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, Fort Wayne



Catherine Rice, senior, 100 breaststroke and 50 free, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Boys' basketball



Coley Schultheis, junior, guard, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Margaret Pendergast, sophomore, 100 fly and 200 IM, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend



Demetrus Jackson, sophomore, guard, St. Joseph, Mishawaka

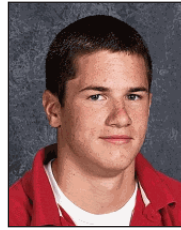


Katie Clayton, senior, 200 free and 100 backstroke

Girls' basketball



Kathleen Kavanagh, junior, guard, St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart



Stephen Rice, sophomore, diver, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend



Kaitlin Barnard, sophomore, post, St. Pius X, Granger



Zachary Gill, junior, 50 free and 100 free, St. Joseph, Mishawaka

Wrestling



Jacob Chartrand, senior, 152 lbs. weight class, Queen of Peace, Mishawaka



Christopher Schoen, junior, 100 backstroke and 200 IM, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend



CHUCK FREEBY

Coach Katie Hoye, far right, guided St. Joseph, South Bend, to a perfect 13-0 record and the ICCL girls basketball championship. It's the fourth straight title for the Eagles, who defeated St. Pius X, 25-17, in the championship game at Marian High School. In the photo are from left, front row, Taylor Anderson, Bob Raster, Kilty Holmes, Nora Sullivan, Vivian Crumlish, Keenan White, Lily McNulty, Michelle Weaver and Katie Hoye; and back row, Anne Marie Wright, Catherine Mittiga and Theresa Carpenter.

St. Joseph Eagles capture fourth consecutive ICCL championship

BY CHUCK FREEBY

MISHAWAKA — Sometimes when a team needs to rally, a coach tells the players they need to look within themselves. For St. Joseph's (South Bend) girls' basketball team, the Eagles merely needed to look at their wristbands.

Wearing "JJ" wristbands on their arms to honor former athletic director Jeff Jankowski, the Eagles bounced back from an early 9-2 deficit and defeated St. Pius X, 25-17, to capture their fourth consecutive Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) championship at Marian High School.

Jankowski died in February due to a heart attack, and served as an inspiration to coach Katie Hoye's squad.

"He was my coach at St. Joseph's, and he was currently serving as the boys' seventh- and eighth-grade coach," recalls Hoye. "Jeff coached and lived his life to the fullest, always giving 100 percent in all that he did and never leaving time for second chances. Before every game we would have the girls look at their armbands and remember why they wore them. Whether they had known Jeff their entire lives

or had merely seen him around school, his story inspired them."

Early on, it was St. Pius that played with inspiration, stunning the favored Eagles with a 9-2 run to begin the game. Brea Hart came out hitting shots, while a triangle-and-two defense stymied the potent Eagle duo of Michelle Weaver and Madeline Raster.

After a time-out, St. Joseph responded with a 12-0 run over the next quarter and a half. With Weaver and Raster bottled up, Theresa Carpenter was left open. Her first career-three-pointer late in the first half gave St. Joseph a lead it would never relinquish.

"Theresa really took advantage of the defense and wound up dominating the game," said Coach Hoye of her seventh grader, who scored a game-high 11 points. "St. Pius is a talented team and they made us fight for the win. I'm excited to watch this group of girls playing together at the next level."

Weaver got on track in the second half, also scoring 11 points for the game, including a crucial three at the end of the third quarter. Hart led a balanced Lions squad with seven points.

"We were defending her well on the three, but she hit it anyway and that put them up by nine,"

lamented St. Pius Coach Jim Welsh. "They did a great job of protecting the ball after that. This was an exciting matchup. I thought both teams exhibited great intensity and sportsmanship."

"Overall, I was pleased with our season," continued Welsh. "The girls did a great job of embracing the concepts of playing solid defense and sharing the ball on offense. I think our players learned more about basketball this season and they had a lot of fun doing it."

As for St. Joseph, the championship caps a season filled with "always working harder than the day before," according to their coach.

"Through good times and bad these girls pushed themselves and each other to be the best team they could be," remarked Hoye. "In the end, it paid off and I could not be more proud of them."

Corpus Christi took third-place honors in the tournament, using a smothering defense to down St. Joseph, Mishawaka, 30-18, in the consolation game. Rachel Cole capped an excellent season with 15 points for the Cougars, while Abby Felix tallied 10 for the Wildcats.



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Sister Mary Scullion and Joan McConnon to jointly receive ND's 2011 Laetare Medal

BY MICHAEL O. GARVEY

NOTRE DAME — Sister Mary Scullion, a Sister of Mercy, and Joan McConnon, co-founders of Project H.O.M.E., an organization devoted to ending homelessness in Philadelphia, will jointly receive the University of Notre Dame's 2011 Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, at Notre Dame's 166th University Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 22.

"In their work for the homeless of Philadelphia, Sister Scullion and Joan McConnon have splendidly answered the Gospel summons to brotherly love," said Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins. "Serving the unsheltered Lord on the streets of their hometown, they have provided an example for others to serve likewise in cities worldwide."

The daughter of Irish immigrants, Sister Scullion, executive director of Project H.O.M.E., was graduated from St. Joseph's University and entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1976. She earned a master's degree in social work from Temple University in 1986.

Joan McConnon, associate executive director and chief financial officer of Project H.O.M.E., is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University

who earned a master's degree in taxation from Drexel University in 1989. Before returning to Philadelphia to work for the homeless, she worked for six years as an accountant at GTE and Corning Glass.

Sister Scullion and McConnon, both Philadelphia natives, founded Project H.O.M.E. (an acronym for Housing, Opportunities for Employment, Medical Care, and Education) in 1989, first providing emergency shelter for some 50 homeless men, then forming a community and establishing more permanent supportive residences for chronically homeless men and women who sought food, clothing, medical care, employment and a sense of dignity.

The project has grown dramatically, now including 480 units of housing and two businesses which provide employment to formerly homeless people.

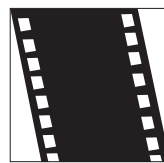
Recognized as a national model, Project H.O.M.E. also engages in community development in a low-income Philadelphia neighborhood, including renovation of inner city vacant lots, economic development, home-ownership initiatives for working poor families, and education and employment programs for youth and adults. Of the homeless people participating in its programs, 95 percent have not returned to the streets, and it is widely credited

for having reduced Philadelphia's homeless population by half.

The Laetare (pronounced Lay-tah-ray) Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent on the Church calendar. "Laetare," the Latin word for "rejoice," is the first word in the entrance antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which ritually anticipates the celebration of Easter. The medal bears the Latin inscription, "Magna est veritas et prevalebit" ("Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail").

Established at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal was conceived as an American counterpart of the Golden Rose, a papal honor which antedates the 11th century. The medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

Among the 133 previous recipients of the Laetare Medal are Civil War Gen. William Rosecrans, operatic tenor John McCormack, President John F. Kennedy, Catholic Worker foundress Dorothy Day, novelist Walker Percy, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, labor activist Msgr. George G. Higgins, and jazz composer Dave Brubeck.



MOVIE CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) — Following are capsule reviews of theatrical movies recently reviewed by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic

"Hop" (Universal)

Spring is on its way, but the Easter Bunny's "hare" apparent (voice of Russell Brand) has gone AWOL in director Tim Hill's comedy of errors which — though it seamlessly blends live action and computer animation — is somewhat less than appropriate for its target audience. Junior, it seems, would rather be a rock star than succeed his father (voice of Hugh Laurie) as the world's most famous supplier of candy and goody baskets. So he hops away to Hollywood, where he meets a similarly disenchanted human (James Marsden). They bond and learn lessons about family and the importance of reconciliation, but not about the real meaning of Easter itself, which is never so much as mentioned. Along the way, the script's vaguely coarse humor is geared more toward adults than children, making this collection of empty cinematic calories a not-so-tasty morsel for the younger set. Some mildly rude humor. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II —

adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

"Jane Eyre" (Focus)

Director Cary Joji Fukunaga's adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's classic novel, though faithful, nonetheless ramps up the gothic and scary elements of the plot. The orphan Jane (Mia Wasikowska) survives a childhood of abuse and religious fundamentalism to become governess at Thornfield Hall, home of the enigmatic Edward Rochester (Michael Fassbender). Jane focuses on her work, teaching a young French girl (Romy Setton Moore) in Rochester's care, while trying to understand the eccentricities of her spiritually tormented employer. Her guide and confidante is the manse's busybody housekeeper (a scene-stealing Judi Dench). Soon Rochester's bedroom is on fire, and Jane saves his life — and melts his heart. They make plans to marry, but fate, of course, has other things in store for these star-crossed lovers. Possibly acceptable for mature teens. Adult themes, some intense scenes of nonsexual child abuse, an artistic nude image. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Don't abandon God because of 'attacks of evil' in Church, Pope Benedict XVI says

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI urged young people not to abandon their faith in God because of the "attacks of evil" within the Church.

"Carry intact the fire of your love in this Church every time that men have obscured her face," he said in a foreword to a new catechism edited specifically for young people.

The new "Youth Catechism," also called "YouCat," will be included in each pilgrim backpack for World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid.

The pope said he wanted to supplement the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" by translating it "into the language of young people and make its words penetrate their world."

In the foreword, the pope urged everyone to study the catechism "with passion and perseverance" either alone, in study groups or in exchanges with others online.

Today's Christians really need to understand their faith more

than ever before in order to resist modern day challenges and temptations, he wrote.

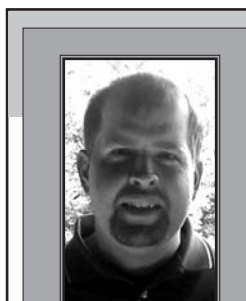
"You have need of divine help if you do not want your faith to dry up as a dewdrop in the sun, if you do not want to succumb to the temptations of consumerism, if you do not want your love to be drowned in pornography, if you do not want to betray the weak and the victims of abuse and violence," he wrote.

"You must know what you believe; you must know your faith with the same precision with which a specialist in information technology knows the (operating)

system of a computer; you must know it as a musician knows his piece," the foreword said.

While not specifically mentioning the clerical sex abuse crisis, the pope acknowledged the effect it has had on the faithful and said "the community of believers has been wounded in recent times by the attacks of evil" and sin in the heart of the church.

"Do not take this as a pretext to flee from God's presence; you yourselves are the Body of Christ, the Church!" he told young people.



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Live chalk drawing at Queen of Angels Fort Wayne — A live chalk drawing by Mary Hilger on a dramatization of the crucifixion will be Good Friday, April 22, at 6 p.m. at Queen of Angels Parish. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7 p.m.

Plant sale supports Lions Club Mishawaka — The Mishawaka Lions Club has flowers on sale through April 14. Flats of annuals are \$12 each, hanging baskets are \$13, patio geraniums \$14 and asparagus ferns, spikes and vinca vines are \$2 each. Pick up dates at 1120 Benton St. are Thursday, May 5, 2-6 p.m., Friday, May 6, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit www.mishawakalions.org for information.

Women's fertility workshop offered A revolutionary approach to network procreative health with women's general health called NaProTECHNOLOGY will be presented Saturday, April 16, from 9-10 a.m. at St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, Room C, and from 2-3 p.m. at St. Mary Parish, Huntington, Assumption Hall. Call Theresa at (260) 494-6444 or e-mail chartdaily365@frontier.com to RSVP.

Spaghetti dinner planned South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, April 14, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

Knights plan fish fry South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, April 15, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$8 and shrimp for \$8.50 available.

Knights plan fish fries Granger — The Knights Council 4263 will have a fish fry Friday, April 8, from 4-7 p.m. in the St. Pius X gymnasium. Adults \$7.50, children 5-11 \$4 and children under 5 free.

Dinner benefits food pantry Fort Wayne — The Sacred Heart-St. Henry St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a dinner Saturday, April 30, at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 601 Reed Rd., to benefit the Father Solanus food pantry. Tickets are \$25. RSVP by April 18 to (260) 744-2519.

Notre Dame season ticket raffle South Bend — The St. Hedwig Holy Name Society will raffle two Notre Dame season tickets. Tickets available at \$1 each or six for \$5. Mail to 1104 N. Elliot St., South Bend, IN 46628.

Luncheon card party South Bend — The Our Lady of Hungary Saint Anne Society will have a luncheon card party Sunday, April 10, at noon. Donation \$5 at the door. Bring your own cards.

Sunday breakfast at St. Pius X Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, April 10 from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Pius X. Adults \$5, children 6-12 \$2.50.

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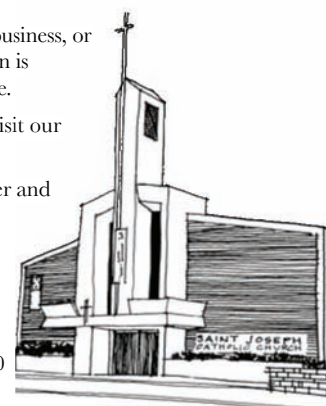
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Sacred Heart program bringing Catholics back to Church

BY LAURIE KIEFABER

WARSAW — Over the years Catholics have left the Church for various reasons, including those needing an annulment and misunderstandings with priests. Sacred Heart Church in Warsaw started the Catholics Returning Home Ministry (CRHM) last year and it's bringing people back.

This is the second year for the program and the third session of the ministry. Linda Nycz, William Landrigan and Shirley Waldschmidt are members of the ministry committee and organize six meetings to discuss different topics. These include changes since Vatican II, a walkthrough of the Mass, the sacrament of Penance and "The Creed: What Catholics Believe."

During sessions, people have relayed many reasons why they left the Church. Waldschmidt said a number of people are under the false impression they cannot apply for an annulment.

"As soon as they got divorced, they thought they were out of the Church," she said.

Some have been intimidated by the process of annulment and worry about being "interrogated," Waldschmidt said.

Landrigan said many of the Protestant faiths have not helped matters either.

"There's the liberalization of Protestant religions and various churches with a lively message," he said. "They appeal to Catholics who have not been catechized sufficiently. They're impressed by the entertainment and don't know enough about sacramental life."

However, some Catholics don't attend any church after they leave.

"They say they're Catholic even though they're not attending," said Waldschmidt.

Session participants fill out an anonymous questionnaire, describing why they are attending, hopes and expectations, fears and apprehensions, feelings about Church and God and questions they would like answered. Those attending also discuss their faith and share faith stories.

"Some have talked about contraception or abortion," Nycz said.



LAURIE KIEFABER

Committee members say they have heard various complaints about the Catholic Church such as on clerical abuse, the Mass being "boring," "not being fed," not wanting to go to confession, the unavailability of the priest and not having a personal relationship with Jesus. It's also likely some people stopped learning about their faith and growing after Confirmation.

Other faith stories illuminate a lack of communication.

"Events like Adoration," Waldschmidt said. "We went, but it wasn't explained."

Before CRHM sessions begin, Sacred Heart celebrates a Mass where people are invited to drop names of fallen-away Catholics in a bowl and pray for them. CRHM committee members never know how many people will attend the sessions ahead of time, but there have been plenty of names in the bowl.

"If one comes, it's successful," Landrigan said. "If one person needed to be redeemed, Jesus would have come. ... We put out the welcome mat."

Nycz said the first session had about 10 participants, while the second had only three.

"For some, it may take a couple years (before participants feel comfortable at Mass again)," Nycz said. "Everyone is welcome to come to every session if they want."

The sessions have been popular and many attendees didn't want to stop after six sessions, Nycz said.

"It's kind of like once you dip your toe in the water, you want more," she said. "... Shirley and I

Sister Joan Hastreiter, a Sister of St. Joseph, and Sacred Heart parishioners place names of those inactive Catholics they are praying for in the prayer bowl during the Lenten Mission. The theme for the mission was "Falling in Love with God" and Wednesday night's speaker, Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder, spoke on faith in God.

have had to delve into information because we try to give correct answers."

CRHM committee members saw many people transform through the program, which is confidential and nonjudgmental.

"In one man I could see the stirring of the spirit," Landrigan said. "He wrestled with his own personality. ... The Holy Spirit was working."

"It's like a relief or a breath of fresh air (for them)," Nycz said.

"It's a catharsis experience," Landrigan added.

For more information, contact Sacred Heart Catholic Church at (574) 267-5842. Sessions are held on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning April 27.

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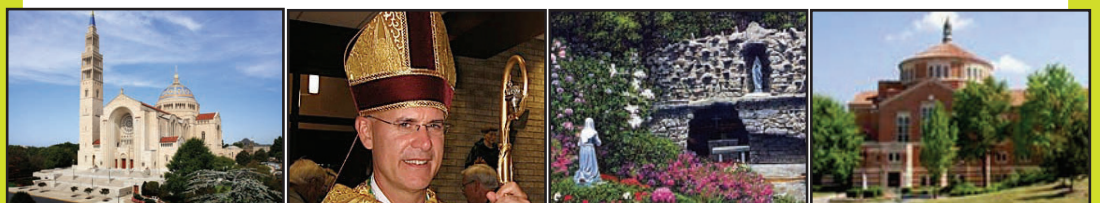
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