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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Bishop Rhoades to graduates: 'Embrace truth, goodness and love'

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — "Since our life is indeed a pilgrimage, it is important always to keep in mind the destiny of that pilgrimage which gives meaning and purpose to our life on this earth: perfect life with God and all the saints, the blessed communion that fulfills our deepest human longings. On this pilgrimage, we experience a foretaste of this definitive happiness through the embrace of truth, goodness and love." These were the words of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who was keynote speaker at the University of Saint Francis commencement ceremony Saturday at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

Sister Elise M. Kriss, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration and president of the university, welcomed the nearly 400 graduates and their families and friends to "this memorable event." Also in attendance were university trustees, faculty members and 50-year alumni of the graduating class of 1961. The Fort Wayne Area Community Band and the University Singers provided musical selections for the day's events.

In introducing the speaker, university provost Dr. Rolf Daniel called him "a blessing to our university." He noted that Bishop Rhoades was installed as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend just last year, having come from the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa.

Bishop Rhoades in turn thanked his listeners for the privilege of addressing them and said to the graduates, "How proud we are of you and this wonderful accomplishment."

The bishop then acknowledged a lifelong devo-

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades delivers the commencement address for the 400 graduates of the University of Saint Francis on May 7 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

## PAMPERING OUR MOTHERS



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Kindergarten students at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, pamper their moms on May 6 during the first annual Mommy's Day at the Spa. Shown here, Sam Monnier with his grandmother, Lucy Monnier.

## Father Robert Hammond, 88, dies

FORT WAYNE — Father Robert J. Hammond, who was a teacher and principal at Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne and served at several parishes in the diocese, died Sunday afternoon, May 8, at Lutheran Hospital. He was 88.

Born April 4, 1923, in Chicago, he was the son of Rupert and Johanna (Ryan) Hammond. Father Hammond attended St. Dorothy School in Chicago as a youngster. His college studies were at Mt. Carmel College in Niagara Falls, Ontario, and Loyola University and Chicago University in Chicago. His seminary studies were at St. Meinrad in southern Indiana.

Father Hammond was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1952, at Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame, by Bishop Albert F. Cousineau, CSC.

His first assignment was teaching at Central Catholic High School, beginning



FATHER ROBERT J. HAMMOND

in June 1952. In 1953, he was appointed an assistant at St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, and continued to teach at Central Catholic. In 1955, he was appointed as assistant at Queen of Angels Church in Fort Wayne while continuing to teach at Central Catholic.

On May 31, 1960, Father Hammond was appointed principal of Central Catholic High School.

On July 1, 1969, he was appointed the director of religious education for the diocese.

Other appointments included pastor of

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# Message to Graduates



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

As we approach the season of graduations, I thought I would share with you a few excerpts from my commencement address at the University of Saint Francis. These thoughts, addressed to graduating college students, are also relevant, I think, for our high school graduates and all of us on our life's journey.

Since our life is indeed a pilgrimage, it is important always to keep in mind the destiny of that pilgrimage which gives meaning and purpose to our life on this earth: perfect life with God and all the saints, the blessed communion that fulfills our deepest human longings. On this pilgrimage, we experience a foretaste of this definitive happiness through the embrace of truth, goodness, and love.

The education imparted and received at a Catholic university is distinctive in this regard. First, in regards to the theme of truth. In contemporary culture, many people stumble through life because they do not know where they are going. There is a temptation you may face to seek quick success and to look for fulfillment in ephemeral pursuits. But we should ask ourselves: what makes life worth living? What is the real meaning of my life? Where am I going? What is the purpose of my life? What is the path to true happiness? These are the questions that are most important to ponder. At a Catholic university, one learns to consider these ultimate questions.

Skepticism or doubt about ultimate truth has led to what Pope Benedict XVI has called a "dictatorship of relativism" in today's culture. Contrary to this, the Catholic worldview affirms the existence of ultimate truth, a truth that enables us to journey through life with hope, to see life as a voyage of discovery, and to orient our lives with reference to Transcendence. This is possible because truth is not confined to what is known through the natural light of reason, important as that knowledge is. The ocean of truth is boundless and includes the realm of faith as well as reason. The Church's affirmation of the human capacity to know the truth, through faith and reason, rejects skepticism and relativism as well as religious fundamentalism. In the words of the great Pope John Paul II: *Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth — in a word, to know himself — so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves.* Dear graduates, in your journey of life, I encourage you to continue seeking the truth, through these two wings on which the human spirit rises: faith and reason. Only then will you not merely stumble through life as if life were an insoluble riddle. We can indeed discover truth, ultimately in the One who called Himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Through God's revelation in Christ, we discover the ultimate truth about our life and our destiny.

On this pilgrim journey, the embrace of Truth necessarily includes moral truth.



PROVIDED BY CARLA S. SATCHWELL

University of Saint Francis graduates applaud at the commencement exercises May 7 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the commencement speaker.

It involves the pursuit of goodness. Saint Paul gave simple, yet powerful, advice to the Romans when he wrote to them: "do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." I repeat this counsel to our graduates today. Ethics and morality are a necessary part of a truly integral and Catholic university education. To study business or science or any other discipline without the moral and ethical component leaves one adrift. One need only consider the damage inflicted on society and so many individuals because of a lack of ethics in the financial sector and the greed that led to the national and worldwide recession. One need only consider the harm to our society and culture when science, technology and medicine proceed without respect for the innate and inalienable dignity of human life. A culture of death, sown by totalitarian regimes in the last century, is also sown in democratic societies when freedom's dependence on truth is denied. As Americans, we rightly prize our freedom. But freedom is not genuine if it is reduced to license to do whatever we want, even evil. The Second Vatican Council spoke of genuine freedom as "an outstanding manifestation of the divine image in us" (GS 17). How will you use your freedom as you journey through this life? If we use our freedom to do whatever we want, for mere pleasure, or for merely selfish purposes, we find ourselves not only unhappy, but enslaved, the very opposite of true freedom. But when we use our freedom to do what we ought, in accord with moral truth, to do what is good and to combat evil, we find ourselves truly free and genuinely happy and fulfilled. May you remember the counsel of Saint Paul as you go forth from the University of Saint Francis: "overcome evil with good."

The contrast between good and evil was brought to the attention of the world last Sunday, May 1st. Two icons were in the news. Early in the day, the Church and many in the world rejoiced at the beatification of Pope John Paul II, a true icon of goodness, a man of heroic virtue who exemplified for millions, indeed billions, of people the greatness of the human capacity, with God's grace, to do good, to bring hope, to serve others, and to promote justice and peace. Later in the day, the world learned of the killing of another icon, not of good but of the evil that the abuse of freedom can reap, to the point of murder of so many innocent men, women, and children through acts of terrorism. What a contrast in the news last Sunday: Blessed John Paul II and Osama Bin Laden! In each of our lives, and in the history of the human community, there is this perennial struggle between forces of good and forces

of evil. Saints and sinners. Love and hate. Grace and sin. Virtue and vice. The Second Vatican Council taught that "the human person is divided in himself. As a result, the whole life of men, both individual and social, shows itself to be a struggle, and a dramatic one, between good and evil, between light and darkness."

An integral Catholic university education is not just about the attainment of knowledge, it is about the cultivation of virtue. As beneficial as all your studies have been, they will only bear truly good fruit when accompanied by a moral life. Life involves a multitude of decisions. True happiness and human fulfillment come when we walk the path that leads to life, not death, following the guideposts that point us in the right direction: the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. We are constantly faced with decisive moral choices that invite us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the good. You will not find true happiness in wealth, fame, power, or achievement, however successful you may be, but you will find it in living a moral life, one that seeks to overcome evil with good.

Intimately connected with the embrace of Truth and Goodness is the embrace of the Beauty of Love since Love is the ultimate Truth and the greatest expression of Goodness. In his first encyclical, entitled "God is Love," Pope Benedict XVI wrote that "love promises infinity, eternity, a reality far greater and totally other than our everyday existence." "Love looks to the eternal." "It is indeed 'ecstasy,' not in the sense of a moment of intoxication, but rather as a journey, an ongoing exodus out of the closed inward-looking self toward its liberation through self-giving, and thus towards authentic self-discovery and indeed the discovery of God." I invite you as you go forth from the University of Saint Francis to walk that journey of love, the journey of the saints. It is the path "through the cross to the resurrection." It is "the path of the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, and in this way bears much fruit." I invite you, our graduates, to accept the invitation addressed by Pope Benedict "to experience love and in this way to cause the light of God to enter into the world," for, as the Holy Father wrote: "Love is the light — and in the end, the only light — that can always illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working. Love is possible, and we are able to practice it because we are created in the image of God."

Dear graduates, may you go forth as messengers of truth, agents of goodness, and instruments of love as you continue your life's journey!

# Charges dropped against protesters at 2009 Notre Dame commencement

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A prosecutor dropped charges May 5 against 94 people arrested for trespassing on the University of Notre Dame's campus while protesting President Barack Obama's 2009 commencement address.

The university decided not to continue pressing charges and Prosecutor Michael Dvorak of the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office said he would not stand in the way of that request and agreed to drop all charges.

Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, said in a statement that he was "sincerely pleased" that the charges were dismissed.

"From the start, everyone involved in this difficult matter has been in complete accord on the sanctity of human life, and we all remain committed to continuing our work to support life from conception to natural death," he said.

The 2009 protesters had objected to the school's decision to allow Obama to give the commencement address and receive an honorary degree, saying his support for keeping abortion legal made him an



CNS PHOTO/TIM HUNT, NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

**Demonstrators on both sides of the abortion issue gather at the entrance of the University of Notre Dame prior to the university's commencement ceremony May 17, 2009 in Notre Dame.**

inappropriate choice at a Catholic university.

They were arrested on criminal trespassing charges and transported to the St. Joseph County Jail after they ignored orders to stay off campus.

Father Jenkins said in a statement last year that the group had

been "given repeated warnings by law enforcement officials, and then, when they persisted, they were arrested and charged with criminal trespass."

Tom Brejcha, president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Society, a public-interest law firm defending the protesters, said the dropped charges were "a big step forward and a victory for the pro-life cause."

In a May 5 statement, he said the law firm was appreciative of the steps taken by Notre Dame to create new pro-life initiatives on campus.

The statement noted that although the parties "remain in profound disagreement over the 2009 commencement," they decided after prayerful consideration to put their differences behind them and focus on their fundamental belief in the sanctity of human life.

Both parties pledged to recognize each other's pro-life efforts and "work together to find ways to increase those efforts and maximize their impact on the nation's contentious, ongoing debate over abortion policy."

## U.S. bishops to meet in Seattle in June

WASHINGTON — The annual Spring General Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will be June 15-17 in Seattle.

The bishops will debate and vote on revisions to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, a document on physician assisted suicide called "To Live Each Day With Dignity," and the Spanish translation of USA Propers, as well as an appendix of major feast days of Spanish-speaking countries for inclusion in the future Spanish translation of the Roman Missal.

The bishops will hear addresses

by Ken Hackett at the conclusion of his service as president of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin, Ireland, on the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in June 2012, Father Edward Dougherty on the 100th anniversary of the Maryknoll Society, and Msgr. David Malloy at the conclusion of his service as general secretary of USCCB.

The agenda also includes:

- A presentation on the Defense of Marriage efforts of the USCCB, including a Spanish-language video
- A report by Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington on

"Anglicanorum coetibus," the Vatican guideline for allowing communities of Anglicans to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church

- A report by Bishop Kevin Farrell of Dallas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on National Collections, on the evaluation of national collections

- Discussion of Faithful Citizenship, the bishops' call to political responsibility

- A request by the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations to proceed in drafting a document on preaching.

## HAMMOND

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Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, in 1972; pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, in 1974; pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, in 1977; pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse, in 1980; pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish, New Carlisle, in 1988; and pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester, in 1989.

Father Hammond retired on Sept. 1, 1997.

Having ministered as associate pastor with Father Hammond at Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, in the late 1970s, Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general and chancellor of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, developed a friendship with Father Hammond



**Father Robert Hammond pictured in a 1952 photo.**

that lasted through the years. Msgr. Schulte had kept in close contact for several years. He said Father Hammond especially enjoyed pastoral ministry.

Msgr. Schulte noted that Father Hammond had an interest in running as a form of exercise, and enjoyed reading. He was an avid reader of *Today's Catholic*, Msgr. Schulte said, and added

that Father Hammond would often send a note to the bishops commenting about a story in the newspaper.

Father Hammond enjoyed ministering at nursing homes, especially as he aged.

Father Hammond often had a rosary in hand whenever Msgr. Schulte visited.

A funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Viewing was held prior to the Mass and a vigil service, rosary and visitation were held May 11 at the cathedral. Burial was at Catholic Cemetery.

Father Hammond is survived by a niece, Dixie Zawacki and a cousin, Sister Eleanor Phelan, RSM, who reside in Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gordon Hammond, and a sister, Mary Alice Smith.



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, May 15, 11 a.m. — Adult Confirmation, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, May 16, 10 a.m. — Meeting of the Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Catholic Center
- Tuesday, May 17, 3:30 p.m. — Provincial Meeting in Indianapolis
- Wednesday, May 18 — Indiana Catholic Conference Meeting, Indianapolis
- Thursday, May 19, 12 p.m. — Saint Anne Home Board Meeting, Saint Anne Home, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, May 19, 2:30 p.m. — Meeting of department heads, Archbishop Noll Catholic Center
- Friday, May 20, 4 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
- Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m. — Ordination of Permanent Deacons, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, May 21, 5 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass, University of Notre Dame



## Father Oyo appointed parochial vicar

The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has announced the following assignment effective May 27, 2011:

- Reverend Charles Oyo to Parochial Vicar, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, South Bend.



**DONALD CARDINAL WUERL  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE APOSTOLIC SEE  
ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON**

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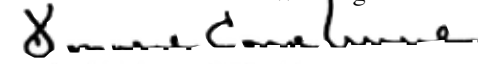
After having consulted with the Holy See, my brother bishops and the faithful of this archdiocese, I have verified the existence of a true and widespread reputation of sanctity enjoyed by the late Mary Virginia Merrick, foundress of the National Christ Child Society. During her life and growing ever stronger after her death, there has been ample evidence of the granting of graces and favors by God through her intercession.

Therefore, I, Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, do hereby make public the petition of Ms. Kathleen Asdorian, the postulator of this cause acting on behalf of the National Christ Child Society, and thus declare I am initiating the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the

**Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick.**

In conformity with the Instruction for Conducting Diocesan or Eparchial Inquiries in the Causes of Saints, *Sanctorum Mater*, published by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints on May 17, 2007, I also call upon any and all who may have useful information regarding the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Mary Virginia Merrick to bring such documents, materials or information to my attention.

Given this Easter Monday, the twenty-fifth day of April two thousand and eleven in the Archdiocese of Washington.

  
Archbishop of Washington

# Faith, like water, is life-giving, pope says in Venice

VENICE, Italy (CNS) — Visiting Venice, the city of gondolas and canals, Pope Benedict XVI said Christians must make sure their lives as individuals and communities reflect the life-giving qualities of water and not the chaos and destruction it can bring.

“Water is an ambivalent symbol: of life, but also death; the populations struck by flooding and tsunamis know this,” the pope said May 8 at the end of a two-day visit to Aquileia and Venice in northern Italy.

Seated in a white gondola amid a colorful flotilla of all kinds of boats, Pope Benedict rode to a meeting with Venetian cultural, artistic, political and economic leaders.

He said Venetians know how fascinating water has made their city and, yet, how many difficulties it causes, particularly for the health and stability of the city.

Residents, he said, can choose to reflect either the beautiful or the problematic qualities of water in their relationships with others and in the way they organize their life together. Either they are “fluid” to the extent of being adrift and destructive, or they hold firm to their Christian heritage and become a source of life for all, he said.

Celebrating Mass for an estimated 300,000 people in a park in nearby Mestre that morning, Pope Benedict preached about the Gospel story of the disciples meeting the risen Jesus on the road of Emmaus. The story, he said, is about “conversion from desperation to hope, conversion from sadness to joy and, also, conversion to community life.”

“Sometimes when one speaks of conversion, people think only



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**Pope Benedict XVI gestures as he takes a gondola across the Grand Canal during his visit to Venice, Italy, May 8.**

about the hard work, detachment and renunciation it involves. But Christian conversion is most of all a source of joy, hope and love,” as seen in the Gospel story when the disciples discover that Jesus truly rose from the dead and they return to Jerusalem to share the good news with the other disciples.

Too many Christians today tend to live like the disciples going toward Emmaus: They once knew Jesus or heard about Him, but now they are “immersed in doubt, sadness and disappointment,” he said.

“The problem of evil, of pain and suffering, the problem of injustice and oppression, the fear of others, of foreigners and of those from far

away who reach our lands and seem to threaten who we are, can lead Christians today to say: We had hoped that the Lord would free us from evil, pain, suffering, fear and injustice,” the pope said.

The only truly Christian response, he said, is to recognize that Christ has risen and continues to be present in His Church, helping people respond to new challenges with hope and trust.

The pope began his weekend visit in Aquileia, an ancient Roman city at the extreme northeastern edge of Italy. Many of the town’s early Christians were martyred under the Emperor Diocletian in 303.

During an outdoor meeting with residents of the town, Pope Benedict said he wanted to visit Aquileia “to admire this rich and ancient tradition, but also to confirm you in the deep faith of your forefathers.”

## At least 12 killed in attacks on Christian churches in Cairo

CAIRO (CNS) — At least 12 people were killed and more than 100 were injured in attacks on Orthodox churches in Imbaba, part of metropolitan Cairo.

Initial reports from Cairo indicated no Catholic churches were involved in the violence. However, from Rome, the missionary news agency AsiaNews reported that the 16-year-old nephew of a Catholic bishop was killed in retaliation for a Catholic church offering shelter to an Orthodox priest.

Christians protested in Cairo May 9, two days after the violence began outside St. Mina Church in Imbaba, where several hundred Salafi Muslims gathered, claiming a Christian woman married to a Muslim man was being held there against her will.

A report from Arab West Report, a weekly digest of stories from the Egyptian press, indicated

that the initial violence began in the late afternoon, and police did not arrive until 10 p.m. At least two, possibly three churches were burned.

AsiaNews quoted a spokesman for Egypt’s seven Catholic rites as saying the situation “is very critical” and that the government must protect all minorities from extremists.

Fides, the Vatican missionary news agency, quoted Comboni Father Luciano Verdoscia, who works in Cairo, as saying: “The neighborhood of Imbaba is a poor area, and fanaticism flourishes where poverty and ignorance reign. The Salafis are a group that is not the majority, but make themselves heard, even with violent actions. According to some commentators, these groups are controlled by the old (Egyptian) regime, who want to make others believe, ‘Look what is happening without us.’”

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# Gov. Mitch Daniels signs school choice legislation into law

INDIANAPOLIS — “Real school choice has come to Indiana,” said Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director, who watched Gov. Mitch Daniels sign the school choice bill into law during the May 5 bill signing ceremony in the governor’s office.

Tebbe, who has worked to promote school choice in Indiana for over a decade said, “For the first time in the history of Indiana eligible parents will be able to use a voucher to send their children to a nonpublic school. And in many cases that school of choice will be a Catholic school,” he said.

Kari White of Indianapolis was delighted to learn she will likely qualify for a voucher for her daughter Natalie. “As a single mom, even though I work, it’s a struggle each month to make ends meet.” A product of Catholic education, White attended Central Catholic and graduated from Roncalli High School in Indianapolis.

White wants the same close-knit family environment for her own daughter. “It’s the morals they instill in the children that’s really important to me,” said White who is Catholic. “I also know my daughter will get more one-on-one attention at Central Catholic.”

“If I do get the voucher, it will give me peace of mind. I won’t have the added financial stress. I won’t always be wondering if I’ll be able to keep Natalie at Central Catholic or if I’ll be able to pay next month’s tuition bill,” said White. “I’ll be starting college this fall at Ivy Tech to become an X-ray tech-



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**Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, surrounded by school choice advocates, signed the school scholarship legislation House Enrolled Act 1003 into law on May 5. The new law allows families of low to moderate incomes to receive up to \$4,500 per child to use at the school of their choice. In the photo, from left, are Dr. Tony Bennett, state superintendent of public instruction; Randy Joe Duke, parent supporting school choice; Russ Simnick, president of the Charter Schools Association; Robert Inlow, Foundation for Educational Choice president and CEO; and seated, Gov. Mitch Daniels; Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman; Sen. David Long, R-Fort Wayne, Senate President Pro Tempore; Rep. Brain Bosma, R-Indianapolis, speaker of the House.**

nician. I will be able to better focus on doing well in school rather than worrying so much about how I’m going to pay for Natalie’s tuition. It will be a big help.”

Sara Browning, principal of Central Catholic, said, “Often lower-income families must rely on underperforming public schools. So if you, as a lower income parent, are aware that the best road out of poverty is the path of higher education, then you want your child in an elementary school that will help

to lay the foundation for a successful educational experience through college and beyond.”

Connie Zittnan, executive director of the Mother Theodore Catholic Academy which is composed of four inner-city Catholic schools in Indianapolis, said, “This legislation is going to have a huge positive impact on our schools. We serve the under-served in our community. On average, 90

percent of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch.

“The legislation will enable us to better serve our children and open the door to new families,” said Zittnan. “We have about 50-75 open slots within our four schools and we are working hard to fill those slots in the coming school year.”

Working Hoosiers whose children qualify for free or reduced price lunches would get 50 to 90 percent of what it cost the State to educate those students in a public school to attend a private one of their choice.

House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1003 would only apply to children currently enrolled in a public school for at least two semesters or children already receiving a tax credit scholarship.

Daryl Hagan, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Evansville, said, “My reaction to Gov. Daniels signing HEA 1003 is one of gratitude. I am grateful that the elected officials in the state of Indiana care so deeply for the students and families that they wish to provide assistance to low and middle income families to help their children attend private (Catholic) schools.

“The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Evansville are preparing to reach out to those families who qualify and invite them to complete the application process. The invitations will come through mailings, phone calls, open houses, and

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from our pastors,” said Hagan. “Each year the diocese selects a theme for the schools and the 2011-2012 school theme is ‘All Are Welcome.’ We will have special emphasis on reaching out to our Latino parishioners and inviting them into our Catholic schools.”

Dr. Mark Meyers, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, said, “I am grateful in that we are in a much better position to help needy families now and mindful of the responsibility we have to be good stewards of public funds.

“We hope and pray we will contribute greatly to revive our inner city schools and communities,” said Meyers. “Our data show 97 percent of children educated in Catholic schools graduate from college. Extending Catholic school opportunities to impoverished children bodes quite well for Indiana, for America, and for the future of Catholic schools, our urban communities, and compliments our mission.”

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## Three new auxiliary bishops ordained for Archdiocese of Detroit

DETROIT (CNS) — In a filled-to-capacity Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, with priests from around the archdiocese and bishops from around the country in attendance, Msgr. Donald F. Hanchon, Father Michael J. Byrnes and Father Arturo Cepeda were ordained as auxiliary bishops for Detroit. Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, speaking to the three prior to their episcopal ordination rite, said they would be “numbered among the band of Jesus’ companions.” He told the bishop-designates during his homily: “Today, we say with Peter, ‘Yes, Lord, we love you more than these.’ Of all the many qualifications we must fill and competencies we must attain ... the most basic is not mostly functional. The most basic qualification is love for Jesus. Loving Him as He loved us — until the end.” During the ceremony, which took place within the context of Mass, the Vatican decrees naming the three men bishops were read. Archbishop Vigneron laid his hands on them, and anointed each man with oil. Each of the three was prayed over using the book of Scripture. And they were presented their miters, crosiers and rings. Archbishop Vigneron singled out the different qualities each new bishop brings — saying that Bishop Hanchon has been known for his “priestly dedication” and for having a generous heart; Bishop Byrnes being blessed with “abundant gifts” and a love for sharing God’s word; and Bishop Cepeda for having a heart “conformed to Christ’s own heart.”

## Bishops urge Senate to protect needs of poor as budget is debated

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Acknowledging that Congress and the administration face “difficult challenges” in tackling the country’s massive budget deficit, the U.S. bishops reiterated their call that the needs of poor and vulnerable people must be protected in any budget decisions. The bishops urged lawmakers to protect human life and dignity as the budget debates unfold in a May 5 letter to each member of the Senate. The letter was signed by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, N.Y., chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace. “The moral measure of this budget debate is not which party wins or which powerful interests prevail, but rather how those who are jobless, hungry, homeless or poor are treated,” the bishops wrote. “Their voices are too often missing in these debates, but they have the most compelling moral claim on our consciences and our common resources.” Saying they were offering their views as “pastors and teachers, not experts or partisans,” the bishops acknowledged that the decisions ahead will be difficult. The discussion “requires wise

## CARDINAL WUERL GREETES YOUNG PERSON AFTER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION OF ROME CHURCH



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Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington greets a young person after a symbolic “possession” of the Rome Church of St. Peter in Chains May 8. The ancient church is one of the most popular sites for tourists and pilgrims because it contains the chains which, according to tradition, held St. Peter when he was imprisoned in Rome and Jerusalem.

bipartisan leadership, clear priorities, and moral clarity,” they wrote. The bishops reminded lawmakers that “a just framework for future budgets cannot rely on disproportionate cuts in essential services to poor persons.”

## Despite terrorist’s death, anti-Muslim sentiment lingers in US

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Just because Osama bin Laden is dead, it does not necessarily follow that anti-Muslim feeling in the United States will melt away. The intense anti-Muslim feeling is often described as Islamophobia. Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., raised a ruckus on Capitol Hill when he presided over hearings in March that zeroed in on domestic Islamic groups, which critics said fanned the flames of Islamophobia. But King’s flames were merely figurative. When the Rev. Terry Jones of Florida announced earlier this spring that he had burned a copy of the Quran following a self-styled trial of the Muslim holy book, the flames were literal. Rev. Jones had threatened to burn a copy of the Quran last summer during the weeks-long rancor over the construction of an Islamic community center near the site of the 9/11 attacks in lower Manhattan — a building that quickly became known as “the ground zero mosque.” But there has been little

debate over whether anti-Muslim sentiments expressed in this way are examples of hate speech or free speech. Nor will everyone use the term “Islamophobia” to describe it. Ronaldo Cruz, director of institutional advancement for Pax Christi USA, the U.S. arm of the worldwide Catholic peace movement, writing last fall about the Manhattan mosque controversy, said, “Attacks on Muslims — and on dark-skinned people mistaken for Muslims — started almost immediately after the events of 9/11. This behavior is contrary to our Christian values.”

## Bishops, Knights urged to take action to help storm victims in South

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In an effort to help Southern dioceses recover from the devastating tornados of late April, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a national relief collection and Knights of Columbus members in Alabama have been asked to be a visible presence in the devastated areas. In a May 4 letter to U.S. bishops, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York said he was “happy to approve a collection and commend it to you for the parishes, dioceses, regions, provinces and states affected by the tornados.” The archbishop recounted a letter he

received from Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Ala., asking for help and noting that the tornado damage “occurred mostly in mission dioceses that do not enjoy the blessing of substantial financial resources.” Archbishop Rodi said funds collected from U.S. dioceses would be used to “help individuals in need” and also for “rebuilding and repairing any damaged Church-owned buildings.” The violent storms and devastating tornados that tore through the region killed more than 350 people. In early May, officials from several dioceses told Catholic News Service they were busy assessing damage to Church buildings and schools. Archbishop Dolan acknowledged that many dioceses have other special collections scheduled in the coming weeks and urged them to do “what you can when you can.” He also said he planned to appoint a task force of several bishops to analyze the humanitarian and institutional needs of the affected dioceses and to work with Catholic Charities USA to allocate the funds received. He asked for prayers “for those who have lost so much, and for those who will help so much.”

## Hyde Amendment passes house, now Senate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The House has approved a bill that would make the Hyde Amendment per-

manent, limit tax deductions for the cost of an abortion and block other potential use of federal funds for any clinic or doctor who offers abortions. The legislation is unlikely to reach a Senate vote and would likely be vetoed by President Barack Obama if it should pass. But supporters of the bill called for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., to bring the bill to the floor. In a 251-175 vote May 4, the House approved H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which would make permanent the restrictions of the Hyde Amendment, prohibiting the use of federal funds for any abortion. The amendment currently must be renewed each year. H.R. 3 also would prohibit federal funds from being used to pay for any health insurance plan that includes abortion, as well as bar abortion from being offered at any federal or District of Columbia health care facility or by any individual employed by the federal government or the District of Columbia. The only exceptions in the legislation would be if the pregnancy results from rape or incest or if the woman suffers from a life-threatening condition related to the pregnancy. “By passing the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, the House has taken a decisive step toward protecting human life, reflecting the will of the American people,” said Deirdre McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

## Liturgical reform was about changing people’s lives, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Second Vatican Council’s renewal of the liturgy wasn’t so much about changing texts or gestures as it was about changing Catholics’ attitude toward the Mass and helping the liturgy change their lives, Pope Benedict XVI said. “Unfortunately, the liturgy was seen, perhaps even by us pastors and experts, more as an object to reform than as a subject capable of renewing Christian life,” the pope said May 6. Addressing participants at a conference marking the 50th anniversary of Rome’s Pontifical Liturgical Institute, Pope Benedict said Blessed Pope John XXIII asked the Benedictines to establish the institute to help the Church respond to the “urgency of a reform,” which many bishops from around the world were requesting before the Second Vatican Council. A strong pastoral concern for Catholics around the world required the encouragement of “a more active participation of the faithful in the liturgical celebrations through the use of national languages” and an appropriate “adaptation of the rites in the various cultures, especially in mission lands,” he said. But the Church’s liturgy, the center of its existence, could not be changed simply for the sake of change, he said. “From the beginning it was clear that the theological foundation of the liturgy had to be studied in order to avoid falling into ritualism and so that the reform would be justifiable from the point of view of revelation and of continuity with the tradition of the Church,” he said.

## Summer Camp offered at Holy Cross College

NOTRE DAME — Summer is almost here and that means it is time to register for Holy Cross College's summer camp for kids. The Youth Enrichment Summer Camp for children ages 8-14 meets Monday through Friday, June 13-17, in the afternoons — 1:05 until 5 p.m. Campers enroll in one class for each time slot. All classes meet one hour for five days.

Class fees are \$50 each, or a full afternoon or three classes for \$115. Those interested in enrolling may go to the Holy Cross College website at [www.hcc-nd.edu/summercamp](http://www.hcc-nd.edu/summercamp), and print, fill out and mail in the enrollment form with payment. The online enrollment form is available by clicking the "Register" button at the bottom of the form.

A full day of camp is available by enrolling in morning classes at Saint Joseph's High School Arts Camp and afternoon classes next door at Holy Cross College. A full week of morning classes is \$100. To enroll in the morning camp, contact Kim Coleman, (574) 233-6137 ext. 260 or through e-mail at [kcoleman@stjoe.k12.in.us](mailto:kcoleman@stjoe.k12.in.us). The following courses will be offered:

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- Fun Art Projects (8-10)
- Break with refreshments
- Graphic Fun with Microsoft Word
- Recreational Sports
- Watercolor Painting (11 years and older)
- Babysitting Certificate (11 years and older)

## St. Charles to feature Westminster Concert Bell Choir

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Church will host an upcoming concert by the Westminster Concert Bell Choir of Princeton, N.J., under the direction of Kathleen Ebling Shaw. The concert will take place on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 4916 Trier Rd. in Fort Wayne. There is no charge for the concert; however, a freewill offering is welcome.

The Westminster Concert Bell Choir of The Westminster School of the Arts of Rider University has performed throughout the United States. The group has also appeared on television programs such as "The Today Show," "Mister Rogers Neighborhood," and most recently, at the lighting of the Christmas tree in New

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## FIELD DAY FUN WELCOMES ND STUDENT-ATHLETES



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Two-hundred-twenty-five students from the South Bend schools of St. Matthew, Our Lady of Hungary, St. Adalbert and St. Joseph participated in a field day on April 29 at Eck Stadium at the University of Notre Dame. About 75 Notre Dame student-athletes volunteered, with staff support from the ND Student Welfare and Development office and Community Engagement. In the photo, Notre Dame linebacker Darius Fleming offers some tips on the "tug-of-war" competition with Nick Monnin of St. Matthew School. St. Joseph Regional Medical Center was also a generous sponsor of the event.

York's Rockefeller Center Plaza with singer Josh Groban. They ring the largest set of handbells in the world, eight octaves (C1 to C9) and six octaves of Choirchimes, (C2 to C8). They also have appeared twice at Carnegie Hall, and in 2002, joined Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Charlotte Church and The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra for a critically acclaimed 15-city tour entitled "A Royal Christmas."

The bell choir tours the Midwest every four years and this year's tour also includes performances in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, Des Moines, Lincoln, Kansas City and St. Louis. Concerts by the Westminster Concert Bell Choir are well received and venues are crowded for their performance. Their concerts include a wide range of music from classical to popular.

Additional information is available by contacting Tim Robison (260) 446-3118 or via e-mail, [timro2@aol.com](mailto:timro2@aol.com).

## Redeemer Radio Spring Sharathon set May 11-13

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, will hold its Spring 2011

Sharathon on May 11-13, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. Redeemer Radio is a local, independent Catholic radio apostolate broadcasting the Catholic faith to listeners in Fort Wayne, northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio. The station airs EWTN and Ave Maria Radio Network programs, as well as locally produced shows and specials.

The "Behold Your Mother" theme pays tribute to the Blessed Mother during the month of May and the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13. Each of the 36 hours of Sharathon showcases local guests who discuss the impact Redeemer Radio has on their lives and faith. Area priests will also encourage listeners to pledge their support to Redeemer Radio.

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## SJCRTL MOTHER'S DAY VIGIL HELD TO SUPPORT LIFE



PHOTO BY TOM GILL

The Saint Joseph County Right to Life (SJCRTL) Mother's Day Vigil event took place in South Bend on May 6 with Saint Joseph's High School students, University of Notre Dame students and others in support of life outside an area abortion clinic.

# Tim Trippel, Marian student, named top young scientist

MISHAWAKA — Marian High School senior Tim Trippel of Mishawaka was recently honored by Superintendent of Public Education Dr. Tony Bennett with the presentation of Indiana's 2011 Top Young Scientist. The honor carries a \$10,000 cash award, believed to be the largest award of its kind nationwide. And Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels visited Marian High School April 21 to present the award to Trippel.

The son of Terrence and Christine Trippel of Mishawaka, Trippel was named this year's Top Young Scientist at the 23rd Annual Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair held in Bloomington on April 2. Trippel's project was titled "Development of a Low-Cost Electroporator for High School and Developing World Applications."

His research project was developing a very low-cost method of introducing DNA

into bacterial organisms. Normally the piece of equipment that would cost tens of thousands of dollars, but Trippel made the device functional for a cost of only \$25.

Trippel received a trophy and check for being judged the highest placing senior among the state's top science and engineering competitors. Trippel plans to attend Purdue University.

"Tim and students who competed today are the real heroes among their peers. They will be the future leaders and thinkers of our nation," Bennett said. "Just like his parents, teachers and community, I'm incredibly proud of Tim's work, and I know today's achievement is just one of many milestones in what is sure to be an outstanding college and professional career."

Gov. Mitch Daniels established the award in 2009 as



MARY KAY DANCE

Tim Trippel of Marian High School was recently named the recipient of the Governor's Award for the Top Young Scientist in the State. Trippel, who will attend Purdue University next fall, received a \$10,000 cash award, believed to be the largest award of its kind nationwide. At the presentation of the award on April 21 at Marian High School, from left are Mishawaka Mayor Dave Wood, Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, senior Tim Trippel and Marian High School Principal Carl Loesch.

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a part of his continued commitment to improve Indiana education and to highlight the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Nearly 22,000 students in grades 1-12 participated in a local science fair this academic year.

More than 3,700 of those students participated in regional science fairs, and the top 100 students in grades 9-12 earned a chance to compete at the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair hosted by the Science Education Foundation of Indiana (SEFI).

All projects are judged by a panel of Indiana scientists on the basis of creative ability, scientific thought, engineering

goals, skill and clarity.

Trippel has also been selected to participate in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, Calif., this month.

Trippel's teacher is Ken Andrzejewski.

In addition to work with SEFI, Dr. Bennett and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) have made STEM education a priority by partnering with organizations (the I-STEM Resource Network, Lilly and BioCrossroads) for the Indiana Science Initiative, which promotes and supports inquiry-based science instruction in classrooms across Indiana.



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# Lou Holtz inspires record attendance at St. Vincent de Paul legacy dinner

SOUTH BEND — A record turnout of Vincentians, benefactors and guests attended the Fourth Annual St. Vincent de Paul Society Legacy Dinner at Century Center in South Bend. The event was held April 28 for the benefit of the society and featured Lou Holtz as the keynote speaker.

Holtz, the highly successful former head football coach at the University of Notre Dame and currently a college football analyst for ESPN, inspired the audience with his humorous yet poignant remarks about the importance of a caring, generous community to support the works of organizations like St. Vincent de Paul that serve the needs of the poor.

"I have lived in many communities and have never seen one whose residents are as consistently generous as the people in the South Bend area," he said.

Over 900 people were in attendance at the event that consisted of silent and live auctions, dinner and a special video that celebrated the accomplishments of the society over the past year and spoke to the challenges that lie ahead.

The video also featured the story of Tina Garman, a single mother whose daughter Jasmine was born with such serious disabilities that she was only given a week to live. Jasmine is now three years old and her mother describes her as "a fighter, a miracle baby." With the assistance of Vincentian Laurie Miller, the society has provided Garman with food and financial assistance to help her care for her family.



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Garman concluded her interview with an emotional thank you for all the support she has received.

St. Vincent's Executive Director Charlie Thompson expressed his appreciation for the generosity of those in attendance.

Although the final results are still being tabulated, Thompson said, "We know that this was the big-

gest and most financially successful event our society has ever held. Words do not express our gratitude for the generosity of all who attended and gave so willingly to support our mission. I also need to thank our event chairs, Kathy Seidl and Patti Walz, and their team of volunteers for all their hard work in making our dinner such a success."



The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County recently finalized the purchase of the former Sunshine Clubhouse, part of the Madison Center complex near downtown South Bend.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society purchases former Madison Center facility

SOUTH BEND — The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County has finalized the purchase of the former Sunshine Clubhouse, part of the Madison Center complex near downtown South Bend. The 12,000 square-foot facility, located at 520 Crescent Ave., just off Niles Avenue, will house the society's administrative offices and programs and provide space for meetings, retreats, liturgies, training and social functions.

The announcement was made jointly by Jan Jenkins, board president, and Charles Thompson, executive director. According to Thompson, the new facility will enable the society to fulfill its mission of service to the needy in ways that were not possible previously.

"The Sunshine Clubhouse is not only newer and more centrally located than our current program offices, but it also provides an environment that better respects the dignity and privacy of our clients," said Thompson. Jenkins noted the opportuni-

ties for additional programming and support of the conferences (chapters) at 18 local Catholic parishes. "Providence has presented us a great opportunity," Jenkins said. "This is an ideal facility that became available at just the right time at a very reasonable price."

The purchase includes the building, office furniture and fixtures, commercial kitchen, parking and an adjacent lot. St. Vincent de Paul plans to design an addition to the space which will allow for programmatic expansion. The organization also expects to make office space available for potential community partners.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County is a Catholic lay organization that provides food, clothing and financial assistance to families in the county. The society's mission is supported by two thrift stores that sell gently used clothing, furniture, household items, appliances and collectibles.



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## BISHOP RHOADES CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY MASS IN WABASH



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets Rita Sweeney after the Mother's Day Mass at St. Bernard Church in Wabash on Sunday, May 8.

## LuersKnight rocks the house

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School recently celebrated its 31st year of LuersKnight traditions and raised a record \$170,000 in the Bishop's Auction, which will go toward needs-based tuition assistance.

Attendance surpassed last year by over 60 guests with 370 attending, including Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry. The attendees were first entertained by the Bishop Luers Jazz band followed by the show choir.

Krista Leffers, a 2006 graduate of Bishop Luers High School, was the guest speaker. She attended the University of Indianapolis where she graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's of science degree in biology.

Leffers said, "Bishop Luers' mission and the values it contains were so instilled in me that just one small part of it has inspired me to alter my life: 'While serving God and others in a global and changing society, we are all called to serve one another.' My calling to serve is taking me to Africa with the Peace Corps."

Leffers' speech was followed



LONA PRITCHARD

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by the Bishop's Auction which was orchestrated by Bishop Rhoades and master of ceremonies, Jim Fitzpatrick.

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found at [www.bishopluer.org](http://www.bishopluer.org), and click on LuersKnight.

Those wishing to donate to the Bishop's Auction may contact Kathy Skelly at (260) 456-1261, ext. 3142.

## USCCB launches First Fridays for Food Security event on Facebook

WASHINGTON — On the first Friday of each month from May 6, 2011, to April 6, 2012, Catholic families and individuals can participate in First Fridays for Food Security as a way to raise awareness about food insecurity in the U.S. and help Catholics pray and act for those in need.

Catholics can take part by limiting meal spending on the first Friday of each month to the amount allotted for a family of their size in the USDA Modified Thrifty Food Plan. This food plan is used as the basis for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly called food stamps). In 2009, 17.4 million U.S. households experienced food insecurity.

The event's page on Facebook provides a forum for Catholics to leave comments about their experiences and access learning and prayer resources.

A handout will be posted on Facebook each month, focusing on a different aspect of the issue. These will include: the reality of food insecurity in the U.S., migrant laborers and those who produce food, effects of hunger on pregnant women and their unborn children, and child nutrition and the school lunch program.

"Food insecurity affects vulnerable populations including children, the elderly and the unborn," said Bishop Stephen E. Blaize of Stockton, Calif., chair-

man of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. "First Fridays for Food Security is an act of prayerful solidarity with those who risk going hungry. As bishops, we seek to educate the faithful on this need and the obligation we have as Catholics to meet it."

In his 2009 encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate," Pope Benedict XVI said, "Feed the hungry (cf. Mt 25: 35, 37, 42) is an ethical imperative for the universal Church, as she responds to the teachings of her Founder, the Lord Jesus, concerning solidarity and the sharing of goods."

## National Day of Prayer in Mishawaka unites faithful across area

BY TOM UEBBING

MISHAWAKA — Fervent prayer covering many aspects of personal and national life filled the Batell Center in Mishawaka on May 5 — one of many events across the country for the National Day of Prayer. This year's theme was "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," taken from Psalm 91:2. Mishawaka Mayor David Wood read a proclamation he issued recognizing the need for national prayer. Clergy and ministry leaders from a variety of denominations offered prayer for churches, families, schools, business, government, the military, enemies, police and firefighters. Other elements of the social fabric were also prayed for including the mass media, and cultural and social services.

Catholic attendees were inspired to hear Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offer a prayer for "Christian Liberty and the Unborn."

"We implore your forgiveness Lord for the sins of men and women against the dignity of human life, especially for the sin of disobeying your commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill.' And for disobeying your commandment to 'love thy neighbor as thyself.' Help us in our efforts to defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for this precious gift. Help us to serve the cause of life ... protect Lord, those who are most vulnerable in our society, the innocent unborn children in their mother's womb. Guide us and help us defend the right to life," said Bishop Rhoades.

The event began with a group of children from the Kid's Kove day-care center leading everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mishawaka

High School choir sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Participants rose to recite together a prayer composed by Joni Eareckson Tada, the 2011 honorary chairman. This was followed by prayers of praise, repentance and thanksgiving. In a beautiful blend of voices, the Mishawaka High School Choir sang "Before the Throne of Grace."

In a prayer for repentance, Bob Trimmer, president of the local Gideons Bible distribution society, quoted Acts 17:31 that God "has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead." Bill Geissel, executive director of Help With Love, Inc., prayed for churches, saying, "Let people see our Gospel even before we share it."

Praying for families, Rev. Greg Holmes, pastor of Sonlight Fellowship, noted that true enemies that are attacking the family are not flesh and blood but the demonic powers. In his prayer for schools David Evans, a co-leader of the John 17 regional prayer group, recalled a time when the fear of the Lord was taught in schools and asked God to forgive us for "foolishly removing those foundations."

The assembly rose together to sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," whose original German lyrics were penned by Martin Luther.

The prayer service concluded with the singing of "God Bless America" and a video "Home of the Free?" The film pointed out how the pilgrims came to America in 1620 to escape religious persecution and yet it gave numerous examples of how Christians are being persecuted in America today.



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# THE ORDER OF THE DIACONATE



PROVIDED BY MARY HILGER

The deacon-candidates gather for a moment of prayer at the acolyte commissioning in August of 2010.

## Bishop Rhoades to ordain 11 men to diaconate on May 21

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will ordain 11 men to the Order of the Diaconate on Saturday, May 21, at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne.

These men will serve permanently as deacons — the first new group of permanent deacons in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in at least 23 years. The men being ordained and their home parishes are as follows:

### South Bend area

- Robert Byrne, wife Jaci, home parish St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend
- William Gallagher, wife Mary, home parish Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
- Melvin Tardy, Jr., wife Annie, home parish St. Augustine, South Bend

### Granger

- James Fuchs, wife Kathy, home parish St. Pius X

### Goshen

- David Elchert, wife Donna, home parish St. John the Evangelist

### Ligonier

- Stanley LeMieux, wife Karen, home parish St. Patrick

### Fort Wayne area

- James Fitzpatrick, wife Karen, home parish St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne
- John Hilger, wife Mary, home parish St. Patrick, Arcola
- Jerome Kohrman, wife Ginny, home parish St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne
- James Kitchens, wife Emily, home parish St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne
- James Tighe, wife Pat, home parish St. Jude, Fort Wayne

The office of deacon in the Catholic Church may be described as one of service in the sacred liturgy and

in the ministries of charity. The deacon proclaims the Gospel during the Mass, and may also be given the task of preaching. In addition, the deacon functions as an ordinary minister of Holy Communion. As clerics, deacons are required to recite the Church's Liturgy of the Hours. Deacons, like priests and bishops, are ordinary ministers of the sacrament of Baptism, and can serve as the Church's witness at the sacrament of Holy Matrimony when done outside of Mass. Deacons may also bring Viaticum to the dying, and preside at funerals outside of Mass, as well as burial rites. They may lead various other liturgical services, such as Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and may bestow certain blessings. Deacons cannot hear confession and give absolution, anoint the sick or celebrate Mass.

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# Jerry Kohrman follows the hand of God in diaconate program

FORT WAYNE — Jerry Kohrman is one Catholic who lives his rich religious heritage inspired by deeply spiritual family members, with fervor. The past five years are testimony to his lifelong faith commitment as he studied with 10 other gentlemen in the reestablished permanent diaconate program in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The 11 deacon candidates look forward to their ordination into the diaconate on May 21.

Kohrman, a Fort Wayne native, credits his family's example for his ever-evolving faith and service to the Church. Born the oldest son in a family of eight children, the family was involved in many ministries within their parish.

He says, "Faith always had an influence in the house. We knew my parents loved the Lord and each other. They lived their faith."

Following in his parents' footsteps, Kohrman says he always enjoyed serving at the altar and he was a lector at an early age. He carried that desire for service into adulthood, like his siblings, including his brother Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart, building his leadership skills along the way. Following his marriage to his beloved wife Ginny in 1979, they teamed for a life of ministry.

An information technology (IT) man by trade, Kohrman worked



GINNY AND JERRY KOHRMAN

with computers for 34 years at Zollner Pistons, which has recently been acquired by Karl Schmidt Unisia. All the while he continued to serve joyfully in myriad ministries. Living in eastern Allen County, the couple landed at St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel Parish where they jumped in feet first to service with involvement in the parish mission, school board, parish council, church renovation, Christ Renews His Parish Team 1 and Knights of Columbus. Of his work within the Church Kohrman says, "I've always liked being involved in ministry to spread the Word. I like to get things done but with a spiritual side too."

The three Kohrman children, Rick, Christopher and Anne, all attended St. Joseph School as well

as Bishop Luers High School. Kohrman says of his family life, "The Lord always watched out for us, even the early years."

The Kohrmans formed a formidable team when Ginny, trained as an occupational therapist, became director of the Office of Spiritual Development for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Ginny says of their teamwork, "He always is so kind to people. I work on organizing but Jerry is so kind. That's what makes him so successful. He cares about how what he says affects people."

Five years ago, as the couple ministered at St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel Parish, their pastor at the time, Father Edward Erpelding recommended Jerry for the newly revived diaconate program.

"It blew us away," says Jerry Kohrman. "I didn't think I could make it. ... But I felt this was a calling. I didn't feel worthy, but I felt I had to get over that. I was humbled and excited!" After rigorous testing he was accepted into the program and classes began in earnest in 2006.

The 11 men, hailing from all corners of the diocese, have met once each month for studies in morality, theology, spirituality and more. They have bonded over the years and become like family.

"One of the greatest blessings is to meet such great people," Kohrman says of his study mates.

And he has found a new appreciation for Scriptures. "It really is the Living Word of God. You see how you can better put it in to action in everyday life," he says.

Then last spring the unthinkable happened. The IT position at Zollner Pistons was to move to Michigan. After much prayer and discussion it was decided that Ginny would take an occupational therapy job to sustain the family while Jerry finished his studies and searched for a new job.

She says of the sacrifice, "I loved it here (working at the diocesan office) but did it for the family, for his sake and continuing of the diaconate."

Her sacrifice did not go unnoticed as Jerry says, "I'm so thankful to my wife and her support. This journey wouldn't be possible without her."

In October, Jerry accepted the director of religious education (DRE) position at St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur and feels the hand of God on the career change.

"This is a big transition. The diaconate led to the DRE position. I feel God has guided my hand in ways I never expected," he said.

Though Kohrman enjoyed his computer work, he now finds fulfillment in working with God's people. With the career change came another move and Kohrman's ministry at his fam-

## A GLIMPSE: THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

BY KAY COZAD

ily's new parish, St. Vincent de Paul, has grown to include lecturing, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, preaching homilies, baptismal preparation, adult formation lecturers and teaching eighth-grade religious education. His practicum there had him making Communion calls to patients in two hospitals and the homebound as well.

As the ordination to the permanent diaconate approaches, Kohrman is "getting excited." He looks forward to discovering the ways God will lead him to minister and says, "Along with the hospital-type ministry, I also look forward to the blessing of being able to baptize those coming into the Church as 'adopted children of God,' and I also look forward to witnessing marriages for those pledging their lives to God and to each other."

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# Deacon James K. Fitzpatrick

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# Permanent deacons have been serving in diocese for years

BY LAURIE KIEFABER

Several permanent deacons have served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for close to 30 years. While they can't do everything a priest does, they have found their vocation deeply fulfilling and surprising at times.

Guy Gizzi, 78, has served 28 years and was asked by Bishop Joseph R. Crowley to become a deacon.

"It was Bishop Crowley who told me to serve any time, not just specific times," Deacon Gizzi said. "It is the most wonderful thing I have ever been asked to do."

Over the years in his service at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, Deacon Gizzi has baptized and married his two children and he's now baptized all his grandchildren. When allowed to be a deacon at Mass, Deacon Gizzi also has given them First Communion.

One of Deacon Gizzi's most fulfilling ministries has been presiding over funerals.

"To me, being a minister at a funeral is showing the people the need for others to pray for them and to bury them," he said. "A lot of people are very afraid of dying, but ministering to those who have died has shown me that one day we will be with the Almighty because He brought us here, and He will take us."

"Seeing the love of other people for the person who has died and to assure them those people who have passed away are also waiting for them (is gratifying)," he added.

Deacon Gizzi also enjoys serving the homebound and elderly in nursing homes and presiding over a Communion service at Southfield nursing home.

"Many have no one but themselves," he said. "To show someone cares for them when their time is near (is important)... I have many families who have asked me to be minister at a funeral because I see them every week."

When asked what advice he



PROVIDED BY DEACON GUY GIZZI

Deacon Guy Gizzi, who serves at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish in South Bend, enjoys visiting with residents at nursing facilities and the homebound.

would like to pass on to those being ordained to the diaconate, he said, "We were ordained to serve — to serve those who are in need and be very loving and charitable to everyone."

In addition, Deacon Gizzi has served in some unexpected ways helping married couples.

"People need those who are married," Deacon Gizzi said. "There are so many people who call me ... because I'm one of them. I'm married, I had a job and I know what they're going through."

"... I'm there to serve them and give them advice. We become very dear friends because of that. Sometimes calls come in the middle of the night. We're here to serve them as best we can."

Deacon John Tugman, 68, was ordained a deacon in 1991 in the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn., but moved to Granger to be closer to

family in 2006. He has three children and seven grandchildren.

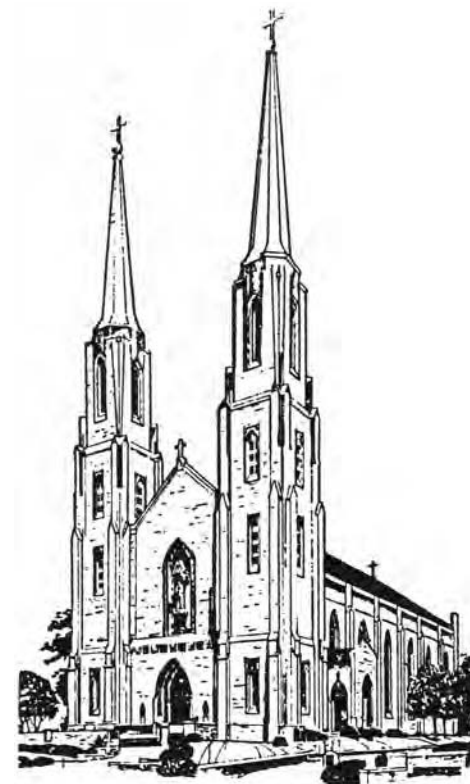
Deacon Tugman officially began serving as a deacon at St. Pius X Church in 2008.

"I feel blessed, privileged, honored and humbled to think God can allow a guy like me to function in His Church," Deacon Tugman said. "I'm a convert. It's a real privilege and real humbling to be used for God's work."

Deacon Tugman has done marriage preparation, taught lectors and altar servers and worked with St. Vincent de Paul on social justice issues. Deacon Tugman felt called to this ministry when he first began exploring it, and he's not regretted it.

"(The best part of being a deacon) is feeling once in a while I've done something that turns on

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**John Hilger**



# Deacon Kuspa celebrates 40th anniversary, encourages 'big three'

BY TRISH LINNER

Forty years ago this month the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ordained its first married permanent deacon. Ervin Joseph Kuspa Sr. was ordained at St. Matthew Cathedral by Bishop Leo A. Pursley on Saturday, May 15, 1971. Vatican Council II approved the permanent deacon program, and prior to that the office of deacon was simply a preliminary phase to the priesthood.

"My path to becoming a deacon actually began when I went to Korea. I, like many people may have done, promised God that if I came out of the service alive I would work for God," Kuspa said. "Well, I did return safely and worked several jobs and found that I was good at helping people, listening to them and giving guidance. When I read in a Knights of Columbus magazine that they were opening up the seminary for permanent deacons I knew how I could serve God."

Kuspa entered the Orchard Lake Center for Pastoral Studies in Michigan in 1969, studying for two years while traveling home each weekend to be with his wife Veronica and children Debra,

Ervin Joseph Jr., and Thomas.

"It wasn't easy," said wife Veronica. "But I was so proud of him and the work he was doing."

Deacon Kuspa has spent the last 40 years working in several South Bend parishes including St. Anthony De Padua, his first assignment, then at St. Adalbert, his family's parish, and at Our Lady of Hungary. For the last 14 years he has taught Bible class at Our Lady of Hungary and has a very devoted group of attendees.

"We are like family," Deacon Kuspa said. He also oversees First Friday Sacred Heart devotions and serves as the spiritual director of the Legion of Mary. He has seen many changes during his 40 years of service.

"The churches today are growing smaller. Here in South Bend we have seen closing and consolidations of parishes. It is a challenge that must be addressed. I believe there is less reverence overall today for the Church and the Eucharist. I worry about society, people rely less on God today than before. With all the challenges of today, the problems around the world, it seems God is knocking at the door and we are not listening to Him," he said.

He also reflected on the positives, the joy of Baptisms and



DEACON ERVIN JOSEPH AND VERONICA KUSPA

seeing children grow to become adults and have their own children.

"It is so rewarding to see the kids I baptized raising children of their own. I am truly blessed to be able to serve here," Deacon Kuspa said.

Though Deacon Kuspa has had health problems, he is dedicated to continue serving. He assists at every Saturday evening Mass at Our Lady of Hungary and tries to help on Sunday if his body is able. There is no doubt his spirit is willing. "I know what Pope John Paul II went through, Bishop D'Arcy, with his prostate cancer as well. I have had two heart surgeries, and survived two cancers. It bothers me I can't do more. I always feel it's not enough. But there is a reason for everything God gives us and I will serve as long as the Lord will allow me to," he said.

Finally, Deacon Kuspa had some advice for today's candidates for deacon and the priesthood. "I like to call them the 'big three,'" he said smiling. "Read the Bible inside and out, over and over again. Study the catechism of the Church again and again, and pray the rosary. They will all guide you and put your reliance on God."

## Congratulations, Deacon Robert Byrne!

O God...grant the Holy Spirit of grace and care and diligence to this your servant, whom you have chosen to serve the Church and to offer in your holy places the gifts which are offered to you by your chosen high priests, so that he may serve with a pure heart and without blame, and that, ever giving praise to you, he may be accounted by your good will as worthy of this high office.

*The Apostolic Tradition, Hippolytus of Rome*



*From your sisters and brothers  
in Christ at  
St. Joseph Parish, South Bend*



# SERVING

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a light in somebody's soul, makes somebody desire to grow closer to Christ," he said. "That somebody might someday meet or see Christ because of something I said or did — usually unintentionally."

When asked what advice he would pass on to the newly ordained, Deacon Tugman said

"Be open, be willing and wait for God. God will give each of them plenty of opportunities."

Deacon Ron Moser, 72, had similar advice for deacons soon to be ordained.

"Let God lead you to whatever you're supposed to do and listen to Him," he said.

The South Bend man will have been a deacon 29 years in June. He serves at St. Joseph Church in Mishawaka and has baptized, married couples, taught, assisted at Mass and helped with RCIA.

"Seeing people come over to Church (is the best part for me)," he said.

He's also enjoyed watching people go through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and then join the Church on Holy Saturday.

With his wife, Deacon Moser has three daughters and eight grandchildren.

Like other permanent deacons in the diocese, Deacon Brian Miller, 69, feels like he's "done just about" everything deacons can in his 36 years of service. He could have chosen law school, but joined

the diaconate instead and serves at St. Anthony de Padua in South Bend.

"I prayed about it and felt a calling to enter the program," he said.

At the moment, Deacon Miller often visits the homebound and people in hospitals and nursing homes. He also is present at Sunday liturgies, delivers the homily monthly, presides over funerals, Baptisms and helps with Baptism preparation.

"I feel like it's a great privilege to be a deacon," he said. "It's richly rewarding."

Over the years, Deacon Miller said he's also been rewarded with lots of good personal relationships in the parish.

When asked what advice he would give new deacons, he said, "I think the most important thing is to pray and be spiritually strong, so that you can minister to other people. You need grace from God to do it. Having a strong prayer

life is the most important part of it to serve the people. It's especially helpful to have the intercessory help of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I really rely on her for help."

Deacon Miller said his wife, Kathleen, also has helped him frequently.

"She's sacrificed a lot in times I've been away," he said. "She's just been terrific!"

Deacon Miller and his wife have four children and 12 grandchildren.



DEACON RON MOSER



May the blessings of  
SAINT JOSEPH  
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JERRY KOHRMAN

and  
JIM KITCHENS

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as a member of our  
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“Be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.” -Romans 12:11



## Deacon's vestments share story of ministry

Eleven men from around the diocese will be ordained into the Order of Deacon on May 21 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

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Priests wear an outer garment

called a chasuble, which represents charity and covers the priest placing the yoke of Christ upon his shoulders. Deacons wear a dalmatic, a vestment that has sleeves, representing the office of deacon as servant to Christ, his bishops and priests.

The stole worn by a priest is over both shoulders and represents

the office of his priesthood. Priests and bishops wear this stole to symbolize the cross and the yoke of Christ on their shoulders. The deacon wears his stole over his left shoulder with his right shoulder free, representing his office of service with his right hand and arm free to do the work of the Lord.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JIM KITCHENS

Jim Kitchens, deacon candidate and parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne, left, wears the deacon's dalmatic, a vestment with sleeves. Father Drew Curry, parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth, demonstrates the priestly chasuble representing charity.



Deacon candidate Jim Kitchens, left, displays the stole worn by deacons over the left shoulder. Father Drew Curry wears his stole on both shoulders representing the Office of Priesthood.

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to the  
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May 21, 2011



Dear...Deacons,  
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at the service of building the Church as communion.  
In your work you are sustained  
by the affection and prayer of your families.  
Your vocation is a special grace for your family life,  
which in this way is called to be ever more open  
to the will of the Lord and to the needs of the Church.  
May the Lord reward the availability with which your  
wives and children accompany you in your service to  
the entire ecclesial community.*

(Address of Pope Benedict XVI to the permanent deacons of Rome, February 18, 2006)

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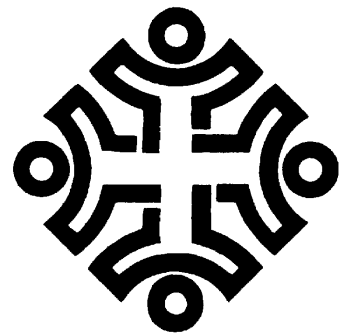
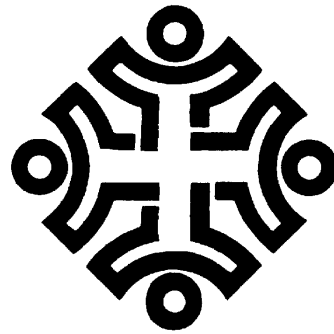
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to the apostles, who prayed  
and laid hands on them."**

Acts 6:6

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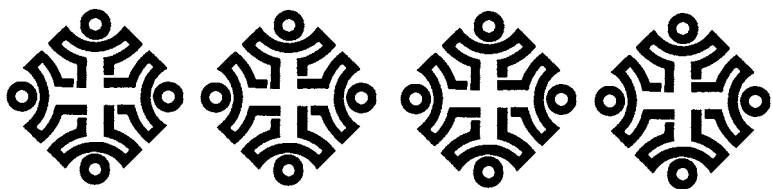
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With admiration  
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for the  
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*We rejoice with them and their families*

## The lexicon of loss

During lunch recently my colleagues and I were discussing the details of the funeral of a noted community servant. As the discussion traversed the rich traditional funeral rite and the consolation of the hymns, we hit upon a sore subject — what do we call death?

I've often wondered who chose the vocabulary our culture uses to describe the experience of death and loss. I'm also curious as to the reasoning behind the lexicon. Permit me to expound.

It has become commonplace to substitute words such as passed on, passed away, late, expired, gone to Jesus, croaked, marched on, kicked the bucket, received into the arms of the Lord, crossed over, pushing up daisies, bit the dust and met their Maker, while describing the reality of death. A few are colloquial and rather amusing,

but most are, I believe, simply ways of avoiding the truth about death.

What are we afraid of with the use of authentic words such as "dead, died and death?" Does burying the event in metaphors make it any less final? Less painful? In my experience I have found those replacement words sometimes create more pain and confusion for the bereaved.

I believe we have developed into a mourning-avoidant society. Using euphemisms when compassionate understanding is needed rarely helps and sometimes hurts those we wish to support. I recall during my husband's wake all those years ago, one visitor told me, with all the best of intentions, that she knew I must be happy to have Trent sleeping with the angels. No, I thought, I'd rather have him standing by my side, living and breathing as he should be.



KAY COZAD

### HOPE IN THE MOURNING

I'll never forget how misunderstood I felt.

Children are particularly vulnerable to these camouflage words that we use to substitute life's reality. I worked with a family whose father had died suddenly. His young daughter was told he went to sleep and didn't wake up. Without hearing the truth about death at her level of understanding, her imagination took hold and she immediately became fearful of sleeping herself.

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## Jesus the Good Shepherd leads us to life



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 4th Sunday of Easter Jn 10:1-10

Readings from the Acts of the Apostles frequently occur during the Easter season. They clearly show not just life in general in the first Christian community but more particularly they reveal the special place among the early Christians of the Apostles, and that Peter was the head of the Apostles.

So often, Peter speaks in behalf of the Apostles. Such is the case in this weekend's first reading. Peter preaches on Pentecost, an important Jewish feast. His sermon goes to the heart of the Gospel message. Jesus is Lord, the Savior. He came among humans as Human but also as God's own Son. He died. He rose. He reconciled humankind with Almighty God.

Humans have an option. They can accept Jesus as Lord. They can follow the Gospel. Or, they can reject Jesus.

The author of Acts, traditionally believed to have been also the author of Luke's Gospel, dates the sermon. It was preached on Pentecost, a Jewish holiday. Jewish holidays celebrated God, in relation with humans, in particular with the Hebrew people. The holidays therefore celebrated the Covenant and God's constant and uninterrupted mercy. In this

case, the Jews recalled their special status as the people whom God protected and through whom God was revealed.

The First Epistle of Peter provides the second reading. Jesus died on the cross to bring, forever, and without qualification, God and humanity together. Individual persons affirm this reconciliation for themselves by freely accepting Jesus as Lord and by living as the Lord's true disciples, as children of God.

St. John's Gospel, the last reading, presents a theme that was among the Lord's favorites, and that always has been beloved by Christians, namely the theme of the Good Shepherd.

Especially in this country, the imagery may not be as immediately telling as in a rural society. However, at the time of Jesus in the Holy Land, everyone would have been familiar with shepherds and sheep.

The nature of sheep is important. They are docile and quiet, often in peril from predators such as wolves. They need their shepherds. Also, young sheep, or lamb, were the preferred animals for sacrifice in the temple. The meat of lambs was ritually prepared for Passover. They were regarded as innocent.

Of course, they can wander. The shepherd does not tie them to himself. He leads them. They can turn away from him.

The Gospel's message is clear. All humans are apt to wander, to be vulnerable, as sheep without a shepherd to guide them and protect them.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, leading us to pastures rich with nutrition, leading us away from the predators that prowl in search of us, the predators that by succeeding in tempting us to sin actually rob us of our very lives.

### Reflection

Weeks have passed since Easter, but the Church still rejoices in the Risen Lord. He lives! Giving us the words once preached by Peter, it calls us to repent, to turn away from sin, and to turn to the only source of life, the Lord Jesus.

Preparing us for this message, the Church frankly reminds us of who and what we are. We are as vulnerable as sheep. Predators lurk, waiting to assail us. The devil is the most vicious, and crafty, of these predators. Temptation draws us to death, if we sin.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He leads us to the nourishment we need for spiritual health. He goes before to the eternal fields of heaven.

The essence of this weekend's message is clear and simple. We need the Lord. Otherwise, we shall die.

Here the Church's final lesson appears. We can follow the Lord, or we can go our own way. If we turn from Jesus, however, we walk into peril.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44:52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 7-14

## A winning season

Baseball season is under-way, and we're still at that happy time when anything can happen. Somehow hope fills the heart of every fan of the game, even those whose team gives little reason for it. Hope: it's a reason for the season unlike any other. At this stage of the game, believe it or not, anyone can win.

And I know of one team that's already had a winning season. One player, especially. If that sounds far-fetched, stay with me for a minute or two. I'll tell you a story about a college team — and a player, and a coach — that's one in a million. Literally.

The team is Wake Forest, and the player is Kevin Jordan, a home-run hitting outfielder. The coach is Tom Walter, who took the notion that a good coach will do anything for his players and raised it a notch. Actually, a few notches, because thanks to Coach Walter, Kevin Jordan has a new lease on life.

The story began last semester when Jordan, a freshman, was diagnosed with a rare illness that left him battling serious kidney disorder. Up until then he'd been a baseball standout — 43rd in the country, according to one ranking service; an all-star in his home area of Columbus, Ga., and an early draft pick by the New York Yankees. Now he was hooked up to a dialysis machine, fretting because his parents and other family members were declared "no match" and couldn't provide the kidney transplant he needed.

That's when Coach Tom Walter stood up. He turned out to be a perfect match, and in February of this year decided to give Jordan one of his two kidneys.

"I didn't want Kevin to wait one more day if I could help out," the 42-year-old coach explained. "All along, it's been about trying to do the right thing. This whole process has never been about getting Kevin back on the field. This has always been



### LIGHT ONE CANDLE

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about Kevin having a chance at a normal life."

And a normal life, apparently, is just what's in store for Jordan once the surgery had taken place. Kidney patients with transplants can expect to live 10 years beyond those who undergo dialysis, and long, healthy lives are also the norm for their donors.

Kevin Jordan seemed overwhelmed by the spontaneity of the coach's gift of life. "I didn't ask," he told Mike Tierney of *The New York Times*. "He volunteered."

That was no surprise to Ann Walter, the coach's mother, who remembered him always "sticking up" for kids who didn't have the advantages that he did. And Coach Walter himself enjoyed his own college days (at Georgetown) so much that he couldn't bear the thought of Jordan, one of "his" players, connected to a dialysis machine for eight hours a day. "It just breaks your heart," he said.

In mid-March, after spending six weeks recuperating at home, Jordan watched his teammates play for the first time this year, contenting himself with a spectator's role for the game played at home in Winston-Salem, N.C. But doctors have given him the okay to start swinging a bat, and he was on schedule to begin hitting once again.

Coach Walter, who was back on the field just four days after the surgery, looked for a winning season for his Deacons and discounted any talk of heroics on his part.

"We answer to a higher calling on this one," he said.

### SAINT of the WEEK



### Blessed Thomas Pickering

c. 1620-1679  
May 9

This English Benedictine lay brother was a martyr of the Popish Plot. He professed vows in France in 1660 and was sent to London in 1665 as procurator of a small community celebrating liturgies in the chapel of Queen Catherine of Braganza. Though other monks were banished, he was allowed to stay. Because of the fictitious plot, in which Titus Oates alleged that King Charles II would be assassinated and the French king would re-establish Catholicism in England, three Jesuits, Pickering and a layman were found guilty of conspiracy.

# The school of virtue taught by example

A couple of years ago, the *Journal of Experimental Psychology* published a study of Canadian air traffic controllers that compared the performance of older and younger workers. Predictably, it found that the older ones had slower reaction times, poorer memories and diminished perceptual and motor skills.

But when presented with complicated air-traffic problems — situations with a lot of planes coming from all directions and a host of imminent conflicts — the older workers performed just as well as the younger ones.

The older controllers lacked fluidity and analytical quickness, but they had something else that their younger peers had not yet acquired: experience. Like chess grandmasters, who are intimately familiar with thousands of opening variations and can anticipate the flow of a game in hundreds of directions, older air-traffic controllers can assess complicated situations immediately because they have dealt with similar situations many times.

Our culture has a tendency to idealize youth and downplay the importance of age and experience. As a result, young people may not realize, until they are much older, the value that their parents added to their own character and understanding.

There is a trope in pop psychology about how young adults notice their parents' failings. It may take them a little longer to see how their own practices of virtue are learned from the example their parents set through repeated practice and persistent struggle.

My wife and I have learned, in the course of raising our children over the past few decades, how many of our actions are learned, almost instinctive behavior.

I remember one morning some years ago, when one of our five young children began to cry for what seemed like a frivolous reason. I had changed three diapers and cleaned up after a new puppy, all before breakfast.

I said, "Keep that up and I'll give you something to cry about." The sentence just sprang to my lips. I hadn't heard it in 30 years. But my father would sometimes say it when provoked by one of his eight children.

Parents are a lot like air-traffic controllers or chess grandmasters, except they play a much more complicated game. My mother used to speak disdainfully about "theories" of child rearing. What she meant was that raising a family is such a complicated enterprise, that even the most intelligent person cannot devise it from scratch.

Ninety percent of what we do is behavior we assimilate, consciously or unconsciously, from our own parents and other caretakers. And the most successful parents are the ones whose own parents set a good example for them. They begin the job with most of the knowledge they need.

When our kids were teenagers, it often fell to me to lay down the law for curfew violations (or more serious offenses). When I was tempted to react too much like Inspector Javert, my wife would remind me that I was really doing two things:

- I was teaching the misbehav-



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ing child not to stay out after curfew.

- I was also teaching him or her how to deal with children who stay out after curfew.

The second night, in the long run, be the more important lesson.

The moral virtues are both taught and learned. We do not conceive them in our minds and work them out on our own. We learn them from the right people. In our own turn, we teach them by our example — especially those of us who have or will have children of our own.

As the Catechism says, the Christian "learns the example of holiness (from the Church); ... he discerns it in the authentic witness of those who live it."

Of course, even our mutual help and example is not enough for a life of virtue. We need the word of God and the grace of the sacraments to sustain us. It is a need whose very acknowledgment depends upon our humility and openness, and upon the virtue of faith that only God Himself can supply.

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# Roman churches honor St. Peter

## What are the sites in Rome pertaining to St. Peter?

St. Peter, the first pope of the Catholic Church, was born in Bethsaida, a fishing village on the Sea of Galilee in Israel. He then moved to Capernaum, another village on this lake, and it is here that he met Jesus. After Jesus' death, St. Peter eventually went to Antioch in Syria (modern Antakya in eastern Turkey), where he was the first bishop. Antioch was a great center for the Gentile Christians. Then St. Peter went to Rome where he was martyred during the persecution of the Roman emperor Nero in 64 or 68 A.D.

F. Cross says the tradition connecting St. Peter with Rome is early and unrivaled. St. Irenaeus, the bishop of Lyons in France (d. 200 A.D.) gives us the list of the first 13 popes in Rome and St. Peter is listed as the first pope. There had only been 13 popes at the time St. Irenaeus gave us the list. The theologian Origen (d. 254 A.D.) from Alexandria in Egypt says that St. Peter was crucified head down-

wards, having requested this form of death. Papias (d. 130 A.D.), the bishop of Hierapolis in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) says that St. Peter's memoirs lie behind the Gospel of St. Mark.

St. Peter's Church in Rome at Vatican City is built over the tomb of St. Peter. Baedeker says the original church was built by the Roman emperor Constantine at the request of Pope Sylvester I (d. 336 A.D.), and was consecrated in 326 A.D. This church was beside the Roman emperor Nero's Circus. It was a basilica with double aisles and a pillared forecourt, later enlarged and surrounded by chapels and convents. At Christmas in 800 A.D. Charlemagne received the imperial crown from Pope Leo III in front of the high altar.

Eventually this church fell into disrepair and was replaced by the present building begun in 1506 A.D. during the reign of Pope Julius II. The interior of this new church is huge, holding 60,000 people. In the nave is a seated figure of St. Peter in bronze, dating from the 13th century,



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whose right foot has been worn smooth by the kisses of the faithful. The huge dome, designed by Michelangelo, soars above the Papal altar and the tomb of St. Peter. In this church there are three altars dedicated to St. Peter, as well as the famous Pieta of Michelangelo.

Another important church in Rome, dedicated to St. Peter, is the Church of St. Peter in Chains. This is an aisled basilica with 20 ancient columns, originally built in 442 A.D. to house the chains of St. Peter. It was rebuilt in the 15th century. Here you see the powerful sculpture of Moses by Michelangelo. A shrine under the high altar contains the chains of St. Peter.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 15, 2011

John 10:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: Jesus' discourse about the role of the Good Shepherd. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

I SAY	ENTER	SHEEPFOLD
CLIMBS IN	A THIEF	A ROBBER
SHEPHERD	SHEEP	GATEKEEPER
HEAR	HIS VOICE	HIS OWN
NAME	LEADS THEM	FOLLOW
STRANGER	JESUS	CAME BEFORE
PASTURE	STEAL	DESTROY

## HIS OWN

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In this present era of being politically correct with our lexicon, we have lost sight of the far-reaching compassionate response that words of truth can offer. Words like death and died only name the reality of the already painful experience of losing a loved one, not make it worse.

Word choice is not the only way we sometimes cloak or minimize our grief experience today. In the not too distant past we spent the better part of a week (or two) preparing and sharing the wake and funeral service with family, friends and community members. Currently many are opting to forgo both visitation and funeral service to avoid causing an inconvenience or undue stress on the family.

What we don't seem to understand with this practice of avoidance is without sharing our grief and the grief of others, and publicly memorializing our loved one, it becomes so much more difficult to say goodbye to our loved one who has died and to gather the support we need to move through our grief to a full and joyful life.

We've also lost sight of our natural ability to support our bereaved as a community. One hundred years ago families who had lost a loved one to death were encouraged by their friends and neighbors to mourn publicly. It was a common practice for mourners to wear black clothing or an armband to identify their grief. Community members knew then to approach the bereaved and invite them to tell their story of loss. In this way, mourners were offered compassionate community support as they worked through their grief.

I have learned that shared grief and ceremony can help heal a broken heart. Our words and actions have power. So let's use them compassionately.

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# Sports

**SAINT MARY'S TO HOST 5K FOR 'GIRLS ON THE RUN MICHIANA'** A new organization called Girls On The Run Michiana is promoting self-esteem and confidence in third to fifth grade girls. Saint Mary's College will host the first annual Girls on the Run Michiana 5K on May 25 at 6 p.m. The non-competitive run is for 12 girls from Swanson Primary Center in South Bend and their adult running buddies who have participated in the 10-week pilot program of Girls on the Run Michiana. While the public will be invited to participate in future Girls on the Run 5k events, this year they are invited to attend to support the girls. For more information on Girls On The Run, visit: [www.girlsontherunmichiana.org](http://www.girlsontherunmichiana.org).

## Tight race in opening week of CYO track and field action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — At Bishop Dwenger in the opening week of Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track and field action, it was a tight race on both the boys' and girls' sides.

St. Vincent narrowly out-scored the St. Jude girls, 57-55, while St. Jude slipped by St. Vincent, 46-44, for the boys. And St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth landed third in each contest.

The St. Vincent girls won the sprints and both relays, along with two field events to secure their top finish. Multiple first-place finishers included: Dominique Effinger (100, 200, 800 relay), Natalie Watercutter (100 hurdles, 800 relay), Eve Lowery (high jump, 800 relay) and Erica Evans (shot put, 400 relay). Megan Coffin, Caroline Kinniry and Kelsey Kinniry also ran legs on winning relays.

For St. Jude, Megan Brelage won the 400-meter dash, Erin Kilbane took the half mile and long jump. Mairead Norton won the discus. Abby Brelage was victorious in the mile.

Aaron Ng had a big night for Mary Pohlman's Eagles win-

ning the dashes, anchoring the first place 4x200 meter relay team and throwing the discus 67 feet for second place.

In her 33rd season with CYO track-and-field at St. Jude, Pohlman is very pleased with the improvement her team has made since they started practicing, "They are really putting forth a lot of effort." She added, "Our field events were especially strong tonight."

The Eagles list 46 on their roster this season: 24 boys and 22 girls. Other blue ribbon finishers for St. Jude boys were Patrick Rorick (1,600), Brandon Williams (shot put and relay), Nick Franke (relay) and Corey Harkenrider (relay).

Also winning four events was the runner-up team from St. Vincent. Scoring 5 points each were Jimmy Shea, Billy Backstrom, Thomas Roesler and the short relay group of Josh Hartzog, Alex O'Conner, Jarod Roy and Christopher Dewald.

Finally, SJSE was paced by first place finishes from Jordan McHenry (high jump, 400), Tyler Gosche (1,600) and Luke Dippold (100H).

## CYO track and field opens season with a bang

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In the season opener for Catholic Youth League (CYO) track and field, St. John, New Haven won the boys' meet scoring 62 points, while St. John, Fort Wayne claimed the girls' title with 47 points at Bishop Luers.

Competition for 2011 began taking place on Thursday evenings simultaneously at two locations. Field events will begin at 5:30 p.m. with racing to start at 5:45 p.m. Half of the CYO teams go to the Bishop Luers track while the other half will compete at Bishop Dwenger High School for three weeks, with the culmination of the season, the city meet, set for Saturday, May 21, at Bishop Luers.

The Raiders won seven of the 12 meet events to run away from second-place St. Charles (47 points) and third-place St. John, Fort Wayne (17 points).

In a preseason interview, long time New Haven Coach Greg Lawrence said his boys' team looked "great" for 2011. "We definitely have some bright spots," he predicted. The Raiders look to improve on their third-place finish a year ago at the city meet after winning over half of the titles in the last decade.

One of the Raiders' bright spots this season is sprinter Luke Current. In the first outing, Current was a triple winner for New Haven leading off the victorious 400-meter relay and getting blue ribbons in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Adam Hoffer, Kevin Wuest, Evan Trable and Andy Kohrman were also top finishers. Jay Tippmann, Kohrman and Hoffer joined Current on the winning relay team. Top performers for the Cardinals were David Tippmann and Greg Tippmann.

For the girls, the field was close with St. Charles (40.5

points) and New Haven (37.5 points) barely trailing the victorious Eagles. All three teams won four events each. Pacing the victors was sprinter Maddie Devlin who was a triple winner for St. John, New Haven, leading off the winning short relay and taking first in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Other members of the relay team were Georgia Baldus, Anna Epple and Colleen Cerajewski. Grace Devlin also won the long jump for the Eagles. St. Charles winners included Abigail Schwaiger (800 relay), Hannay Vanek (relay and shot put), Laura Eckrich (relay), Heather Nellum (relay and high jump) and Dayle Jauch (400). The Raiders got a double win from Ellie Kayser, while Elizabeth Lawrence won the hurdles and Maddie Rorick shown in the discus throw.



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# Author encourages rediscovery, beauty, depth of the rosary

BY ROBERT FEENEY

Blessed Pope John Paul II was convinced that the rosary remains a prayer of great significance at the dawn of the third millennium and is destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. He strongly believed that the rosary, if revitalized and properly prayed, has the potential of bringing forth the springtime of the human spirit and a new Pentecost.

From his youth, the rosary held an important place in John Paul the Great's spiritual life. It accompanied him as he said: "In the moments of difficulty and those of joy." To the rosary he entrusted any number of concerns and as he said: "In the rosary I have always found comfort."

John Paul II admitted early in his papacy that the rosary was his favorite prayer. He, like Leo XIII whom the late pope called "Pope of the Rosary," proposed the rosary as

a "spiritual weapon" against all the evils that afflict society.

John Paul taught that still today Mary desires to exercise through the rosary that maternal concern which Jesus, in John 19, entrusted to her from the cross: "Woman, behold your son."

The late pope called for a revival of the rosary for two reasons. First, to implore from God the gift of peace, and secondly, a rediscovery and a return to the rosary in Christian families so that it will aid them in countering the devastating effects of the crisis in the family typical of our age.

John Paul II proclaimed the year October 2002 to October 2003 the Year of the Rosary. To help revive the rosary, the late pope wrote an apostolic letter on the rosary, "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary." In this

letter he introduced a method of praying the rosary that will help it be more of a contemplative prayer.

John Paul believed that it cannot be said that the method of praying the rosary today can't be improved. He believed that if the rosary was not properly prayed, there is a risk that it would fail to produce the intended spiritual effects. It is interesting to note that John Paul II believed that perhaps the reason that the young of today are not attracted to the rosary is the impoverished way it is presented and prayed. He was convinced that if the rosary was well presented to the young, they would be attracted to it and make it their own and pray it with enthusiasm.

It is my experience as a teacher that the young who I taught the JP II Method to were not only attracted to it and prayed the rosary with enthusiasm, but taught the method to friends and parents.

It is the St. Augustine experience of restlessness

— his saying: "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless till they rest in You." Not only will the JP II Method help the young and others contemplate God and rest in Him, but I firmly believe that it can be the means of the beginning of a spiritual revolution and the bringing about of a new Pentecost.

Though I can't go over all the aids in praying the rosary using the JP II Method that I do in my book, "The Rosary: The John Paul II Method," such as Gospel passages, pictures, clauses for the Hail Mary, virtues to pray for, etc., I would like to at least mention some major points in praying the rosary using the JP II Method:

No. 1 — Use Gospel passages that pertain to each mystery and meditate on them before praying the vocal prayers. Use a picture through which you can use your imagination to visualize yourself as an onlooker in each mystery.

No. 2 — After meditation on Gospel passages, pause and take moments of silence to focus on the content of the mystery.

No. 3 — Pray for the virtue specific to each mystery — one that shines forth in the life of Jesus and Mary.

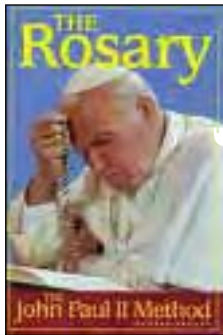
No. 4 — Pray the vocal prayers reverently and not in a hurry. At

each Hail Mary, after the name of Jesus, insert a clause referring to the mystery being contemplated — i.e. — Jesus, scourged at the pillar — Jesus, risen from the dead. These clauses aid in the concentration on the mystery and help us enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ.

No. 5 — John Paul recommended that the Glory Be at the end of each decade be sung in public recitation, as this prayer "raises the mind as it were to the heights of heaven."

John Paul II strongly believed that for the rosary to be true to its nature as a contemplative prayer, it needs to be directed to the Christological center of the Christian faith, in such a way that "when the Mother is honored, the Son is known, loved and glorified." The JP II Method of praying the rosary does just that, it helps us to take time and in a peaceful and unhurried fashion, contemplate the mystery of Christ. As times goes on, Catholics will be ever more appreciative of this method that John Paul II taught us that can help us all be contemplatives in action.

**Robert Feeney**, a lay Dominican, is the author of "The Rosary: The John Paul II Method" — \$7.95. To order, call (800) 651-1531 or visit [www.ignatius.com](http://www.ignatius.com).



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## MISC. HAPPENINGS

**Medical equipment to be collected**  
Fort Wayne — The St. Jude Social Action Committee will collect unused handicap medical equipment Saturday, May 21, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the church parking lot, corner of State and Randalia. Items needed include wheelchairs, canes, crutches, shower benches, raised seats and Depends. All items will be donated to the Turnstone Center for Children and Adults With Disabilities.

### Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Daniel Leeuw will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father Leeuw is the chaplain for the Fort Wayne Veteran's Administration Hospital.

### Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, May 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30

p.m. The theme for the day is "Nameless Faces in the Gospel." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$15 and includes lunch. Register by May 20 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

### Christ Child Society plans new member coffee

South Bend — The Christ Child Society will have a new member coffee on Wednesday, May 25, at 9:30 a.m. at the center at 308 South Scott St. Learn about the mission and take a tour of the center. For information contact Ann Riley at XXann@aol.com.

### Run for the Rams dinner and auction

Huntington — Huntington Catholic School will have a Run for the Rams on Saturday, May 14, at the Huntington P.A.L. Club. The doors open at 5 p.m. and will include fine dining, an open bar and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at the school office. All proceeds benefit Huntington Catholic Schools. Call (260) 356-2320 for information.

### Spring concert presented

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers performing arts spring concert will be Sunday, May 15, at 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. No charge.

### Inaugural "Nun Run" 5K road/trail race set for May 28

Huntington — The "Nun Run: A Race Like Nun Other!" 5K run/walk will be held Saturday, May 28, featuring a course through Memorial Park, St. Felix Friary and Victory Noll. The run/walk begins at 8 a.m. near the tank at Memorial Park. Awards will follow. The entry fee is \$15 before May 25. The cost then goes to \$20. Registration forms are available at Huntington Catholic School main office, Victory Noll Center and the Huntington YMCA fitness desk. Forms may also be requested by contacting Andy Zay at (260) 356-1588 or by e-mail at azay@sbcglobal.net.

### Matthew Kelly to speak

Granger — The Catholic speaker and author of "Rediscover Catholicism" will be at St. Pius X on Tuesday, May 24, from 7:15-8:30 p.m. (doors open at

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Clara J. Vexel, 95, St. Mary	Thomas James Offerle, 87, St. Therese	Wanda L. Kielton, 90, St. Hedwig
<b>Donaldson</b> Sister Clarence Caspermeyer, PHJC, 80, Catherine Kasper Home Chapel	Marilyn Carroll, 63, St. Charles	Paul Muszik, 90, Holy Cross
<b>Elkhart</b> Paula V. Hernandez, 67, St. Vincent de Paul	<b>Mishawaka</b> Leon C. Van Hoecke, 87, St. Bavo	Eva A. Orłowski, 86, St. Jude
<b>Fort Wayne</b> Judith Ellen Brouwer, 74, St. Jude	<b>Notre Dame</b> Noah T. Laidig, 16, Basilica of the Sacred Heart	John J. Parakowski, 65, St. Matthew Cathedral
Nancy T. Adams, 85, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Mary Ferlic, 63, Basilica of the Sacred Heart	Geraldine E. Snelling, 93, St. Joseph
Janice K. Calhoun, 64, St. John the Baptist	<b>Roanoke</b> Eugene Bernon Haifley, 86, St. Joseph	Irene T. Tubicsak, 94, St. Matthew Cathedral
Charles T. Hiltunen, 80, St. Henry	<b>South Bend</b> Marie S. Vargo, 89, St. Adalbert	Rosemary A. Farrar, 84, Corpus Christi
John R. Tagtmeyer, 86, St. Vincent de Paul	Richard Verhoestra Sr., 89, St. Anthony de Padua	<b>Waterloo</b> Maribeth A. Aldrich, St. Michael
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6:45 p.m.) Tickets are \$10, limited ticket sales. See the website for more details: [www.stpius.net/MatthewKelly](http://www.stpius.net/MatthewKelly)

### Theology on Tap

Fort Wayne — The Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry will have Theology on Tap Thursday, May 19, at Calhoun Street Soups Salads and Spirits, 1915 S. Calhoun St., at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Marian Apparitions" with Dr. Gloria Dodd, DST, Mariologist,

University of Saint Francis. This event is for young adults ages 21-39.

### All-School Reunion planned

Fort Wayne — Central Catholic High School will have an All-School Reunion on June 25 at Clancy's Catering and Event Center, 4832 Hillegas Rd., beginning at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Leanne at (260) 485-0290 or Mary Lou at (260) 485-6164.



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## GRADS

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tion to the patron saint of their university, St. Francis of Assisi, and recommended that graduates follow the saint's example in asking God, "Give me true faith, certain hope and perfect charity."

The bishop congratulated the graduates on their achievements but reminded them they are embarking on a lifelong journey. He encouraged them to embrace truth, goodness and love along the way and gave them clear directives for doing so.

He reminded them that the pilgrimage of life is a search for truth, but it must be discovered through faith as well as reason. "The embrace of truth includes moral truth," he said, and "the pursuit of goodness." He especially praised their Catholic university education, for it is "not just about the attainment of knowledge, it is about the cultivation of virtue." He added, "As beneficial as all your studies have been, they will only bear truly good fruit when accompanied by a moral life."

Lastly, he invited graduates to walk the "journey of love." He pointed out that the embrace of the beauty of love is intimately connected with the embrace of truth and goodness because love is the ultimate truth and the greatest expression of goodness.

In closing, Bishop Rhoades said, "Dear graduates, may you go forth from the University of Saint Francis as messengers of faith, agents of goodness and instruments of love as you continue your life's journey."

The program concluded with the presentation of degree candidates and their welcome into the alumni association, after which the University Singers presented the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi and the university's alma mater.

Following commencement, graduates, friends, family and



JERRY KESSENS

**Bishop John M. D'Arcy, celebrant of the University of Saint Francis baccalaureate Mass on May 7 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, greets graduates after Mass, including Susan Maloney, right, of St. Therese Parish.**

faculty enjoyed a reception in the Century Room.

### 'Do not be afraid'

At the baccalaureate Mass, celebrated earlier in the morning by Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy, and concelebrated by Father John Stecher, university chaplain, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop D'Arcy spoke about the day's Gospel from John 6:16-21: "We see Jesus Christ approaching the Apostles in a time of great turmoil, trouble and difficulty. This scene is repeated several times, Christ's coming to them across the water, while they were in a storm. Over the centuries, the Church has always used this as an act of faith of Christ, in His presence in the Church and in the lives of each one of us at a time of trouble and difficulty and turmoil."

In the Resurrection accounts, Bishop D'Arcy said Christ is always the One who approaches. Bishop D'Arcy said Christ is always approaching us — "Christ seeking to find His way into our hearts."

"Do not be afraid. How many times in the Gospel do we hear that?" asked Bishop D'Arcy. The angel told Mary at the Annunciation, "Do not be afraid." Bishop D'Arcy added that Blessed Pope John Paul II's first words at his inaugural homily was "Do not be afraid."

He spoke of the things that make us afraid — perhaps the fear of not finding a good job, the fear of not being successful in one's profession, or the fear of not finding love — or not being able to give love or to receive love.

"Love is a gift. It comes to us in Baptism," Bishop D'Arcy said. "The love of God for us,

our love for Him, comes to us in Baptism."

He spoke of the universal call to holiness. "Everybody is called to a life of holiness," Bishop D'Arcy said. "It means believing in Jesus Christ and doing His will."

That was the bishop's hope for

the students of the University of Saint Francis. "Doing the will of God, following Him, being close to Him," Bishop D'Arcy said.

He encouraged the graduates to pray. "One overcomes fear by believing deep in the presence of God," Bishop D'Arcy said. He encouraged the graduates to remain close to Jesus Christ who has risen from the dead and has overcome sin and death.

The bishop also offered the graduates his hope and prayer — taken from the Second Vatican Council — that the students learn to make a gift of themselves to others, to one another.

After Mass, Bishop D'Arcy greeted the graduates in front of the cathedral. While taking photos with classmates and family, Susan Maloney, of St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne, expressed her joy. Maloney received a master's degree in nursing and will be a nurse practitioner. She has been working on the degree for four years and has served as adjunct faculty for two years. Of the program, Maloney said, "It's great because it is Christ centered." She plans to use her degree to serve in family practice, and is discussing work with a physician who reflects her Catholic values.

Maloney said she was thankful for her family support. Outside the steps of the cathedral she was surrounded by her husband, daughter, mother and niece.



JERRY KESSENS

**Altar servers led the procession into the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne at the beginning of the University of Saint Francis baccalaureate Mass on May 7. Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, was the celebrant. Father John Stecher, university chaplain, concelebrated the Mass and is shown in the procession behind the bearer of the Word.**

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