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A gift for the Church

Eleven deacons ordained to ministry of service



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The 11 newly-ordained deacons gathered with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in front of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on May 21 after the Mass of Ordination. The deacons are, from left, Stanley LeMieux, Jerome Kohrman, James Fuchs, Melvin Tardy, Jr., Robert Byrne, William Gallagher, with Bishop Rhoades, and James Fitzpatrick, James Tighe, David Elchert, James Kitchens and John Hilger.

BY TIM JOHNSON AND KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — “We give thanks to the Lord for the gift that he entrusts to these 11 men through the sacrament of Holy Orders. The call they have received is indeed a treasured gift, a gift for the Church in our diocese, a gift that will bear fruit for the exciting mission of the new evangelization here in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.”

Those words were spoken by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Mass of Ordination of 11 men to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate. These 11, who were joined by their wives, family and friends at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on May 21, were the first new group of permanent deacons in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in the last 23 years. The newly-ordained were Robert Byrne, William Gallagher, Melvin Tardy, Jr., James Fuchs, David Elchert, Stanley LeMieux, James Fitzpatrick, John Hilger, Jerome Kohrman, James Kitchens and James Tighe.

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 also may 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 also may 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 celebrate Mass, anoint the sick, or hear confession and give absolution.

The ministry of charity involves service to the poor and marginalized, and pastoral work within the parish.

Bishop Rhoades, in his homily at the Mass of Ordination, said, “Often, in the early Church, the deacons assisted the poor. As deacons, you are called to have a special love and concern for the poor and needy. Your ministry of charity is not just an ‘added extra’ in your ministry — it is an essential part of your diaconal identity. ... In your service as deacons, may you be ever conscious of your mission to practice charity, to serve the poor.”

Deacons teach in the name of the Church, and always with a close relationship to Sacred Scripture.

Bishop Rhoades said: “After you are ordained, I will present to you the Book of the Gospels and I will say to each one of you the following words: ‘Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach’ This will be your mission: to embrace and to share Christ’s Gospel. It will be important for you to reflect on the message of the Gospel frequently and prayerfully. To proclaim the Gospel worthily in the Church’s liturgy, you must first hear that Word in your own heart and bear witness to it in your daily lives, in word and in deed. To preach to God’s people is not only an honor, it is a real commitment to holiness of life. As St. Paul wrote to Timothy in our second reading today, deacons are to ‘hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a

clear conscience.’ You are called to be servants of the liberating truth of the Gospel, leading God’s people to encounter Jesus Christ and to welcome Him into their lives.”

Bishop Rhoades emphasized their new responsibilities in the sacred liturgy by telling the deacons-elect, “Your service of the word and of charity is intimately linked to your service at the altar. ... You are called to serve at the liturgy with reverence and devotion. It is an honor and a profound joy to be servants of the liturgy. The Body and Blood of our Lord is entrusted to you to be given to the faithful. Your devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, your love for the most Holy Eucharist, can be a powerful witness to those whom you serve. And, of course, it is the Eucharist that will sustain and nourish you in your diaconal ministry.”

And Bishop Rhoades addressed the wives of the deacons-elect in the homily. “What joy must be in your hearts today,” he said. “You have given your consent to your husbands’ request for ordination. The Church thanks you for your love and support of your husbands’ diaconal vocation. The diaconal vocation of your husbands will be a special grace for your Marriage and family life. You and your husbands are called to grow in mutual and sacrificial love, witnessing to the sanctity of marriage and the family, a witness so very much needed in our culture today. Your example can be a great encouragement to other married couples. May you continue to help one another to grow in holiness!”

Following the Mass of Ordination, a few of the newly ordained deacons spoke with *Today’s Catholic*.

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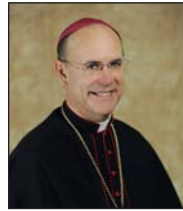
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The Gift of the Diaconate



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is the text of the homily of Bishop Rhoades at the Ordination Mass of new deacons on May 21, 2011, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Today is a day of joy for me, our priests and deacons, and for all the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as we celebrate the ordination of the first class of permanent deacons in our diocese since 1983. It is a day of joy for the devoted wives of our candidates and for their families. And it is a day of joy for our beloved Bishop Emeritus. Bishop D'Arcy instituted the formation program for the eleven men who today will be ordained as deacons of the Church. I wish to thank Bishop D'Arcy as well as the director of the program, Mary Szymczak, and all who assisted in the formation of these men for diaconal ministry.

We give thanks to the Lord for the gift that he entrusts to these 11 men through the sacrament of Holy Orders. The call they have received is indeed a treasured gift, a gift for the Church in our diocese, a gift that will bear fruit for the exciting mission of the new evangelization here in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Our candidates have worked hard to prepare themselves theologically, spiritually, and pastorally in order to be ready for this day. They realize, however, that this does not mean that ordination is something that one merits. It is a grace freely bestowed by our Risen Lord. They accept that gift today with humility, seeing it as a privileged opportunity to share in our Lord's Paschal Mystery and in the apostolic mission of the Church. This beautiful ordination liturgy teaches us an important lesson when our candidates, before they are ordained, lie prostrate on the floor of this cathedral. This humble posture of prayer manifests that they receive Holy Orders not as something they merit, but as a gift — they lie prostrate in a state of prayer before they are ordained, while together we offer supplication to the Lord and invoke his blessing as well as the prayers of all the angels and saints.

My brothers about to be ordained deacons, through the laying on of hands and the prayer of ordination, you will be strengthened by the gift of the sevenfold grace of the Holy Spirit for the faithful carrying out of the work of the diaconal ministry. Through this sacramental encounter, you will receive a unique share in the Church's ministry. You have looked forward to this day with enthusiasm and expectation. I know you are ready to give of yourselves in service and in prayer for your brothers and sisters, for the whole Church. I thank you for your generous response to the Lord's call! The Lord has chosen you to cooperate with him in the work of salvation, the work of the new evangelization.

After you are ordained, I will present to you the Book of the Gospels and I will say to each one of you the following words: "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose her-



KAY COZAD

Deacon elect James Hilger prays at the Mass of Ordination held on May 21 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

ald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." This will be your mission: to embrace and to share Christ's Gospel! It will be important for you to reflect on the message of the Gospel frequently and prayerfully. To proclaim the Gospel worthily in the Church's liturgy, you must first hear that Word in your own heart and bear witness to it in your daily lives, in word and in deed. To preach to God's people is not only an honor, it is a real commitment to holiness of life. As Saint Paul wrote to Timothy in our second reading today, deacons are to "hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience." You are called to be servants of the liberating truth of the Gospel, leading God's people to encounter Jesus Christ and to welcome him into their lives.

Your proclamation of the Gospel is backed up by your practical witness of charity. As you know, from the very beginnings of the Church, the practice of charity has been part of the diaconal ministry. The seven men of which the Acts of the Apostles speak were chosen "to serve at tables." Often, in the early Church, the deacons assisted the poor. We think, for example, of the holy deacons in Rome, like the martyr, Saint Lawrence. As deacons, you are called to have a special love and concern for the poor and needy. Your ministry of charity is not just an "added extra" in your ministry — it is an essential part of your diaconal identity. Pope Benedict, in his first encyclical, reminded the whole Church that the exercise of charity is part of the Church's very nature, "an indispensable expression of the Church's very being." In your service as deacons, may you be ever conscious of your mission to practice charity, to serve the poor. There are so many in our world and in our diocese who are oppressed by poverty. There are many who are afflicted by material poverty. There are also the spiritually poor and the culturally poor: those who suffer from addictions, those who have no faith in God, those who are tempted to despair, those who have known suffering in their marriages, and those who suffer from loneliness. All around us are brothers and

sisters in need of Christ's healing love. May you be signs and instruments of his love, true servants of charity!

My brothers in Christ, your service of the word and of charity is intimately linked to your service at the altar. The Levites in the Old Testament assisted the priests in their rites of worship. In the new covenant, deacons assist the bishop and priests at the altar of the Lord. You are called to serve at the liturgy with reverence and devotion. It is an honor and a profound joy to be servants of the liturgy. The Body and Blood of our Lord is entrusted to you to be given to the faithful. Your devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, your love for the most Holy Eucharist, can be a powerful witness to those whom you serve. And, of course, it is the Eucharist that will sustain and nourish you in your diaconal ministry. May you be deacons whose lives are deeply rooted in the Eucharist, the sacrament that contains the whole spiritual good of the Church!

I wish to say a special word of thanks to the wives of our deacon candidates. What joy must be in your hearts today! You have given your consent to your husbands' request for ordination. The Church thanks you for your love and support of your husbands' diaconal vocation. The diaconal vocation of your husbands will be a special grace for your marriage and family life. You and your husbands are called to grow in mutual and sacrificial love, witnessing to the sanctity of marriage and the family, a witness so very much needed in our culture today. Your example can be a great encouragement to other married couples. May you continue to help one another to grow in holiness!

Finally, my brothers about to be ordained, I entrust you in a special way to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Blessed Mother will be with you in your diaconal life and ministry. She was with the disciples in prayer in the upper room awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. She is with us today as we await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon you in the sacrament of Holy Orders. May Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, intercede for you always!



Priest assignments announced

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has announced the following changes in priestly assignments, effective June 21, 2011:

- **Reverend Kevin Bauman**, from Parochial Vicar, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, to Pastor, Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend.
- **Reverend Lourdino Fernandes**, from Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion, to Pastor, Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Monroeville.
- **Reverend Polycarp Fernando**, from Pastor, Saint Dominic Parish, Bremen, to Parochial Vicar, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.
- **Reverend Msgr. Bernard Galic**, to Vicar Forane for Region E of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, while continuing as Pastor, Saint Aloysius Parish, Yoder, and Director of Office of Vocations.
- **Reverend Mark Gurtner, JCL**, from Adjutant Judicial Vicar to Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and from Pastor, Saint Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, to Pastor, Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne.
- **Reverend Charles A. Herman**, from Administrator, Holy Family Parish, South Bend, to Pastor, Holy Family Parish, South Bend. Father Herman continues as Pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, South Bend.
- **Reverend Vincent Joseph, V.C.**, to Parochial Vicar, Holy Family and Saint John the Baptist Parishes, South Bend.
- **Reverend John Klimczyk**, from Parochial Vicar, Saint Hedwig and Saint Patrick Parishes, South Bend, to Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion.
- **Reverend Jeffery Largent**, from Pastor, Saint Monica Parish, Mishawaka, to Pastor, Little Flower Parish, South Bend.
- **Reverend Bob Lengerich**, from Parochial Vicar, Saint Pius X Parish, Granger, to Pastor, Saint Dominic Parish, Bremen.
- **Reverend Msgr. Bruce J. Piechocki, JCL**, from Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and from Pastor, Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, to Pastor, Saint Monica Parish, Mishawaka.
- **Reverend David Ruppert**, from Pastor, Saint Therese Parish, Fort Wayne, to Pastor, Saint Anthony Parish, South Bend.
- **Reverend Lawrence Teteh, CSSp**, from Pastor, Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend, to Pastor, Saint Therese Parish, Fort Wayne.



DECREE OF SUPPRESSION OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH AND ERECTION OF SAINT JUDE PARISH, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AND SACRED HEART PARISH, LAKEVILLE, INDIANA

May 19, 2011

According to canon 515.2 of the Code of Canon Law, "The diocesan bishop alone is competent to erect, suppress, or alter parishes..." The Second Vatican Council, in its Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church, *Christus Dominus*, number 32, teaches that in creating or in any way changing the status of a parish, the bishop is to be motivated by his concern for the salvation of souls.

On November 1, 2008, Sacred Heart Parish, Lakeville, Indiana, and Saint Jude Parish, South Bend, Indiana, were merged by decree in accordance with canon 121 to form Saint Catherine of Siena Parish.

The main reason for the merger was to provide a more equitable distribution of priests, to foster the spiritual well-being of all concerned, and to bring about a more vital parish community with a stronger parish life. It was also foreseen that this would make possible serious consideration for a new church in the merged parishes.

Since the merger, the communities have worked together in joint pastoral activity under a single pastor, assisted by a parochial vicar. Study has shown that the building of a new church is not financially feasible for Saint Catherine of Siena parish. The two communities of the parish favor the continued use of the two present churches.

Given the fact that Sacred Heart of Jesus church and Saint Jude church will continue in use and that it is foreseen that it will remain possible to provide two priests to serve the two communities, the pastor, with the support of the great majority of parishioners, has requested the re-establishment of Saint Jude Parish and Sacred Heart Parish. The large majority of parishioners prefer the former titles.

Having received this recommendation, on May 11, 2011, I consulted the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in accordance with canon 515.2. The Council expressed its unanimous support for the suppression of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish and the re-erection of Saint Jude and Sacred Heart Parishes.

Therefore, after careful consideration of the advice of the Presbyteral Council as well as the input of the pastor of the parish and the various members of the parish community, I decree the following:

I, the undersigned Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, in virtue of my pastoral office and in conformity with the Code of Canon Law, after consultation with the Presbyteral Council in accord with the norm of law, as well as with various members of the parish community, do hereby decree that Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, South Bend-Lakeville is suppressed and that Sacred Heart Parish, Lakeville, Indiana, and Saint Jude Parish, South Bend, Indiana, are erected as parishes, effective June 1, 2011. These parishes are to return to the boundaries which they held before the merger.

I encourage the continued close collaboration between the communities of the newly erected parishes in the areas of pastoral activity, including the support of Saint Jude School, catechesis, and faith formation. Working together strengthens both parishes in their mission.

I also hereby appoint Father John Delaney, former pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, as pastor of Saint Jude Parish, South Bend, and as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Lakeville, effective June 1, 2011.

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

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

Reverend Monsignor Robert Schulte
Chancellor



Deacon assignments announced

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has announced the following assignments of the newly-ordained permanent deacons:

- **Deacon Robert Byrne** to Saint Joseph Parish, Mishawaka.
- **Deacon David Elchert** to Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen.
- **Deacon James Fitzpatrick** to Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.
- **Deacon James Fuchs** to Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkhart.
- **Deacon William Gallagher** to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Notre Dame.
- **Deacon John Hilger** to Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne.
- **Deacon James Kitchens** to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne.
- **Deacon Jerome Kohrman** to Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Decatur.
- **Deacon Stanley Lemieux** to Saint Patrick Parish, Ligonier.
- **Deacon Melvin Tardy** to Saint Augustine Parish, South Bend.
- **Deacon James Tighe** to Saint Jude Parish, Fort Wayne.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Saturday, May 28, 5 p.m. — Mass at St. Joseph Church, LaGrange
- Sunday, May 29, 11:30 a.m. — Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, May 31, 5 p.m. — Vespers and 6 p.m. Mass at Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, June 1, 11 a.m. — Visit to IUSB, South Bend
- Wednesday, June 1, 2 p.m. — Meeting of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Miami Street Office, South Bend
- Friday, June 3, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne.
- Friday, June 3, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Saint John the Baptist Church, New Haven
- Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. — Mass for the Apostolate of Fatima, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, June 4, 2 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Saint Patrick Church, Ligonier

Catholic Communication Campaign helps the Good News get around

National collection coming up June 5

WASHINGTON — The national date of the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is June 5. This year, the campaign focuses on new ways to bring the Gospel to wherever people are. Whether it is through Internet content to strengthen Marriage, podcasts for daily readings, televising the Christmas Mass, or using Facebook for news, discussions and sharing the faith, the Catholic Communication Campaign Collection helps the Good News get around.

"In today's world, it is essential for the Catholic voice to be where the people are: whether that is sharing on social networking sites, listening to MP3 play-

ers, or reading a newspaper," said Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati, chairman of the U.S. bishops Subcommittee on the Catholic Communications Campaign. "For the faithful or those searching for faith, CCC provides rich content, bringing the Gospel message one page, click, or download at a time."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) established the Catholic Communication Campaign collection in 1979 to respond to the national and local communications needs of the Church. The collection's proceeds are split equally between each participating diocese and the national office. Dioceses use their share

of the CCC collection to support local communications efforts such as televised Masses and diocesan newspapers. On the national level, CCC funds support the development and production of a wide range of media initiatives that are carried out by USCCB staff and grantee organizations. A portion of the CCC's national funds are also set aside for grants to aid Catholic communication efforts in developing nations.

For more information about the Catholic Communication Campaign, visit www.usccb.org/ccf/. For a description of projects funded nationally by the collection go to: www.usccb.org/ccf/projects.shtml.



CNS PHOTO/CATHERINE KOCH VIA THE MIRROR

St. Mary Church is seen destroyed May 23 following a tornado in Joplin, Mo. At least 116 people died and thousands of structures wiped out in the twister that hit Sunday night in southwestern Missouri.

Catholic hospital takes direct hit from Joplin tornado

JOPLIN, Mo. (CNS) — A Catholic hospital in Joplin took a direct hit from a severe tornado that struck the city May 22. Within two days of the twister, 116 people were confirmed dead, with the number almost certain to rise as rescue teams searched amid the rubble for survivors.

St. John's Regional Medical Center was in the path of the tornado, variously described as being from a half-mile to a mile-and-a-half wide. A spokeswoman for the hospital told *The New York Times* May 23 that its 183 patients had been moved to other facilities. It was uncertain whether any perished during the storm. Telephone service to the hospital was cut off after the twister.

"Please keep the people of Joplin in our prayers, especially those whose lives were taken as well as those who lost loved ones," said a May 23 statement from Bishop James V. Johnston Jr. of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. "We pray especially for the people of St. Mary's Catholic Church and school who suffered a total loss as well as St. John's Mercy Hospital which sustained major damage."

In 1971, a major tornado struck Joplin, resulting in one death and 50 injuries. Joplin, in southwest Missouri near the borders of Kansas and Oklahoma, sits in "Tornado Alley," so called for the frequency and ferocity of the region's twisters.

The church, school and rectory buildings of St. Mary Parish were all destroyed by the tornado, but the parish pastor, Father Justin Monaghan, was reported unhurt. "The pastor rode it out in the bathtub. He's fine," said Leslie Anne Eidson, editor of *The Mirror*, newspaper of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. "He's staying with a local parishioner right now."

At Joplin's other Catholic church, St. Peter the Apostle, parish administrator Elizabeth Runkle, told Catholic News Service May 23, "St. Peter's is fine. We're OK. We didn't have any damage. Everybody's fine." St. Peter has an outreach center that they're trying to

use to speed aid to victims, according to Eidson.

McAuley Catholic High School, which serves the city's two parishes, escaped damage, Eidson said. It was being used as an overflow triage center.

In a message posted on his Facebook page the evening of the storm, Father John Friedel, St. Peter's pastor, said: "Just got back from closing down the Catholic high school, which was opened as an overflow triage center. Our area of town was untouched, though the neighboring parish (20 blocks away) has probably lost their entire physical plant. ... I know you've all seen the footage of St. John's, our Catholic hospital, which is probably also a total loss!"

"Please keep our community in your prayers. ... There has been and will be much suffering. Such destruction and violence. ... Thanks, everyone, for your calls, texts and messages of support. Going to sleep now, so we can be at it again in the morning."

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri was in Joplin and seeking donations to aid tornado victims, Eidson added. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul also was coordinating its own relief efforts in the Joplin area, according to Eidson, who said the Convoy of Hope, which has a large operation in southwestern Missouri, had already established a base in Joplin.

Early estimates put 10 percent to 20 percent of the 50,000-population city's buildings as being damaged. Utility poles were uprooted by the tornado, making telephone communication difficult at best. Electricity and natural gas service was out in several sections of the city, with downed lines and dislodged pipes hampering search efforts. News accounts and Internet-posted photos and video were rife with flattened structures and twisted slabs of metal that had once been cars.

"The tornado has split Joplin in two," reported Eidson. Travel in and out of the city was difficult in the wake of the tornado, she added.

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Causes and context report released on clergy sexual abuse of minors

BY DAVID GIBSON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Because potential sexual abusers of minors cannot be pinpointed through “identifiable psychological characteristics,” it is “very important” to prevent abuse by limiting the “situational factors” associated with it, according to a long-awaited report on the causes and context of sexual abuse by priests in the United States.

The report, released in Washington May 18, said there is “no single identifiable ‘cause’ of sexually abusive behavior toward minors.” It encouraged steps to deny abusers “the opportunity to abuse.”

Titled “The Causes and Context of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests in the United States, 1950-2010,” it reports the findings of a study mandated in 2002 under the U.S. Catholic bishops’ “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.”

The charter, adopted by the bishops during a historic meeting in Dallas, created a National Review Board and directed the lay consultative body to commission studies of the abuse problem’s “nature and scope” and its “causes and context.” The John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York conducted both studies.

The nature and scope study appeared in February 2004. The causes and context study commenced in 2006.

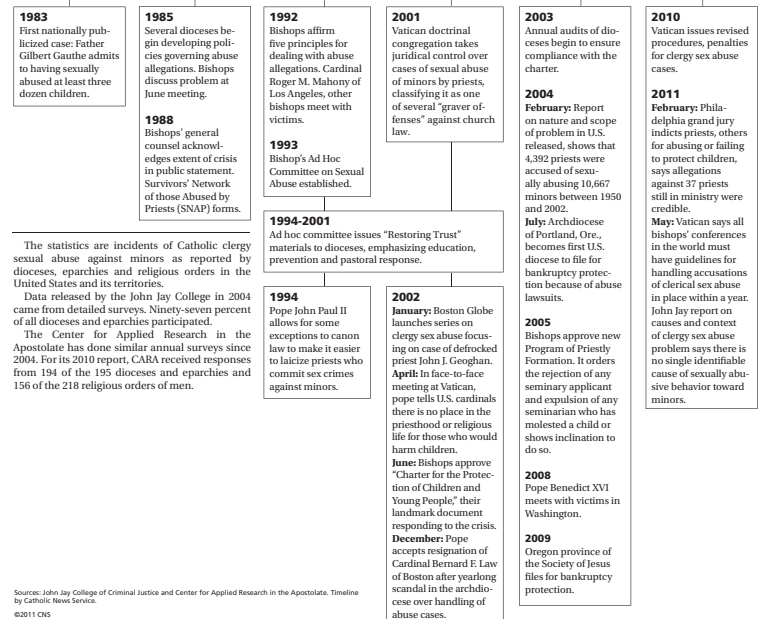
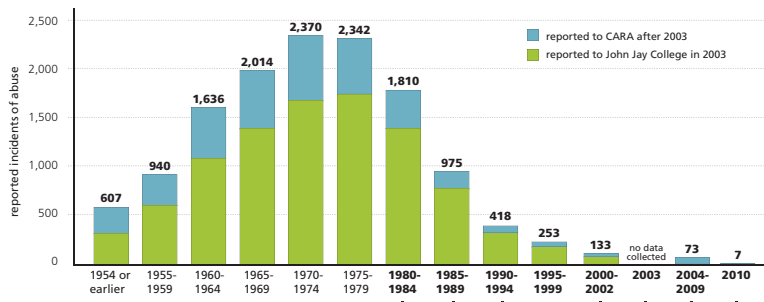
The new report addressed several misperceptions about the sexual abuse of minors by priests. It said:

- Priestly celibacy does not explain this problem. “Constant in the Catholic Church since the 11th century,” celibacy cannot “account for the rise and subsequent decline in abuse cases from the 1960s through the 1980s.”
- Despite “widespread speculation,” priests with a homosexual identity “were not significantly more likely to abuse minors” than heterosexual priests. Sexual “identity” should be differentiated from “behavior.” A possible reason so many male minors were abused is that priests had greater access to them.

- Less than 5 percent of priests with abuse allegations exhibited behavior consistent with pedophilia. Few victims were prepubescent children.

Seventy percent of priests referred for abusing a minor “had also had sexual behavior with adults,” the study found. The majority of priest-abusers did not “spe-

EXTENT AND HISTORY OF SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST MINORS BY U.S. CATHOLIC CLERGY



The statistics are incidents of Catholic clergy sexual abuse against minors as reported by dioceses, eparchies and religious orders in the United States and its territories.

Data released by the John Jay College in 2004 came from detailed surveys. Ninety-seven percent of all dioceses and eparchies participated.

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate has done similar annual surveys since 2004. For its 2010 report, CARA received responses from 194 of the 195 dioceses and eparchies and 156 of the 218 religious orders of men.

cialize” in abusing “particular types of victims.”

The new study’s goal was to understand what factors “led to a sexual abuse ‘crisis’ in the Catholic Church” and “make recommendations to Catholic leadership” for reducing abuse, the John Jay College researchers explained.

They said their report also “provides a framework” for understanding “sexual victimization of children in any institution” and how organizations respond.

No other institution has undertaken a public study of sexual abuse like this one, they said.

Priests who abused minors were not carbon copies of one another. The report said they constituted a “heterogeneous population.” The majority “appear to have had certain vulnerabilities,” such as “emotional congruence to adolescents” or difficulty interrelating with adults.

Some priest-abusers were abused as youths. “Having been sexually abused by an adult while a minor increased the risk that priests would later abuse a child,” the report said.

The stress priests may experience at transitional moments — moving from seminary to parish life; transferring to new parishes; becoming pastors — was cited as a factor

that can increase “vulnerability to abuse.”

The report indicated that “situational stressors” do not cause abuse, but may serve “as triggers.” High alcohol consumption during stressful times can lower inhibitions, it noted.

“The peak of the crisis has passed,” the report observed. It said the Church “responded,” and abuse cases decreased substantially.

A “system of change” has begun in the Church, according to the report. However, it said, “organizational changes take years, and often decades, to fully implement.”

The report called sexual abuse of minors “a long-term societal problem,” one “likely to persist, particularly in organizations that

nurture and mentor adolescents.” It said diocesan leaders “must continue to deal with abuse allegations appropriately.”

Priest-abusers represented only a small percentage of all priests. The researchers judged it “neither possible nor desirable to implement extensive restrictions on the mentoring and nurturing relationships between minors and priests, given that most priests have not sexually abused minors and are not likely to do so.”

Because so many abuse cases first were reported to authorities in the early 2000s, some people suspect the abuse remains “at peak levels,” the report said. The reality is otherwise.

Sexual abuse of minors by priests “increased steadily from the mid-1960s through the late 1970s, then declined in the 1980s and continues to remain low,” the report showed. “Most abuse incidents occurred decades ago.”

And “the majority of abusers (70 percent) were ordained prior to the 1970s,” the study noted; 44 percent of those accused entered the priesthood before 1960.

Social factors influenced the increase of abuse incidents during the 1960s and 1970s, the report said. It found this increase consistent with “the rise of other types of ‘deviant’ behavior, such as drug use and crime,” and changes in social behavior such as the “increase in premarital sexual behavior and divorce.”

Those generations of priest-abusers also lacked “careful preparation for a celibate life,” the report noted. Moreover, they failed to recognize the harm done to victims.

Awareness of the harm of sexual abuse to minors grew in society and the church during the 20th century’s last decades. An increasing reluctance over time to reinstate priests in parishes after a first accusation may reflect the growth of this awareness, the report suggested.

In the 1990s, it said, “the failure of some diocesan leaders to take responsibility for the harms of the abuse by priests was egregious in some cases.”

The report accented the critical role of what today is called “human formation” in seminaries. It said a gradually intensifying focus on human-formation concerns coincided with a decline of abuse cases.

Human formation addresses matters such as the future priest’s relationships and friendships, his self-knowledge, integrity and celibate chastity. The report recommended that human formation continue after ordination.

Can seminaries screen-out priesthood candidates who will abuse minors? While encouraging further research, the report said “personality tests did not show statistically significant differences on major clinical scales” between priest-abusers and others without abuse allegations.

Nonetheless, it said screening tools remain “critically important” for identifying “other psychological problems not necessarily related” to abuse of minors.

Removing opportunities to abuse minors, making abuse more difficult and increasing its risks are among prevention steps the report recommended. Excuses priest-abusers make need to be recognized for what they are, it advised.

The report affirmed the safe environment programs implemented throughout the Church in the U.S. These programs educate potential victims, abusers, parents and others, increasing the likelihood that abusers “will be identified” and “have more to lose.”

Priests need “outlets to form social friendships and suitable bonds with age-appropriate persons,” the report said. It encouraged attention to priests’ health and well-being, including factors such as stress.

It recommended that dioceses periodically evaluate priests’ performance. Evaluation is “an established element of most complex organizations,” it noted.

The Church has taken many steps “to reduce opportunities for abuse,” the report said. It recommended that these efforts “be maintained and continually evaluated for efficacy.”

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English, Welsh bishops reintroduce meatless Fridays

LONDON (CNS) — Catholics in England and Wales will be obliged to abstain from meat every Friday under a new rule brought by the bishops. The “act of common witness” will take effect Sept. 16, the first anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI’s visit to Britain. The rule, announced at a news conference in London in mid-May, reverses a relaxation of the Friday penance regulations introduced in England and Wales in 1984. This allowed Catholics to choose their own form of Friday penance — such as offering additional prayers, attending Mass or abstaining from alcohol. But critics have said that the end of a tradition in which Catholics ate fish or eggs instead of meat on Fridays led to a loss of common identity, with many Catholics today abstaining from meat only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The return to an obligation to abstain from meat was a key resolution of the bishops’ May plenary meeting held in Leeds, England, May 9-16. “Every Friday is set aside by the Church as a special day of penance, for it is the day of the death of Our Lord,” said the bishops’ resolution. “The law of the Church requires Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays, or some other form of food, or to observe some other form of penance laid down by the bishops’ conference,” the statement said.

Religious freedom seen as top issue facing US Church in years ahead

TOWSON, Md. (CNS) — John Garvey is convinced that religious freedom will be the most important issue facing the Catholic Church in the United States over the next half century. “This is so because our culture is evolving in ways that are indifferent and sometimes even hostile to religion,” said Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. The sexual abuse crisis has particularly wounded the Catholic Church, he said, contributing to a loss of moral authority. In the past decade, he said, legal restrictions aimed at the Church garnered a sympathetic hearing. The Church now finds itself in the same position as religious minorities, he said. “In fact, its position is worse,” Garvey said, “because when a state like the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enacts laws that are aimed at the Church, it may not seem discriminatory to people because a majority of the legislators who passed the laws were baptized as Catholics.” Religious people have traditionally sought shelter in the Constitution, he explained, “and that’s an area where the shade has been diminishing in the last decade.” Garvey spoke May 10 at an inaugural lecture on religious liberty, hosted by Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien of Baltimore, at Calvert Hall College High School in Towson. The gathering attracted an estimated 150 people. Garvey focused much of his talk on the 1990 Supreme Court ruling, *Employment Division v. Smith*. The

NEWS BRIEFS

LARGE STEEL STATUE OF MARY FINDS PERMANENT HOME



CNS PHOTO/MICHAEL MCARDLE, NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

People take pictures of the Our Lady of the New Millennium statue outside St. John the Evangelist Church as dark storm clouds roll through St. John, Ind., May 22. The 33-foot-tall stainless steel statue of Mary found a permanent home at the church after being carted from parish to parish around the Chicago area for more than a decade. A dedication service planned for the outdoors had to be moved inside because of the weather.

ruling held that the First Amendment protects religious actors against discrimination, Garvey said, but not against laws that are neutral and generally applicable.

Pope’s 2012 World Peace Day theme focuses on young people

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In building a world of peace and justice, the Catholic Church must listen to the ideas and hopes of young people and offer them educational opportunities that will strengthen their ability to work for the common good, the Vatican said. As part of the Church’s efforts, Pope Benedict XVI has chosen “Educating young people in justice and peace” to be the theme for the Church’s 2012 celebration of World Peace Day. World Peace Day is Jan. 1 each year. A papal message on the theme is sent in December to heads of state around the world. Announcing the theme May 19, the Vatican said the pope wanted to highlight “an urgent need in the world today: to listen to and enhance the important role of new generations in the realization of the common good, and in the affirmation of a just and peaceful social order where fundamental human rights can be fully expressed and realized.” The duty to prepare future generations also includes a govern-

ment obligation to ensure that young people have appropriate opportunities for personal growth, particularly through education and employment, the Vatican statement said.

US government joins with private sector to help end human trafficking

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While prevention, protection and prosecution have been the key strategies in the fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery, the U.S. State Department is adding a new approach: expanded partnership. Human trafficking and forced labor create an insecure world where “organized crime can operate with impunity,” said Miguel H. Diaz, the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. The only way to rectify such global human rights violations is for governments to enlist the help of religious leaders, businesses, consumers and other private entities, he said. The ambassador spoke at a conference May 18 on building public-private partnerships in the battle against modern day slavery. The gathering was sponsored by the embassy and St. Thomas University in Miami. The conference, held in a Renaissance palace housing several Vatican tribunals, brought together Jewish and Christian leaders, faith-based humanitarian organizations,

academics, lawmakers, and government and corporate representatives. Laws against trafficking and slavery are on the books, said Luis CdeBaca of the U.S. State Department’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. But for those laws to work, governments and the private sector have to come together to identify and protect victims and to bring perpetrators to justice, he said.

Catholics in China need prayers, pope says at weekly audience

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The persecuted Catholic Church in China needs and deserves the prayers of Catholics throughout the world, Pope Benedict XVI said. “There, as elsewhere, Christ is living his passion” because of government restrictions and pressures on the Church, the pope said May 18 at the end of his weekly general audience. He asked Catholics everywhere to observe May 24, the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, as a day of prayer for Catholics in mainland China. Pope Benedict established the annual day of prayer in 2007 when he wrote a letter to Catholics in China outlining ways to promote greater unity between those exercising their faith clandestinely and those participating in communities overseen by the government-backed Chinese Catholic

Patriotic Association. At his general audience, the pope emphasized the need for unity between the Church in China and Rome. “Chinese Catholics, as they have said many times, want unity with the universal Church, with the supreme pastor, with the successor of Peter,” he said. China’s communist government has insisted on controlling the country’s Catholic community, defining ties with the Vatican as interference in its internal affairs. “By our prayers we can obtain for the Church in China that it remain one, holy and Catholic, faithful and steadfast in doctrine and in ecclesial discipline,” the pope said.

Pope Benedict names bishop of Steubenville to head Diocese of Joliet

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop R. Daniel Conlon of Steubenville, Ohio, to head the Diocese of Joliet, Ill. The appointment was announced in Washington May 17 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. He succeeds Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, who was Joliet’s bishop for four years until he was named to head the Seattle Archdiocese last September. Bishop Conlon, 62, has been the head of the Steubenville Diocese since 2002. On the national level, he is chairman-elect of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People. He also has served on their Administrative Committee and the Subcommittee on Marriage and Family. He will be installed as head of the Joliet Diocese July 14 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. “I consider it a great privilege to be named as bishop of the Diocese of Joliet with its rich history and I look forward to working with those who generously share their gifts to support the many ministries in this diocese,” Bishop Conlon said in a statement. “I look forward to a bright future in this vibrant and growing Church.”

In Libya, religious continue to offer care, service to migrants

ROME (CNS) — Despite the worsening crisis in Libya, religious women and men continue to offer pastoral care and desperately needed services to the country’s many migrants. Many of the migrants who have stayed behind have lost their jobs and have nowhere else to go, which leaves them searching for food, medicine, clothing and most of all, rent money, said a nun working just outside of Tripoli. Sister Shirley of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary told Catholic News Service May 20 that the livelihood of many immigrants depended on the on-strong presence of diplomats, oil workers and other foreign professionals. After those professionals left, there was little to no work left for the lower-paid immigrant workers, she said. “Everything is so expensive and there are no jobs,” she said. “Lots of (migrants) come flocking to the Church looking for help,” she said.

Afternoons of Reflection offered through Office of Worship

Two Afternoons of Reflection retreats, coordinated by the diocesan Office of Worship, will be held Sunday, June 19, from 1:30-4 p.m. at the following locations: Queen of Angels Church, Fort Wayne; and Holy Family Church, South Bend.

These afternoons fulfill the annual diocesan retreat requirement for extraordinary ministers and lectors, although anybody is welcome to attend. However, pre-registration is necessary so that materials can be prepared. The registration form in both PDF and Publisher formats is accessible online at the website, www.diocesefwsb.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Afternoons-2011.pdf.

In addition, registration information (name, parish, city, and phone/e-mail) can be submitted via e-mail to kfitzpatrick@diocesefwsb.org.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, June 15.

Afternoons of Reflection are provided to supplement parish retreats for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and lectors. Many parishes provide their own parish retreats. All extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and lectors must spend some time once a year in a retreat experience. This retreat experience does not have to be a diocesan retreat. It can be a personal retreat, a parish retreat or a diocesan Afternoon of Reflection. The pastor, not the Office of Worship, determines whether each minister has fulfilled this requirement. Other lay ministers and members of the parish are welcome to attend the Afternoons of Reflection.

Andorfer receives NCEA Distinguished St. John the Baptist Award

NEW HAVEN — Donald J. Andorfer, a 1952 graduate of St. John the Baptist School, New Haven, was awarded the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Distinguished St. John the Baptist Award for 2011. Andorfer attended New Haven High School upon graduation from St. John's and received both a bachelor's degree and master's degree from Ball State University. He has also received an honorary doctorate from Tiffin University.

Andorfer has also been recognized as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Frank O'Bannon, received the Silver Musket Award for Service to Robert Morris University, and been named Citizen of the Year in 2003 by the *Journal Gazette*. The Andorfer Commons Building on Indiana Tech Campus was named in his honor at retirement after 28 years of service. He was appointed the seventh president of Indiana Tech in 1985 and served until his retirement in 2003.

Andorfer and his wife are

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FESTIVAL OF PRAISE CELEBRATES BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II



SUSAN BAXTER

Voices from the Marian and Saint Joseph's High School Liturgical Choirs, along with members of the Mishawaka Antioch Youth Group, joined for "A Festival of Praise in Honor of the Beatification of Pope John Paul II" Sunday, May 22, at St. Bavo Parish in Mishawaka.

members of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Yoder. They have been married for 50 years and live on a farm in southern Allen County that has been in their family for four generations.

Andorfer wrote: "My personal achievements attributable to St. John's Catholic School: ... A happy home, a loving wife, three children, and two grandchildren. ... A full realization that on my personal journey through life, I have done nothing alone. My trust in God as a partner has helped me through all of life's struggles. ... A deep faith in the Catholic Church. ... A respect for others' beliefs."

He said of his Catholic education experience: "When I started school at St. John's, the school was on the corner of Powers and Rufus streets. It had two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs. We had two grades in each room. All of the instruction was given by the Sisters of St. Agnes. Discipline was strict and we had Mass every morning. Catechism was learned by reciting answers by memory. Today, I can still recite some of those answers, such as 'Why did God make me?' I had the opportunity to be an altar boy and say those prayers in Latin. Probably the thing I learned most was to have faith in God, to not despair and to

use the talents God gave me to help others. I never really understood all the nuns taught me, but they clearly made me believe that being a Catholic was very important and, it was equally important to lead my life as a good person."

Andorfer received his award at Mass on May 15. A reception was held in his honor following the Mass.

St. Pius X students bike to school

GRANGER — St. Pius X School held its second annual Bike to School Day, an official part of Michiana Bike to Work Week, on May 19. St. Pius students and their families met at the Knollwood Country Club where Msgr. William Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish and an avid cyclist, offered the prayer before the three-mile ride began. All participants were required to wear a helmet and be accompanied by an adult. The Bike Michiana Coalition (BMC), Friends of Granger Paths (FGP) and St. Joseph County Police assisted along the way. Harris Township Department firefighters, along with St. Pius Principal Elaine Holmes, greeted the cyclists at the school's main entrance.

STUDENT PENNIES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS ACRTL



PROVIDED BY JACKIE OBERHAUSEN

Students from Our Lady of Good Hope, in Fort Wayne, worked for 46,332 pennies during their Pennies For Life Campaign. The \$463.32 collected was presented to the Allen County Right to Life Office. Pictured are, front from left, Jason Kohrman, Harley Babbitt and Logan Zuber. Back row, from left, are Madeline Barry and Cecelia Sordelet with the check. The students filled baby bottles, donated by the St. Charles Pro Life Committee.

Christ the King Church launches beautification project

SOUTH BEND — The parishioners of Christ the King have announced plans for a church beautification project. The centerpiece of the renovation is stained glass windows. The current church and rectory, built in 1961, was completed with single-pane "temporary" windows. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the church, stained glass windows will be installed, in addition to a new floor and refinishing of all the pews. Stained glass windows for the project will come from a parish in Pennsylvania that recently closed. Renovation work will begin in August and be completed before the Feast of Christ the King in November.

Funding for the project will develop through sponsorships, small fund-raisers, and a 50-mile walk by Holy Cross Father Neil Wack and Holy Cross Father Kevin Grove. Father Wack is pastor at Christ the King, and a 1984 graduate of the school. He is excited to be completing the work begun by Father Funke and parishioners who built the church 50 years ago.

Founded in 1933 as an offshoot of Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame, the little white church by the highways opened its doors in 1935. It was not long before the parish community outgrew the small church, so plans were made to build a bigger church on the property. The new church was completed, but without the resources necessary to include the stained glass windows in the original plan.

South Bend Serrans promote 'College Connection for Catholics'

Provides a unique graduation gift for college-bound students

SOUTH BEND — College Connection for Catholics (CCC), a program of the USA Council of Serra International and NET Ministries, unites college students with the Catholic faith on campuses. CCC is designed to connect incoming Catholic college freshmen with the Catholic presence on or near their campus, with the goal of helping the students stay active in their faith.

Serra International was formed in 1936 as a lay Catholic organization to support the vocations to the priesthood and community life (sisters and brothers) through activities such as this and prayer.

The program, which launched a new website in 2010, has become a premier national outreach program for the USA Council of Serra International and NET Ministries. It is a major step in helping promote Catholic campus ministries on college campuses. The College Connection for Catholics website features over 1,100 colleges across the nation; plans include increasing this number to 1,500 this year. CCC has generated positive responses from students, campus ministers and diocesan officials about its goal to reach this critical age group that is most likely to lose their faith.

Several hundred members of Serra Clubs have spent the past six years developing the CCC program. They have gathered data which confirms that only 15 percent of incoming Catholic freshmen are practicing their faith by the time they graduate. More than 1.2 million

Catholic students enter college life each year. Ninety percent of them attend a secular campus where it is difficult for Catholic ministries to reach them without knowing who they are. Members of Serra Clubs coordinate with their local diocese, Catholic high schools and parishes to obtain the names of graduating seniors and provide them with information about the Catholic presence at their college of choice. The clubs also provide Catholic campus ministry officials with these students' names and information, so they can invite them to Catholic events and liturgies.

The Serra Club of South Bend, composed of Catholic men and women devoted to the fostering and supporting of vocations to the priesthood and religious life was formed in 1946. The purpose of CCC, to keep the young people who enter colleges connected to their Catholic heritage, is related to Serra and so the club is using its resources to further the efforts of CCC to the local youth.

Saint Joseph and Marian high schools have been enlisted to assist in obtaining the needed information on graduating seniors. This information will be forwarded to the Catholic Ministries program at the student's college of choice. This will make it possible for the campus's Catholic ministry group to contact the students at the beginning of their freshman year to invite them to participate in the programs and liturgical activities of the ministries.

According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., if campus ministries reached just 10 percent more of

the nearly 5 million Catholic college students across the United States and kept them active in their faith, it would add approximately 500,000 practicing Catholics to dioceses across the country.

"I can't think of a better way to make an impact on the Church and the world than by reaching people who are at the very beginning of their careers and connecting them deeply to their Catholic faith," said Father David Konderla, director and pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M.

Father James J. Bacik, who ministers to students at the University of Toledo, and author of "Empowered by the Spirit," a campus ministry document for the U.S. bishops in 2006, said getting the names of Catholic students coming to the university from Serra Clubs is "like gold in our pockets. It is a great help in our ministry. These students are the future leaders of society and of our Church."

Robert McCarty, executive director of the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers, said the College Connection program responds to the U.S. bishops' goals for Catholic youth ministry: "To call young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ," and to "draw young people to responsible participation in the life, work and mission of the faith community."

For more information, the Serra Club of South Bend may be reached by contacting either: Dr. Frank C. Toepp, chairman, South Bend CCC at (574) 272-1897 or e-mail at franktoepp@comcast.net; or Stephen Elek, Jr., communications, South Bend CCC, at (574) 291-0550 or e-mail at selekjr2@comcast.net.

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The Fort Wayne Chapter of the Serra Club recognizes a senior male and female in Fort Wayne from each of the two Catholic High Schools. These students excelled in Christian leadership and living their faith through Peer Ministry, marching and praying at the abortion clinic and other activities. The Fort Wayne Serra Club held their annual Christian Leadership Award May 6 at St. Joseph Hospital. Bishop Dwenger High School recipients, shown with Principal Jason Schiffli, left, were McKenzie Guiver, who will attend Xavier University and Adam Beauchot, who will attend Ball State University.



Bishop Luers High School recipients, shown with Principal Mary Keefer, center, were Sean Driscoll, who will attend the University of Notre Dame, and Kelsey Norris, who will attend Butler University.



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop-emeritus, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, conducted a brief dedicatory ceremony at the Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne on Saturday, May 21. Recognizing St. Mother Theodore Guérin as the foundress of The Sisters of Providence in America and as the foundress of Catholic education in Fort Wayne, the bishop blessed a statue and, in the Guérin Mausoleum, a plaque honoring Our Lady of Providence. The statue was donated in memory of Richard and Marcella Ankenbruck and the chapel plaque in memory of Larry A. Amstutz, Jr.

Brother Richard Gilman receives the Age of Excellence Education Award from Real Services

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Brother Richard Gilman, president-emeritus of Holy Cross College was honored at the Real Services Age of Excellence Luncheon with the Education Award for his work in developing the Center for Intergenerational Learning and the Gerontology programs at Holy Cross College in cooperation with Holy Cross Village. The Center for Intergenerational Learning is a unique program in higher education which links the learning needs of college students with the vast life experience and wisdom of the retired adults in the retirement community of Holy Cross Village.

The center offers gerontology seminars, conferences, classes, continuing education opportunities, for students, service and health professionals, as well as, an academic minor in gerontology. Gerontology education increases a graduate's competitiveness for many career positions by demonstrating knowledge, experience and ease in working with society's dominant population — the older adult. Thanks to Brother Gilman's leadership, Holy Cross students

have also logged hundreds of hours in compassionate service to the older adults living in Holy Cross Village.

Academy Award-winning actress, Patty Duke presented the awards and delivered the keynote speech about her own challenges in caring for an elder parent. WNDU anchor (and Holy Cross College alumnus) Terry McFadden was the master of ceremonies.

Marian to host School Choice informational meetings

MISHAWAKA — The state of Indiana's new School Choice Scholarship legislation provides vouchers or tuition for students who are currently enrolled in public schools and whose family's annual income falls within

certain limits similar to those used for the Free and Reduced Lunch eligibility.

Marian High School informational meetings for parents on School Choice Scholarships will be held Thursday, June 2, or Wednesday, June 15, or Tuesday, June 28, from 7-8 p.m. in the Marian library. The school is located at 1311 S. Logan St. in Mishawaka. Entrance is at the main doors on the east side of the building

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DICK MCCLOSKEY

Ruth Carrillo, left, and Melisa Schlunt, right, are shown following their profession into the Secular Franciscans, which took place on Saturday, May 14, at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

CHILDREN PRESENT STOLE TO DEACON KITCHENS



CORINE ERLANDSON

Deacon-elect Jim Kitchens holds the "Children Around the World" deacon's stole, a gift from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in honor of his ordination into the Order of the Diaconate on May 21. The newly ordained deacon participated in a Mass of Thanksgiving at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on May 22 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

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Above, the deacon-candidates, Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, and his wife, and their readiness is shown as they prostrate on the sanctuary floor during the Mass, which was sung at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Fort Wayne.



Deacon-Elect Jerry Kohrman promises obedience and respect to Bishop Kevin Rhoades and his successors.



Mary Szymczak, the director of the permanent diaconate program, and her husband David Szymczak, pastor of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, present the gifts to Bishop Kevin Rhoades during the Mass.

ORDER OF THE DIACONATE



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades lays hands on Deacon-elect James Fuchs. Deacon Kevin Ranaghan looks on from right.



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Deacon Jim Tighe gives Holy Communion to his wife Pat at the Mass of Ordination.



Bishop Rhoades hands Deacon Mel Tardy the Book of the Gospels at the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate on May 21 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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Seniors & Jubilarians

Father Guertin marks 50 years of priesthood

BY JODI MAGALLANES

SOUTH BEND — Fifty years after Donald Guertin abandoned his engineering studies for the priesthood, he's still serving the Lord with his many talents.

Holy Cross Father Guertin was born in Detroit, Mich., on Oct. 27, 1928, to a family that also included two more boys, and a girl. He graduated from St. Francis Xavier High School in Ecorse, Mich., in 1946, and studied at Chaffey College in Alta Loma, Calif., before joining the U.S. Navy and submitting to four years of flight training.

After being discharged from the Navy, Father Guertin enrolled at the University of Notre Dame with the intention of studying engineering. Now, he said, he sees that God had other plans for

him.

"I took one of those lectures we were required to attend, and, well, I took a step back and took a wider view of things," he said of his first year.

He altered his original plans, enrolled in Old College and set out on the road to become the only priest in his family. Father Guertin made his first vows after attending Sacred Heart novitiate in Minnesota, then returned to Notre Dame and graduated in 1957. Four more years at Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., followed, and he was ordained a priest at the Sacred Heart Basilica on June 7, 1961.

Twice the Lord put Father Guertin in the role of pastor at Little Flower Parish, South Bend — once from 1962-66 and again from 1997-2001. He also served as an assistant at Christ the King



FATHER DONALD GUERTIN, CSC

Parish, and as one of several pastors of St. Joseph's Parish in Mishawaka from 1968-1974.

At St. Joseph's, he enjoyed being a part of important transitions that were happening.

"The parish priests and members of the parish introduced the changes coming from the Second Vatican Council, such as the liturgical changes and shared parish leadership, by initiating a parish council, parish board of education and social justice efforts," he remembered.

"It was a plan proposed by parishioner Robert Skudlarek that involved religious education for all ages and for the parish elementary school to serve the integration of the neighborhood by opening the parish school to neighborhood children who were unable to afford the full tuition."

But Father Guertin began to feel a call to help in a more specific way. In 1974 he began to study counseling psychology and received a master's degree, which led to his appointment to

the Family and Children's Center in 1976.

"I wanted to develop some additional abilities to serve, and I thought psychology would be helpful," Father Guertin explained.

For the last five years, Father Guertin, 82, has worked part time with the Spiritual Care Department at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center as a priest visitor to the sick. He is also on a rotation with two other priests, Father Tom McNally and Father David Link, to celebrate a weekend Mass at the prison in Michigan City.

Now a resident of Our Lady of Fatima House in South Bend, he enjoys his semi-retirement by running around St. Mary's Lake — weather permitting. He also plays tennis, a sport he enjoys so much that he wishes he'd never taken time off, he said.

He added that he is grateful for his blessings, which have come at every assignment and in every location.

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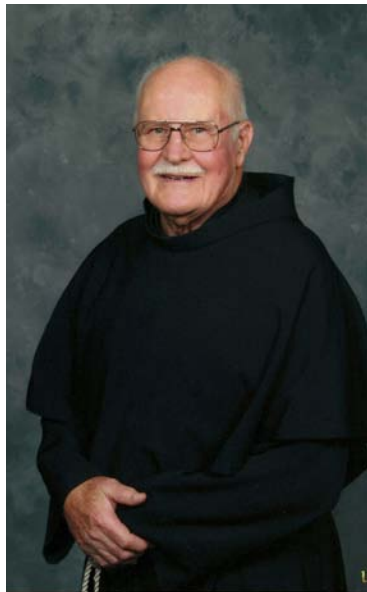
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Father Philip Schneider celebrates 50 years as Conventual Franciscan

BY KAY COZAD



FATHER PHILIP SCHNEIDER

ANGOLA — Conventual Franciscan Father Philip Schneider has always held a special place in his heart for the sacrifice of the Mass, even as a young child. That love of the Eucharist led him to his beloved vocation.

Ordained into the priesthood of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual by Archbishop Leo Denz in St. Paul Cathedral in Minnesota on Feb. 19, 1961, Father Schneider will joyfully celebrate his 50th jubilee this summer.

Born in March of 1934, this Lansing, Mich., native was the third of 12 children born to Anthony and Helen Schneider. Educated in the Catholic faith, Father Schneider says, "I really loved the Mass. I used to have Mass as a kid and invite all my brothers and sisters to attend." His desire to celebrate Mass and the influence the parish priests, who were Conventual Franciscans, led him to consider the priesthood.

So at the tender age of 14, the young Schneider moved to southern Indiana to attend Conventual Franciscan High School, then entered the novitiate in Angola for a year. During his discernment he found that the Franciscan "way of living" appealed to him. "It felt comfortable — a good way to follow Christ. It's a vocation. Living the Franciscan life comes with time to fully understand it," he says. He was grateful for the support of his family and quips, "They told me later that they said a prayer every day so that I would stay."

Following his novitiate year, Father Schneider studied philosophy at the seminary in Carey, Ohio, continuing his education in Minnesota at Assumption Seminary where he earned his undergraduate degree. He subsequently earned a master's degree in science from the University of Notre Dame.

Following his ordination into the priesthood, Father Schneider, who humbly admits his expertise with numbers, was first assigned to teach math at the University of Louisville. Following a two-year term there he was reassigned to his first parish, St. Benedict, in Terre Haute. Three years later he found himself in an Italian parish in Chicago Heights and for the next decade he devoted himself to the three generations of Italians at San Rocco Parish, even learning the language to enhance his ministry there.

In 1991, Father Schneider

was assigned as administrator of St. Paul Chapel on Clear Lake near Angola where for the past 20 years he has celebrated Mass for and ministered year round to the "lake people." During many of those years he was parochial vicar of St. Anthony of Padua in Angola as well. He lives in community with three other Franciscan priests in the St. Anthony friary located on the church's property.

Though Father Schneider recalls the difficulty he had transitioning from teaching to parish ministry, he says he enjoys dealing with the people. "The deep faith of some of the people have moved me and spurred me on to serve even in the difficulties," he says. And the best thing about being a parish priest is "being able to celebrate Mass and administer the sacraments."

"Helping people in stressful times is very rewarding," says Father Schneider.

During his free time Father Schneider likes to work with wood. "I made a wooden tabernacle for the chapel of oak," he says, adding that many of the places he has served have a masterpiece to mark his time there. He also enjoys riding his bicycle along the bike paths in northern Indiana.

Father Schneider and his church community at St. Paul Chapel on Clear Lake plan to celebrate his 50 years as shepherd to the flock on Father's Day, June 19, with a special Mass followed by entertainment and a communal meal. He is grateful for his ministry and the people he serves saying, "Seems impossible that I made it! I'm grateful to God for giving me this much time."

Spiritan Father Tete celebrates 40 years of priesthood

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — "I've already accomplished what God has expected of me. What I do now is persevere and keep working," said Congregation of the Holy Spirit Father Lawrence Tete, Ph.D., pastor of Our Lady of Hungary Parish in South Bend about what comes next in his journey through the priesthood. Father Tete is celebrating 40 years of being in the priesthood this year.

Father Tete was born in 1944 in Ahiara Imo State Nigeria. Being the fifth of 11 children (six boys and five girls), he comes from a very strong Catholic family. His father was a station school teacher and catechist in Catholic missions for 48 years before he retired. The tradition of the family was a nightly family rosary and Sunday Masses were never missed.

"My desire to go to the minor seminary was inflamed after the rector (an Irish Holy Ghost Father) of the Juniorate (the Holy Ghost Fathers' junior seminary) came with a teenage student and preached about the vocations to the missionary priesthood in the Holy Ghost Congregation," noted Father Tete about his inspiration to begin a journey into the priesthood at the age of 14.

He spent the next 13 years in the junior and senior seminary formation program which included secondary school studies, novitiate, philosophy and theology studies and being



LISA KOCHANOWSKI

ordained as a missionary priest in the Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans) on Aug. 22, 1971.

"My first two years as a priest were spent in solely pastoral ministry in three different parishes. But from 1973 until I came over to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 2001, I have been in and out of educational institutions either as rector, vice principal, graduate student, lecturer and chaplain (of campus ministry)," noted Father Tete, who holds academic degrees in philosophy, theology and education, which were earned in several places including Nigeria, Belgium and the United States.

Father Tete came to Our Lady of Hungary in 2001 first as an associate pastor and then as administrator there following the death of the

pastor Father Ted Kwak in January 2004. He was appointed the pastor at Our Lady in July of 2004.

"Thus by nature and nurture hailing from a family of mostly teachers, I have been a professional teacher most of my life," notes Father Tete. He finds the priesthood a joyful profession, humbling and challenging and something that has brought him to different cultures and countries and groups of people: Whether in the school classroom or pastoral setting. His joy is the recognition of being used by God and the Church in the furtherance of the Good News.

Father Tete loves reading, soccer and tennis, and listening to classical music. He enjoys his work and plans to continue serving the Lord for as long as he is needed.

Congregation of the Holy Spirit Father Lawrence Tete, Ph.D., pastor of Our Lady of Hungary Parish in South Bend, will celebrate 40 years of the priesthood this summer. Effective June 21, Father Tete will become pastor at St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne.

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Bob Mackin retires as 65-year member, founder, of Knights' bowling league

BY RICK ALEXANDER

SOUTH BEND — Knight Bob Mackin started the Knights of Columbus (KofC) Bowling League with fellow Knight Erv Golabowski in South Bend in 1946. The two were members of the Santa Maria Council 553.

Although the league has had numerous homes, it was formed and bowled at the Indiana Club, which was the original home of Santa Maria Council 553. There were four bowling lanes in the basement, so the council started with four teams.

Mackin, the sole survivor of those who originated the league, has bowled in the KofC Bowling League for 65 continuous years and is the only originator of the league still living. He served the league faithfully all of these years. At 86, Mackin is the oldest person to bowl in the KofC League.

Mackin retired from the bowling league at the end of the 2011 season. His final KofC league bowling night

was April 27. Over his bowling span, Mackin's highest game was a 268. His highest series was a 703.

Mackin counts among his achievements serving as the league's secretary treasurer for 50 years. But his dedication to bowling did not end there. Mackin served as president of the Knights of Columbus International Bowling Association for several years. In addition, he served on its board of directors for nine years. He is also a past Grand Knight of the Santa Maria Council.

Mackin, who is a member of the South Bend-Mishawaka Bowling Hall of Fame and the Knights of Columbus International Bowling Association Hall of Fame, was instrumental in bringing the International Bowling Tournament to South Bend on five occasions, the most recent in 2008.

On April 13, the Knights' bowling league honored Mackin before league bowling began. He was presented a clock/plaque, and card signed by each bowler in the league.



RICK ALEXANDER

Bob Mackin holds the gift that he received in recognition of 65 continuous years of bowling in the Knights of Columbus Bowling League on April 25. Mackin is shown standing in front of his picture that is included with the pictures of previous Santa Maria Council 553 Grand Knights.

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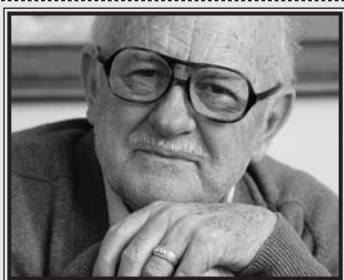


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St. Charles 'Bridezillas' soccer team crowned CYO champ

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Charles Cardinals were crowned the 2011 Catholic Youth League (CYO) soccer champs capping off a phenomenal run at Foster Park on Friday, May 13.

The tournament ended in a special way with extra special motivation pushing the Cardinals the entire season. This particular group of eighth-grade girls had not won a CYO title in basketball, volleyball or soccer during their careers. Knowing this was their last chance, Coach Pat Welch explained, "At our first practice in March, the girls were dubbed 'Bridezillas' because they had been runner-up in the past two tournaments and were tired of feeling that way. Always the bridesmaid and never the bride, they set out not to be 'left at the altar' again."

Although the Bridezillas opened the season with a loss, they recommitted themselves to winning by putting more effort into their practices and focusing on the task at hand. Welch added, "It was a wake-up call that things were not going to be handed to them and they would have to work for what they got this season."

Coaching together the past nine years, Welch and Mike Lewis knew what made their Cardinals tick. Lewis constantly reminded the girls, "Hard work beats talent when talent does not work hard."

The girls embraced the motto, knowing that they were talented, but recalling how hungrier teams had beaten them in prior years. Also, a key motivator for the girls all season was the late Vivian Welch. Serving as assistant coach the past two seasons, Welch passed away after fighting brain cancer in August 2010. When the other coaches could not be there on time or had a conflict, she would start practices and taught defenders how to play their position — one that she played in her day of competition. When the girls became too passive at practice, they loved to hear her encourage them by saying, "Put down your purses and play!" Dearly missed at home, in the classroom — where she substitute taught for the past eight years —



DOUG BLACKWELL

The CYO girls' soccer champions "jump for joy" after winning the tournament on May 13. The team roster includes Jordan Stevens, Lucie Ly, Gabrielle Wolf, Caroline McGraw, Cat Meinholz, Abby McGraw, Jenny Roach, Tori Shrenkel, Maria Welch, Claire Pittenger, Amelia Tippmann, Cassie Carrillo, Maggie Blackwell and Haley Haines. The St. Charles team is coached by Pat Welch and Mike Lewis.

and cheering on the sidelines, the Cardinals felt her presence during this special season.

Welch explained, "The girls wanted to win this for Viv and they verbalized that out loud."

St. Charles listed just 14 on their roster this season, which included three brand new players to the sport. Therefore, it was crucial that players play where the team needed them the most. Welch detailed, "Flexibility to play multiple positions was our key mindset as we entered the tourney."

After a wet, soggy spring and many cancellations, the game plan was executed flawlessly as St. Charles shone through the tournament with three shutouts on the road to victory.

Claire Pittenger scored the game winner in the opening contest against St. Vincent 7 when the Cards won, 1-0, in overtime. In the semifinals, St. Charles faced the two-time defending champs, St. John, Fort Wayne-St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, and got by them 1-0 in another shutout on a beautiful give and go from Pittenger to Haley Haines.

With the title on the line, the Cardinals faced a talented group from St. Vincent 8 in the final matchup and once again did not allow a goal, winning 1-0. The Cardinal defense was tenacious, allowing just two shots, which were handled by Caroline

McGraw, who was moved to goalie for the final game. This freed up Maria Welch, to originate the winning goal by Jordan Stevens who finished a cross by Pittenger.

A pleased Welch summarized, "We had very strong midfield play, which was the key to the defense excelling and the emergence of the speedy Cat Meinholz as a defensive midfielder during the tourney and Lucie Ly as the defensive specialist."

In junior varsity action, the combined team from St. John, Fort Wayne-St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, claimed the 2011 title after downing St. Vincent 6 by a score of 1-0. On the road to victory, the winners got by St. Vincent 5 and then St. Charles 6 to advance to the championship game. They finished with an impressive 8-1 record. The Eagles team consisted of six sixth graders and one fifth grader from St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, and 15 fifth graders from St. John, Fort Wayne.



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The Life Athletes Club of Saint Joseph's High School sponsored its Seventh Little Bookstore Basketball Tournament. This year's champion was "Hardwood," runner-up was "Tyson Crew" and best uniform went to "Lil Cupcakes." Father Cam Tirabassi celebrated Mass for the participants beforehand. Life Athletes is an association of over 300 professional and Olympic athletes who try to live lives of virtue, abstinence (chastity) and respect for life. Visit www.lifeathletes.org for information. In the photo, from left, are LaPhonso Ellis (NBA), Kyle Wicshhaus, Garret Libertowski, Chris Godfrey (NFL), Max Matthews and Nick Pellegrino.

CYO soccer Panthers lose to St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent lost a tough first round match in Catholic Youth League (CYO) boys' soccer tournament

action on Monday, May 9. The Panthers were defeated by St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth and finished their regular season with a 3-1-1 record. "We had a group of kids that respected one another and had

fun, but unfortunately we played one of the toughest teams after the random tourney draw," explained Coach Gary Voirol. He has coached the past decade in various leagues including the CYO, Select, Plex and Hometown Rec. The Panthers listed 18 on their eighth-grade roster and will be playing next season at the high school level after four fun years under Voirol and Coach Fernando Ruiz.

CYO coaches, send scores and highlights to mmcastleman@aol.com

Small Vatican office has broad reach

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As two recent documents illustrate, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith keeps an eye on almost everything coming out of the Vatican.

Although it has fewer than 50 employees, including ushers and receptionists, whatever any Vatican office does or says having to do with faith and morals is a matter that falls under the congregation's gaze.

As the heir of the Holy Office of the Inquisition — and housed in a building still known as the Palace of the Holy Office — the congregation often is portrayed as an agency almost exclusively dedicated to seeking out errant theologians and condemning their writings.

The congregation does review books that bishops' conferences bring to its attention, especially if the book presents itself as explaining Catholic morals or doctrine and is widely used in schools of theology or seminaries.

But since Pope Benedict XVI was elected in 2005 and U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada was appointed to succeed him as the

congregation's prefect, the office has issued only one formal public criticism of written works: a notification about two books by a liberation theologian, Jesuit Father Jon Sobrino.

More and more, the congregation's pronouncements involve the application of Catholic moral teaching to questions concerning the very beginning and very end of human life. Biotechnology, the use of human embryos, politics and abortion, euthanasia and the care of the dying all have been topics of recent documents.

In early May, the Vatican published two documents signed by Cardinal Levada that demonstrate just how widespread the congregation's reach is.

An instruction released May 13 called on bishops and pastors to respond generously to Catholics who want to attend Mass celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal, commonly known as the Tridentine rite.

And a circular letter released May 16 ordered every bishops' conference in the world to prepare guidelines for dealing with accusa-

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CINDY WOODEN

tions of clerical sexual abuse and for ensuring the protection of children.

Formally, the instruction on the Mass came from the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei*, which oversees the pastoral care of Catholics who have a special devotion to the older liturgy. Pope Benedict placed the commission under the doctrinal congregation in 2009.

The letter on clerical sexual abuse reflects the fact that the largest section of the doctrinal congregation — its disciplinary section — is charged with coordinating efforts to rid the Church of sexual abuse and with monitoring or conducting

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Church offers blueprint for life



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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6th Sunday of Easter Jn 14:15-21

The Acts of the Apostles once again this Easter season furnishes the first reading. In the readings of the weekends earlier in this season, the identity of the Apostles has clearly been given.

The Apostles, absent Judas of course, had exercised the very power of Jesus in naming a new member of their group, Matthias, to succeed the dead Judas. Peter healed the sick. In behalf of the Apostles, Peter spoke as Jesus had spoken.

Clearly they discharged the divine power that had belonged to Jesus, and they continued the mission of Jesus the Redeemer. It was not just simply that the Apostles had been with Jesus as specially selected students and followers, but they possessed a unique role themselves. Through them, the Lord continued the mission of salvation. They bore within themselves the Holy Spirit, and they could give the Holy Spirit to others.

While Acts already has established that Peter was the head of the Apostles, the character of apostle belonged not just to him. It was also with the others.

Thus, in this reading, the central figures are Philip and John. They

performed miracles, as Jesus had performed miracles, having been sent by the others to Samaria. Their destination reveals much. They looked to the salvation of all people, even of Samaritans, who were so despised by the Jews. No one was beyond the scope of salvation in Jesus.

The second reading is from the First Epistle of Peter. This reading is a strong, joyful and enthusiastic proclamation of Jesus as Lord. It calls believers to hear the Lord and to follow the Lord. The Lord should be in their hearts and minds.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. Not a Resurrection Narrative, it nonetheless serves the Church's purpose as it teaches us this weekend.

After celebrating the Resurrection for these weeks since Easter, the Church gently is summoning us to look at our lives in these our times, occurring with circumstances particular to us and to our time.

This reading is our blueprint for life. Our task as disciples is to love others as Jesus loved all. It is clear. In God's love, given to us in the Lord, is our salvation. Indeed, the very act of giving us a blueprint for living is a vitally important gift given in love to us by God.

Reflection
The next major liturgical event for us will be the celebration of the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus. Soon after this feast, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Within sight now is the close of the Easter season.

For these weeks the Church has informed us of the Resurrection of Jesus, gloriously occurring after the dreadful events of Good Friday. It has shared with us its joy, copying the joy of the first Christians.

It has told us again and again of the Risen Lord's appearances and admonitions.

It is being very strongly catechetical. First, it reassures us. Contact with Jesus was not lost with the Ascension, when Jesus returned to the Father. Contact remains, and it remains very clearly in the visible, institutional Church. The Church offers us the service of the modern successors of Peter and the other Apostles.

Through them we still hear the words of Christ. In the Sacraments they give us, we still access the power of Christ's eternal life.

Finally, in the splendid reading from John's Gospel, the Church tells us how to live. We must love others.

Gently, gradually, but definitely the Church has entered, and pursued, the process of leading us to ask what the Resurrection deeply and really means for each of us individually. Remaining for us is the obvious question. Are we willing to accept the Risen Lord?

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

'In God is our trust'

I didn't know until recently that in the wake of the 9/11 attacks on our country, some important historical documents were removed from public display and transferred elsewhere for safekeeping. It's a good thing they were, of course; confusion was the order of the day and no one could say for sure that no further assaults were planned.

It's easy to guess the identity of some of the priceless documents. The Constitution was probably first among them, and not far behind would be the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. (Right, obviously, on all three counts.) But what about the others? One of them, I confess, was one I hadn't thought of at first, but once it comes to mind it makes absolutely perfect sense: the original text of Francis Scott Key's poem, "The Star-Spangled Banner" — all four verses preserved in Key's own handwriting, the marks still visible from the folds he made to insert it into his breast pocket.

Two stories in *The Baltimore Sun*, by Jessica Anderson and Edward Gunts, provided a wealth of information about Key and his immortal poem. That's appropriate, for at the moment the manuscript is on display at Fort McHenry's new Visitor and Education Center, a \$15-million facility that opened in March. (The document is on loan from the Maryland Historical Society, which will once again make it available to visitors in its own building in downtown Baltimore later this year.)

Fort McHenry was an important link in the chain along the East Coast that provided protection for the fledgling United States of America. Named for James McHenry of Baltimore, who had served as secretary of war under Presidents George Washington and John Adams, it gained immortality because Key, a Maryland attorney, wrote his unforgettable lines after viewing the Battle of Baltimore (1814) from a nearby site.

The fort had come under heavy bombardment from British forces only three weeks after they had captured and burned



LIGHT ONE CANDLE

GERALD COSTELLO, THE CHRISTOPHERS

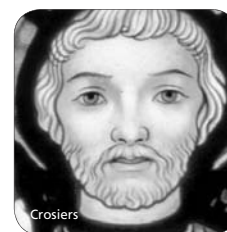
Washington. The shelling was intense during the night, lighting up the dark sky with one brilliant flash after another, so much so that observers wondered which side had prevailed. In the morning, through the mist, Key was astonished and overjoyed to see the flag still flying high over the fort, its stars and stripes still "gallantly streaming." And he wrote down his heartfelt tribute to that flag and to the nation. (Even though it wasn't officially designated our national anthem until 1931, it was honored for years, especially after being set to music.)

The spirit that Key's poem inspired would have delighted The Christophers' founder, Maryknoll Father James Keller, who saw in America's reliance on Divine Providence the difference that separated it from a godless world. I can't say for sure how often Father Keller read "The Star-Spangled Banner" all the way through, or even if he did. But how he would thrill to these lines from the fourth stanza: "...may the heaven-rescued land Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must when our cause it is just. And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'"

Francis Scott Key's poem is, simply, a classic. We would all do well to read it in full again, to ponder it, to treasure it. The renewed attention it is attracting this summer gives us a chance to do just that.

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Saint of the Week



Augustine of Canterbury

died c. 604
May 27

This monk was prior of a monastery in Rome until 596, when Pope St. Gregory the Great sent him and 30 other monks to evangelize England. They landed in Kent where they got permission to preach because the king's wife had been a Christian before her marriage. Augustine's preaching won over King Ethelbert, who became a Christian and gave the monks a house and church in Canterbury. Augustine built England's first cathedral there; from this see missionaries and bishops were sent around England. He is known as "the apostle of England."

NFP and the 'telos' of sex

Married Catholics today often struggle to understand the moral difference between using contraceptives to avoid a pregnancy and using natural family planning (NFP). NFP relies on sexual abstinence during fertile periods in a woman's cycle, as assessed by various indicators like cervical mucus or changes in body temperature. To many, the Church's prohibition of contraception seems to be at odds with its acceptance of NFP because in both cases, the couple's intention is to avoid children. That intention, however, is not the problem, as long as there are, in the words of Pope Paul VI, "serious motives to space out births." Dietrich von Hildebrand puts it this way: "The intention of avoiding conception does not imply irreverence as long as one does not actively interfere in order to cut the link between the conjugal act and a possible conception."

That link between the conjugal act and a possible conception is a key source of meaning for our human sexuality. Sex, by its very nature, involves the capacity and driving energy to produce offspring. Anyone in a high school biology class already understands this. We are able to recognize the purpose (or "telos") of many different processes in the world: the telos of fire is to generate heat and to consume combustibles; the telos of an acorn is to become an oak tree; the telos of human sexuality is to draw man and woman together to procreate and raise children in the family unit. William May observes, "This is the meaning objectively rooted in the marital act itself and intelligibly discernible in it; it is not a meaning arbitrarily imposed upon or given to the act." Seeing the telos of a process can reveal authentic goods to us which can then guide the moral choices we make.

Any time a married couple engages in sexual activity that has

been intentionally rendered infertile by contraception, they are powerfully acting against the telos of the sexual act they share. Elizabeth Anscombe notes how their act is no longer "the kind of act by which life is transmitted, but is purposely rendered infertile, and so changed to another sort of act altogether." Contraception strikes at the heart of the marital act. When a couple impedes the inherent procreative powers of that act through the use of a condom, a pill or other means, they are engaging in disruptive and contradictory behavior by seeking to perform the act on the one hand, while simultaneously blocking it on the other.

In natural family planning, on the other hand, they are not directing any countermeasures towards the fertility of a specific conjugal act; the natural order and telos of the act is respected. As Janet Smith and Christopher Kaczor observe, "Contracepting couples make themselves infertile; NFP couples work with an infertility that is natural."

Consider an analogy: a woman who is blind wants to talk to her husband each evening and tell him about the events of her day. He, meanwhile, wants to relax in the evenings by listening to baseball on the radio. He decides that while listening to his wife talk, he will at the same time plug in headphones and follow the game, so his attention will be divided between his wife and the game. He will occasionally say things like "yes, dear" and "uh huh" to give the impression that he is listening with full attention.

A woman on the pill similarly gives the impression that she is receiving her husband fully in the marital embrace, while, in fact, she is shutting down her own fertility in order to ward off his fruitfulness. On a deep level, she is rejecting his life-giving masculinity and speaking a false language to him with her body, much as the sports-



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

minded husband is speaking a contradictory language with his headphones and "yes, dear" responses. If a man uses a condom with his wife, or even if both spouses agree to use contraception, they still speak a false and inauthentic language to one another right at the core of their intimacy.

Suppose that on alternating days of the week, the sports-minded husband agrees to stop listening to the radio and instead visits with his wife in a direct and focused manner. Both spouses agree to delay their gratification (he practices "sports abstinence"; she practices "verbal abstinence"), on alternating days, rather than acting against the good of their personal communication by employing countermeasures like headphones. This is similar to the case of a couple using NFP. On some days, they fully share with each other in the conjugal act; on other days, they delay sexual gratification and freely choose abstinence, so as to avoid speaking inauthentically to each other through contraceptive sex.

In sum, contraceptive intercourse always represents a radically different kind of act than intercourse during a known infertile period.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

priesthood and other similar questions," the book said.

Under the provisions of Pope Benedict's 2009 apostolic constitution, the doctrinal congregation is charged with establishing special structures for former Anglicans entering full communion with the Roman Catholic Church while preserving aspects of their Anglican spiritual and liturgical heritage.

The structures, known as "personal ordinariates" are similar to dioceses. The first was established in England in January and there was widespread speculation that a U.S. ordinariate would be announced before July.

Cardinal Levada and the four dozen people who work each day in the Holy Office aren't doing all that work alone. The congregation has 25 cardinal and bishop members and 28 consulting theologians.

Most of the consultants are professors at pontifical universities in Rome and they get together at the congregation three times a month to offer their expert opinions and share

their research on questions the congregation considers pressing.

More comprehensive, long-term studies are carried out by two other commissions that answer to the doctrinal congregation. The Pontifical Biblical Commission currently is conducting a study on "inspiration and truth" in the Bible. And the International Theological Commission is working on three topics: the principles, meaning and methods of theology; belief in one God and its implications for relations among Jews, Christians and Muslims; and ways to better integrate Catholic social teaching into Catholic teaching in general.

Every Wednesday, the cardinal and bishop members who are in Rome gather around a conference table to review issues and make decisions.

The weekly meetings are important given the congregation's broad reach. Virtually every office or agency that belongs to the Roman Curia deals with something doctrinal, at least occasionally.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 29, 2011

John 14:15-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: the promise of the Holy Spirit. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

YOU LOVE ME	COMMANDMENTS	FATHER
GIVE YOU	ANOTHER	SPIRIT
TRUTH	THE WORLD	CANNOT
SEES	KNOWS HIM	BE IN YOU
LEAVE YOU	COME TO YOU	LITTLE WHILE
SEE ME	I LIVE	THAT DAY
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cases against individual abusers.

In addition to sexual abuse of minors, the disciplinary section deals with "the most serious crimes committed in the celebration of the sacraments," particularly the Eucharist and Confession, examines "crimes against the faith — heresy, schism and apostasy — and, finally, evaluates cases of alleged apparitions, visions and messages with a presumed supernatural origin," according to a description in the annual report, "Activity of the Holy See."

The international commission of bishops and theologians appointed in March to study the alleged Marian apparitions in Medjugorje, for example, is working under the auspices of the doctrinal congregation.

The disciplinary section also coordinates "the admission of former non-Catholic ministers to the

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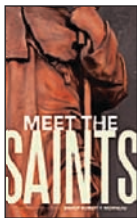
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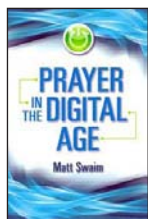
BY KAY COZAD

The following are recently published books that have been sent to *Today's Catholic* that can touch the fancy of Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase.

"Meet the Saints," with an introduction by Bishop Robert F. Morneau, is an informative and inspiring book packed with stories written by popular authors on some of the Church's most famous saints. Each of the 12 chapters offer the history and charism of three inspiring saints, with a concluding chapter with answers to "frequently asked questions." St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-1-61636-1-002-3

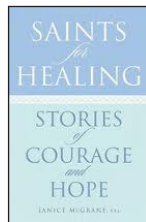


"Prayer in the Digital Age," by Matt Swaim, shines some light on the obstacles to prayer that may be encountered in this current digital culture. His use of the wisdom of spiritual masters such as St. Therese of Lisieux and Pope

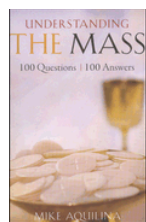


John Paul II inspires the practical suggestions to incorporate prayer into everyday life. Liguori Publications, ISBN: 978-0-7648-1979-7

"Saints for Healing: Stories of Courage and Hope," by Janice McGrane, is an inspiring collection of stories about 10 very human saints who showed the world the power of God. Each chapter is devoted to one of these gifted people and incorporates their history and a modern day issue linked to the individual. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-0-86716-962-1



"Understanding the Mass: 100 Questions, 100 Answers," by seasoned author Mike Aquilina, is a little book packed with lots of answers to questions you may have about the Catholic Mass. He not only answers practical questions but walks his readers through the Mass with explanations of the meaning behind the prayers and practices. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-0-86716-949-2



Pope asks space explorers about science, peace, state of the earth

BY SARAH DELANEY

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI reached out to outer space to ask astronauts how their unique perspective from the frontier of the universe makes them think about difficult questions back on earth.

In a video hookup May 21 between the Vatican and the International Space Station (ISS) in orbit around the earth, Pope Benedict asked the astronauts how science can help in the pursuit of peace and the need to protect a fragile planet.

Seated at a desk in front of a video screen, the pope could see the 12 astronauts huddled before the camera and trying not to float away from lack of gravity inside the super technological space station. The group included space station crew and members of the final mission of the U.S. shuttle Endeavour.

The pope praised the space travelers for their courage and commitment, and reminded them that after their extraordinary experience, they "must eventually come back down to earth like all the rest of us."

His first question dealt with violence and war, and was addressed to the Endeavour mission commander, U.S. astronaut Mark Kelly, whose wife, Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, was still recovering after being critically injured in a shooting in January.

Acknowledging the attack and wishing her a full recovery, the pope said, "When you are contemplating earth from up there, do you ever wonder about the way nations and people live together down here, about how science can contribute to the cause of peace?"

Kelly said that because the space station itself was up and running only as a result of the efforts of many countries, it was itself a good model for international cooperation. And because it is operated entirely on limitless solar power, he said, better development of that technology



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Pope Benedict XVI waves to astronauts on the International Space Station after speaking with them from the Vatican via a video link May 21. The pontiff asked the astronauts how science can help in the pursuit of peace and the need to protect a fragile planet.

on earth could reduce the struggle over energy resources, which is the cause of much of the violence and war in the world now.

Pope Benedict noted that he often spoke of humanity's responsibility to protect the earth in an ethical manner, and to guarantee the survival of future generations. He asked Endeavour crew member Ron Garan what he could see on earth from his perch in space that needed attention.

Garan said that what was most evident is the fragility of earth and the atmosphere. "To think that this paper-thin layer is all that separates every living thing from the vacuum of space and is all that protects us, is a really sobering thought," he said.

The pope asked Mike Fincke, mission specialist for the shuttle, what advice he would pass on to children "who will live in a world strongly influenced by your experiences and discoveries?"

The astronaut said that he hoped the space mission would "let the children of the planet know ... that there is a whole uni-

verse for us to go explore. And when we do it together, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish."

Pope Benedict reminded Roberto Vittori, an Italian member of the Endeavour team, of the medallion decorated with the image of the creation of man, as painted by Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel, which the pope had given him before this mission. He asked Vittori if he remembered to pray while out in space.

Vittori let the weightless medallion float in front of the screen and said, "I do pray: for me, for our families, for our future." He added that the beauty of the earth from his extraordinary vantage point "is capturing my heart."

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Questions about faith answered in June
Elkhart — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will present a question and answer session with Father Glenn Kohrman each Wednesday in June. The topic for June 1 will be: What is Marriage? The 5:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by a light salad supper with discussion to begin at 6:30 p.m. These sessions are anyone who wants to know more about the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Most Precious Blood hosts FunFest
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood will host a Big Eyed Fish dinner Friday, June 3, from 5-8 p.m. The beer tent will be open from 5-10 p.m. with live music from 7-10 p.m. with Jim Didier and Friends. On Saturday, June 4, the Most Precious Blood FunFest will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dinner from 4-7:30 p.m. includes Book's BBQ chicken dinner. The beer tent will be open 6-11 p.m. with the live music of Loose Change from 8-11 p.m. Also included are inflatables, kids games, silent auction, bingo, El Azteca tacos and hot dogs.

Parish festival planned
Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will have a festival Friday, June 17, with a kids carnival and a Taste of St. Jude from 5-8 p.m. and a beer garden from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Luers Loot garage sale planned
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a garage sale Saturday, June 4, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bag sale starts at noon. Donations may be brought to the wrestling room on June 1-2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Daughters of Isabella
South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572, will honor 25- and 50-year members with a luncheon Monday, June 6, at 1 p.m. at the Logan Center, 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd.

All family rosary
Fort Wayne — The all-family rosary will be recited on Sunday, May 29, from 3:45-4:30 p.m., at St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel. The intention is for all families.

Vacation Bible School
Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish, 319 E. Diamond St., will have a Vacation Bible School June 13-17, from 6-8 p.m. Panda Mania — Where God is Wild About You — is for children ages 4-14 at no cost. Call (260) 347-4045 for information.

Knights plan fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 3, from 5-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under.

Germanfest at St. Peter Parish
Fort Wayne — A German Mass will be Sunday, June 5, at St. Peter Church, at 11 a.m. with Father Charles Herman. The Fort Wayne Mannerchor and Dammendorfer will provide the music. After Mass in the Pavilion a dinner of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, kuchen and beverages will be available for \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 6 to 12, and those under 6 are free.

Second annual People Fest
South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary Parish will celebrate ethnic cultures in the area with People Fest Saturday, June 4, at the 4-H Fairgrounds, 5117 S. Ironwood Rd., from noon to 11:30 p.m. Live music throughout the day and ethnic foods will be offered. Also included will be a raffle, beer garden and dancing. For presale tickets or information, call (574) 287-1700 or visit www.ourladyofhungary.org/peoplefest.

ARISE steering committee being formed
Ladies interested in learning more about the 2011 ARISE Women's Conference are invited to be part of a steering committee to meet Tuesday, May 24, at 7 p.m., at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne. There will be food, prizes and a chance to volunteer. RSVP to Natalie Kohrman at (260) 399-1437 or nkohrman@diocesefw.org.

wsb.org by Friday, May 20. All women are invited.

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.

All-School Reunion planned
Fort Wayne — Central Catholic High School will have an All-School Reunion on June 25 at Classic 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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Course offered
South Bend — Christ the King Parish will host a Level II formation course in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on June 22-25 and 27-29, for adults interested in learning a Montessori-based approach to faith formation for the six- to nine-year-old child. Contact Joanie Rymysza at (574) 485-7462 or rymszagj@sbcglobal.net for registration and information.

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Deacon Stan LeMieux, from St. Patrick, Ligonier, said, "It was the holiest day of my life." His counterpart, Deacon Robert Byrne from St. Anthony, South Bend, agreed adding, "It's overwhelming to be able to be called by God to serve his people. When you go through this experience, you know it's from God."

Sacred Heart, Notre Dame parishioner Deacon William Gallagher recalled that preparation for this day was intense, but the day always seemed "out there." "Now it's here," he said, "The 11 of us have become family. The men are as close as my brother." When asked what he expects for the future he said simply, "The sun will come up tomorrow and I'll serve God the best I can."

Deacon Jerome Kohrman, parishioner of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, said of the day, "It was a grace-filled day. None of us feel worthy but we're

open to the Lord's call. I remember that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Melvin Tardy from South Bend's St. Augustine Parish agreed and said the Rite of Ordination was "spiritually uplifting." He believes that "everything is based on faith, so we'll see where the Spirit leads me."

And Deacon John Hilger of Queen of Angels in Fort Wayne summed it up for all the newly ordained deacons when he said of the ordination, "It's as close to heaven as you can get!"

Mary Szymczak, the director of the Permanent Diaconate office for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, told *Today's Catholic*, "These guys have tremendous faith. They are true servants of the Church. And they were that before they got into the (diaconate) program."

She said, "I've watched them grow spiritually. I've watched their faith grow. I watched their marriages grow and change. It's been an awesome experience."

Szymczak said, "They're going to be an inspiration to the people of this diocese. And we couldn't have picked a better group to restart the diaconate program."



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Above, the deacon candidates pose following Morning Prayer in St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel.



At left, the deacon candidates gather in prayer with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in the basement of St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel, prior to the Mass of Ordination.



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