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Upcoming collection assists with education of seminarians

Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians initiates June 12

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has been blessed with an increase in the number of seminarians studying for the priesthood over the past two years.

This spring, there are 21 seminarians, “two of whom will be ordained priests,” said Msgr. Bernard Galic, director of the Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Msgr. Galic said, “There is plenty of interest” from men who wish to discern the priesthood. “Bishop (Kevin C. Rhoades) has already accepted four (additional seminarians) — so that has us back to 23 (in the fall) — and there are four more in the application process. There is a possibility as many as 27 this fall.

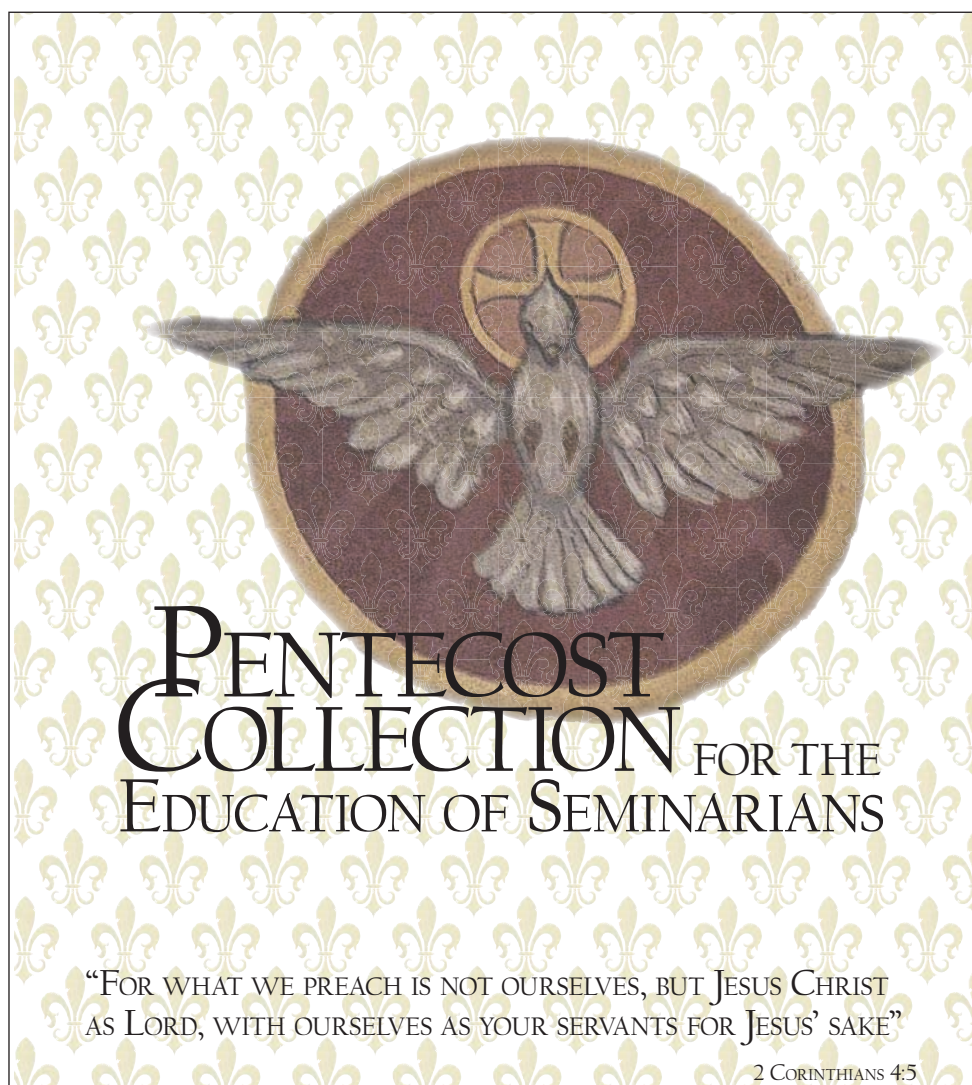
“There is no question that God is blessing our diocese,” Msgr. Galic said. When he first became vocation director he said so few men applied. “It’s really grown and that’s encouraging,” he added.

But with the rejoicing comes a financial burden to the diocesan budget. “I have called this a ‘happy problem,’” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said in a letter that will be distributed June 12, the solemnity of Pentecost.

He said in the letter, “The funds raised in the Annual Bishop’s Appeal are not sufficient to pay for the education of all our seminarians. The full annual cost for each seminarian, including tuition, room, board, insurance, travel, and a modest stipend for summer work is approximately \$49,000.”

Harry Verhiley, the diocesan secretary of Stewardship and Development, noted, “After six to eight years of study, depending on previous education, the total cost invested in each seminarian can range between \$294,000 to \$392,000.”

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Diocesan Curia reorganized and restructured

FORT WAYNE — After a year of study and consultation, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced a major reorganization and restructuring of the curia of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend which will become effective on July 1, 2011.

“The diocesan curia consists of those institutions and persons which furnish assistance to the bishop in the governance of the entire diocese, especially in directing pastoral activity, in providing for the administration of the diocese and in exercising judicial power” Canon 469.

Last fall, Bishop Rhoades appointed a task force to study the functioning of the 21 diocesan offices and departments, all of which had reported directly to the bishop, and possibilities for increased coordination, collaboration and efficiency in operations. The bishop discussed the

task force recommendations with the Diocesan Finance Council and the Presbyteral Council and made modifications before adopting the new structure.

For a chart of the restructure see page 12.

Freiburger as his assistant in Fort Wayne and Fred Everett as his assistant in South Bend.

Msgr. Robert Schulte will continue to serve as Vicar General and as Moderator of the Curia. As Vicar General, Msgr. Schulte assists Bishop

Rhoades in the governance of the whole diocese. As Moderator of the Curia, Msgr. Schulte, under the authority of the bishop, coordinates and oversees the operations of the diocesan curia. A major responsibility entrusted by Bishop Rhoades to Msgr. Schulte in the reorganized structure is to assist him in matters relating to the clergy. This responsibility is entrusted to a Vicar for Clergy in most other dioceses.

The Diocesan Curia will include four Secretariats with particular offices and ministries situated within each Secretariat. Bishop Rhoades has appointed a Secretary to oversee each of the new secretariats. Dr. Mark Myers will head the Secretariat for Catholic Education. Mary Glowaski will head the Secretariat for Evangelization and

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Pentecost, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

We thank the Lord for the blessing of an increase in the number of seminarians in our diocese these past two years. One of my priorities as bishop is the promotion of priestly vocations, good, strong, faith-filled young men whom the Lord is calling to serve His Church as ordained priests.

Rejoicing in the increase of the number of our seminarians, I have also noted the financial burden this has brought to our diocesan budget. I have called this a "happy problem." The funds raised in the Annual Bishop's Appeal are not sufficient to pay for the education of all our seminarians. The full annual cost for each seminarian, including tuition, room, board, insurance, travel, and a modest stipend for summer work is approximately \$49,000.

In light of this important need, I have decided to initiate an annual diocesan collection on the Solemnity of Pentecost to help fund the education of our seminarians. On this feast, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at its very beginnings. The apostles, the first priests of the Church, emerged from behind the locked doors of the upper room to bring the Gospel of Christ to the world. Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they bore courageous witness to Christ and began their priestly mission. Our seminarians are being formed to continue that holy mission as priests of Jesus Christ.

You have been so generous to the Church in our diocese through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. I humbly ask for your generosity in the Pentecost Collection.

Let us continue to pray for our seminarians and for the intention of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

May the Holy Spirit, who continues to guide and sanctify the Church, bless you with His manifold gifts!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

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

Correction: Catholic Communication Campaign Collection Sept. 11

The article for the Catholic Communication Campaign collection will not be June 5 as published in the May 29, 2011, issue of Today's Catholic. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the collection has been scheduled for Sept. 11, the second Sunday of September.

Groundbreaking ceremony to be held June 10: Saint Joseph's High School announces vision of new state-of-the-art facility will be realized

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has given approval for construction to begin on June 1 of a new Saint Joseph's High School (SJHS) at the former site of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

The official groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Friday, June 10, at 1 p.m. at the site of the new school.

Principal Susan Richter said, "It is with great pride and excitement that this announcement is shared with the Michiana community. And it is with deep gratitude that we thank Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center for the gift of land and their enduring support of our vision for the future of Saint Joseph's High School. We also thank The Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy, bishop-emeritus of the diocese, for his initial approval of this ambitious campaign."

"I wish to express my deep appreciation to all who have worked so hard and sacrificed so generously to make this 'dream' of a new Saint Joseph's High School a soon-to-be accomplished reality," said Bishop Rhoades. "Over a thousand generous donors have made pledges to this important campaign. I am deeply grateful to these donors, alumni and other supporters of the noble and holy mission of Saint Joseph's

High School. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless this project as we continue the capital campaign and begin the construction in June."

"A project of this magnitude cannot succeed without the dedication and investment of many people," Richter added. In addition to the medical center and Bishop D'Arcy, thanks also go to the Sisters and Brothers of Holy Cross, the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, Mayor Steve Leucke and the City of South Bend, and the unwavering support of the diocese.

Heading the "Forward in Faith Campaign," Jeff Boetticher, chief advancement officer at SJHS, assembled a professional and dedicated team to drive the campaign to this day of celebration. Jim Schellinger and CSO Architects, the Chicago-based consulting firm Campbell and Company, the "Forward in Faith" Steering Committee — led by chairs Al and Mary Harding and Kevin and Maryjo Kelly — and School Board President Matt Edmonds have spent the past year committed to the realization of this shared vision.

"It is the tireless efforts of these people who have generated the excitement, contacting countless alumni, present and future Saint Joe families, and friends asking them

to join in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Richter said. "We thank all those who invested in the future of Saint Joseph's High School, from our visionary donors who launched us on this successful path to every person who donated to 'Forward in Faith.' We will be forever indebted to you and we all can share in the accomplishments of the past year."

Tremendous progress recently has been made in the fundraising, allowing construction to start immediately. This will enable Saint Joseph's High School to open the doors of the new, state-of-the-art high school in August of 2012, thereby limiting maintenance expenses for the current facility to just one school year, Richter explained.

Saint Joseph's High School will continue to move "Forward in Faith" celebrating what has been accomplished and completing the challenges that still lie ahead. The school will be changing its address, but the spirit and tradition of excellence in faith, service and academics will live on and thrive at 453 Notre Dame Ave. Even the new address speaks to those traditions. The "53" in the new address is to honor the 1953 opening of the current Saint Joseph's High School.

Pope to meet Catholic families, pray at tomb of martyr in Croatia

BY SARAH DELANEY

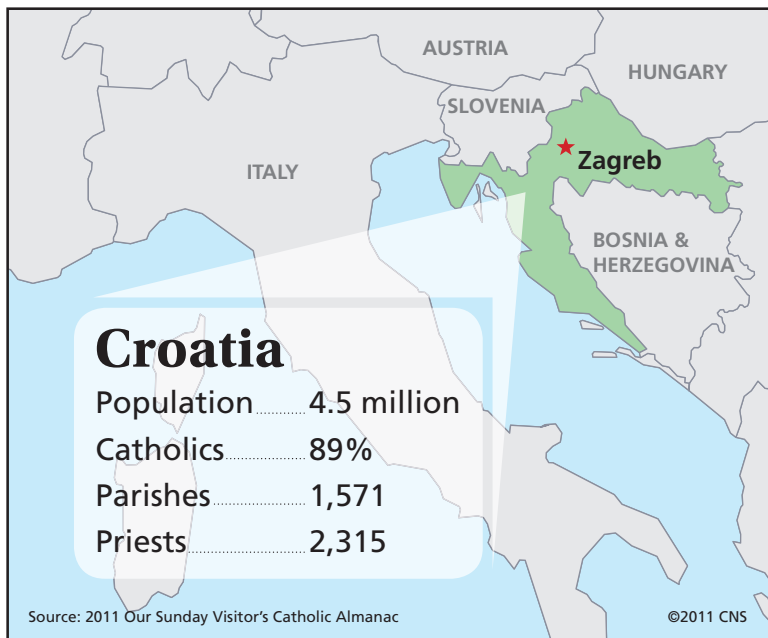
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI will meet with politicians and professionals, families and clergy on his first trip to Croatia June 4-5.

He will fly to the Croatian capital of Zagreb for an event-packed two-day trip that begins with a visit to President Ivo Josipovic and Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor. Later in the day, he will meet with the country's civic, academic, business and cultural leaders. In the evening, he will join young people in a prayer vigil in a Zagreb square.

On June 5, Pope Benedict will celebrate a Mass dedicated to Croatian Catholic families in the city's Hippodrome.

Here is the schedule for the pope's trip as released April 18 by the Vatican. Times listed are local, with Eastern Daylight Time in parentheses:

- Saturday, June 4** (Rome, Zagreb)
- 11 a.m. (5 a.m.), Arrival at Zagreb's Pleso International Airport. Speech by the pope.
 - 12:15 p.m. (6:15 a.m.), Courtesy visit with Croatian President Ivo Josipovic.
 - 1:50 p.m. (7:50 a.m.), Meeting with Croatian Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor at the apostolic nunciature.
 - 2 p.m. (8 a.m.), Lunch with members of the papal entourage at the apostolic nunciature.
 - 6:15 p.m. (12:15 p.m.), Meeting with members of civil, political,



academic, cultural and business sectors of Croatian society, with the diplomatic corps and religious leaders at the Croatian National Theater. Speech by the pope.

- 7:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m.), Prayer vigil with young people in the Ban Josip Jelacic Square in Zagreb. Speech by the pope.

Sunday, June 5 (Zagreb, Rome)

- 10 a.m. (4 a.m.), Celebration of Mass for the National Croatian Catholic Families Day at the Zagreb Hippodrome. Homily by the pope. After the Mass, recitation of the Angelus and greeting by the pope.
- 2 p.m. (8 a.m.), Dinner with Croatian bishops, with guest bishops and papal entourage in the new headquarters of the Croatian bish-

- ops' conference in Zagreb.
- 4:30 p.m. (10:30 a.m.), Farewell at the apostolic nunciature.
- 5 p.m. (11 a.m.), Celebration of vespers with bishops, priests, religious and seminarians; prayer at the tomb of Blessed Alojzije Viktor Stepinac in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and St. Stephen Cathedral in Zagreb. Speech by the pope.
- 6:15 p.m. (12:15 p.m.), Visit to the residence of the archbishop of Zagreb, Cardinal Josip Bozanic.
- 7:15 p.m. (1:15 p.m.), Farewell ceremony at Pleso International Airport. Speech by the pope.
- 7:45 p.m. (1:45 p.m.), Departure for Rome.

Gregorian chant helps Church express its universal identity, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In giving priority to Gregorian chant and to classical liturgical music, the Catholic Church is not trying to limit anyone's creativity but is showcasing a tradition of beautiful prayer, Pope Benedict XVI wrote.

Music at Mass should reflect the fact that the liturgy "is primarily the action of God through the Church, which has its history, its

rich tradition and its creativity," the pope said in a letter marking the 100th anniversary of the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music.

In the letter, released by the Vatican May 31, the pope wrote that sometimes people have presented Gregorian chant and traditional Church music as expressions "to be overcome or disregarded because they limited the freedom

and creativity of the individual or community."

But, he said, when people recognize that the liturgy does not belong to an individual or parish as much as it belongs to the Church, then they begin to understand how, while some expressions of local culture are a

continue that holy mission as priests of Jesus Christ."

Verhiley, who coordinates the Annual Bishop's Appeal, told *Today's Catholic*, "This collection is needed because in recent years, a portion of the Annual Bishop's Appeal covered the full cost of seminarian expenses. Now, due to the rising costs of education and an increase in the number of seminarians, the funds raised for seminarian education from the Annual Bishop's Appeal cannot completely cover the costs."

When Bishop Rhoades instituted this collection for seminarians in Harrisburg, Pa., while he was bishop there, "it was the biggest collection of the year," a hopeful Msgr. Galic noted, "because people want to support the seminarians."

Deacon Terrence Coonan Jr., who will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 11,

said, "These six years of seminary formation have been the best years of my life. They have helped me to know more about myself as a son of God, more about my vocation within God's plan, and all of the extremely important practices, knowledge and habits of a holy priest. I am very grateful to the diocese for providing this privilege and opportunity in my life in which I will never be able to repeat."

The Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians will be a special, annual second collection held each year on the weekend of the solemnity of Pentecost.

Verhiley said, "Prayers for our seminarians, and financial assistance to this fund, will come back to us in the form of pastoral, sacramental and spiritual service. Investment in our seminarians is an investment in the life of the Church."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, June 5, 1:30 p.m. — Saint Joseph's High School Baccalaureate Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
- Monday, June 6, Friday, June 10 — Spiritual Retreat with Priests of the Diocese, Pokagon State Park
- Friday, June 10, 1 p.m. — Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend
- Friday, June 10, 7:15 p.m. — Benefit Event for Redeemer Radio, St. Anthony Parish Hall, Angola
- Saturday, June 11, 11 a.m. — Priesthood Ordination Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

Bishop Rhoades encourages donation of blood



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Dear Friends in Christ,

The American Red Cross is a primary supplier of blood and blood products for the state of Indiana. While the summer months are a busy time of year for many of us, the Red Cross needs our support to ensure blood is available for patients in need.

Spending time at the ballpark, going on vacation and enjoying a picnic in the park are activities we associate with the summer. Unfortunately, there is another reality of summer: blood shortages. Currently, 38 percent of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, yet only 8 percent actually do.

The Red Cross is the only blood collection agency that is dedicated to helping families and communities be safer at home and around the world through a broad range of services. It not only supplies area hospitals with blood their patients require, but is also recognized for its valuable contributions certifying people with vital lifesaving skills, mobilizing relief to victims of disasters and serving as a communications link to military personnel.

The goal of the Red Cross is to provide blood to any hospital that requests it. Even when another blood bank supplies a local hospital, the Red Cross can be there during times of shortage or to meet hospital demand for blood or specialized products that other blood banks may be unable to meet.

Since blood can be split into different components, each donation can help save as many as three lives. Just think about the number of lives we could touch if each of us donated at least once this summer! There are 2,250 hours of summer; please spend one of them giving the gift of life.

As bishop, I am happy to support this important project. I intend to donate blood myself at the Red Cross Center in Fort Wayne on June 21st. I understand that the summer is a more difficult time for the Red Cross to collect enough blood to serve all the people in need of blood.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in Indiana), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. For more information, questions about eligibility or to make a blood donation appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-773-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. Your parish or a neighboring one may also be conducting an on-site blood drive.

May the Lord, whose Sacred Heart we honor in a special way during the month of June, bless you with His abundant love and grace!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

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

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Bishop Rhoades said in his letter, "In light of this important need, I have decided to initiate an annual diocesan collection on the solemnity of Pentecost to help fund the education of our seminarians. On this feast, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at its very beginnings. The apostles, the first priests of the Church, emerged from behind the locked doors of the upper room to bring the Gospel of Christ to the world. Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they bore courageous witness to Christ and began their priestly mission. Our seminarians are being formed to

Pope receives papers for cause of Archbishop Sheen, whom he knew

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., presented Pope Benedict XVI with two thick volumes about the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the pope surprised him by saying he had worked with the late archbishop.

Pope Benedict “told me something I hadn’t known: he worked on the commission for mission at the Second Vatican Council with Fulton Sheen,” Bishop Jenky told Catholic News Service. The pope served as a theological expert at the council in the 1960s.

At the end of the pope’s weekly general audience May 25, Bishop Jenky presented the pope with two leather-bound volumes with golden lettering on the side: “Fultonius Ioannes Sheen.”

The tomes — totaling close to 2,000 pages — are the “positio,”

the official position paper, outlining why the Catholic Church should recognize Archbishop Sheen as a saint.

Archbishop Sheen, who was born in Illinois in 1895 and died in New York in 1979, was an Emmy-winning televangelist. His program, “Life is Worth Living,” aired in the United States from 1951 to 1957.

Bishop Jenky said, “I hope it helps” that the pope personally knew Archbishop Sheen, who was national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1950-66 and attended every session of Vatican II.

For the Peoria bishop, the most impressive thing about Archbishop Sheen was his untiring evangelizing effort, which was addressed not just to radio or television audiences, but to taxi drivers and anyone else he happened to meet.

“I don’t know how many people he brought to the faith; it must be thousands and thousands,” the bishop said. “He



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., greets Pope Benedict XVI as he presents the “positio” on the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen during the pontiff’s general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican May 25. The “positio” is the official position paper on why the Catholic Church should recognize Archbishop Sheen as a saint.

never passed by an opportunity to bring someone to the faith. He was a hands-on evangelizer.”

Msgr. Stanley Deptula, executive director of the Peoria-based Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation, joined Bishop Jenky for the trip to the Vatican.

They also gave the pope an album with more than 100 letters from cardinals and bishops in North America, Australia and Africa supporting Archbishop Sheen’s cause.

Msgr. Deptula told CNS that Archbishop Sheen should be beatified and canonized because “he was a dynamic missionary, he used all the modern means available to spread the Gospel throughout the world.” In fact, the archbishop was host of “The Catholic Hour” radio program for 22 years before beginning his television career, he wrote several popular books and traveled the world speaking and preaching once his TV program went off the air.

The diocesan phase of the sainthood cause concluded in 2008 and the postulator, or promoter, of the cause took the eight boxes of eyewitness testimony and “every book Sheen ever wrote” and summarized the material, creating the “positio,” the monsignor said.

The Congregation for Saints’ Causes will study the “positio” and if congregation members agree, they will recommend that the pope officially declare that the archbishop lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way.

Before Archbishop Sheen can be beatified, the pope also must recognize a miracle attributed to his intercession.

“We actually have two fully-documented alleged miracles of cures that seem to have been effected by God through the intercession of Archbishop Sheen,” Msgr. Deptula said. “Actually, we also have a couple more that have come into our office. Really, every day I hear stories about little miracles, ways that Fulton Sheen continues to change lives today.”

The best documented cases involve cures that took place in the United States, he said. “One happened in central Illinois to an elderly woman in the Champaign area. And the other, kind of the stronger case that we will probably be pursuing to present to the Holy Father, involved a baby in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area.”

The monsignor said he could not reveal many details about the case, but “basically this baby was born ... with several life threatening diseases, any one of which would have been a very serious illness for this infant.”

“The parents and family and friends prayed for the intercession of Archbishop Sheen. They had the baby baptized, (and) I believe his middle name is Fulton,” he said. “It seems to have been a miracle. The baby lived and seemed to have been cured of those illnesses” and is now in the first or second grade.”



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Tornado survivors in Joplin begin recovery, scene described as war zone

BY MASON T. BEECROFT

JOPLIN, Mo. (CNS) — The devastating scene left by the massive F-5 tornado that hit Joplin the evening of May 22 can best be described as apocalyptic.

The tornado cut a swath of destruction three-fourths of a mile wide and six miles long, claiming at least 139 lives with hundreds still missing. Nearly every building in its path was left in total ruin.

The powerful winds uprooted trees and tossed cars. They toppled bricks, bent steel, snapped power lines, sheared limbs and stripped bark off trees.

In a May 25 news conference for area faith leaders, Missouri Gov. Jeremiah Nixon, upon witnessing the catastrophic destruction at St. John's Regional Medical Center, described it as a war zone.

St. Mary's Catholic Church was in the storm's direct path. The sanctuary, elementary school, rectory, parish hall and the St. Vincent de Paul building — the original church from 1938 — were all leveled by the storm.

"Most people's emotions are still too raw for them to begin processing this catastrophic event," said Father Justin Monaghan, St. Mary's pastor. "I just want to tell them, 'Our prayers are with you and we will rejoin you in rebuilding, healing, and renewal in the midst of the pain you are all suffering.'"

Father Monaghan found shelter in the bathtub of the rectory only seconds before the tornado brought the entire building down around him. He was trapped for hours, but parishioners eventually found him safe and dug him out of the ruins.

Parishioners retrieved the Blessed Sacrament from the church's shattered tabernacle. Only the large steel cross at what was the church's entrance remains, towering over the wreckage.

The priest said he has been overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from his parishioners. "I hope that I am reaching out to others as much as they have been reaching out to me.

"My faith has been strengthened by the amazing response of people in our parish and in the community. And to see the cross still standing reminds us what our mission is all about," he told the *Eastern Oklahoma Catholic*, the publication of the Diocese of Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa is about 100 miles southwest of Joplin, in the western Missouri Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. The city sits close to the state line bordering Kansas and Oklahoma.

As she brought lunch to fellow parishioners sifting through the rubble, Cassie Patrick was overcome by the extent of the destruction.

Surveying the wreckage in tears, she said, "It is really hard to see. I can't even wrap my

head around it. I would have rather lost my house than this church. I know it is just a building, and we will rebuild, but all my kids have gone to school here and this church has kept my family together. I am just thankful that Father Monaghan is safe. I prayed for Father all night and was so worried."

For Patrick and other parishioners, however, the emotional toll of the physical destruction pales in comparison to the pain of the human suffering. Tragically, one woman in the parish lost her husband, 5-year-old daughter, and 2-year-old son in the storm. They were at Home Depot when the tornado razed the building. Steve Jones, St. Mary's principal, confirmed the deaths, but names will not be released until official notifications have been made.

Father J. Friedel, pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Joplin, and Gene Koester, principal of McAuley Catholic High School, were busy offering pastoral care,

support and leadership since the storm struck.

St. Peter and McAuley are only a couple miles from St. Mary's, but were left untouched by the tornado. Since the storm, the high school has been serving as a triage center, hospital, storm shelter and sleep facility. Residents and staff of a destroyed nursing home were now making the gym their temporary home.

Koester had not slept since the evening of May 22, when the tornado struck, going home just long enough to shower and shave. He said that nearly every one of the school's 100 students had been volunteering around the clock, with the only exceptions being those that have lost their homes or family members.

"The kids have just been amazing. Students and their parents have given of themselves and their mindset is entirely on helping. It is remarkable, but not surprising. It is also part of the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy who founded our school," he said.

Father Friedel said providing care at this point is difficult as everything keeps shifting, depending on the immediate needs of the people who have been displaced or injured, and the subsequent storms that continue to come through the area. Still, Father Friedel was heartened by the selfless and dedicated service offered by the Catholic faithful in Joplin.

"It is absolutely remarkable to



CNS PHOTO/EMILY MOLINARO, THE MIRROR

A statue of Mary stands outside the remains of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Joplin, Mo., May 24 after the church and school were destroyed by a monster tornado that struck the city May 22. As of early May 31, the number of those killed by the tornado totaled 139.

watch our high school and college kids working with our professionals to help the homeless, the elderly and anyone in need. There has been an abundance of compassion, concern and charity from the people," he said. "Even those who have endured tragic personal suffering or the loss of their homes are volunteering to help others. They just want to care for people when they need it. At times like this, it is easy to see the face of Jesus in both His suffering and compassion."

Father Friedel told the congregation at Mass: "Sometimes only

tears, laughter and love can get us through our disasters. ... We are going to be OK. For us, losing our lives is not the end. This does not make light of the pain and suffering, but reminds us that God in Christ is in the middle of our lives. This disaster cannot win. Easter reminds us that Jesus will make all things right in the end."

Karen Drake, the first-grade teacher at St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School, standing next to all the parish's toppled buildings, said: "Our cross is still standing. I think that says a lot."

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Cardinal Baum marks 60th year as priest with Mass at national shrine

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As he has done every day for six decades, Cardinal William W. Baum, a retired Vatican official and Washington's archbishop from 1973 to 1980, celebrated Mass May 12. But it was no ordinary day. It was his 60th anniversary as a priest, and he was joined by about 60 priests, 12 bishops and five cardinals for a special Mass of thanksgiving in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. "I have not words enough to express my gratitude for this day," Cardinal Baum said in a gentle voice, as he addressed the congregation after Communion. Now 84, he hosted Pope John Paul II's pastoral visit to Washington in 1979, which included a papal Mass for 175,000 people on the National Mall. At the anniversary Mass, Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, archbishop of Washington since 2006, presented his predecessor with a special gift from the priests of Washington — a chalice and paten that will be used in the chapel at the archdiocese's new Blessed John Paul II Seminary, scheduled to open in September. The chalice is inscribed with Cardinal Baum's name and notes his 60th anniversary as a priest, May 12, 1951-2011. "It is very close to my heart, preparing men for the priesthood," said Cardinal Baum, who called the priesthood "the love of my life" in a recent interview.

Archbishop Dolan, Rep. Ryan exchange letters on House's budget for 2012

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the chief author of the recently passed House budget for 2012 have exchanged letters discussing the moral implications of the federal budget debate. Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, USCCB president, said in a May 18 letter to Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., a Catholic who chairs the House Budget committee, that he was pleased to know that consideration was given to the foundational principles of Catholic social teaching in drafting the budget plan. The archbishop's correspondence came in response to an April 29 letter from Ryan, who explained that the needs of the poor, the sick and the elderly were not being ignored and that it was a moral imperative to address the growing federal deficit in the budget as passed in the House. The Senate has yet to take up the budget. Ryan's office released the letters May 19. The House budget has been criticized by some Catholics who have said that it deviates from the basic tenets of Catholic social teaching. Specifically, they have raised concerns about how the plan would change Medicaid funding in the future, particularly harming children and women, how it would reshape Medicare and would likely reduce access to health care for the elderly, and how its plan to reduce the tax rate for high income individuals would fuel the federal deficit.

DISPLACED PEOPLE GATHER IN SUDAN'S TWIC COUNTY



CNS PHOTO/JEREMY CLARKE, RETUERS

Displaced people gather in Turalei in Southern Sudan's Twic county May 27. Turalei is located about 80 miles from Abyei town. Tens of thousands of people have fled Abyei since the north Sudanese armed forces seized the oil-producing area May 21.

Archbishop Dolan reminded Ryan that any budget must keep the needs of the poor as a priority. He reiterated the guidelines he offered in a Jan. 14 letter to all members of Congress as well as those offered by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, N.Y., chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, in an April 13 letter to the House as it debated the budget bill.

Religious face identity challenges, say speakers at Rome assembly

ROME (CNS) — Unprecedented social and cultural changes around the world are challenging the Church's religious orders to re-examine their identity and their prophetic role, speakers at a Rome conference said. The changes have accelerated the process of secularization, but they have also highlighted the religious vocation as an increasingly visible alternative to the "globally indifferent society," said participants at a May 25-27 assembly in Rome that brought together 180 leaders of men's and women's religious orders. "We are living in a time of epochal change, impacted by the effects of globalization, secularization, consumerism and technology. These factors pose many challenges to religious life, calling for a search for a new identity and a new consciousness in the midst of this rapidly

changing world," Sister Mary Lou Wirtz, president of the International Union of Superiors General and superior general of the Daughters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, told the assembly May 25. She said religious orders should consider, for example, how to give stronger "intercultural witness" in a pluralistic world, how to collaborate more effectively with other religious congregations and how to better involve lay people in their mission. Sister Mary Maher, superior general of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, said it was clear that "pluralism of religions and cultures has challenged the Church's understanding of its relationship to the world and its peoples," particularly in how the Church evangelizes.

Pope explains biblical story of Jacob to stress importance of prayer

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Humility and perseverance in prayer is rewarded by a true encounter with God, Pope Benedict XVI said. At his weekly general audience May 25 in St. Peter's Square, Pope Benedict said God's blessing cannot be won by force but rather "must be received with humility from him." The pope continued his series of audience talks about prayer, using the story of the biblical patriarch Jacob, who was challenged by an unidentified foe as he prepared to cross a river. After a struggle that lasted all night, Jacob, who appeared to be winning, demanded that his opponent bless

him. The man turned the tables by asking Jacob his name, which the pope said was like appropriating "the deepest reality of the individual, revealing secrets and destiny." The challenger gave Jacob the name Israel, the pope said, which showed that even though the patriarch won the fight, he finally recognized that he had been battling with God, who gave him a new and honest identity. The pope said the story "speaks to us of a long night in search of God, of the struggle to know his name and face." It describes "the night of prayer that with tenacity and perseverance asks God for a blessing and a new name, a new reality that comes from conversion and forgiveness."

Pope names bishop for Rapid City, auxiliary bishop for Milwaukee

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Msgr. Robert D. Gruss of the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa, to be bishop of Rapid City, S.D., and named Father Donald J. Hying of the Milwaukee Archdiocese an auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese. Bishop-designate Gruss, 55, is rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. Bishop-designate Hying, 47, is rector of St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. The appointments were announced in Washington May 26 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop-designate Gruss succeeds Bishop Blase J. Cupich, who was named bishop of Spokane, Wash.,

in June 2010 and installed in the diocese in September. He was to be ordained and installed as the eighth head of the diocese July 28 at Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City. Bishop Cupich said Pope Benedict "has singularly blessed the Diocese of Rapid City with the selection of a man well respected for his deep faith, pastoral experience and proven leadership abilities. The Church of Rapid City will soon know how blessed they are to have a shepherd so well suited to lead and love them." Bishop-designate Gruss said that although "it all seems a bit overwhelming at the moment, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve God, the Church and the people of this diocese."

Diocese says it must end all state-funded adoption, foster services

ROCKFORD, Ill. (CNS) — The Diocese of Rockford has announced that its Catholic Charities offices will no longer offer state-funded adoptions and foster-care services when the new Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Unions Act takes effect June 1. Because the law did not include an exemption allowing religious organizations to refer adoptions or foster-care arrangements involving same-sex or unmarried cohabitating couples to other agencies, "the Diocese of Rockford is forced to permanently discontinue all state-funded adoption and foster-care operations as of June 1," said Penny Wiegert, diocesan director of communications, at a May 26 news conference. During the debate over the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Unions Act, the Catholic Conference of Illinois said the state's six Catholic dioceses provide about 20 percent of the adoption and foster-care services in Illinois and had facilitated the placement of about 3,700 abused and neglected children with loving families over the past 10 years. There has been no word from the other five dioceses about whether they would continue state-funded adoption and foster-care services after June 1. In Rockford, the shutdown will involve job loss for 58 Catholic Charities workers who were notified that morning. Catholic Charities in the Rockford Diocese had been handling approximately 350 foster family and adoption cases in northern Illinois with a state budget of \$7.5 million. "Our caseworkers do this work not just because it's their job but because it is their calling," said Frank Vonch, director of Catholic Charities administration in the diocese, at the news conference. Meanwhile, the state's six Catholic dioceses were working together to create a joint response to the law, said Bob Gilligan, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Illinois. He told the *Catholic New World*, Chicago's archdiocesan newspaper, that a recent conference call involving five of the six yielded what appeared to be a consensus to have their employment policies ensure that people who work for them understand they are working for the Church, and are expected to conform to Church teaching.

Catholic youth summer camp offered

SOUTH BEND — An overnight Catholic youth summer camp will be offered to fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students at Camp Tannadoonah Aug. 7-12. This fun camp experience, sponsored by St. Jude Church, South Bend, Sacred Heart Church, Lakeville, and St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, is designed to inspire a deepening of faith and will focus on the World Youth Day theme taken from Col. 2:7.

Check-in is Sunday, Aug. 7, from 1-2 p.m. Parents and families are invited to join the final campfire held on Friday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. Cost, that includes lodging, meals, activities and T-shirt, is \$250 for one student, \$200 for each additional sibling. For more information contact camp directors Dave and Jan Toma at (574) 291-3381 or e-mail fisherofmendljt@msn.com.

St. Jude to celebrate 25th annual festival

SOUTH BEND — This year marks the 25th annual festival for St. Jude Church to be held Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12. Saturday night is Adult Night featuring a rib dinner, casino games, music, food and refreshments from 5:30-11:30 p.m. Entertainment by Soundsations will begin at 7 p.m.

Sunday is Family Day and features children's games and amusement rides beginning at noon, authentic Polish dinner from 12-2 p.m., and Sensational Sounds music. The festival will conclude at 8 p.m. with the grand raffle drawings for choice of a new 2011 Ford Focus, new 2011 Harley Davidson SXDWG DynaGlide, or a \$12,500 cash option. Raffle tickets are now on sale. For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, call the St. Jude office at (574) 291-0570 or visit www.catherinesiena.org.

St. Jude Catholic Church is located one-half mile south of the U.S. 20 bypass and one block east of U.S. 31 South on Johnson Road.

Notre Dame Vita Institute to present pro-life lecture series June 15-17

NOTRE DAME — The Notre Dame Vita Institute, the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life and the Notre Dame Center For Ethics and Culture will present the following public evening lectures:

- On Wednesday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Geddes Hall Auditorium, Elizabeth Kirk, research associate, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture and Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life Steering Committee Member will speak on the topic "An Exchange of Gifts: Celebrating Adoption in the Culture of Life."

- On Thursday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Geddes Hall Auditorium, Bill McGurn, vice-president of NewsCorp and *Wall Street Journal* columnist will speak on the topic "Love Conquers

AROUND THE DIOCESE

GRADUATING EIGHTH GRADERS CELEBRATE SPECIAL LITURGY



A graduating class of eighth graders from St. Louis Academy, New Haven, school pose outside the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception following a special graduation liturgy celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on May 24. Graduating students from around the diocese attended the Mass whose theme was "Opening our Hearts to Your Will."

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GRADUATES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES



PHOTO PROVIDED BY CONNIE BRUNER

Twenty-one members of the Education for Ministry program in the South Bend area were awarded their Certificate of Catechetical Leadership by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on May 14. The participants, representing 10 parishes in the area, attended classes for two years, which were offered by the Office of Catechesis at no cost through a grant from Our Sunday Visitor. A reception followed the ceremony. Applications are now being accepted for the 2011-2013 classes for the South Bend area. Contact the Office of Catechesis at (260) 422-4611.

All: Abortion and the Heart of America."

- On Friday, June 17, at 7 p.m. in the Geddes Hall Auditorium, Dr. Jack and Barbara Willke, current president of Life Issues Institute and former president of the National Right to Life Committee; and former president of Cincinnati Right to Life, respectively, will speak on the topic, "The History of the Pro-Life Movement."

USF professor authors new book

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis School of Arts and Sciences announced that Adam A. J. DeVille, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology, is the author of a new book, "Orthodoxy and the Roman Papacy: Ut Unum Sint and the Prospects of East-West Unity." Published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

In "Orthodoxy and the Roman Papacy," DeVille provides a comprehensive look at the papacy from an Orthodox viewpoint and proposes a way around the most widely acknowledged obstacle to unification of the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church — the question of the papacy. His analysis includes a detailed plan for Orthodox-Catholic unity.

DeVille is a member of the university's Department of Philosophy and Theology.

Correction

The name of the deacon-elect in the photo on page 2 of the May 29, 2011 issue of *Today's Catholic* at the Mass of Ordination should have been John Hilger. We apologize for the error.

RETIREES HONORED AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL



TESS STEFFEN

A retirement party was held on May 22 at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, for the principal and three retiring teachers. The four educators have a combined total of 92 years teaching at St. John School. From left are Michelle Kearney, 14 years; Jane Sandor, principal, five years; Mary Jo Knight, 33 years; and Pat Helmkamp, 40 years.

St. Charles Girl Scouts receive religious medals

FORT WAYNE — The St. Charles Girl Scouts in Fort Wayne received religious medals at an awards ceremony prior to Mass on Sunday, May 15, with Father Tony Steinacker, parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo Church. The Girl Scouts participated in the Mass as servers, lectors, offertory bearers and greeters. Mass was followed by a reception and Bridging ceremonies at the school cafeteria and was attended by approximately 180 Scouts and family members.

The Girl Scout Religious Award recipients of the Spirit

Alive Award from Troop 20400 were Lauren Adamson, Kaitlyn Coffee, Sarah Fick and Kathryn Gonda. Monica Gonda is the leader.

The Girl Scouts receiving the Family of God Award from Troop 20906, were Olivia Carney, Maria Cavacini, Cynthia Charles, Kayley Fox, Kaitlyn Gerard, Aubrey Kinsey, Samantha McLaughlin, Erin Neuhaus, Emma Pillie, Hope Screeton, Brittany Vinson and Meghan Walden. The leaders are Janay Pillie and Cheryl Gerard.



PROVIDED BY JON COFFEE

St. Charles Girl Scouts, who received their religious medals on May 15, are shown with Father Tony Steinacker, parochial vicar, at the awards ceremony.

A SEASON OF CONFIRMATIONS



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop-emeritus, have conferred the sacrament of Confirmation at parishes throughout diocese this spring. Above, Bishop Rhoades confirms Samantha Kugler of Immaculate Conception Parish, Ege. Immaculate Conception Parish joined the Confirmation class of St. John Bosco Parish, Churubusco, on May 28, at St. John Bosco for a combined-parish celebration of the sacrament.

Jessica Heise earns Girl Scout Gold Award

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Girl Scout Jessica Heise has earned her Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts. A graduate of St. Vincent de Paul School, Heise is currently a sophomore at Bishop Dwenger High School, involved in show choir, assisting younger Girl Scout troops at their meetings, baby-sitting at the Women's Care Center, and volunteering with Life Teen at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

The project Heise chose to earn her award assisted the Women's Care Center, whose mission is to assist young women in pregnancy crisis. She presented to the WINGS group (women in God's service) a Bible study group at St. Vincent de Paul Church, the St. Vincent de Paul Church Respect for Life committee, for a YAR grant (Youth As Resources of Allen County) where she was awarded \$235. Heise also advertised in the St. Vincent de Paul Church bulletin and the school menu, collected donations at church and school and hosted two baby showers. She collected 2,796 diapers, 81 onesies and 71 outfits.



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St. Vincent de Paul Girl Scout Jessica Heise is shown with Women's Care Center director Anne Koehl. Heise collected items for the Women's Care Center and recently earned the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts.

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History echoes in the halls of Saint Joseph's High School

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — History came to life for a group of 15 students at Saint Joseph's High School in their English and history class through a unique project titled "Echoes of the Hallways: A Story of Saint Joseph's High School."

This was a cooperative project between the English and U.S. history teachers where students had the opportunity to talk to Saint Joseph's High School alumni from the 1950s and 1960s about their life and memories as a teenager in high school.

According to teacher Beth Schwitz, the goal of the project was to integrate history with communication skills. The students had to develop questions pertaining to the history of Saint Joseph's as well as the historical events of the same time period when the alum they interviewed were in high school.

"We had been reading short stories, nonfiction articles and novels that represented the years of the 1950s, 1960s and the early 1970s," said Schwitz. "Another communication skill was the actual interview. The students were nervous, but what a great skill to learn and overcome — interviewing. I explained to them that interviews will be a part of their life from here out: interviews for college admissions, jobs, acceptance into certain societal/community relations, etc."

"From the U.S. history perspective, the goal was to bring the era of the 50s and 60s to life for these students. Books and videos are an integral part of the learning process but you really can't put a value on firsthand experience," said teacher Bill Flesh.

The end product of this project for the students was a paper written in first person (as if they are the person they interviewed) describing Saint Joseph during those years and the events in the world that also made an impact on their high school career at that time.

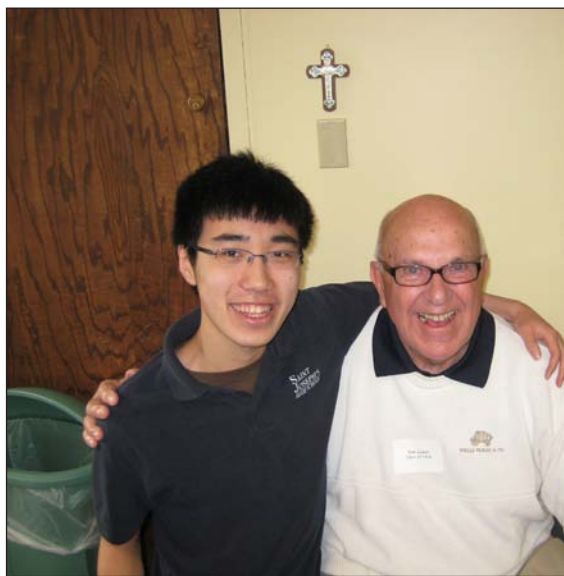
"I think it was interesting because I like how we got to meet people who went here," said student Christina Daniels who interviewed class of 1969 alum Peggy Weber. One difference that surprised Daniels about school now and then is that during the 1960s boys and girls were on separate ends of the school with one common hallway.

"It brought it (history) alive and made it interesting. It opened



Pictured are Saint Joseph's High School student Christina Daniels and Saint Joseph's alum Peggy Weber.

At right are Saint Joseph's High School student Gaochen Fan and Saint Joseph's alum Tom Lower.



PHOTOS BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

up history," said Daniels who noted that at the beginning of her interview she tried to write down everything Weber said but then realized it meant more if she could just sit, listen, interact and give eye contact.

good relationship that Lower had with his teachers and enjoyed his stories about Brother James. He hopes to have those same sorts of memories about his high school experiences someday.

"When I read or study history from books they take a different perspective," said Fan. "You feel like you were in the history when you heard the stories."

The students took away knowledge of what their school was like and learned some valuable lessons about

history that they couldn't get out of a textbook.

"I hope they felt a connection with an older generation of students and learned that they really aren't that different from them," said Flesh.

"I'm hoping the students will take from this the communication skills needed for the rest of their lives, as well as remembering the historical time period of their alum as we tried to make history come alive," said Schwitz.

"I hope they felt a connection with an older generation of students and learned that they really aren't that different from them."

BILL FLESH, HISTORY TEACHER

Student Gaochen Fan prepared questions for his interview but found he got so wrapped up in what class of 1958 alum Tom Lower had to say that he had a hard time staying focused on his list. Next time he would rather have a tape recorder.

"I think it's cool," said Fan about the project. "I've never talked with older people like that before. I really enjoyed it and learned a lot."

Fan was impressed with the

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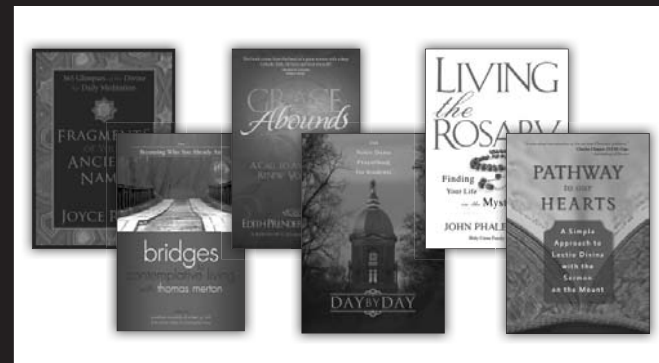
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Students from St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School honored military personnel from the National Guard during their fine arts program May 25. The students demonstrated their gratitude to the military personnel with patriotic songs.

DEACONS RAISE THE ROOF AT ST. VINCENT ASSEMBLY



PROVIDED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL

Deacons Matt, left, and Terrence Coonan Jr., right, visited their alma mater, St. Vincent de Paul School, for an assembly and prayer service on May 20, where they spoke to the students about their vocation and their call to the priesthood. Christian song artist John Angotti lead the school assembly in praise, worship and song. The assembly included time for the student body to pray over the Coonan brothers. Jim Fitzpatrick, newly ordained deacon assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, joined in the prayer celebration.

SEMINARIAN CHRISTOPHER LAPP EXPRESSES INTENTION



PATRICK WELSH

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend seminarian Christopher Lapp, left, stands with Bishop Roger Foys, Covington, and Father James Wehner, rector of Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, following the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders in the seminary's St. Turibius Chapel on March 25. Lapp publicly expressed his intention to complete his preparation for Holy Orders and his resolve to fully invest himself to that end.

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Dwenger girls' rugby team captures state title

COLUMBUS — The Bishop Dwenger girls' rugby team captured the state title on Saturday, May 21, at Richard Wigh Fields in Columbus, Ind. Bishop Dwenger High School defeated North Central team in the Division II Championship Game with a score of 14-7.

Brie Rahrig was named most valuable player for the championship game. Members of the all-state team from Bishop Dwenger are Brie Rahrig, Bri Campbell and Olivia Perez.

This group of young women just formed their team this year. Led by Coach John Porter, the Lady Saints had a fantastic start and finish to their inaugural season, including an undefeated record of seven wins, no losses and one tie. For Porter, who had previously coached the boys' rugby team, this was his 100th rugby win for the Saints.

Bishop Dwenger High School hosted an all-school assembly on Thursday, May 26.



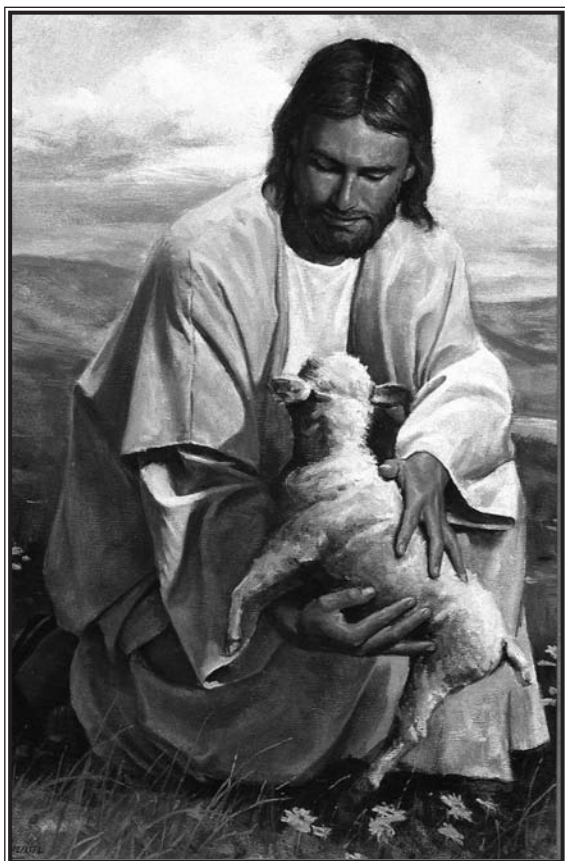
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The Bishop Dwenger girls' rugby team captured the state title on Saturday, May 21, at Richard Wigh Fields in Columbus. Bishop Dwenger High School defeated North Central team in the Division II Championship Game with a score of 14-7. The team includes the following: front row, Bri Campbell, Aly Cox, Lindsey Tippmann, Jenna Fowler and Samantha Freistroffer; second row, Colleen McCann, Tori Tippmann, Reagan Stout, Katelyn Stout, Brittney Giant and Maddie McCarthy; third row, Sarah Wusterbarth, Catie Martino, Brie Rahrig, Rachel Dick, Amy Nicola and Molly Werling; and fourth row, Coach John Porter, Maddie Irmiter, Olivia Perez, Coach Edward Nelson and Coach Isaac Hall.



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Bishop Rhoades announces Blessed John Paul II Center



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Shown above are the building and chapel in the newly-named Blessed John Paul II Center on the campus grounds of Marian High School in Mishawaka.

MISHAWAKA — The diocesan offices in the Wayne Street building in South Bend and in the Catholic Education Center on the campus of Marian High School will now be located together at the Marian site, Bishop Rhoades recently announced. The center will be named in honor of the recently-beatified Pope John Paul II.

The offices at the Wayne Street building will be relocated to the Blessed John Paul II Center in early summer. The offices presently housed in the Wayne Street building include the Tribunal, a satellite sales office for *Today's Catholic*, Family Life, Vocations and Young Adult Ministry. The present Catholic Education Center on the Marian campus has vacant space and rooms to accommodate the addition of the other offices. Presently, the building houses diocesan offices for Hispanic Ministry, Catholic Education, Catechesis, and Development.

The consolidation of diocesan offices on the South Bend end of the diocese was unanimously sup-

ported by the Presbyteral Council and the Diocesan Finance Council and recommended by the task force that studied the reorganization of the Diocesan Curia.

Noting the increased space and parking at the Marian site, Bishop Rhoades also noted that the clustering of offices in one building also provides economic savings and serves the purposes of the restructuring of the diocesan curia and secretariat structure.

The Blessed John Paul II Center, like the office building on Wayne Street, has a chapel. The Masses and confessions at the Faith, Hope and Charity Chapel on Wayne Street will be moved to St. Patrick and St. Hedwig Churches, a few blocks away in South Bend, beginning on July 5, 2011. The pastor at St. Patrick and St. Hedwig parishes, and Holy Cross priests will continue to serve this downtown ministry.

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Special Ministries. Joseph Ryan will head the Secretariat for Administrative Services. Harry Verhiley will head the Secretariat for Stewardship and Development.

Some diocesan offices are also being consolidated in the new structure. The Office of Youth is being combined with the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry. The Cathedral Bookstore and Diocesan Services Agency are being combined into one office. The Office of Communications and *Today's Catholic* will also be joined.

Bishop Rhoades has also

decided to add three ministries to the Diocesan Curia which will be part of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries: Disabilities Ministry, Prison Ministry, and Project Rachel. Though new offices will not be established, the Secretary for Evangelization and Special Ministries will oversee these areas.

Bishop Rhoades anticipates cost savings from the restructuring, particularly through sharing of personnel and resources within each Secretariat. He also looks forward to new efficiencies in communications with him and within the curia.

Bishop Rhoades will meet regularly with the Secretaries and Bishop's Assistants, together with the Vicar General and the Judicial Vicar. These eight people

will constitute the new "Bishop's Cabinet." This Cabinet, under the bishop's direction, will ensure the coordinated pastoral activity of the curia and provide the forum for regular communication with the bishop and among diocesan offices.

Bishop Rhoades commented that the diocesan curia exists to assist him in the governance of the diocese and ultimately serves the needs of the people of God in our parishes, schools and other institutions of the Church. He expressed gratitude to all who serve in the curia as well as the members of the task force and all involved in the consultation process: "I have been edified by the hard work and cooperation of everyone involved."

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Brothers share priestly fraternity

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Deacons Matt and Terrance Coonan Jr., are much more than biologically-linked brothers. They are now brothers of the faith as well. The two close-knit siblings, the third and fourth of eight children of Terry and Terri Coonan, have recently completed their seminary studies for priestly formation and now anticipate their ordination into the Holy Priesthood on June 11 with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Like the now revered Ratzinger brothers, Pope Benedict XVI and Father Georg Ratzinger, who together celebrate their 60th anniversary of ordination into the Priesthood this year, the Coonan brothers agree that their vocations are a testament to the importance of family. "It will be joyful to make this life gift on the same day," says Matt.

The seeds of priestly vocation, nurtured by their faith-filled family, were planted early by the "joyful witness of the parish priests" who joined in many of the Coonan family events over the years. Terrence, better known as "Tink," remembers the family friends as men who lived out their vocations as priests with lots of joy. "They were a good witness for planting seeds," he says.

But despite the brothers' fraternal bond and vocation call, each has his own very distinct style and personality. Matt, older by four years, speaks and moves with fast-paced energy, while Tink, though as articulate as his brother, demonstrates a more soft-spoken, gentle demeanor.



Deacon Terrence Coonan, left, poses with his brother Deacon Matt Coonan.

Both, however, display an exuberant passion for Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith.

When speaking of the differences between the two, both brothers note that they each received their call to the priesthood in very unique ways. Matt, who remained active in youth ministry at his home parish of St. Vincent de Paul, even after his graduation from Bishop Dwenger High School, studied business marketing at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. "I desired to serve the Church, and lead teens to Christ. But I always thought I'd be married and a youth minister at the parish level," he says, noting that "he didn't pray about it much then."

After earning his bachelor's degree Matt began a career with a local printing company. As he continued assisting with youth ministry, however, he began to understand the

importance of the priest in ministry. "I saw the example of the priests, especially with the sacraments. It was an amazing awakening!" he recalls, adding, "It was a clear call from God." Matt applied to seminary studies in the fall of 2004.

Tink relates that his vocational call was discovered over time. Through his high school years at Bishop Dwenger,

Tink prayed fervently for his life direction. "I tried to be open," he says. Studying computer engineering at the University of Dayton left him feeling unfulfilled. And with his involvement with the local youth group he began to desire something more. "I wanted to be involved in fostering my faith and faith in other people," he says. His application process to the seminary began in the fall of 2005.

Both brothers entered the seminary in spring of 2005, Matt to study theology at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and Tink to finish his undergraduate degree in philosophy at Immaculate Heart of Mary College in Minnesota. Those two years of separation fostered growth in self identity for both that led to an even deeper fraternal bond. Matt says, "We communicate all the time, have

similar sports interests and mutual friends. But we cherish the time we are separate as well."

Both men found fraternity at the seminary as well as exemplary religious studies and have recently graduated with a master of divinity degree from the Pontifical College Josephinum. Both men hold a sacred theology bachelor's degree as well.

Part of their priestly formation involved preparing to be ordained as transitional deacons for the Catholic Church, which took place at Pontifical College Josephinum on April 25, 2010. Both brothers, now deacons, recall the day as one that held great meaning, as Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop-emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, conferred Holy Orders. "We made a life choice on April 25," says Deacon Matt, "Embracing our vocation with our whole heart. ... It will be coming to fruition at the Ordination of Holy Orders."

Deacon Matt spent the summer of 2010 at Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne, preaching, witnessing marriages, performing Baptisms and learning from the parish priests. "It was a joy to be there," he says.

Deacon Tink was assigned to St. Michael in Plymouth, where he gave homilies, officiated at marriages and Baptisms. "Baptizing the first baby was phenomenal! It was a very important thing for me to establish a relationship with them (the parishioners) through the pulpit," he recalls.

"The two priests were supportive. I learned a little about the priestly life and serving God's people."

As for the upcoming joint Ordination into the Priesthood on June 11, the brothers admit to being a little nervous, but not about the ordination itself. "We're not nervous about our vocation," says Deacon Matt confidently, "but the unknown of what's to come." Deacons Matt and Tink Coonan are happy to be home and ready to serve the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"It's a new stage in life," adds Deacon Tink. "I'm very anxious and excited to begin to serve God's people for the rest of my life."

Expectations for their ministry? None, they each humbly admit, except to serve the diocese and grow in deeper communion with the Lord. But they say, they will always support each other in their priestly ministries wherever they are assigned. "We're already close," says Deacon Matt, "He's (Tink) one of my closest friends."

Soon-to-be Father Matt will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving at 7 p.m. on June 11 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish following his ordination. The following day, June 12, soon-to-be Father Tink will celebrate his Mass of thanksgiving at St. Vincent de Paul Parish at 2 p.m. Both newly-ordained brothers will be present at each other's Mass of thanksgiving and will enjoy a week together with extended family at a lake in Michigan before beginning their assignments within the diocese.



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NAME	ORDAINED	LOCATION
Father Charles Guendling	June 11, 1892	Cardinal Lucido Parochi, Basilica of St. Lateran, Rome Italy
Father John Guendling	July 2, 1880	Bishop Joseph Dwenger, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Msgr. John Durham	June 17, 1897	Archbishop William H. Elder, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati
Father James Durham	May 22, 1907	Bishop Herman Alerding, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father John Dillon	March 3, 1917	Bishop Henry K. Moeller, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati
Father Thomas Dillon	June 14, 1919	Bishop Alerding, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Theodor Hammes	June 21, 1912	Bishop Alerding, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception <i>Became Diocese of Lafayette Priest</i>
Father Joseph Hammes	May 29, 1926	Bishop John F. Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception <i>Became Diocese of Gary Priest</i>
Father Ralph Hoffman	May 22, 1937	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Leo Hoffman	June 10, 1933	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Edward Hession	June 7, 1941	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Joseph Hession	May 29, 1926	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Martin Horvath	June 6, 1943	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Joseph Horvath	May 22, 1937	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father John Keller	June 16, 1899	
Father Nicholas Keller	June 21, 1912	Bishop Alerding, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception <i>Became Diocese of Lafayette Priest</i>
Father Otto Keller	June 10, 1922	Bishop Alerding, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Louis Letko	May 1, 1954	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception <i>Became Diocese of Gary Priest</i>
Father Anthony Letko	May 22, 1937	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Anthony Nadolny	June 14, 1919	Bishop Alerding, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father John Nadolny	May 26, 1923	Bishop Alerding, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father S. Joachim Ryder	June 25, 1914	Bishop Alerding, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Joseph Ryder	June 27, 1914	Bishop Alerding, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Daniel Peil	June 6, 1943	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father William Peil	June 11, 1949	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception <i>Became a Diocese of Gary Priest</i>
Father Curt Suelzer	June 2, 1928	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Anthony Suelzer	May 30, 1942	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception <i>Became a Diocese of Gary Priest</i>
Father Michael Vichuras	May 18, 1940	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father Ignatius Vichuras	June 11, 1938	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception <i>Became a Diocese of Gary Priest</i>
Father Stephen Vrabely	May 22, 1948	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father John Vrabely	May 1, 1953	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Father George Vrabely	May 1, 1953	Bishop Noll, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception <i>Both Stephen and George became Diocese of Gary Priests</i>

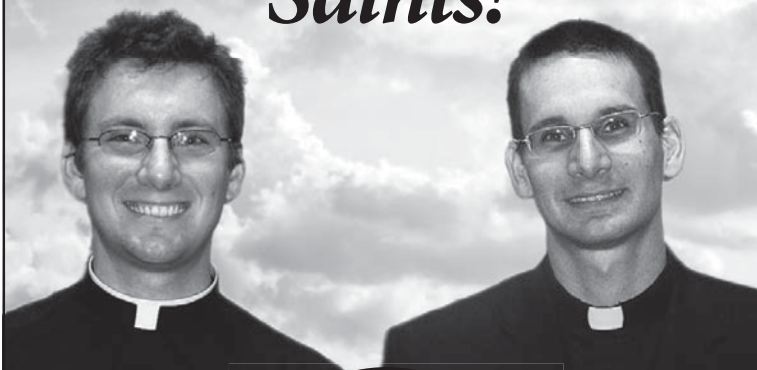
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Coonan family grateful two sons answered God's call

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Walking through the front door of the Coonan home, less than a mile west of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, one will see many concrete signs that a faith-filled Catholic family fills its walls. On one wall, baptismal records framed to commemorate the day each child was baptized. Next to it, a photo family tree gifted by the children to their parents one Christmas and across the room a collage of plaques depicting the spiritual meanings of each family member's name. The wall, like the faith-life of the family which dwells there, has grown and changed many times, and in many ways over the years.

Terry and Terri Coonan were married 35 years ago at St. Vincent de Paul Parish where Terry has been a lifelong member. The convent and seminary life were not new to either Coonan. At the age of 4, Terri, the youngest of three children born to Agnes and Birdell Jones, saw her older brother leave for the seminary and her sister join the convent. Terry and one of his brothers also spent time at the seminary. Although none of these family members remained in the religious life, Terry understands the priesthood is not an occupation, but a calling — a vocation to be discerned.

Terry was born the third son of 10 children to William "Coach" and Dolly Coonan. Coach explained, "Terry decided to become the 'father' of his family, not the 'father' of a parish."

The first of the Coonans to go by Terry, William was the patriarch's given name.

Young Terry explained, "Dad was nicknamed Terry after New York Giant's great, Bill Terry. He was a great baseball player at Indiana University, the first athletic director at the University of Saint Francis and the first inductee into their Hall of Fame."

The father-son pair coached together a good many years at St. Vincent as well. The legendary coach won many titles on various basketball courts over the years, but will be recognized by many, along with his wife and matriarch of the family, as pillars of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and their parish community at St. Vincent.

As a young married couple Terry and Terri set out to get involved in the life of their parish. Over the years, many of their favorite activities have included Marriage Encounter, Small Christian Community, Christ Renews His Parish and assisting with the RCIA program, just to name a few.

Terry described, "The kids grew up knowing that every Sunday night Mom and Dad would meet with their Small Christian Community group called 'Come Lord Jesus.' It was not only the couples that bonded during these years, but also the children of the couples."

Terri added, "Once a month, the



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Terry and Terri Coonan pose in their backyard with the patriarch and matriarch of the family, Coach and Dolly Coonan. Terry and his parents can be found working out together at the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne gym where he is employed as an "IT guy," while Terri spends her days at Parkview North.



Terry and Terri Coonan show off their living room wall. Terry explained, "Mrs. C. (as he lovingly refers to his wife of 35 years, Terri) came up with this display." Terri started with three plaques, a gift from one of the older kids' godparents, then rearranged and added another and another until all eight of their children had a special spot.

adults would sing to the elderly at a nearby nursing home, while the kids colored pictures for them."

The Coonans attribute their boys' attraction and empathy today towards the elderly, in part, to this early and regular exposure. "We focused on prayer, faith and action for the foundation of our family life," Terry summarized.

The Coonans have been blessed with eight children: Patrick, Audra, Matt, Terrence (Tink), Tricia, Katie, Kasey and Tommy, a wonderful son-in-law and three grandchildren. In addition to the ordination of not one of their sons, but two, this spring will mark several reasons for grand celebration — the kindergarten graduation of granddaughter Ashlyn, the first of the next generation to attend St. Vincent de Paul School. And the Coonans just made their final tuition payment after sending all eight children through St. Vincent and then Bishop Dwenger High School from which their youngest, Tommy, will be

graduating.

In addition to their Catholic education, the Coonan children have been very involved in athletics and with their parish youth group program, Life Teen.

Tink, four years younger than Matt, was athletically gifted and always included by his older brothers. His strengths were basketball, baseball and his killer flip-throw in soccer, while Matt was an all-conference cross-country runner at Bishop Dwenger and a musically gifted member of the marching band.

Like many siblings, the Coonan brothers are alike in their upbringing but so unique in their personalities and character traits.

Terri shared, "Tink is very laid back while Matt is more gung-ho. It is fun now for Terry and I to compare them to different priests we know commenting that Tink is more like Father So-and-So and Matt like another. We knew there was something special going on

with Tink (who, at the time, was a sophomore studying engineering at the University of Dayton), but it was Matt who threw us the curve ball," she continued.

Matt stayed in town while earning his business degree and had a huge passion for working with the young and serving in a leadership role with the Life Teen group and planning the semiannual retreats.

Terri marveled, "He just came home one night and told us he was going to the seminary. And he added, 'don't be surprised if Tink goes with me!'"

Looking back, both parents felt that being apart the first two years of their schooling enabled the boys to create their separate identity. Recently when both boys were honored at their alma-mater all-school assembly, one stuck to the five-minute speech limit and one did not. Matt took the microphone out into the students, while Tink stayed behind the podium.

Terri summarized, "The boys are both so very different with very different amazing gifts and strengths."

Terry and Terri credited the prayers of the boys' grandparents as making a huge impact in the lives of their children. "Mom (Dolly) is a prayer warrior," described daughter-in-law Terri. "She has been responsible for praying daily for vocations in our parish for many, many years"

She is also responsible for making the vestments both boys will wear for their first Mass.

The two senior Coonans have taken their assignment very seriously and have been reaping much success from their parish. But they insist it has been Terry and Terri who have done an exemplary job of creating a home that would foster and encourage vocations.

Other instrumental figures in the faith-life of the Coonan boys have been priests like Father Mark Gurtner, Father Joseph Gaughan and Msgr. John Kuzmich.

"I remember clearly what Father Mark said to me upon his arrival at St. Vincent when the boys were just in grade school. I introduced myself and said we had four sons. It was nothing short of prophetic, when he simply stated, 'You must give two,'" the teary-eyed mother recalled.

Another memory dad Terry won't forget is after Matt came up with an idea to start a Wednesday night ministry life group and Msgr. Kuzmich predicted, "There will be many vocations come out of this."

Terry added, "We have been very blessed with priests who have been great models of how vibrant and faith-filled priest life can be."

All of the siblings will be present at the ordination, along with the grandparents, aunts, uncles and

many other extended family members and friends from near and far.

"We are all hyped up and very excited. It will be a big bash and just beautiful," younger sister Katie envisions.

Nearing the final semesters of her elementary education studies at Marian University, Katie explains, "Being in a transitional stage in my life, Tink and Matt are very inspiring examples to me of how they have sought out God's will for their lives and not their own."

She feels that Matt is the goofy and lighthearted one of the bunch who is instrumental in drawing the

family together. Katie has followed Tink's path in sports while looking up to his godly example among his friends.

Tommy, who was only around kindergarten age when his brothers were still living at home full-time, feels "very blessed"

to have both Tink and Matt joining the priesthood. Early memories of sharing a room with his older brothers include that Tink was addicted to video games and Matt liked Metallica.

When asked what they were feeling about the upcoming "wedding," as Terry refers to the ordination event, Terri shared, "We are really still in shock. Since the diaconate, it has really started to hit us. Our parish is crazy nuts about this all and it is so cool that our boys belong to everyone here (St. Vincent) now."

Both Coonans were cautious along the six-year journey but were thrilled when "Matt told us at the diaconate, 'This is it. There is no turning back now. We are giving ourselves to Christ for the rest of our lives,'"

But Terry pointed out, that 'proud' might not be the right word to use. He said, "Yes, we are very proud of the boys, like we are all of our children, but grateful might be a more appropriate description."

Terry humbly admitted, "We are full of gratitude. We are grateful to God for calling the boys. We are grateful to the boys for answering the call. And we are grateful to the community for supporting them."

He continued, "There have been so many praying for them. One family with all daughters even 'adopted' them when they went to the seminary and has sent them monetary gifts during their journey on a regular basis. Another family has set their cell phones to chime at 6:11 each day to remind them to pray for the Coonan brothers who will be ordained on 6/11 (June 11). Others have caught on and many now stop to pray when their cell phones ring."

It has been an incredible journey for the Coonan family and the best is yet to come.

"We are all hyped up and very excited. It will be a big bash and just beautiful."

KATIE COONAN

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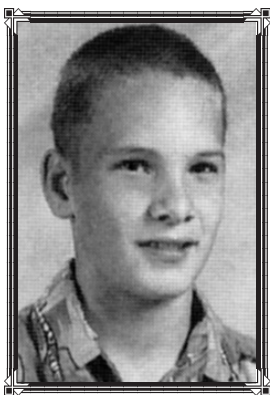
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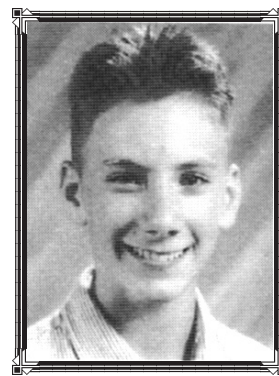
Terrence (Tink) Coonan

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Killing bin Laden

On the night that we learned of Osama bin Laden's death, I was tempted to rejoice. If I had been downtown, I might have at least considered joining the flash mob that showed up a few miles from our campus at the White House to celebrate the death of the world's most famous and feared Islamic terrorist.

But as I watched this spontaneous pep rally on television — with its campaign signs and chants of "U.S.A.!" — I found my own emotional state a little more somber.

I can't blame anyone for feeling good about the terrorist's death. But the mob's unbri-dled glee seemed better suited to a sporting event. Reflecting on the crowd's youthful composition, I wondered if I was just getting old.

Bin Laden masterminded the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, which killed about 3,000 Americans. His action inspired two massive wars with even greater and ongoing loss of life. Bin Laden's organization has since conducted further horrific massacres of civilians — for example, in Spain and Indonesia. So it is safe to say that we are all better off without him.

But should we really be so happy about his demise?

And can we, as Catholics, close this chapter in world history with a feeling that we have not participated in some kind of injustice?

A public statement by Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, on bin Laden's death offered a clear answer to the first question, but it failed to address the second:

"In the face of a man's death,



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a Christian never rejoices, but reflects on the serious responsibilities of each person before God and before men, and hopes and works so that every event may be the occasion for the further growth of peace and not of hatred."

So that much seems clear. But can bin Laden's killing be justified by the same Catholic Church that denounces the culture of death and frowns upon

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An open letter to my friends in Poland

A son of Poland is now Blessed John Paul II. What is Poland to do now?

If a friend might offer a suggestion: The Church in Poland should start looking forward rather than backward.

Ever since the late pope's death in 2005, the Polish Church seems to have been looking over its shoulder at the colossal figure of John Paul II. Given the magnitude of John Paul's accomplishment, and the widely shared sentiment that John Paul II was a God-given blessing to Poland in thanks for the country's fidelity during decades of partition and totalitarian occupation, that nostalgia is understandable. But it is now time to look forward, which is what Blessed John Paul II would want.

I'm often asked about the human traits I saw in John Paul II. One answer I often give is that the late pope was the most intensely curious man I've ever known. He always wanted to know about the new books, the new articles, and the new arguments in my corner of the intellectual and cultural world. He even wanted to know the latest pope-jokes.

That intense curiosity was a matter of theology, not psychology. John Paul II truly believed that in the designs of Providence, there are no mere coincidences. What seems to us "coincidence" is actually an aspect of Providence we have not understood yet. So his curiosity was a matter of looking into "here" and "now" to see where the wind of the Holy Spirit might be blowing, and in what direction.

Polish Catholicism should adopt this future-oriented stance. Remembering the John Paul II years should now be a remembering in service to the future. The 21st century Church in Poland must take up John Paul's challenge in the 1991 encyclical "Redemptoris Missio" and re-imagine itself as a Church that is a mission, not an institution for which mission is one among many activities. Or as John Paul put it in closing the Great Jubilee of 2000, the Church must leave the shallow water of institutional maintenance and put out "into the deep" of the New Evangelization.

How?

The Polish Church must recognize that the faith can no longer be transmitted by the ambient culture; it has to be persuasively and courageously proposed. There is a compelling Catholic apologetic in the magisterium of Blessed John Paul II. Let Poland take the lead in translating this teaching into effective catechetical material.



GEORGE WEIGEL

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

Polish Catholicism has not fully developed its public voice, and when it speaks about public policy, it does not always speak in a vocabulary that everyone can understand. Developing a public voice that speaks to all is another important way for the Church in Poland to be a "John Paul II Church" looking forward, not backward.

Then there is Europe. John Paul II knew that "old Europe" was in serious trouble. In "new Europe," in America, and in their willingness to take the social doctrine of the Church seriously, he saw a chance for the entire West to recover its Christian roots: not as a matter of reconstructing the old altar-and-throne regimes but precisely in order to build the free and virtuous societies of the future. A Polish Church that helps Poland build a free and virtuous Europe for the future would be a Church living the legacy of John Paul II in public in a very important way.

Poland has to stop looking in the rear-view mirror. Strengthened by the great spiritual, moral and intellectual patrimony left it by its noblest son, John Paul II, Polish Catholicism must now look boldly toward the future. Monuments will continue to be built throughout Poland to this man who changed the global Church and the course of 20th-century history, and that is fine. Yet the most fitting Polish monument to Blessed John Paul II, the pope who called the world to courage out of the depths of Poland's own courage, would be a courageous Polish Catholicism that maintained its own vibrant faith while helping re-evangelize Europe.

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After Ascension, Apostles proceeded with mission of Jesus



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Ascension of the Lord Mt 28:16-20

Many dioceses in the United States this weekend liturgically celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Other dioceses observe this weekend as the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

These reflections will refer to the biblical readings for the Feast of the Ascension.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, is from the beginning of Acts. As with the Gospel of Luke, the author addresses Theophilus, whose identity is unclear. Was Theophilus his actual name? Perhaps it was. Perhaps it was not. Theophilus also is a title, meaning "friend of God."

In any case, this initial form of address recalls that Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are inseparably linked. Acts simply continues the story first given in the Gospel. (At some point, editors divided these books and place the Gospel of John between them. This arrangement remains today in biblical translations.)

This is important. It shows that in the mind of the holy author the process of salvation did not end with the Lord's ascension into heaven. After the Lord went to heaven, salvation continued as

the Apostles proceeded with the mission made perfect by Jesus, ordained long ago by God.

A lesson to be learned is how important the Apostles were. It is a lesson not presented subtly. As Acts continues, the text clearly reveals that the first Christians greatly revered the 11 surviving Apostles, that Peter led these Apostles and spoke for them, that they performed miracles just as Jesus had performed miracles, and that they exercised the very power of Jesus in calling Matthias to be an Apostle.

Still, despite all these assertions as to their dignity, they are only humans. They need the inspiration of God.

As its second reading, the Church presents a selection from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

This reading is a prayer that all Christians might find true wisdom. However, true wisdom reposes

only in the Lord. Earthly wisdom can be faulty, and often it is faulty.

For the last reading, the Church gives us a lesson from St. Matthew's Gospel. Again, the status of the Apostles is the point. They are with Jesus. They have seen, and heard, the Risen Lord. In this sense, they have experienced the Resurrection.

Jesus tells them to go into the world. They should exclude no one. They should bring all human-kind into God's family by baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In this last instruction from Jesus is a clear and direct revelation of the Holy Trinity.

Reflection

The Church, having proclaimed the Resurrection, now calls us to look at ourselves and our times.

Christ still is with it, it declares emphatically. As the bond between Luke and Acts tells us, salvation, perfected in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus, still is on earth. He did not just live 20 centuries ago. He still lives. He still gives life, blessing us, forgiving us, and taking us home to heaven. Jesus is with us, even after the Ascension.

He is with us now in the Church, because the Church stands on the foundation laid long ago by the Apostles. From them it has received the message of Jesus. From them it has received the commission to reach to everyone with the blessings of salvation. From them, it has received the power to forgive sin and to bestow the new life of grace. From them, it received the sacraments, now offered to us.

The Church brings us to Jesus, and it brings Jesus to us. As Ephesians tells us, only Jesus is the source of truth.

However, we are not dragged kicking and screaming to Jesus. We must turn to Jesus willingly. We humbly must realize our need for Jesus.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:1-11a

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 Jn 21:20-25

I want to hold your hand

In the summer of 1979 I was 16 years old. One muggy, warm evening I was picked up by my first date ever and went to the county 4-H fair. As my date and I were engaging in polite conversation and making our way through crowds of people to a stand where you tossed rings around bottles to win oversized stuffed animals, the young man, just two years my senior, turned suddenly and his hand brushed against mine. A wave of excitement rushed through me. Just a gentle touch of the hand made me think suddenly, acutely, of nothing but him. Years later that same hand took mine on our wedding day when my first date became my husband who promised to love and cherish me the rest of our lives. I remember the security I felt with fingers entwined, us against the world, as we walked down the church aisle as Mr. and Mrs., and emerged as a new couple, a new team.

Sometimes, on Sundays after Mass, we would drive into Michigan City, where his grandparents lived. His grandfather, who was nearly blind and could hardly walk, sat in a rocking chair by the window. I would sit by him and offer my hand. He clenched it tightly. As he recounted stories of his youth he would squeeze my hand or gently tap it with a finger. He had lost one of his thumbs in an accident but that did not deter his lively hand gestures or exuberance in grabbing my hand. He seemed to gain strength from that simple physical contact. There was a relational power in that effortless act that took understanding deeper than mere words or glances ever could.

The first Christmas my husband and I spent together was not in a cozy corner of our home or our parents' homes. Rather, we spent the day in the hospital emergency room. My husband

held my hand before I was whisked away for a D and C. I had miscarried our first child earlier that day and complications were arising that necessitated the procedure. I was young. I was scared, but the squeeze of my husband's hand gave me the courage to get through that difficult day. Four more times, we suffered the loss of a child, and each time my husband was there, offering his support ... and his hand.

My husband also held my hand during the births of our nine children, and he probably still has nail marks on his palms from when I had to have a bone marrow biopsy and I dug my fingers deep into him.

When our oldest was an infant, I loved to sit in the rocking chair, with him. As infants do, he clutched my finger when I put it in his palm. It was our first hand-hold. Soon, along came his brother. The three of us would take walks every day, and I loved holding their hands as we strolled along, exploring the neighborhood.

With each child added to our family, our hand-holding circle grew. We held hands as we read books together, relaxed on the sofa and as I sat by them, first next to the cribs, then the beds, until they drifted off to sleep at night. I didn't worry about rushing off to get something done in the evenings. Somehow I innately knew the time was limited and there wouldn't always be the opportunity to simply share moments of fingers intertwined.

I recently read an article in which a doctor stated that hand-holding reduces stress. I believe it. A study by psychology experts at the University of Virginia found that subjects who held someone's hand during a difficult procedure were more relaxed than those not holding hands. They further found that



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Theresa A. Thomas

the greatest hand-holding benefits came from spousal hand-holding. Researchers concluded that there are measurable benefits of being socially connected, and of close physically-expressed, emotional relationships.

To hold someone's hand you have to trust them. Holding hands, non-verbally, says, "I want to relate to you and words are not enough — or even necessary." Hand holding can convey love or courage. It can demonstrate affection or understanding. You can't hold someone's hand and stay mad at them for long. Words may be misspoken or misunderstood. Holding hands cuts through misunderstanding. Holding hands is real.

When we help we "lend a hand." When we applaud we "give a hand." But what about simply holding a hand? I think the world would be a better place if we just did that.

Are you a hand-holder or not? Write me at TheresaThomasEverydayCatholic@gmail.com

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And, as in bin Laden's case, we consider righteous the act of killing combatants in a just war, for it is a means of neutralizing military threats and ending war.

Does it matter that bin Laden was not holding a gun? As in all combat cases, the U.S. Navy SEAL teams were justified in presuming that he posed a grave immediate threat. They would have been obliged to accept his surrender, but they were not obliged to refrain from killing him simply because he was not firing back. There is nothing immoral about catching an enemy by surprise in war, when his weapons are not at the ready.

I suppose we might have tried to capture bin Laden even if he was unwilling to surrender, hogtied him and lugged him onto a helicopter. But such a heroic effort to preserve his life would have created greater risks to the mission, to

say nothing of the bloodshed and hostage-taking that would likely have ensued if the United States held him in custody.

The central point is that our Church does not condone killing as retribution or simple vengeance. I think it is off the mark to think of shooting bin Laden as score-settling, or even to say that he got his just deserts. Killing him was an act of prophylaxis; it neutralized a grave threat. On that ground it was justified, even if it is nothing to celebrate.

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capital punishment even for truly evil murderers?

Not all killing is equal in God's eyes. The Catechism of the Catholic Church asserts a positive moral duty to kill an unjust aggressor, if (and only if) that's what it takes to neutralize the immediate threat he poses to innocent life.

No less an authority than St. Thomas Aquinas argues further that the assassination of tyrants can be legitimate, albeit under extremely limited circumstances, where it genuinely serves the common good.

Our Church condones the right to kill in self-defense, and defends the legitimacy of the death penalty where it is necessary to protect society even if such cases are increasingly rare.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 2 or 5, 2011

Acts 1:1-11

Following is a word search based on the first reading for the feast of the Ascension: the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

FIRST BOOK CHOSEN PROMISE WATER ISRAEL POWER WHITE	THEOPHILUS ALIVE FATHER RESTORE TIMES LIFTED GALILEE	DEALT WITH MANY PROOFS BAPTIZED KINGDOM RECEIVE SIGHT HEAVEN
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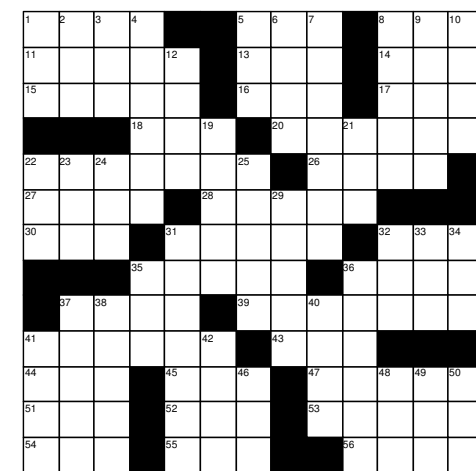
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The CrossWord

Ascension and
June 12, 2011



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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 and Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

ACROSS

ACROSS

- 1 Slap
- 5 Dog
- 8 Dined
- 11 Sacred song
- 13 United States
- 14 Easter is the 8th ____
- 15 Eagle's nest
- 16 Corn porridge
- 17 A symbol for St. Matthew
- 18 Mountain Standard Time
- 20 Influences
- 22 Main mast
- 26 Apostles' book

- 27 Lean
- 28 Tree trunks
- 30 Spanish "bravo"
- 31 Satan
- 32 Plant
- 35 Indian pole
- 36 Bunsen burner
- 37 "Blessed art ____"
- 39 Given a new title
- 41 Parallelograms
- 43 *In medias ____ in* (the middle of things)
- 44 Elver
- 45 Trinitrotoluene
- 47 Vatican City ____
- 51 Cause of sickness
- 52 Airport abbr.

- 53 Number of sacraments
- 54 Open forcefully
- 55 St. Peter's pet
- 56 Lector does

DOWN

- 1 Accountant
- 2 Manipulate
- 3 Distant
- 4 Weak
- 5 Chalice
- 6 America's
- 7 Tobit's archangel
- 8 Adjust
- 9 Matthew first collected these
- 10 "The ____ of your heart"
- 12 Plateau
- 19 Asian country
- 21 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 22 # of Men in white at Ascension
- 23 Christ
- 24 Before (prefix)
- 25 Theophilus (____ of God)
- 29 Scenthound
- 31 Some followers ____ Christ's resurrection
- 32 Short-term memory
- 33 First number
- 34 Bundle
- 35 Turkey
- 36 Paschal holiday
- 37 Not our
- 38 Reminder of crown of thorns
- 40 Loch ____ monster
- 41 "As you sow, you shall ____"
- 42 Towards
- 46 Price sticker
- 48 Hail Mary
- 49 Drink
- 50 Last

Answer Key can be found on page 23

All Diocese Team

Today's Catholic joins the Serra Club in sponsoring the All-Diocese Team, highlighting athletes from Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These student-athletes are recognized for character, sportsmanship, leadership, athletics and Catholic values. The athletes are selected by their coaches. The All Diocese Teams are featured three times during the year: for fall, winter and spring sports.

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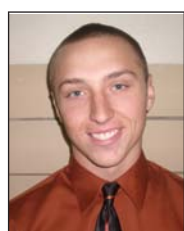
Baseball



Kyle Zappia, senior, outfield



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



Joey McCombs, senior, Holy Family, South Bend, infield



Sarah Davis, senior, Christ the King, South Bend, outfield



Taylor Kurzhal, senior, Christ the King, South Bend, infield



Jenny Bals, senior, Corpus Christi, South Bend, pitcher

Track



Jimmy Reagan, senior, Corpus Christi, South Bend, 300 and 400M hurdles



Joey Zielinski, junior, Holy Family, South Bend, 1,600M run



Ali Connelly, senior, Christ the King, South Bend, 800 and 3,200M run



Katie Campbell, senior, St. John, South Bend, 100M hurdle, 400M relay



Ali Connelly, senior, Christ the King, South Bend, 3,200M relay



Elisa Revak, junior, Christ the King, South Bend, 3,200M relay



Maddy Kearney, junior, Christ the King, South Bend, 3,200M relay



Michelle Potter, junior, Christ the King, South Bend, 3,200M relay

Boys' golf



Mitch Pajakowski, Corpus Christi, South Bend



Jake Radde, Christ the King, South Bend

Girls' tennis



Abby Watkins, senior, Edwardsburg, Mich.



Kayle Sexton, senior, Christ the King, South Bend

Boys' lacrosse



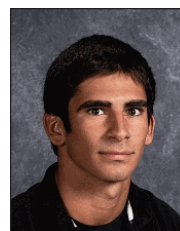
Will Corrigan, senior, St. Joseph, South Bend, defense



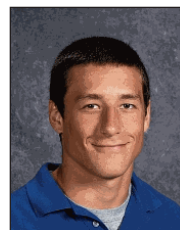
Frank Busch, senior, St. Joseph, South Bend, midfield

MARIAN HIGH

Baseball



Taylor Krugh, senior, Our Lady of the Lake, Edwardsburg, Mich., pitcher



Chase Parker, senior, St. Matthew, South Bend, outfield



Andrew Price, junior, third base

Softball



Ariel Sheets, junior, St. Matthew, South Bend, pitcher

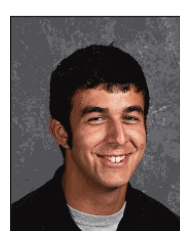


Kathleen Kavanagh, junior, St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, second base



Emily VanTornhout, junior, Holy Family, South Bend, outfield

Boys' golf



Ian Saboski, senior, St. Matthew, South Bend, No. 2 position



Michael Makris, freshman, St. Joseph, Mishawaka, No. 1 position

Girls' tennis



Sarah Krizman, sophomore, St. Pius X, Granger, No. 1 singles



Lauren Garatoni, Junior, St. Pius X, Granger, No. 2 singles

Girls' track



Brittany Duszynski, sophomore, St. Joseph, Mishawaka, long hump/sprinter



Maggie Hartnagel, freshman, sprinter



Elizabeth Eversole, sophomore, St. Monica, Mishawaka, pole vault



Brittany Payne, sophomore, Holy Family, South Bend, sprinter

Boys' track



Luke Street, junior, thrower



Brian Florin, junior, St. Pius X, Granger, long jump/sprinter



Connor Burke, junior, St. Pius X, Granger, sprinter



Anthony Spalding, junior, St. Anthony, South Bend, distance

Girls' track



Chris Widner, junior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, shot and disc



Jake Leonard, freshman, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne

Softball



Julia Hayes, sophomore, St. Mary, Fort Wayne, catcher



Samantha Rahrig, junior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

BISHOP DWENGER

Baseball



Pete Kosiarek, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne, outfield, pitcher



Nalalie Kocks, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne, 400, 4x400

Girls' tennis



Ashlyn Rang, senior, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, Fort Wayne, No.1 singles

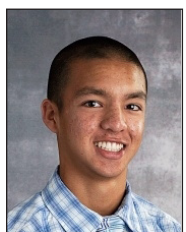


Natalie Raugh, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne, infielder

Boys' track

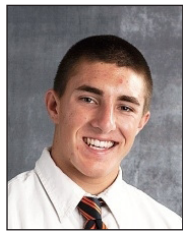


Manny Martinez, junior, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne, 800M run



Ryan Herberger, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, infield, outfield

Boys' track



Colin Jasper, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne



Danielle Maxson, senior, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, Fort Wayne, No. 1 doubles



Miranda Malott, freshman, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne, pitcher



Billy McManus, senior, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 1,600M run



Greg Kaiser, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, pitcher, infield



Sam Gray, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne

Gymnastics



Brittany Trahin, junior, Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne

Boys' golf



Joey Leja, sophomore, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

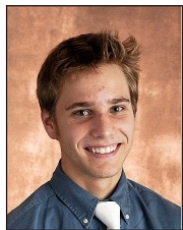


Gabe Sundberg, senior, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 400M run

Softball



Ashley Burkhardt, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne, pitcher, infield



Luke Offerle, junior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne, relay team



Katy Linvill, freshman



Parker Watts, junior, St. John the Baptist, New Haven



Corey Leffers, junior, St. Therese, Fort Wayne, hurdles



Erin Boedeker, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, pitcher, outfield



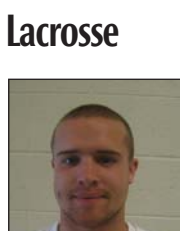
Phil Schroeder, senior, St. Jude, Fort Wayne, relay team

BISHOP LUERS

Baseball



Charlie Pfister, senior, St. Therese, Fort Wayne, pitcher



Dan Rodenbeck, senior, St. Aloysius, Yoder

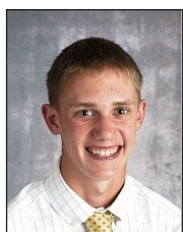
Girls' track



Liz Swygart, senior, St. Rose, Monroeville, 400M run



Andrea Filler, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, pitcher, infield



Dan Niezer, senior, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, Fort Wayne, relay team



Gabe Mendoza, senior, St. Therese, Fort Wayne, designated hitter



Brian Nichter, junior, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne



Rachel Crouch, junior, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 1,600M run



Elaine Rorick, senior, St. Mary's, Avilla, infield, outfield



James Myers, junior, Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne, relay team



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

Girls' tennis



Kailyn Baumgartner, senior, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Katie Eifrid, freshman, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, long jump

Boys' golf



Carter Eifert, junior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne



Korri Current, junior, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, high jump

CYO track and field wraps up a season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Youth League (CYO) track and field season wrapped up with the City Meet held on Saturday, May 21, at Bishop Luers High School. St. John the Baptist, New Haven, dominated once again in 2011 for the men's competition outscoring the rest of the field with 127 points. St. Charles was second with 86.5 points and St. Jude scored 64.5.

The St. John, New Haven, boys or girls teams have been crowned City Meet champs for 10 of the past 13 years that Coach Greg Lawrence has been involved with the program.

"We knew something good would happen this year with this group. They were a great team last year, but young," explained Lawrence of his 2011 boys' team.

The powerful Raiders took seven of the 12 events. Andy Kohrman and Luke Current both finished their outstanding grade school careers with triple crowns, while Adam Hoffer doubled in the short relay and 100-meter dash. Jay Tippman was also part of the winning relay and Kevin Wuest won the high jump in his first year attempting the event.

St. Charles got big wins from its stars David Tippmann (relay, long jump, 400), Greg Tippmann (relay, 800), Alex Cagle (relay, 1,600), and Alex Current (relay).

On the girls' side, St. Vincent swept the meet scoring 102 team points, while St. Charles was sec-

ond with 84 and St. Jude third with 81. The Panthers were fueled by Dominique Effinger's record-setting performance in the 200-meter dash. The stellar sprinter crossed the finish line in 27.47 seconds, crushing the old record of 28.20 set by Ronesha Taylor from St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, in 2005. Effinger also won the 100-meter dash, placed second in the shot put and anchored the winning 4x200 meter relay team. St. Vincent also won the 100-meter hurdles.

The runner-ups, St. Charles, got blue ribbons from their 4x100 meter relay team of Heather Nellum, Erica Nelson, Rachel Gibson, Holly Weber and their shot putter, Hannah Vanek. Megan Brelage, Erin Kilbane and Alex Schroeder were all winners for St. Jude, while Ellie Kayser from St. John, New Haven, outpaced all other mile-runners to win with a time of 6:15.40.

Boys' 100 meter dash

Luke Current, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 12.63
Aaron Ng, St. Jude, 12.97
Josh Hartzog, St. Vincent de Paul, 13.56

Boys' 200 meter dash

Luke Current, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 24.40
David Tippmann, St. Charles, 24.67
Aaron Ng, St. Jude, 25.08

Boys' 400 meter dash

David Tippmann, St. Charles, 58.88
Alex O'Conner, St. Vincent de Paul, 1:00.05

Alex Cagle, St. Charles, 2:21.45
Kevin Wuest, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 2:24.09

Boys' 1,600 meter run

Alex Cagle, St. Charles, 5:16.80
Greg Tippmann, St. Charles, 5:16.80
Kevin Wuest, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 5:29.10

Boys' 100 meter hurdles

Adam Hoffer, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 15.92
Alex Current, St. Charles, 15.98
Luke Dippold, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 17.39

Boys' 4x100 meter relay

St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 52.09 — Luke Current, Jay Tippmann, Andy Kohrman, Adam Hoffer
St. Vincent de Paul, 54.77 — Jarad Roy, Billy Backstrom, Alex O'Conner, Josh Hartzog
St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 55.89 — Peter Litchfield, Michael Sturm, Devin Fritz, Damian Brough

Boys' 4x200 meter relay

St. Charles, 1:49.54 — Greg Tippmann, Alex Current, Alex Cagle, David Tippmann
St. Jude, 1:49.78 — Corey Harkenrider, Sergio-Steven Cobos, Brandon Williams, Aaron Ng
St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 1:54.17 — Noah Johnson, Ryan Rotundo, Luke Dippold

Boys' high jump

Kevin Wuest, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 5-04.00
Jordan McHenry, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 5-02.00
Colton Painter, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 5-00.00

Boys' long jump

David Tippmann, St. Charles, 16-11.00
Luke Dippold, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 14-05.00
Adam Hoffer, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 14-01.00

Adam Hoffer, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 1:01.55

Boys' 800 meter run
Greg Tippmann, St. Charles, 2:14.99

Boys' shot put

Andy Kohrman, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 33-10.00
Brandon Williams, St. Jude, 33-06.00
Evan Trabel, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 33-03.00

Boys' discus throw

Andy Kohrman, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 91-09
Evan Trabel, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 80-05
Aaron Ng, St. Jude, 80-01

Girls' 100 meter dash

Dominique Effinger, St. Vincent de Paul, 13.63
Holly Weber, St. Charles, 13.97
Maddie Devlin, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 14.02

Girls' 200 meter dash

Dominique Effinger, St. Vincent de Paul, 27.47 2* (meet record)
Rachel Gibson, St. Charles, 28.15 2
Natalie Watercutter, St. Vincent de Paul, 28.27 2

Girls' 400 meter dash

Megan Brelage, St. Jude, Fort Wayne, 1:09.07
Claire Manning, St. Vincent de Paul, 1:11.09
Georgia Baldus, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 1:12.19

Girls' 800 meter run

Erin Kilbane, St. Jude, 2:38.92
Cece Baldus, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 2:51.53
Amanda Wilder, St. Vincent de Paul, 2:53.93

Girls' 1,600 meter run

Elli Kayser, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 6:15.40
Abby Brelage, St. Jude, 6:22.00
Karen Eckrich, St. Jude, 6:29.80

Girls' 100 meter hurdles

Natalie Watercutter, St. Vincent de Paul, 19.12

Elizabeth Lawrence, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 20.16
Claire Manning, St. Vincent de Paul, 20.43

Girls' 4x100 meter relay

St. Charles, 56.79 — Heather Nellum, Erica Nelson, Rachel Gibson, Holly Weber
St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 58.56 — Anna Epple, Carly Grabner, Grace Devlin, Maddie Devlin
St. Vincent de Paul, 59.69 — Megan Coffin, Erica Evans, Caroline Kinniry, Amanda Wilder

Girls' 4x200 meter relay

St. Vincent de Paul, 2:04.83 — Claire Manning, Eve Lowery, Natalie Watercutter, Dominique Effinger
St. Jude, 2:14.82 — Marcy Stoots, Samantha Weldon, Megan Brelage, Erin Kilbane
St. Charles, 2:18.54 — Laura Eckrich, Abigail McGraw, Abigail Schwaiger, Dayle Jauch

High jump

Megan Coffin, St. Vincent de Paul, 5-00.00
Heather Nellum, St. Charles, 4-10.00
Dayle Jauch, St. Charles, 4-04.00

Girls' long jump

Erin Kilbane, St. Jude, Fort Wayne, 13-00.00
Karen Eckrich, St. Jude, Fort Wayne, 11-10.50
Grace Devlin, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 11-04.00

Girls' shot put

Hannah Vanek, St. Charles, 27-09.00
Dominique Effinger, St. Vincent de Paul, 27-08.00
Maddie Rorick, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 27-00.00

Girls' discus throw

Alex Schroeder, St. Jude, Fort Wayne, 64-07
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Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, June 9, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

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 8 will be: Challenges — Contraception, Same-Sex Union, Divorce and Living Together. 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 for 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.

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 made 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.

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 Dammenchor 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,

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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.

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Music professor helps make 90-year-old composer's dream come true

NOTRE DAME — The name Howard Terrell might not be familiar in the world of music, but it is definitely not for lack of passion. The 90-year-old composer from Howe has been composing for decades, knowing full well that most of his music would likely never be played for an audience.

However, recently Terrell has wrangled a performance for his oratorio, "Sing a New Song," composed in 1987, which will be performed by the South Bend Chamber Singers (SBCS) and the Heartland Chamber Chorale (HCC) from Fort Wayne for the first time ever.

"An oratorio is a major choral and orchestral work with soloists, usually based on a Biblical subject," said South Bend Chamber Singers Director and founder Nancy Menk, professor of music at Saint Mary's College. She became involved with the work when Terrell came to her 10 years ago in an attempt to produce the oratorio. Menk did not have the resources then to produce it. Then two summers ago, Terrell called and met with Menk for over three hours, telling her about his life and his music.

"By the time he left, I just felt like I had to do this," Menk

said. "I had to figure out a way to do this piece for him. I just couldn't imagine having written all the music he had and not having the chance to hear it."

Menk played through the piece and felt it deserved to be heard. She contacted Robert Nance, director of the Heartland Chamber Chorale, and they decided to put the work on together. Both groups made the oratorio part of their 2010-11 concert seasons.

"Howard is so excited he can hardly stand it," Menk said. "I'm so excited to give him this opportunity to hear his music. He finally gets to hear it at 90 years old. I admire all the work, time and dedication he put into it. A lot of composers today won't even write a piece unless they know they're going to have a performance of it."

In addition to being a composer, Terrell enjoys playing instruments too. According to an October 17, 1988 article in the *Sturgis Journal*, the tuba, baritone horn, French horn, trombone and upright string bass are among the many instruments Terrell can play. He once played in the Army Air Corps Band and other Air Force Bands. He was a music teacher for over 30 years at a private military school in New



Composer Howard Terrell, center, meets with conductors Robert Nance and Nancy Menk as they collaborate on the premiere performance of Terrell's oratorio, "Sing a New Song."

York and the Howe School (formerly Howe Military Academy) in Howe, one of the locations set to perform the oratorio in June.

The oratorio, which focuses on the New Testament and the life of Christ, birth to crucifixion, will last about an hour and half. Terrell made an orchestral

reduction to make the production less expensive and more doable for Menk and Nance. The orchestra will consist of two pianos, an organ, a harp and percussion. Both Menk and Nance will conduct the oratorio, which consists of arias, choruses and instrumental numbers.

The oratorio is an unusual work for the SBCS, a select group of 27 male and female voices. The choir usually sings concerts consisting of shorter works. The group is comprised of members in the community who re-audition every year to remain in the choir. Auditions will be held in early September this year.

"I look for singers with a good voice and excellent music skills — a good ear and strong sight reading," Menk said. The choir usually performs three concerts a year: one around Christmas, one in March, and in the spring. "Sing a New Song" will be their third concert this year.

"Sing a New Song" will be premiered three times, at Plymouth Congregational Church in Fort Wayne on June 3, at the Howe School on June 4, and at Saint Mary's College in O'Laughlin Auditorium on June 5. The performance at Saint Mary's will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students, \$11 for faculty and staff, \$13 for senior citizens and \$16 for adults, and can be purchased online at www.moreaucenter.com.

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Eph 6:21

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