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Coonan brothers ordained to the Holy Priesthood

BY TIM JOHNSON AND KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Two brothers entered into the fraternity of the Holy Priesthood on Saturday, June 11. Father Matthew Coonan and Father Terrence “Tink” Coonan were ordained by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The day had historical significance as well. Not since May 1, 1953, when twin brothers Fathers Stephen and George Vrabley, who were ordained by Bishop John F. Noll, had brothers been ordained for this diocese on the same day. Two other famous priest brothers, Msgr. Georg Ratzinger and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — now Pope Benedict XVI — were ordained 60 years ago on June 29, 1951, in Germany.

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JOE ROMIE

Terrence Coonan, left, and Matthew Coonan, right, kneel before Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades during the Prayer of Ordination Saturday, June 11, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Saint Joseph's High School breaks ground

A step ‘forward in faith’

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — “This moment is triumphant and overwhelming. After so many years of having the vision and, now, seeing it become a reality, I am grateful and humbled,” said Saint Joseph’s High School Principal Susan Richter about the groundbreaking ceremony held on Friday, June 10, at the site of the new high school.

“Over 50 years ago, members of our community and our parishes funded the building of Saint Joseph’s High School; and, once again, over 1,300 people have generously made financial commitments for the new Saint Joseph’s High School. Moreover, a dedicated and hardworking group of people have ensured the tradition of excellence will continue to flourish well into the future,” Richter added.

Over 300 people attended the groundbreaking and blessing of the land officiated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The current building was constructed and opened in September of 1953 and the new building is slated to open for the 2012-2013 school year at the new address of 453 Notre Dame Ave. in South Bend.

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FOOD BANK HONORS GENEROSITY OF MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD



TIM JOHNSON

Trinity United Methodist Church's Bloomingdale Food Bank in Fort Wayne honored both Most Precious Blood School and Church for the generosity of parish. They were awarded the Helping Hand Feed the Needy Award at an assembly on June 10 that closed the school year. There to receive the recognition were Alexandra Bergman, principal of Most Precious Blood School, center, and Father Joseph Gaughan, pastor of Most Precious Blood, right. The awards were presented to the students and staff, and the parish, "for their hard work, dedication and outstanding donations to the Bloomingdale Food Bank."

More than 60 US bishops expected to join World Youth Day pilgrims

WASHINGTON (CNS) — More than 60 U.S. bishops plan to join the 25,000 U.S. World Youth Day pilgrims expected to be part of an estimated 1-million-plus young people who will attend at least one of the events in Madrid Aug. 16-21.

A morning Mass for the U.S. pilgrims, with the bishops celebrating, is slated for Aug. 20 at Palacio de Deportes, home to "Love and Life: A Home for English-Speaking Pilgrims," which will provide English-language World Youth Day events. The air-conditioned center has seating for 15,000.

The Knights of Columbus and the Sisters of Life are lead sponsors of the Love and Life pilgrimage center; they had jointly sponsored a similar center for 2008's World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia. Co-sponsors include Holy Cross Family Ministries, Canada's Salt and Light Television Network, the Apostleship of Prayer, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, World Youth Alliance and the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family.

The center will be open free of charge to all World Youth Day pilgrims. A special chapel is being constructed at the site.

Activities at the center will include Masses, devotions, catechesis sessions, concerts, speakers, witness testimonies, prayer, movie screenings, a Eucharistic Procession, an outdoor Way of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and sacramental Confession.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will provide the animating team for an Aug. 19 catechesis session at the center. It will also offer a "lectio divina" experience Aug. 19 following the Stations of the Cross. U.S. bishops will be present at the site to interact with the young pilgrims. Several U.S. bishops will provide catechesis at the site as well as at other locations.

"World Youth Day is not only an event, it's an experience — an unforgettable week. We hope that our Love and Life site will serve as a grace-filled place for young pilgrims to join friends and to participate in a spectacular outpouring of faith," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said in a statement.

Pilgrims in Madrid or elsewhere can connect to the Love and Life site and its activities by means of a smartphone application, which will be available from the website www.wydenglish.org. For more information, e-mail wyd@kofc.org.



Priest appointments announced

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has announced the following assignments of newly ordained priests, effective June 25, 2011:

- **Reverend Matthew Coonan** to Parochial Vicar, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart.
- **Reverend Terrence Coonan, Jr.**, to Parochial Vicar, Saint Pius X Parish, Granger, and Chaplain, Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Monday, June 20, 1 p.m. — World Refugee Day celebration, Villa of the Woods, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, June 21, 1:30 p.m. — Blood donation at the American Red Cross, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, June 21, 5 p.m. — Mass for seminarians and their families, St. Aloysius Church, Yoder
- Friday, June 24, 5 p.m. — Mass at bcX Servant Leadership Retreat, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame
- Saturday, June 25, 10:30 a.m. — Jubilee Mass for Sisters of Saint Francis, Saint Francis Convent, Mishawaka
- Saturday, June 25, 4:30 p.m. — Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Mishawaka
- Sunday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. — Mass and Eucharistic Procession, Corpus Christi Church, South Bend
- Monday, June 27, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, June 29, 2 p.m. — Episcopal Ordination Mass, St. Benedict Cathedral, Evansville
- Thursday, June 30, 10 a.m. — Meeting of the Board of the Our Sunday Visitor Institute, Detroit, Mich.
- Saturday, July 2, 4:30 p.m. — Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, Albion

Tornado recovery collection

Together with dioceses throughout the United States, a special collection will be taken up in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to assist tornado recovery efforts in many U.S. dioceses affected by devastating storms in recent months.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has designated July 2-3 as the weekend for the collection in our diocese. Bishop Rhoades stated, "As we celebrate our nation's independence on the fourth of July weekend, we will have the opportunity to reach out in solidarity to our fellow Americans who are in need as a result of the devastation from the tornados."

Funds collected will support the relief efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities USA, including both short-term needs of the victims of these tornados as well as the long-term pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in the areas affected by the tornados.

The installation of Felipe de Jesus Estévez

10th bishop of the Diocese of Saint Augustine, Fla., June 2, 2011

They came here as refugees. Twenty-six young boys. Part of the Pedro Pan Project, which brought thousands of young boys and girls to this country, sent by their Catholic parents so they would not fall under the influence of Fidel Castro's communist regime. The regime which, as expected, implemented an anti-Church policy. Awaiting them in Fort Wayne was a Catholic welcome and at the head of it, the late Msgr. J. William Lester, who became the mentor and spiritual guardian of these 26 boys — "the Cuban boys" — as they are called to this very day. Among the 26 who arrived in Fort Wayne were Felipe Estévez and Carlos Rozas who were ordained priests. Felipe was ordained a bishop and was recently installed as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Augustine, Fla., one of the oldest Catholic settlements in North America, founded about 1550.

Felipe's journey

Not long afterwards, Bishop Estévez's whole family came; and he remembers Father Lester driving around St. Peter's Parish with the young boy in tow trying to find a home that would not be too expensive, finally securing one on Eckart Street in St. Peter's Parish. Felipe hoped to return to Cuba as a priest. He studied in Canada, with priests who had missions in Cuba. Ordained a deacon in St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne, and a priest in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, he served several years in Honduras awaiting the opportunity to return to preach the Gospel of Christ in his native land. Alas, it was not to be; and seeking the help of the Holy Spirit, he chose the next best opportunity to evangelize his people by returning to Miami, where so many Cubans had come to find political and religious freedom. He was ordained a priest of the Miami Diocese, was sent to Rome for a doctorate in theology (see sidebar) and was appointed the rector of St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla.

A turn to Msgr. Lester

The friendship formed between the teenage refugee and the devoted priest continued and Father Felipe turned to his friend. Bishop Estévez told Msgr. Bob Schulte years later:

"We had to build up the seminary and receive accreditation. The only person I knew with the wisdom and experience to make this possible, was Msgr. Lester. So I called him. And with the permission of Bishop McManus, Monsignor came to Miami to help us. With his help and guidance, we received accreditation and became a seminary for the entire region."

When Father Estévez was made a bishop in 2004, Msgr.



ZACH THOMAS

Bishop Felipe Estévez is seated in the cathedra (presidential chair).

Lester returned to Florida to attend his Episcopal Ordination. I remember his joy at being invited and being given a central part in the installation. Monsignor gave the homily at a special Mass for the Estévez family, whom he knew well having given them such pastoral care and affection over the years in Fort Wayne. Msgr. Lester's cousin, Marcie Hunter, recently wrote: "Wouldn't Father Bill be proud and thankful that one of his Cuban boys has accomplished so much? Bishop Estévez's life story is truly remarkable and inspirational. I remember him as a teenager, coming to our house with Father Bill and some of the other Cuban boys who had no place to go on holidays or on summer vacation. Please thank Bishop D'Arcy for sharing the news, and let him know that I am so pleased and grateful that he will be there for Father Bill. It will be an event he would not have missed."

I sensed on receiving the invitation that it was my obligation to attend, to represent Msgr. Lester especially and the diocese, and so many others. So, I found myself in the historic Basilica Cathedral of Saint Augustine in the diocese of that same name in northern Florida. A few minutes prior to a beautiful celebration of Evening Prayer, I approached Bishop Felipe. What happened next was one of those extraordinary moments that happen rarely in one's life. I was about to speak when Bishop Estévez

approached me with Bishop Robert Baker of Birmingham, who had worked with Msgr. Lester and Father Felipe at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary.

"You have come to represent the diocese and the city which welcomed me as a teenager, a refugee, so long ago."

The love and joy was in his eyes and mine, too. Bishop Baker said to me, "I can see so much emotion in your eyes." I replied to Bishop Estévez:

"Bishop, I bring the greetings of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Rhoades and the alumni of Central Catholic High School; and most of all I come to represent our beloved friend, Msgr. Bill Lester." "Yes," he replied, "and also the Poor Handmaid Sisters!"

It was the Poor Handmaid Sisters who staffed St. Vincent's Villa and welcomed these young refugees, and with Msgr. Lester, gave them a home that included the sacraments and prayer, and a truly Catholic life. A place where his vocation was fostered.

When Msgr. Lester died last year, Bishop Estévez came all the way from Miami to be present at the Mass and he drove with Msgr. Schulte, myself and a few others to Bluffton on a cold February day for the burial of this special priest.

In a note received after I returned to Fort Wayne, Bishop Estévez wrote, "Msgr. Lester was an icon of the Good Shepherd."

The Installation

The next day I concelebrated with about 25 bishops and 3,000 priests, religious and laity at a beautiful Mass of Installation. The Church in Florida is special because it is so multicultural — people from Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and native Floridians. I met Bishop Estévez's mother and his sister. He has a brother who is a doctor. They lived over 20 years in Fort Wayne. A great Catholic story and a great American story. The homily of the new bishop of Saint Augustine filled with faith also showed his deep devotion to Our Lady. I believe in Cuba she is hailed as Our Lady of Charity. She had accompanied Felipe on

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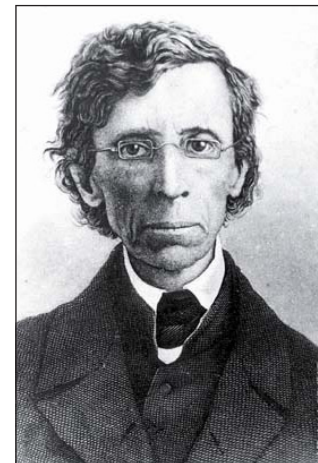


BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY
BISHOP EMERITUS OF THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

his remarkable journey, as she accompanies us all. The charity extended by Msgr. Lester and the Poor Handmaid sisters and our diocese so many years ago has brought abundant fruit for the Church.

The Servant of God — Felix Varela

Present in faith at the installation of Bishop Estévez, was the remarkable Cuban patriot, priest and servant of God, Father Felix Varela, 1788-1853. When Blessed Pope John Paul II came to Cuba and spoke at the University of Havana to the Cuban leadership with Fidel Castro seated in the front row, the pope's focus was on this extraordinary priest, a Cuban native. Father Varela supported Cuban freedom from Spain, the dignity of



the human person and above all the Catholic identity of Cuba. He was a distinguished professor of philosophy who opposed slavery, supported equal education for women and Cuban independence from Spain. Condemned to death by the Spanish Crown, he fled to New York where he served as a priest for 25 years. He was assigned to the Irish area and supported the rights of Irish immigrants fleeing from the Great Famine. He was appointed vicar general of the Diocese of New York. He returned to Saint Augustine, where there is now a statue honoring him outside the Cathedral Basilica. At the request of the Cuban people, his body was later returned to Cuba.

Bishop Estévez, as Msgr. Lester reminded me, wrote his doctoral dissertation on the spiritual teaching of Father Varela. The cause for canonization of this remarkable priest is moving forward.

In the program for the Mass of Installation, under Father Varela's picture, were the following words:

"I now wish to fulfill a promise which I made long ago, to make a profession of faith — at death as in life — in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Eucharist. I firmly believe that the Host which you hold in your hand is the Body of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread. Lord come to me!"

— The last recorded words of Father Felix Varela as he was given Holy Communion as Viaticum before his death in February 1853.

'Priesthood not about power or prestige,' archbishop tells new priests

BY DORIS BENAVIDES

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, who was ordaining his first class of priests as the new archbishop of Los Angeles, told the six young men June 4 that "the priesthood is not about power or prestige.

"It is not an office or an occupation. It is a sacrament. It is a response to God's call to serve souls. You are called to be other Christs," he continued. "This is not a metaphor or a pretty idea. You are his voice and his hands."

Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, the archbishop described the priesthood as "a fellowship of service for God and with God."

Then citing the prophet Isaiah from the day's readings, he told them that as priests they were anointed in the Spirit to "bring good tidings to the lowly; to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty in those in captivity. Your priesthood is a ministry of reconciliation through the healing love of God."

The new priests represent a real cross section of the archdiocese — one was born in Mexico, three were born in Korea and two were born in the United States of immigrant parents.

Their backgrounds also reflected a continued pattern of growing cultural diversity among the men being ordained for U.S. dioceses, especially those ordained for religious orders — according to an annual national survey conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University for the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

Survey results also showed that 34 was the average age of the 480 or so ordinands in the class of 2011. More than nine in 10, or 94 percent, reported they had some type of full-time work experience prior to entering the seminary, most often in education.

One new priest, ordained for the Diocese of Juneau, Alaska, traded his bulletproof vest for vestments. As a police officer, now-Father Steve Gallagher, an imposing figure at 6-foot 4 and 240 pounds, used to

cruise the streets of Olympia, Wash., armed with gun, handcuffs and pepper spray.

The first whisper of the call to the priesthood came when Gallagher was in elementary school on a religious retreat in his hometown of Port Angeles, Wash. Gallagher spent four years at a Benedictine-run high school.

After graduation in 1971, he tried a variety of jobs over the next several years, including tugboat worker, logger and finally a police officer in Port Angeles, where he stayed for nearly 10 years.

Father Gallagher, 58, said his faith journey was much like his days as a traffic cop.

"Like other police officers all over the world, we do not like to direct traffic. We know how hard it is to get someone's attention and make them go in a direction other than the one they have chosen. Imagine how much harder it was for God to give direction to me — not because I didn't want to go in the direction He had chosen — but because I thought I was driving," he said.



CNS PHOTO/VICTOR ALEMAN, THE TIDINGS

Newly ordained Father Francisco Ho Seok Jin, born in Suwon, Korea, blesses a young boy outside the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels after the ordination Mass June 4. He and five other men were ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, including two others who were born in the United States and one born in Mexico.

For 21 years, Gallagher protected and served the citizens of Olympia, despite a bout with cancer.

In 2004, he received a call from a priest in Haines, Alaska, who was responding to his inquiry about becoming a priest. That led to him entering Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corner, Wis., in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. The seminary is known nationwide for accepting men seeking to be priests after a career in various fields, as well as older men who have been married and divorced or who are widowed.

Father Gallagher is also a rarity among U.S. Catholic priests for another reason — he has a daughter, Molly, age 22. His marriage ended with a civil divorce in 1994. He requested and received an annulment from the Catholic Church. The Church determined the Gallaghers' marriage was not sacramental.

In Father Gallagher's words, "nothing short of a miracle" took place April 30, when he was ordained a priest by Juneau Bishop Edward J. Burns. Now he is one of nine priests in the Juneau Diocese, ministering in a geographic area the size of Florida.

In the Diocese of Sacramento, Calif., a new priest also took an unusual route to the priesthood. Now-Father Jeff Henry, ordained June 4 by Bishop Jaime Soto, is a former Lutheran minister.

He and his wife of 26 years, Peg, have a daughter, Teresa, who is 21.

He is the diocese's first married priest under a special provision approved by the Vatican in 1980 that allows former Protestant clergy who have become Catholic to be ordained to the priesthood.

In an interview with the *Catholic Herald*, the diocesan magazine, he said he believes God will continue to open up new possibilities.

"I've benefited from every spiritual experience I've had on this long

journey. There were so many things I benefited from in the Lutheran Church and for that I am grateful," he said. "I didn't change so much as that God took me on another leg of the same journey."

Baptized in the Catholic Church as an infant but raised in a military family that didn't attend church much, he got involved in evangelical groups as a college student in Oregon in the 1980s. That eventually led him to leave his first career as a science teacher to attend the seminary and become a Lutheran pastor, first in West Virginia and then in Fairfield in Northern California.

As a Lutheran minister, Henry and his wife became involved with other laypeople and clergy in ecumenical study groups examining the writings of early Church leaders, and they began wrestling with the question of joining the Catholic Church. They decided that's where they belonged.

After he resigned his pastorate, the Henrys and their daughter participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and were received into the Church during the Easter Vigil in 2005 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento. They have been active members of St. Joseph Parish in Vacaville.

Henry applied to be a priest the same year and took up a three-year reading course of studies in theology while he waited for his petition to be approved by the Vatican.

"In my new role as a priest, I want to serve the people of the diocese in whatever way Bishop Jaime Soto sees as necessary and beneficial," said Father Henry, 51, dean of students since 2005 at St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School in Vallejo. He will continue in that role following his ordination, as well as assist in parish and pastoral ministry.



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St. Anthony De Padua School to host open house, discuss school voucher program

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School will hold a summer open house on Sunday, June 26, from noon until 2 p.m. All guests are invited to worship with the St. Anthony community at the 11 a.m. Mass if they wish. In addition to tours and conversation about the school's academics, athletics, extracurricular activities and learning environment, there will be a school representative avail-

able to speak with interested families about the new Indiana School Choice Voucher Program that could provide up to the full cost of tuition for new enrollees at St. Anthony School if income eligibility requirements are met.

St. Anthony School is a nationally-accredited "Quality School" for pre-kindergarten, age 3 through grade 8. St. Anthony's is a welcoming, inviting community to all denominations that offers deep spirituality, authentic fellowship and challenging academics. They have open registration and accept students throughout the year.

Principals available to assist parents with questions on vouchers

BY DR. MARK MYERS

Principals of our Catholic schools have been working closely with the Catholic Schools Office this summer to assist parents with questions on vouchers. Parents with children considering Catholic schools are assigned vouchers and awards based on income, grade level and place of residence.

- A kindergarten child entering a Catholic school this fall requires a special tuition award in 2011-2012 in order to qualify for a voucher in grade 1 and beyond. The Catholic Schools Office will administer these awards and work with each school to identify the children, collect the applications, and distribute the funds to be applied toward kindergarten tuition.

- A child entering a Catholic first-grade class this fall after completing a year of kindergarten in a public school last year requires a special tuition award as well to qualify for a voucher in grade 2 and beyond.

- A child entering a Catholic school in grade 2 through 12 after completing last year in a public school qualifies for a voucher.

- All parents with children attending religious education classes enrolled in public schools are encouraged to contact the parish Catholic school principal. Administrators can calculate the cost of tuition for children who qualify for a voucher.

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6	\$55,482	\$83,223
7	\$62,549	\$93,823.50
8	\$69,616	\$104,424
Each additional person	\$7,067	\$10,600.50

* Free Reduced Lunch

Families must meet income requirements (see chart) in order to be eligible for tuition vouchers.

Vouchers for high school students are not capped by law and in many cases, come close to covering the full cost of tuition and fees. Vouchers cover the majority of the cost of tuition and fees in most cases in grades 1-12. All children with vouchers are eligible each successive school year as long as parents meet income requirements. The chart above shows income levels required to qualify for a voucher.

All parents should contact their Catholic principal to acquire information on tuition, vouchers and funds available for awards that will be distributed this summer. Contact any Catholic school principal, or Connie Bruner, school choice specialist, at (260) 422-4611 for details.

All school phone numbers and principals are listed at www.diocesefwsb.org.

Dr. Mark Myers is the superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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Priests born in Mexico, Poland named auxiliary bishops in Chicago

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two Chicago pastors — one born in Mexico, the other in Poland — have been named auxiliary bishops in the Archdiocese of Chicago by Pope Benedict XVI. The appointments of Father Alberto Rojas, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, and Father Andrew Wypych, pastor of St. Francis Borgia Parish, were announced in Washington June 13 by Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantheaume, charge d'affaires at the apostolic nunciature. Bishop-designate Rojas, a 46-year-old native of Mexico, will become the 27th active Hispanic bishop in the United States. Bishop-designate Wypych, born 56 years ago in Kazimierza Wielka, Poland, was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Krakow in 1979 and came to the United States in 1983. Chicago is believed to have the second-largest Polish population in the world, after Warsaw.

Pope entrusts cause of peace to concentration camp martyrs

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI entrusted the cause of world peace to the martyrs of World War II concentration camps, including a German priest executed for his hostility to the Nazi regime. Speaking to pilgrims at his noon blessing June 12, the pope noted that the Church was about to beatify Father Alois Andritzki, who died at the Nazi death camp of Dachau. "Let us praise the Lord for this heroic witness of the faith, who joins the ranks of those who gave their lives in the name of Christ in the concentration camps. On this day of Pentecost, I would like to entrust to their intercession the cause of peace in the world," the pope said. "May the Holy Spirit inspire courageous efforts for peace and support the commitment to advance them, so that dialogue may prevail over arms and respect for human dignity may overcome special interests," he said. He prayed that God would "rectify hearts that have been twisted by selfishness" and help the human family to rediscover its fundamental unity. Father Andritzki, the latest in a long line of Catholic martyrs under Nazism, was beatified June 13 in Dresden.

Mission trips to Mexico suspended amid perceptions of violence

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — American Bob Decker leads mission groups through the ramshackle neighborhoods of Ciudad Acuna, where poorly paid factory workers drawn from impoverished pockets of Mexico originally built tiny cardboard dwellings. The groups deliver sacks of food and household basics to

PARADE CELEBRATES POPE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY



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Horsemen in Bavarian attire ride in St. Peter's Square in Rome as they leave after Pope Benedict XVI's "Regina Coeli" prayer at the Vatican June 12. The parade, celebrating Pope Benedict XVI's 60th anniversary of his June 29 priestly ordination, included 40 horses and six large models of German churches.

the residents and learn about the neighborhoods, but mostly they listen and learn. And Decker's San Antonio-based organization, Paper Houses Across the Border, provides assistance when needed — often in the form of paying for medical care for those with a need. But Decker said the mission participants gain more from the trips than the Mexicans they visit, and they often leave with their Catholic faith renewed. "People call and ask ... how do you say that rosary thing again?" said Decker, a retired police officer. "We're getting a lot of fallen-away Catholics who become excited about their faith." Fewer Catholics are reporting such experiences these days as mission trips to Mexico have been scaled back and canceled due to perceptions of insecurity — especially near the U.S.-Mexico border. Organizations such as Paper Houses receive fewer requests and take fewer participants, even though Decker said many parts of Mexico continue being safe for travel and free of the organized crime violence that has claimed nearly 40,000 lives over the past four-and-a-half years. But many parishes in Texas and other parts of the United States have suspended cross-border ministries and partnerships with counterparts in Mexico, Decker said. In some cases he added, the money and volunteer efforts previously directed toward Mexico are now

going farther south to Guatemala, where the murder rate is three times higher than in Mexico.

Illinois dioceses file suit over risk of losing foster care services

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CNS) — The Catholic Charities agencies in the Illinois dioceses of Peoria, Springfield and Joliet have filed suit seeking legal clarification of whether they can continue to place foster children with only married couples and single non-cohabiting individuals now that the state's civil unions law has taken effect. Signed by Gov. Pat Quinn, who is Catholic, the Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act authorizes the state to recognize civil unions for same-sex couples, giving those couples all the rights spouses have, such as parental and adoption rights. The law took effect June 1. It includes a clause saying the law does not interfere or regulate religious practice, meaning institutions would not be required to sanction a same-sex union. The Catholic Church upholds the sanctity of traditional marriage as being only between one man and one woman. The Church also teaches that any sexual activity outside of marriage is sinful. The three dioceses filed the suit in Sangamon County Circuit

Court June 7 to ask for a legal declaration confirming "that current Illinois law protects the right of a Catholic agency not to place children with unmarried cohabiting individuals," Peoria Bishop Daniel R. Jenky said in a letter to the priests, religious and laypeople of his diocese. "Given that there are 57 other agencies in the state, a religious exemption for us would inconvenience no one," he said.

Court declines to hear appeal of law on in-state tuition for immigrants

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Supreme Court declined June 6 to hear an appeal of a decade-old California law that allows undocumented immigrants and others without state residency to attend college at in-state tuition rates. The action allows the policy to continue. Without comment, the court declined to hear the appeal of a November ruling by the California Supreme Court upholding the statute. The court often declines to intervene in issues until there are rulings from lower federal courts or state supreme courts that are in conflict on matters of federal law. Since January 2002, California has allowed students to pay lower in-state tuition if they graduated from a California high school after

attending the school for three or more years. In the case of students without lawful immigration status, California requires them to file to legalize their status as soon as possible and requires that information about immigration status remain confidential. Eleven other states have similar laws. In Maryland, which passed its version this year, opponents are gathering signatures to put a question on the 2012 ballot seeking to repeal the law. Another 12 states explicitly refuse to allow in-state tuition for people who are not in the country legally. The California Supreme Court ruled that the law did not conflict with a federal prohibition on states granting residency status to undocumented immigrants, because it also allows U.S. citizens who meet its provisions to attend California colleges at in-state rates even though they lack state residency.

Massachusetts diocese seeks prayers, assistance during tornado recovery

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (CNS) — The powerful tornado that ripped through cities and towns in western Massachusetts "left debilitating aftereffects," Springfield Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell said in a letter to all in the diocese. "We mourn those who were killed or injured even as we thank God that the toll in human life was not greater," he said. "The images of homes damaged or destroyed, of businesses wiped out, of institutions crippled, of mighty trees reduced to kindling, will long be seared in our memories." The death toll from the storm numbered at least four, and about 200 others suffered injuries. The bishop said the devastation to the diocesan buildings was "especially heartbreaking to the diocese." Diocesan ministries were especially hard-hit in one section of Springfield. Cathedral High School, St. Michael's Academy preschool and middle school campuses, and St. Michael's Residence for retired priests suffered significant damage. The tornado ripped apart homes, businesses, wooded areas and many, many lives. The chapel at St. Michael's Residence is now a pile of rubble. Windows were blown out of the residence and Cathedral High School's science wing. A large portion of the back wall of Cathedral's gymnasium collapsed and a portion of the roof of the school was torn off. A wall also was blown away at the rear of the pre-school. Diocesan spokesperson Mark Dupont said, "These facilities were hit very hard, nonetheless we are grateful that the injuries were minimal." Cathedral students ended their academic year with a final day of classes June 7 at Our Lady of the Elms College. Students from St. Michael's Academy Middle School division were to conclude their academic year at Western New England University in Springfield. St. Michael's Academy Preschool has been moved to the elementary school campus.

Friends For Life to host pro-life boot camp

FORT WAYNE — High school and college students are invited to attend Pro-Life Boot Camp, which will be held on the campus of the University of Saint Francis on July 15-16. The retreat, sponsored by Friends for Life, will equip those attending with scientific and philosophical tools to defend life and to plug attendees into the pro-life network.

Cost of the camp is \$25 per person. The price includes overnight stay in campus dorm rooms and meals. Scholarships for the retreat are available.

Scott Klusendorf, founder of the Life Training Institute and an expert in bioethics, will lead the session on how to present the case for life plus teach an advanced session for returning students in advanced life issues and debating techniques.

President of the new media organization, Live Action, Lila Rose, will be featured at the retreat to challenge students to engage culture in creative ways. Rose is the UCLA student who conducted undercover investigations exposing illegal activities at Planned Parenthood facilities across the nation.

To request an application for the retreat, call (260) 471-1849, visit the website www.iChooselife.org or e-mail judy.feichter@ichooselife.org. Friends for Life is a division of the Allen County Right to Life.

USF seeks to assist Indiana teachers affected by the state changes in salary compensation

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis can assist Indiana teachers whose salary compensation will soon change through state legislation.

According to the Indiana Department of Education, under newly-approved Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 1, teachers earning advanced degrees will no longer receive the "automatic" pay increase associated with the traditional salary schedule system. The act states that teachers completing a master's degree will receive consideration for a wage adjustment as one part of the criteria, but the specifics of the raise will depend upon local school district bargaining.

However, House Enrolled Act 1001 includes a provision allowing teachers now enrolled in a master's program to receive a pay increase under their district's current salary schedule, once the degree is completed. Master's degree courses must begin before July 1, 2011, and be completed by Sept. 2, 2014.

The University of Saint Francis' Master's Degree in Special Education can help teachers who seek a master's degree within this timeframe. Uniquely tailored for working teachers, the degree is customizable, and includes only the courses graduate students will need. Applying now will enable them to complete the degree prior to the September 2014 deadline.

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Chris McBrien, the Magic Storyteller, presented two assemblies to St. Jude School, Fort Wayne, students in grades K-8. The message of the presentations was to be bully-free, to be Team Bully Free. McBrien defined different types of bullying and offered suggestions as to how to handle bullying behavior, including assertively telling the bully to stop, walking away, telling an adult and standing up for others. He also asked the students, "How would Jesus handle this?" Following the presentation the students discussed McBrien's message in their classrooms.

intervention, plus preschool through grade 12 options. Working adults can choose flexible programs in two formats — a hybrid option of online and onsite courses, or fully online.

To enroll, contact James Cashdollar at (260) 399-7700, ext. 6302 or jcashdollar@sf.edu. Online application is at www.sf.edu/sf/graduate-studies/admissions/apply-online. Program information is available at www.sf.edu/sf/education/graduate.

Erlandson elected president of Catholic Press Association

CHICAGO (CNS) — Veteran journalist Greg Erlandson, president and publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor*, has been elected president of the Catholic Press Association.

In ballot results announced June 2, Robert DeFrancesco, associate publisher of *The Catholic Sun* in Phoenix, was elected vice president. Mark Zimmermann, editor of the *Catholic Standard* in Washington, also was nominated for the position.

Franciscan Father Pat McCloskey, an editor at *St. Anthony Messenger* and a longtime educator, also was nominated for the president's post.

Matthew Schiller, business/advertising manager at *Catholic New York*, is the association's new treasurer and

Malea Hargett, editor of the *Arkansas Catholic*, was elected secretary.

Erlandson has held editor positions with *Our Sunday Visitor* and its publishing division and worked for Catholic News Service in its Rome bureau from 1986 to 1989. Previously, he was news editor of the *National Catholic Register* when it was based in Los Angeles.

Officers are elected by members to two-year terms. Their terms begin at the close of the Catholic Media Convention, which is being held June 22-24 in Pittsburgh.

The annual convention brings together members of the CPA, the Catholic Academy for Communication Arts Professionals and the Association of Roman Catholic Communicators of Canada.

St. Jude School honors distinguished alumni

SOUTH BEND — Nancy Zielinski was honored as the 2011 recipient of the NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award at St. Jude's eighth-grade graduation on Tuesday, May 31.

The Board of St. Jude Catholic School has named Nancy Zielinski as its third annual recipient of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Distinguished

Graduate Award. According to the NCEA's website, this distinction honors "graduates of Catholic elementary or middle schools who have made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic Church. The recipient must have graduated from the Catholic school at least 10 years prior to presenting the award." Nominations were solicited from parishioners and school families. The board was unanimous in its recommendation of Zielinski.

She attended St. Jude as a child, graduating and moving on to Marian High School in 1978. She graduated from the Michiana College of Commerce and later studied at Bethel College. Zielinski worked as a medical secretary for 18 years at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and also at a physical therapy clinic. Her work at St. Jude began as an elementary aide. Through training in various reading and comprehension programs, she found her passion for education and was eventually hired as the resource teacher.

Zielinski noted that the family atmosphere is one of the things that has always struck her as special about St. Jude. It was like that as a student and now as a teacher. One person that made a significant impression was her third grade teacher Mrs. Alongo. "She was very young and she treated us

if we were her own kids. She made us feel comfortable and important," an attitude which inspired Zielinski to rediscover teaching, even if her career first took her in another direction.

Leaving an established career was one of the most challenging things Zielinski has had to do. It required putting her faith in God, believing that He had other plans for her and that it would work out for the best. That's not to say that the teaching is any easier. Zielinski always is looking for new ways to explain ideas to students. She knows what it can be like to struggle with a concept. "When I was in school I sometimes felt like, if I don't understand it, I would never get it. Now I try to help students learn in many different ways."

Goshen parishioner releases children's book

GOSHEN — St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, parishioner and artist-illustrator Nancy Glon has announced the release of the third in a series of children's books about the Mouse Family. "The Land of Crows" is book three in a four-book series about the Mouse Family who have adventures and risks after a flood destroys their home. The author, Adan Zepeda, is a former St. John the Evangelist parishioner who recently moved to Texas.

Glon and Zepeda have worked together to publish several books including: "Apples for Life" and the Spanish title, "Manzanas por Vida," "The Mouse Ark" and "The Land of Cheese" — the first two books in the series. The Mouse Family books are bilingual and are also used as a teaching tool in English as a Second Language classes.

"The Land of Crows" is available at www.amazon.com and at Better World Books in Goshen. Glon will have the title as well as others at an art show in Ligonier on June 18. E-mail the illustrator at glons@bnin.net to find out more about where to purchase the books. — Denise Federow

SJRM Foundation receives donation from ND women's basketball

MISHAWAKA — Notre Dame Women's Basketball Coach Muffet McGraw presented a check for \$100,722.39 to The Foundation of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center on June 1. The team raised the money during its annual Pink Zone game, an NCAA initiative, which helps fight cancer.

The money will be used for SJRM's Women's Task Force, Secret Sisters Society and the Young Survivors — cancer awareness and fighting initiatives offered by the hospital. Funds will enable women to receive mammograms and other cancer screenings.

"This is extremely important and we are so grateful for the efforts of Coach McGraw and her Fighting Irish," said Ann Rathburn-Lacopo, SJRM's chief development officer. "There's a gap in healthcare coverage, especially from the ages of 40-49. Women need these screening tests to see if they have cancer so these issues can be addressed."

ManAlive reaches out to men of the diocese

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne dermatologist Dr. Tom McGovern loves being a doctor, but he also loves and is excited about his Catholic faith.

The program that he has created, ManAlive, which has an imprimatur from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, is catching on at parishes throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as men are being transformed into wise and loving husbands, fathers, friends and workers through knowledge and application of the truths of the Catholic faith.

McGovern says the best thing about ManAlive is “getting men excited about their faith and applying it to their lives — to their wives and families.” He describes ManAlive as “discussion-based catechesis programs for men.”

“It’s so fun seeing men discover things they didn’t know existed,” he says, “and being excited about it. I just love that.”

Some may have heard McGovern’s “ManAlive Minutes” radio spots on Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM. Other men at St. Patrick, Arcola, Sacred Heart, Warsaw, or St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, may have participated in the series offered at their parishes.

The program sessions, which are designed to run 90 minutes

each, gather men at the parish level in groups of eight to 12. Each unit consists of opening prayers and a Gospel reflection, lesson objectives and catechesis, a lesson summary and discussion questions, a “take it home” project for the week and closing prayers.

The mission of ManAlive is to provide men with a structured, yet flexible format, in a friendly environment where they can discuss and apply the truths of the faith.

McGovern, who is married and the father of seven children, tells *Today’s Catholic*, “I always like getting together with men, because men in our society very rarely talk to other men about what’s important in life. They might talk about sports. They might talk about the weather. They might talk about politics. ... Oftentimes men aren’t getting together to just ‘talk.’”

Discussion is an important element of the program, because, he says, “Men like to talk. They don’t just want to sit there and listen.”

Feedback from the Sacred Heart, Warsaw, program participants showed that the men liked the topics because they could discuss them.

The discussion topics that follow the reading and reflection of the Gospel allow the men to express “what struck them personally about it. ... In other words, we are trying to get them in the first steps of ‘lectio divina,’ that the pope talks about. It’s to give them the experience of



TIM JOHNSON

Dr. Tom McGovern, a dermatologist in Fort Wayne, has created ManAlive, a catechetical series to help transform men into wise, loving husbands, fathers, friends and workers by applying the truths of the Catholic faith. The native of the upper peninsula of Michigan is a husband, father of seven and active member of St. Patrick Parish, Arcola.

reflecting on the Gospel, and getting to know Christ that way.”

The papal documents’ programs offer a catechesis section with two discussion questions.

McGovern asks men to bring their catechisms to the sessions.

“It is amazing how many men

didn’t even know that (the catechism) existed and how easily they have found it to understand,” he says.

The discussion questions are designed to help the men see, “how can this make a difference in the way they are living? What can I do today to apply this and have it make a difference?”

At the end of each lesson there is a “take it home” section that lists three options for the men to live out what they have learned in the following week. At the next session meeting, men have the opportunity to talk about their attempts to live out that resolution that week.

The program requires a leader who is committed to being faithful to Church teaching, McGovern says, and if the leader doesn’t know an answer he will be willing to say, “You know what, I don’t know the answer, but I’ll find out from father or somebody I can trust.”

McGovern has created courses for marriage and family life for men based on Blessed Pope John Paul II’s document “Familiaris Consortio,” courses based on Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical, “God is Love,” sessions based on the Gospels of Lent, and courses based on Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical, “Caritas in Veritate.”

And Bishop Rhoades has recently asked McGovern to do a five-course program based on the two-volume “Jesus of Nazareth” series by Pope Benedict.

McGovern has been working with Deacon Jim Tighe from the diocesan Office of Catechesis to make certain the lessons focus on the seven sacraments, the key virtues, Christ, Mary, concepts of sin and conscience.

While in medical school, McGovern was equally excited to learn about his faith as well as medicine. He started a young adults ministry and did a lot of spiritual and faith-formation reading while a student. As an intern and serving his residency, McGovern also received a catechetical diploma through the Catholic Homestead Institute. As a medical student, he took a semester off, which he spent at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minn., studying pre-theology.

McGovern loves learning about the faith — he is an avid reader of Catholic writing — and “I really love writing this (ManAlive series).”

Of making catechesis a lifelong journey, McGovern says, “It’s amazing how a lot of men — they’re very intelligent, very well respected in their field, risen to high levels in the institutions where they work — but their knowledge of their faith hasn’t kept pace with the rest of their lives.”

For information about ManAlive, contact Dr. Tom McGovern at manalive@centurylink.net or at (260) 437-8377.

St. Mary’s Heritage Fund awards 26 grants totaling \$172,080

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has awarded 26 grants totaling \$172,080 from the St. Mary’s Heritage Fund to various organizations from throughout the diocese, including parishes, schools and agencies. Total requests amounted to \$321,516. The following were awarded grants upon the approval of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades:

Parishes receive \$29,600

Fort Wayne:

- St. Patrick — \$10,000 in tuition assistance for sending students to Catholic schools
- St. Mary — \$6,000 to Ave Maria House Emergency Assistance Fund
- St. Henry — \$9,100 for air conditioning for St. Henry Parish Center

Area:

- Immaculate Conception, Kendallville — \$2,000 for paint, flooring, lighting, table, chairs and stove for basement for high-school students and Hispanic community
- St. Bavo, Mishawaka — \$2,500 to help Vietnamese single parents send children to Mishawaka Catholic School for 2011-2012

Schools receive \$104,480

Fort Wayne:

- Bishop Luers High School — \$25,000 to provide tuition assistance

- Queen of Angels — \$10,000 for financial aid to families in need

- St. Therese — \$7,000 for tuition assistance to families in need

- St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel — \$2,000 for tuition assistance
- St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — \$2,000 for tuition assistance for St. Joseph School

South Bend:

- Holy Cross — \$1,480 to provide calculators for students in junior high who have difficulty affording one

- Our Lady of Hungary — \$7,000 to retain part-time resource teacher

- St. Adalbert — \$20,000 for scholarships for students in need
- St. John the Baptist — \$3,000 for tuition assistance
- Corpus Christi — \$5,000 for tuition assistance

Area:

- Marian High School, Mishawaka — \$10,000 for tuition assistance

- St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — \$7,000 for tuition assistance for Hispanic and other minority families

- Mishawaka Catholic School — \$5,000 for tuition assistance (new consolidated school 2011-2012)

Agencies receive \$38,000

Fort Wayne:

- Vincent Village — \$8,000 to

provide supervised tutoring, educational and recreational activities for homeless children and \$2,000 to send up to 10 homeless children to camp

- Catholic Charities — \$10,000 for financial assistance for parish referrals from counties
- Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic — \$4,000 for medications for Burmese patients

South Bend:

- St. Vincent de Paul — \$5,000 for programmatic expenditures associated with the area of most need (food, utilities, rent, etc.)

- Women’s Care Center — \$2,500 Challenge Grant for Sexual Integrity, the Road to Personal Peace Program. (If they raise the rest of the requested amount of \$9,936, the \$2,500 will be given to them.)

Area:

- St. Martin Healthcare, Garrett — \$4,000 to support the services of their full-time health-care clinic

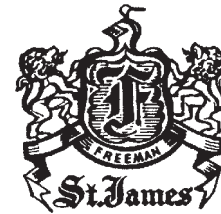
- Hannah’s House, Mishawaka — \$2,500 for group counseling for pregnant women and new mothers

The \$3-million endowment fund was established in 1997 at the groundbreaking for the new St. Mary Catholic Church in downtown Fort Wayne to help provide financial assistance to the poor and needy through-

out the diocese. The St. Mary Parish complex was completed in October 1998 and dedicated on May 2, 1999, after a fire destroyed the church and soup kitchen on Sept. 2, 1993. The St. Mary’s Heritage Fund was created through the collaboration and planning of the late St. Mary’s pastor, Father Tom O’Connor, and parishioners using money

received from fire insurance on the historic church. Since its inception, the St. Mary’s Heritage Fund has awarded annual grants totaling \$3,392,427.88 from interest gained on the fund’s principal.

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The Rite of Ordination began with the formal presentation of the candidates by Msgr. Bernard Galic, director of the Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder. Msgr. Galic affirmed the readiness of both candidates.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke of the first priests, the Twelve Apostles, and said, "Jesus chose two pairs of brothers: Peter and Andrew, sons of John, and James and John, sons of Zebedee."

He added, "Today the Lord again chooses two brothers, Matthew and Terry Coonan, sons of Terry and Theresa, to be priests in His Church. He consecrates them through the sacrament of Holy Orders, as He consecrated the Twelve Apostles, to speak and act in His name, to continue His saving actions in the world today. He sends them, as He sent the Apostles, to bring His Gospel of grace to the men and women of today."

Bishop Rhoades reflected on three aspects of the priestly mission, as explained by Pope Benedict XVI at an ordination of new priests a few years ago. The first mission is to "scatter the seed of God's Word, the seed that carries in itself the Kingdom of God."

The second mission is to dispense divine mercy. "Matt and Terry, today you are consecrated for this ministry of reconciliation. It is hard for me to put into words the beauty and the power of this ministry of reconciling sinners to God. The love of Jesus Christ prevails in the struggle between good and evil present in the human heart when, through the priestly ministry of reconciliation, sinners are converted by the power of God's grace," Bishop Rhoades said.

The third mission is to nourish the faithful at the table of Christ's Body and Blood. "Matt and Terry, today in the Rite of Ordination, you receive the awesome gift and sacred power to celebrate in the Lord's name and in His person the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. This is the most awesome gift of the priesthood and will be the center of your identity as priests," Bishop Rhoades said.

He added, "The Eucharist is our school of life. It teaches us, priests,

to make of our lives a total gift of self, as Jesus did, to our Bride, the Church. Every time we stand at the altar, break the bread, and lift up the chalice, we learn from Christ the meaning of our vocation: to give our lives; to be men of self-giving, sacrificial love, men of the Eucharist!"

After the homily, Deacon Matthew and Deacon Terrence declared their intentions to assume the responsibility of the office of priesthood, and promised obedience and respect to the bishop and his successors.

The elect then prostrated themselves on the floor of the cathedral as a sign of their complete submission to the will of God, while the customary Litany of Saints was sung. The Coonan brothers' parents and grandparents looked on with solemn faces.

The deacons then knelt before the altar as Bishop Rhoades and the entire college of priests processed by to lay hands on the heads of the candidates, in accordance with the apostolic tradition. Then, with Deacons Matthew and Terrence kneeling before him, Bishop Rhoades put aside the miter, and, with hands outstretched, prayed the Prayer of Ordination.

The newly-ordained priests were then vested — Father Matthew Coonan by Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, and Msgr. William Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Granger; and Father Terrence Coonan by Father Joseph Gaughan, pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne, and Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of St. Anthony Parish, South Bend — with the stole and chasuble, signs of the priestly office, after which Bishop Rhoades anointed their palms with chrism, a consecrated and perfumed oil that symbolizes wisdom and strength.

The gifts for the Liturgy of the Eucharist were brought forward to Bishop Rhoades by Terrence and Theresa (Terri) Coonan, parents, and William, "Coach" and Loretta Coonan, grandparents. They delivered the paten and chalice to Bishop Rhoades, who then handed them over to the newly-ordained with the exhortation to discharge their priestly duties in imitation of Christ.

The ordination rite concluded with Bishop Rhoades and all the other priests in attendance bestowing the fraternal kiss of peace on Father Matthew and Father Terrence, as a means of welcoming them into the presbyterate.

Family, friends celebrate from 'far and wide'

BY KAY COZAD

Following the Mass of Ordination, the faithful gathered with the two new priests to offer best wishes and receive blessings from the newly ordained, first outside the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and then at the Grand Wayne Center for a reception.

Terry and Terri Coonan were jubilant following the Mass of Ordination. Mom Terri said quietly, "I feel so very blessed. I'm just in awe of the whole thing."

Dad Terry agreed and said, "The ordination was beyond my expectations. I am filled with gratitude." He added that he had a direct line of sight to his son Father Terrence and realized as he observed his son reciting the Eucharistic Prayer that he was saying his first Mass. The Coonans were so grateful for the support of family who came to join in this solemn celebration from far and wide.



FRED EVERETT

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration receive a blessing from Father Terrence.

William (Coach) Coonan, Father Matt and Father Terrence's grandfather, found it difficult to express in words how he felt about the ordination. "I'm so excited and exuberant. It's hard to express what it's like to have two grandsons become priests. I'm so proud."

His wife Loretta said, "I'm thankful the Lord let us live long enough to see it. Our prayers have been answered."

Betty and Caroline Manley came to support their cousins Father Matt and Father Terrence and were thrilled that so many of the Coonans' extended family came to celebrate the ordination. "This has brought family from all over the place," said Caroline. Of her cousins she said, "They'll do a lot of great things for the Catholic community."

Betty added, "They have a passion for what they do and they'll bring that to everything."

Kate Lynch and her friend Kathy Schenkel, parishioners at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, have known the Coonans since their involvement in the Life Teen youth program at St. Vincent. They agreed, "They (the Coonan brothers) are a wonderful example. This is a beautiful occasion, something to celebrate."

Father Gary Sigler, pastor of Queen of Angels Parish in Fort Wayne, said it was a special day for him as he had the honor of baptizing Father Terrence while a parochial vicar at St. Vincent de Paul Parish years ago.

Bishop Rhoades thanked Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at the beginning of the Mass of Ordination for accepting the two young men into the seminary six years ago and guiding them through their formation.

Following the Mass Bishop D'Arcy commented on the strong support of the priests and laity of St. Vincent de Paul youth ministry who nurtured the seeds of vocations to the Coonan brothers, as well as Msgr. Bernard Galic and Mary Szymczak of the Office of Vocations.

He added, "This day symbolizes not only the numbers (of seminarians) have increased, but the quality



JOE ROMIE

Father Matthew Coonan, above, and Father Terrence Coonan, below, bless a family at the Grand Wayne Center reception.



gets stronger and stronger. ... Good priests are instruments for more good priests." Bishop D'Arcy noted, "This is an extraordinary day for the diocese."

St. Vincent de Paul Parish prays

At St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, where the Coonans were lifelong members, Dorothy Schuerman, pastoral associate, told *Today's Catholic* the ordination involved a total parish effort, especially with prayer.

The parish passed out a prayer card for the St. Vincent Parish community to pray 40 days prior to the ordination. In preparation of the ordination, the parish also began a Forty Hours Devotion in the Spiritual Center from 4 p.m. Thursday through 8 a.m. Saturday, the day of the ordination. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed and people signed in to pray through the 40 hours. Schuerman added that many people just stopped in to pray.

The parish offered scrap books for both priests where parishioners could offer congratulatory notes.

The parish also hosted two first Masses. On Saturday, Father Matt Coonan celebrated his first Mass. At a reception that followed, St. Vincent de Paul School head cook Rosie Munson coordinated the reception with St. Vincent choir members helping with serving the meal. The new priests' parents, Terry and Terri, are active members of the choir.

On Sunday, the Knights of Columbus hosted the reception following Father Terrence Coonan's first Mass.



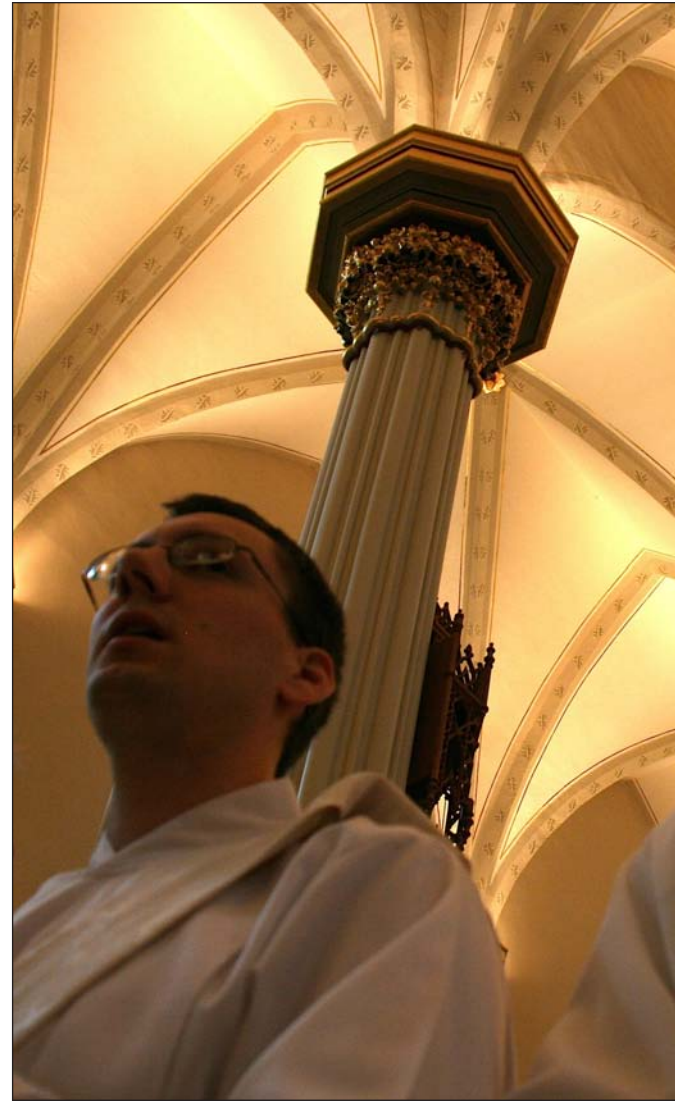
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Terrence Coonan promises obedience and respect to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and his successors.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades imposes his hands on the head of Matthew Coonan during the Rite of Ordination.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, receives the paten and chalice, the gifts of the people, from William "Coach Coonan" and his wife Loretta "Dolly," grandparents, and Terry and Terri Coonan, parents, during the Rite of Ordination of Father Matthew and Father Terrence Coonan on June 11 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Bishop Rhoades then hands the paten and chalice to the new priests while reciting these words: "Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross."



The Litany of the Saints is chanted as the candidates lie prostrate

ENTER GOD'S VINEYARD



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop-emeritus, left, who accepted the Coonan brothers into the seminary, poses with Father Matthew Coonan, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Father Terrence Coonan on the plaza of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on June 11.



Shown here at the investiture, from left to right, is Father Joseph Gaughan, pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne, and Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of St. Anthony Parish, South Bend, who are vesting Father Terrence Coonan, and Msgr. William Schooler of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, shown vesting Father Matthew Coonan with Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.



...on the floor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop-emeritus, who accepted Father Matthew Coonan and Father Terrence Coonan into the seminary, greets the Coonans' grandmother, Loretta "Dolly" Coonan after the Mass of Ordination. Dolly hand-made both of her grandsons' ordination vestments.



Seminarians assist at the Mass of Ordination of Matthew and Terrence Coonan to the Holy Priesthood at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception June 11.

Holy Cross priests celebrate jubilees

NOTRE DAME — The following priests and brothers from the Congregation of Holy Cross are celebrating jubilees:

65-year Jubilarians

Holy Cross Brother Edward C. Luther, who entered the juniorate in Watertown, Wis., in 1945, celebrates 65 years as a religious brother. He received the habit of the Brothers of Holy Cross on Aug. 15, 1946. He took his final vows on Oct. 21, 1949.

Brother Luther has served much of his ministry as a cook at Moreau Seminary and later at the seminary in Jordan, Minn. He spent eight years at Morrissey Hall and then Fisher Hall as rector. In 1999, he began assisting in Old College.

"Being involved in the formation of young men who are the future of Holy Cross gives me hope for its many ministries," Brother Luther said.

Holy Cross Father Howard A. Kuhns, a native of Canton, Ohio, celebrates 65 years of priesthood. He was ordained a priest June 24, 1946, at Notre Dame.

After ordination, Father Kuhns worked in residence halls and studied history at the University of Notre Dame, where he earned a master's degree in 1948.

He taught history in the 1960s at Notre Dame and served in residence halls and administrative posts. He was chaplain for the Holy Cross brothers at James Hall and Holy Cross Brothers Center at Notre Dame from 1969-1974. In 1974 he was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Casimir Parish in South Bend. In 1978, he was made pastor and remained there until September 1987. He resides in Arizona.

Holy Cross Father William Brinker, a native of Covington, Ky., celebrates 65 years of priesthood. He enrolled at the University of Notre Dame as a freshman in 1937, and was ordained a priest on June 24, 1946, at Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. After ordination he was assigned to teach at Holy Cross Seminary on the campus of Notre Dame from 1946-1955. From 1955 to 1964 he was assigned to teach and perform other duties at Notre Dame High School in Niles, Ill. In 1964 he returned to Holy Cross Seminary, and, in 1967, he

was assigned to be the college and career counselor at Notre Dame High School until he retired in 1992. After 1992, he stayed on there as counselor-emeritus until 2007. He lived at Fatima House for one year in 2007 and then he moved to Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, in 2008. Father Brinker assists at parishes for weekends in the South Bend area.

60-year Jubilarians

Holy Cross Father John VandenBossche, a South Bend native, celebrates 60 years as a priest. As a boy, he attended St. Matthew Church and School, was an altar boy and Boy Scout. He attended Central Catholic High School.

Father VandenBossche was ordained in 1951 and attended the University of Notre Dame to work on a master's degree in physics. He ministered at Notre Dame College in Dacca, East Pakistan, where he taught physics, mathematics and lectured in electronics. In 1967, he was appointed president of Notre Dame College. He returned home two years later.

After earning another degree in guidance and counseling, Father VandenBossche went into campus ministry and parish work in South Bend, Michigan and California.

In 2007, Father VandenBossche returned to Notre Dame to live at Fatima House. In 2010, he transferred to Holy Cross House. He works in the community archives and celebrates Mass when called.

Archbishop

Charles A. Schleck, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., celebrates 60 years as a priest. Blessed Pope John Paul II named Father Schleck a bishop. He was consecrated in the Collegio Urbano, Rome, on April 1, 1995. As Titular Archbishop of Africa, he served as adjunct secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and president of the Pontifical Mission Societies from 1995 until his retirement six years later.

Holy Cross Father Thomas C. Tallarida, a Rochester, N.Y., native whose parents emigrated to the U.S. from Calabria, Italy, celebrates 60 years of priesthood. Ordained in 1951, Father Tallarida lived at Holy Cross Seminary and assisted at Holy Cross

Parish in South Bend while taking classes in American history. He was a teacher at Niles, Ill., for 13 years. Returning to South Bend, he was the rector of Zahm Hall for 10 years and the director of off-campus housing. He became the director of international students. In 1980, he left Zahm Hall to become assistant superior at Moreau Seminary and then the superior at Notre Dame High School.

In 1993, he returned to Corby Hall at Notre Dame.

50-year Jubilarians

Holy Cross Father Thomas E. Chambers, a native of Cleveland, celebrates 50 years as a priest. Father Chambers wrote, "All of my assignments were special: being part of a vocation team; serving as spiritual director to those considering the priesthood in Moreau Seminary; being a rector of a residence hall; and being the director of student residents at Notre Dame. This latter post presented the challenge of ministering not only to a university of men-only, but later also to a co-educational institution — which was a time of growth for the University of Notre Dame." His present ministry is at Willwoods Community, which is rebuilding affordable housing for seniors and promoting senior retreat programs for married couples in New Orleans.

Holy Cross Father Thomas E. Blantz, a native of Massillon, Ohio, celebrates 50 years as a priest. He has an older brother, Jim, who is a Holy Cross priest.

Father Blantz attended high school at Holy Cross Seminary, entering in 1948. He took final vows in 1956 and was sent to Rome in 1957 to study theology at Gregorian University. He was ordained to the priesthood on Oct. 30, 1960. Father Blantz worked on his master's degree in history and attended Columbia University in New York before returning to Notre Dame in 1966.

"I have enjoyed the friendship and sacramental ministry with the students immensely," Father Blantz wrote.

He continues to teach pre-Civil War History and U.S. labor history, and more recently, 20th century U.S. political history and the history of Notre Dame.

Holy Cross Father Ernest Bartell, of Chicago, Ill., celebrates 50 years as a priest. During the administration of President Jimmy Carter, Father Bartell served as director of a small, but highly regarded federal agency

that offered competitive startup grants for a broad spectrum of innovative improvements in both access and quality of post-secondary education, Father Bartell wrote.

After resigning from that post, Father Bartell visited Holy Cross international mission projects in some of the poorest locations of South Asia, East and West Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Bartell wrote: "One outcome of my visits was the establishment of an international Holy Cross Mission Center at Notre Dame, which I was privileged to direct for a while as I reactivated my faculty position in economics at the university. Later, Father Hesburgh asked me to establish the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at Notre Dame, which I served as executive director until my retirement from the university and in which I still hold an emeritus faculty appointment."

He added "Sacramental ministry, including celebrating Mass, administering the sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, presiding and officiating at Marriages, Baptisms and funerals is an essential privilege and duty of the priesthood. Certainly, the Mass has always been central to my priestly life."

Holy Cross Father Maurice E. Amen, a native of Scottsbluff, Neb., celebrates 50 years as a priest.

At age 13, Father Amen, along with his mother, converted to Catholicism. By senior year of high school, he was thinking of becoming a priest. A family from his parish provided



FATHER ERNEST BARTELL



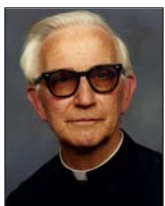
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FATHER WILLIAM BRINKER



FATHER THOMAS C. TALLARIDA

his tuition, room and board, textbook and other expenses to attend seminary at Notre Dame. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1961, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver, Colo.

Father Amen has served as a rector of Keenan Hall and Flanner Hall. He also taught theology. He spent 23 years in Japan.

At the University of Notre Dame, Father Amen has served as resident chaplain at Columba Hall and as an associate professor at Holy Cross College teaching philosophy, world religion and global issues courses. Since 2007, he has lived at Holy Cross House.

Holy Cross Father Donald Guertin celebrates 50 years of priesthood. He has served at Little Flower Parish in South Bend and Christ the King Parish, South Bend. He was pastor of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend. Father Guertin was featured in the May 29, issue of *Today's Catholic*.



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Thirteen Holy Cross Brothers celebrate jubilees as vowed religious

NOTRE DAME — The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross will honor 13 brothers who are celebrating their 75th, 60th or 50th jubilee of religious vows on Saturday, June 18.

The Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Basilica on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial of the Indiana Province, will be the celebrant and homilist. Holy Cross Brother Chester Freel, provincial of the Midwest Brothers' Province, will accept the brothers' renewal of vows. Music for the celebration will be arranged and directed by Holy Cross Brother Daniel Kane, of Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. Holy Cross Brother Joseph Fox, of Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, is coordinating the event.

The brother jubilarians have ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in the following ministries.

75-year Jubilarian

Brother of Holy Cross Camillus Kirsch, 95, is the oldest brother in the Midwest Province. Most of his religious life was spent in social work. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Notre Dame. From 2000-2005, he was a resident of Columba Hall, Notre Dame. In 2006, he moved to Schubert Villa/Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.



BROTHER CAMILLUS KIRSCH

60-year Jubilarians

Brother of Holy Cross Donald Allen spent many of his 60 years of religious life in the missions of Ghana and Liberia. He was one of the original group of brothers who founded the Holy Cross mission in Ghana over 50 years ago. His degrees are from the University of Notre Dame. From 1997-2000, he was religious superior at Columba Hall, Notre Dame. Since September of 2007, he has been a resident of Columba Hall.



BROTHER DONALD ALLEN

Brother of Holy Cross Philip Armstrong, a native of South Bend, has served the Midwest Province teaching, in administration and writing. He earned degrees from the University of Notre Dame. From 1978-79, he was district superior in



BROTHER PHILIP ARMSTRONG

Ghana and then Provincial of the Midwest Province from 1979-85. He was also assistant general of the Congregation in Rome from 1986-1992. From 1992-94, he had a writing project for the Midwest Province. This year he took up residence at Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

Brother of Holy Cross Thomas Dillman has served as a missionary 42 years, 28 in Liberia and the past 14 years in Ghana. For three months in 1968 Brother Thomas was on the faculty of Holy Cross College and novice master and director of aspirants. Prior to being assigned to Liberia, Brother Thomas studied theology at Notre Dame. Brother Thomas is currently the editor of the *Brothers' Ghana Newsletter*. He also is the director of the Holy Cross community at St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast, Ghana.



BROTHER THOMAS DILLMAN

Brother of Holy Cross John Dobrogowski has been a resident of Schubert Villa/Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame since November, 2006. A native of Milwaukee, Wis., he served for 37 years at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California.



BROTHER JOHN DOBROGOWSKI

Brother of Holy Cross Robert Ludwig served Holy Cross in farming, in maintenance as a landscaper for seven years in Rome, Italy, and another 26 years in Campanas and Santarem, Brazil. Closer to home, his assignments included St. Joseph's Farm, Granger; Holy Cross Brothers' Center and Junior College at Notre Dame; Columba Hall, Notre Dame and St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie. He has resided at Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village since 2006.



BROTHER ROBERT LUDWIG

Brother of Holy Cross Albert Rimlinger worked at the Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, for 15 years from 1952-1967. He was on the staff of Columba Hall until 1982. Brother Albert has been a resident of Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village since 2002.



BROTHER ALBERT RIMLINGER

50-year Jubilarians

Brother of Holy Cross Edward Foken earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1964. He served as a missionary in Monrovia, Liberia, for nine years. From 1973-1978, he was principal of St. Patrick High School in Monrovia. In 1984, Brother Edward began a 22-year assignment as teacher at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend. He, along with Brother Robert Dierker, were the last Holy Cross Brothers to serve at Saint Joseph's up until 2006. Brother Edward lives at Riverside Place in Holy Cross Village.



BROTHER EDWARD FOKEN

Brother of Holy Cross James Kozak is another brother who served five years in Monrovia, Liberia and 18 years in Ghana, West Africa. Brother James ministered eight months in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as a resident of Columba Hall, Notre Dame, from February until October of 1995. He has been a member of the faculty of Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio, since 2005.



BROTHER JAMES KOZAK

Brother of Holy Cross Joseph LeBon has taught all but one year at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. Brother Joseph studied at the University of Notre Dame where he earned his degree in the classics. He has continued his studies many summers at Notre Dame. Over his teaching career, Brother Joseph has taught a variety of subjects, from religion to mathematics, from French to Latin.



BROTHER JOSEPH LEBON

Brother of Holy Cross Edward Libbers attended Purdue University for one year, majoring in chemical engineering, before entering Holy Cross. He earned his bachelor's degree from Notre Dame in chemistry and mathematics in 1963, and taught for a year at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, while living at Columba Hall, Notre Dame. Brother Edward did advanced study at Notre Dame in 1990. He is currently on the staff at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. He has taught at Archbishop Hoban High School for 38 years during three assignments there.



BROTHER EDWARD LIBBERS

Brother of Holy Cross Frederick Raehsler has been involved in health-care ministries his entire religious life. From 1966-1973, he was the director and on the staff of Dujarie House, Notre Dame. He studied to be a physician assistant at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. From 1981-1988, he was assistant director and curriculum coordinator of the Physician Assistant Program at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. From 2002-2007, he was a staff nurse at Dujarie House, St. Joseph's Hospital and Holy Cross College. He lives at the Maple Lane Apartments in South Bend and volunteers at the Sister Maura Brannick, CSC. Health Center, South Bend.



BROTHER FREDERICK RAEHSLER

Brother of Holy Cross Thomas Sisung for 18 of his first 21 years in Holy Cross was a high school teacher. From 1985-1997 he was a cook at the Holy Cross Brothers' Center, Notre Dame. Since 1998, he has worked in the Holy Cross College kitchen, house-keeping and dietary departments of Schubert Villa, and as a dietary aide for Sodexho Food Services and Andre Residential Services in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.



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Does the Catholic Church have doubts about brain death?

The Catholic Church has long acknowledged the role of the medical profession in declaring death. It is the proper competency of medicine, not theology, to identify reliable signs that death has occurred. The hardening of the body known as rigor mortis, for example, is a reliable medical indicator that death has occurred. When the heart permanently stops beating and the lungs permanently stop functioning (cessation of cardiopulmonary function), medical professionals recognize these signs as another reliable way to assess that death has occurred. The complete and irreversible loss of all brain function (commonly known as “brain death”) is yet another reliable way medical professionals determine that a patient has died.

In an August 2000 address, Pope John Paul II took up the particular question of brain

death and concluded: “The criterion adopted in more recent times for ascertaining the fact of death, namely the complete and irreversible cessation of all brain activity, if rigorously applied, does not seem to conflict with the essential elements of a sound anthropology.” In other words, he affirmed that the Church does not see any fundamental conceptual problems with the idea of brain death. The complete cessation of all brain function (brain death), is also referred to as “neurological criteria” for determining death, to distinguish it from the classic “cardiopulmonary criteria” used for centuries.

The medical profession initially accepted the notion of brain death not because it was looking to procure organs for transplant, as is sometimes supposed, but because of a new situation that arose from the burgeoning use of ventilators, with some patients



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

becoming permanently “ventilator-dependent.” As early as 1959, well before widespread organ transplantation was possible, Drs. Mollaret and Goulon wrote in the “Review of Neurology” about a subgroup of these ventilator-dependent patients who had suffered catastrophic brain injuries. This could result in a definable condition from which recovery was impossible (“a state beyond coma”). Patients in this state had died, even though ventilators

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Love is the essence of the Trinity



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Feast of the Most Holy Trinity Jn 3:16-18

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. “The Trinity” is the scholarly, theological term to describe the most intimate detail of the reality of God.

In the first reading, from the Book of Exodus, the Church begins its lesson for us today by reminding us about God, and also about ourselves as God’s creatures.

For Jews, the Exodus, or flight from slavery in Egypt, was the most defining moment in their long history as a people. After wandering across the forbidding Sinai Peninsula, they not only survived but found a land of prosperity, peace and security. It was a difficult trip, to say the least. Without God’s mercy, the Hebrews would not have completed this journey. He guided them because He loved them.

The first reading reports another important aspect of life on this trip. Communication existed between God and the people, but through Moses. Divine love continues, allowing us to communicate with God. God reaches out to us. God listens to us.

For the second reading, the

Church presents Paul’s Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

The Christians of Corinth quarreled and plotted among themselves. They sinned. Considering their surroundings, it is not difficult to realize why they so often were wayward.

Corinth was known throughout the Mediterranean world of the first century as a virtual cesspool of vice and licentiousness, the site of greed and selfishness.

The Apostle urged the Christian Corinthians to rely on Jesus, and the strength given through and in Jesus of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, the Church presents, from St. John’s Gospel, the story of the Lord’s instructing Nicodemus, an important figure in Jewish life in Jerusalem.

Jesus explains that the Messiah’s words are not just the opinions of a mere mortal. The Messiah is from God. The Son is one with the Father. To hear the Son is to hear the Father.

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Father sent the Son into the world of space and time, to be with humanity and to redeem humanity.

Eternal life awaits the faithful. God is merciful and forgiving. God loves humankind. Despite all their sins, and weaknesses, God loves humans and wills that they live forever.

Jesus is the perfect intermediary between God and humanity. One of us in the Incarnation, Jesus came as the very personification of God’s love.

Reflection

Using the phrase “Holy Trinity” does not customarily bring Catholics to an emotional response in their religious experience. Yet, frankly, it should evoke considerable emotion among any who count themselves as disciples of Christ.

First, the term tells us of God’s immense love for us. The Holy Trinity, while not unreasonable in the philosophical sense, never would have been known by mere humans as the result of their deduction alone. It had to be revealed. The Lord revealed the Trinity to us, so that we might understand in human terms the most intimate aspect of the life of the divinity.

Secondly, so much of Catholic teaching rests on the belief that God has created every human, and all humans, in the divine image and likeness. This is more than the matter of nice words. We indeed are in God’s image and likeness.

As such, we are out of kilter if we fail to love God. We are not in accord with our nature, our ultimate DNA, if we set ourselves apart from the human community and certainly if we do not love others.

All three readings for this feast bear in common the message that God loves us. Long ago, the great theologians saw love as the essence of divine life. It is the kernel of the life of the Trinity. This feast calls us to realize that love is of God.

READINGS

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56
2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

Monday: Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22 Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18 Ps 15:2-5
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16
Ps 106:1-5 Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1-3, 13-15
Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-55 Mt 8:5-17

Happy Father’s Day

I’m a proud husband and father of five. Like the joys and pains of marriage, the joys and pains of fatherhood far outweigh what I could have expected.

I have to laugh when not-so-young adults tell me they don’t want to get married because they aren’t ready for kids. Can one possibly be ready for a child? I have five and I’m still not ready for the first. I certainly can’t afford the first! No doubt, there are legitimate reasons for waiting to start a family. But if everyone waited until they felt completely ready reproduction would come to a grinding halt.

Thankfully, an overwhelming surge of love kicks in the moment a new parent looks at his child. That love equips him more effectively than any amount of formal training or money ever could.

In addition to realizing my ill preparedness, fatherhood has also brought me face to face with my limitations. Childbirth makes it clear at the outset that parents are in over their heads — part of something far bigger than they are, something they can never fully control.

This is true in a special way for dad. As much as I want to feel like we’re a “team” during childbirth, I know deep down that shouting “RUN!” from the bleachers doesn’t make me a New York Yankee.

I’ve stood by my wife through five c-sections. (Yes, she is a saint.) But accompanying my sense of feebleness during that operation is indescribable joy. With each birth I’ve known that I stood in the most privileged two-foot-square space on earth, next to my wife as she brings new life into the world, strapped cruciform to the operating table. I wonder if Joseph felt that way, standing at the crèche as both contemplative and sentinel.

The overwhelming experience continues when I get to carry a child from behind the safe walls of a hospital and into the world. I always want to ask the nurse, “Are you sure you’re letting me take it? ... out there?”

Suddenly it’s clear that everything has changed when I load the precious cargo into the car seat. The world looks different. All that is precious and valuable is now in that car. Hands on the wheel at 10:00 and 2:00. I hadn’t driven that cautiously since driver’s ed class! But alongside the terror of driving in L.A. traffic with an infant and post-op wife I found a new courage welling up in me as well.

It’s the courage of a hero willing to lay down his life, the courage of a wolf willing to kill or die if anything presents a threat to its young. It’s the force of a million years of evolution combined with the power that comes from the grace of office. It’s the power of fatherhood.

The second a father takes flight with his family from the safety



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of the hospital into a world of sin, traffic and ever-encroaching need, he becomes the wall that stands between that child and the world — the image of God, the protector and provider. Despite the stark realization that I’m far from almighty, fatherhood gave rise to something infinite inside my chest.

I’ve been on the roller coaster of fatherhood for 12 years now. It’s tried and tested me in every way imaginable. Before kids, I was ready to canonize myself. I was so patient. Apparently it’s easier to be patient when no one is trying your patience. Some of my friends without children are still very patient and they have wonderful advice for me.

And as cute as they look from a distance, children are crazier than I had imagined. Thank God they’re small. Add four feet and 150 pounds to a two year old and no one would be safe. Imagine coming home from work and finding a 6-foot 2-inch man naked in your hallway covered in marker, angry at the world because he can’t look up and see his forehead. It’d be time to call the cops.

Yet in the midst of the insanity and constant noise I’ve found new steel in my soul. It’s not as polished as it was before children, but each ounce of virtue in me has been purified by fire. I’m a bit charred, but I’m real now. (No doubt, my celibate friends have experienced similar purification through their ministries!)

Ill prepared, powerless, terrified, a bit broken ... overwhelmed with love, luckiest man alive, mighty protector, man of steel ... that is fatherhood.

Twelve years after the first birth I’m still not quite ready for all this. How does a 35 year old let his preteen girl know how much he loves her? How does he talk to her about her crush, or bond over how awesome Taylor Swift is? How does he ride the waves of puberty hitting his home like a tsunami? I’ll let you know when I have it figured out.

But I’m blessed to stand here, in over my head since day one, between her and the world. Here I’ll always stand, as my father always will for me.

Speaker and author Christopher Stefanick is director of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry for the Denver Archdiocese.

A 40-something cardinal?

In recent centuries, the College of Cardinals has not been noted for its boyishness. Indeed, one of the human fascinations of a conclave is that it's a rare opportunity to see a deliberation-with-consequences conducted by elderly men. This can have its down-side: according to one story, perhaps apocryphal, a very old cardinal kept writing "Achille Ratti" on his ballot throughout the conclave of 1958; Ratti had died in 1939 as Pius XI. Whether that fragment of conclave lore is true or not, Paul VI's restriction of the papal electoral franchise to cardinals who were not yet 80 was presumably intended to forestall any such difficulty in the future.

There have been modern exceptions to the general rule of cardinals being typically created in their 60s or 70s. Rafael Merry del Val, Secretary of State to Pius X, became a cardinal at 38 in 1903. Achille Lienart, bishop of Lille and a leader of the reformist party at Vatican II, was named a cardinal at 46 in 1930. Giuseppe Siri, archbishop of Genoa and, by some accounts, Pius XII's preferred successor, was created cardinal in 1953 at 47. Trying to bring some comfort to the stricken city of Sarajevo in 1994, John Paul II named its archbishop, Vinko Puljic, a cardinal at 49.

This exclusive club of modern, 40-something cardinals is likely to gain a new member in the next few years: Sviatoslav Shevchuk, who was chosen in March by the Synod of the Greek Catholic Church of Ukraine as that Church's new leader, or major-archbishop; his election was subsequently ratified by Pope Benedict XVI. Major-Archbishop

Shevchuk is 40, and if he becomes a cardinal shortly after his predecessor, Cardinal Lubomir Husar, turns 80 in 2013, Shevchuk will be the youngest member of the College of Cardinals in over a century.

I had the opportunity to take the measure of the new leader of the world's Ukrainian Greek Catholics 10 days after his election, during a 45-minute conversation in Rome that covered a lot of territory: relations between the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and Russian Orthodoxy; relations between the UGCC and the various Orthodox jurisdictions in Ukraine; relations between the UGCC and the Holy See. Major-Archbishop Shevchuk is an impressive personality — fluent in several languages, theologically and politically alert, good-humored despite the weight of responsibility that had fallen on him.

I was particularly struck by his calm. Less than two weeks before we met at a Ukrainian Catholic center near Santa Maria dei Monti, this former seminary teacher had been bishop of the Ukrainian diaspora community in Argentina. Over the previous 10 days, and to everyone's surprise (including his own), he had been elected to succeed Cardinal Husar, a man of extraordinary moral authority in Ukraine; then he had been enthroned in Kyiv; then he had immediately come to Rome, to affirm his communion with the pope and to undertake a whirlwind visit of the Roman Curia. Major-Archbishop Shevchuk had every right to be a bit frayed at the edges when we met. But he was perfectly self-collected, full of a quiet energy, and eager to share ideas about his Church, the largest Eastern-rite



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Catholic Church and one that lives, as he put it, in a "very difficult neighborhood."

Since his enthronement, Major-Archbishop Shevchuk has reached out to the Orthodox communities in Ukraine as well as to the leadership of Russian Orthodoxy, making clear his interests in genuine dialogue, real problem-solving, and joint work to repair the vast human damage done to Ukraine by 70-plus years of communism. Whether his open hand will be met by a similar openness from Moscow remains to be seen, but the open hand has been extended.

Ten years ago, Blessed John Paul II came to Ukraine and won the hearts of its people, challenging Greek Catholics, Latin Catholics, and Ukrainian Orthodox believers to work together to realize what he called Ukraine's "European vocation." Major-Archbishop Shevchuk will play a considerable role in addressing that challenge. He and his Church deserve the unwavering support of Catholics around the world.

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One moral theologian, for example, recently expressed doubts "that ventilator-sustained brain dead bodies are corpses." Several Catholic physicians have raised similar concerns. As long as thorough and accurate medical testing is performed, however, the Church continues to support the determination of death based on neurological criteria. In addition to Pope John Paul II's address mentioned earlier, a number of other Church documents and declarations affirm this. These include statements from the Pontifical Academy of Life, the Pontifical Council for Healthcare Workers, and the Pontifical Academy for Sciences, among others. In a recent article on the Catholic News Agency website, Dr. John Haas argues that the number and common thread of these ecclesiastical statements in recent years indicates that the teaching authority of the Church has "generally resolved" the question of the acceptability of relying on neurological criteria as a means for ascertaining death.

In the face of clear Church teaching on this issue, Dr. Haas further observes how it is not responsible for Catholics to generate uncertainty by openly and publicly disputing the suitability of neurological criteria for

determining death. Such speculations can "cause confusion in the minds of the faithful and unsettle consciences." If consciences become unsettled on this matter, the practical ramifications can be far-reaching: consent to harvest organs is not given, transplants of such organs do not occur, and lives that could validly be saved by such transplants are instead lost.

The fact remains that the Catholic Church to date has expressed no official doubts about brain death, emphasizing instead that a healthcare worker can use neurological criteria as the basis for arriving at "moral certainty" that death has occurred. Meanwhile, the Church continues to recognize the generous nature of freely-chosen organ donation, an act Pope John Paul II once called "particularly praiseworthy" and an act which can offer "a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope."

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 12, 2011

Acts 2:1-11

Following is a word search based on the first reading for Pentecost Sunday: the effect of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PENTECOST	SUDDENLY	WIND
HOUSE	APPEARED	AS OF FIRE
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could continue to oxygenate their bodies and preserve organs for a limited period of time. Following the publication of a pivotal 1968 report detailing this kind of situation by a committee at Harvard Medical School, the notion of brain death gained consensus and became widely accepted within both the medical and legal communities.

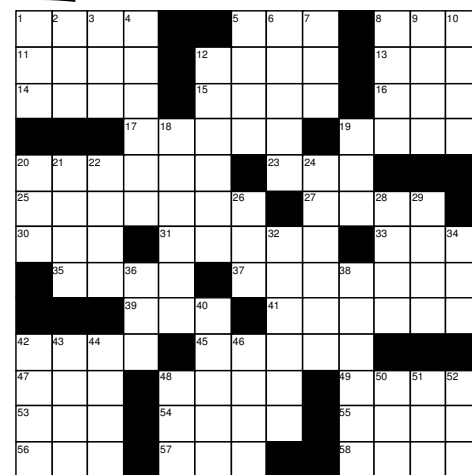
The Catholic Church likewise acknowledged these medical developments and has never expressed any serious conceptual reservations about brain death in the years following the Harvard report. Today, medical professionals remain in broad agreement that the complete and irreversible cessation of all brain activity serves as a reliable indicator that a person has died. Major medical societies such as the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Neurology have issued official statements affirming this.

Nevertheless, a certain number of Catholics today insist that brain death is not really death.

The CrossWord

June 19 and 26, 2011

- 55 Evils
- 56 ___ of Galilee
- 57 ___ voyage
- 58 Discharge



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Based on these Scripture Readings: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18 and Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

ACROSS

- 1 Cain killed him
- 5 Medical Journal of Australia
- 8 South southeast
- 11 Christ's gift
- 12 Touch
- 13 Wrestling mat
- 14 A wager (2 wds.)
- 15 For fear that
- 16 Bard's before
- 17 Japanese poem
- 19 Thomas' name meant
- 20 Leave
- 23 "___ from me, Satan!"

- 25 Slanted letters
- 27 Communion wafer
- 30 African antelope
- 31 Steep
- 33 Digit
- 35 Healing plant
- 37 Three in One
- 39 Pressure unit
- 41 Loath
- 42 Change
- 45 Led the people Israel
- 47 "He shall rule with an iron ___"
- 48 God's ___ is "Lord"
- 49 Salty water masses
- 53 Hail Mary
- 54 Rock of ___

DOWN

- 1 Wing
- 2 Curtsy
- 3 Adam's wife
- 4 Fatal
- 5 Will inherit the earth
- 6 Messiah
- 7 Alternative (Abbr.)
- 8 Gush out
- 9 Frock
- 10 3D's garden
- 12 Salted bacon
- 18 Gets up
- 19 # of stone tablets
- 20 Tunnel
- 21 Gas burner
- 22 Corinthians' letter author
- 24 Cleanse from sin
- 26 Adjust
- 28 Uproar
- 29 Tykes
- 32 Rubs out mark
- 34 Symbol of the Father
- 36 Choose
- 38 Mythical animal
- 40 ___ Dei (God's likeness)
- 42 Epochs
- 43 Symbol of Spirit
- 44 Whim
- 46 Bad sign
- 48 Snatch
- 50 Biblical terebinth
- 51 Arabic name meaning "noble"
- 52 Fast plane

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Strong faith, prayer credited in 9-year-old's recovery from cancer

BY RICK SNIZEK

GREENVILLE, R.I. (CNS) — With quiet confidence, Sydney Khoury climbed each step of a metal ladder as she positioned herself to place a crown of flowers atop a statue of Mary at St. Philip Church.

It was a bit of a reach for Sydney, but with determination, the 9-year-old extended her arms, carefully placing her tribute atop the head of the Mother of Jesus for the church's May crowning this year.

A short distance away, Providence Bishop Thomas J. Tobin watched admiringly as the St. Philip School second-grader successfully met yet another challenge in her young life.

Three years ago, Bishop Tobin also witnessed Sydney overcome one of her greatest challenges. At that time, as she lay in the intensive care unit of Hasbro Children's Hospital with her life hanging in the balance, the bishop prayed over her with a relic of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata.

Sydney's parents say the prayerful intervention yielded results nothing short of miraculous, because very quickly after the blessing she began the road to recovery.

While he is cautious about attributing Sydney's recovery solely to divine intervention, Bishop Tobin said the day he visited her in the hospital was a powerful day indeed.

"I always tend to be skeptical of these divine interventions, but it is very clear to me that something very special happened that day," Bishop Tobin told the *Rhode Island Catholic*, newspaper of the Providence Diocese.

In November 2007, Sydney was diagnosed with a stage-three malignant tumor on her kidney. Two days later, doctors removed



Sydney Khoury, a second-grader at St. Philip School in Greenville, R.I., participates in a May crowning ceremony at her parish church. After being diagnosed with a stage-three malignant tumor on her kidney three years ago, and undergoing a grueling course of chemotherapy, Sydney received a blessing from Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of Providence, R.I., that her parents feel led to her "miraculous" recovery.

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her kidney and started her on a treatment regimen of chemotherapy and radiation. The overall success rate of the treatment was only 42 percent they were told.

For nearly three months, her condition was stable. Then, a robust round of chemotherapy quickly took its toll on her.

"She started five days of chemo. It hit her so hard," her mother, Michele, recalled.

Sydney went into what is known as a neutropenic state, as her white-blood cell count dropped to zero, severely limiting her body's ability to fight off infections.

"She was home for three days; on the fourth, she caught a fever,"

Michele said.

Sydney was immediately brought into the hospital where she spent nearly all of February 2008 in the intensive care unit. She was intubated twice to maintain an open airway, and also became paralyzed for 12 hours during that time.

On Feb. 20, Michele and Ken Khoury received news that no parent ever wants to hear.

"They couldn't tell me if she'd make it," Michele said. "The doctor said, 'I can't guarantee anything over the next 48 hours.'"

Two days later, Sydney received the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. On Feb. 27, with Sydney's condition not

improving, doctors performed a lung biopsy.

"Her lungs were just collapsing," her mother recalls.

The next day, with doctors about to have a discussion with the family about their wish to fit Sydney with a tracheotomy tube to help her breathing, Bishop Tobin visited Sydney in the hospital.

As he prayed over her, he held in his hand a relic of Mother Teresa. Known as a "first-class relic," sealed inside a reliquary, it is a lock of hair from the foundress of the Missionaries of Charity. It was a gift from a priest-friend back in Bishop Tobin's native Pittsburgh who

had obtained it in Rome where he worked with the religious order.

What happened next was remarkable.

Both of Sydney's parents and Bishop Tobin witnessed the young girl's body convulse during the prayers for her recovery.

"Very quickly after that, she got well," Michele said of her daughter's health. "He did the blessing and she didn't need the tracheotomy."

"When she was blessed with the relic, her body reacted and she opened her eyes," the bishop recalled.

To ensure any possible recurrence of cancer is treated immediately, Sydney must undergo an MRI every three months. Her most recent test showed that she is still in remission.

"Her spirits are great," Sydney's dad, Ken, said of his daughter.

In addition to the unwavering support of family and friends throughout, the Khourys say they cannot thank the St. Philip School and Parish community enough for helping the family navigate through their crisis, as well as the continual support they give.

"Our family and friends had one of Sydney's hands, and the school and the church had the other," Michele said.

"The way they got involved, it was like they were doing it for their own families," Ken said of the St. Philip community.

For the Khoury family, there is no underestimating the impact that prayer can have on a life.

"The amount of prayers got God's attention," Michele said. "I really feel that through the power of prayer she has been healed," Michele said. "It's amazing. It's a miracle."

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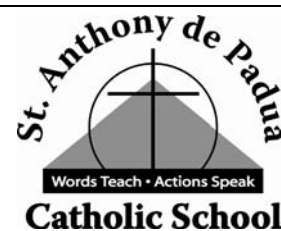
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NBC family film explores issue of bullying, ways to respond

BY MADELINE WATKINS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Kit Johansen has been working on anti-bullying initiatives in the Diocese of Palm Beach, Fla., since 2006 to raise schools' and parishes' awareness about the problem, and to let children know they are not powerless in the face of bullying.

Now the coordinator of the diocesan Office of Serving Children hopes a new made-for-TV movie on the issue will make a positive contribution to bullying prevention.

Johansen attended a screening of the film "Field of Vision" in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with children ranging from "Peewee football ages" to those in the first years of high school.

In a telephone interview with Catholic News Service June 6, she said she could "feel the energy" throughout the theater and that the youths were overall "very engaged" with the film and responsive to its underlying message.

"Field of Vision," aired on June 11 on NBC and explored the theme of bullying in schools and how standing up for what's right pays off, despite the difficulties of doing so.

The movie, available on DVD in months to come, is part of an initiative called "Family Movie Night," backed by Procter &



CNS PHOTO /COURTESY FIELD OF VISION

Faith Ford stars in a scene from the TV movie "Field of Vision." The movie, aired on June 11 on NBC and explored the theme of bullying in schools and how standing up for what's right pays off, despite the difficulties of doing so.

Ford can relate. Having been bullied emotionally in junior high and in high school after cheerleading tryouts, she said she looked forward to participating in this film that speaks to both kids and parents about the importance of fighting this age-old, yet ever-new challenge in schools across the country.

"I was very excited to be part of this heartwarming movie and Family Movie Night, which examines the issue of bullying and shows the challenges and rewards of doing what's right, even when it's tough to do ... it's a great life lesson for kids of all ages, and I hope it spurs good conversation between parents and children on this important topic."

Gamble and Walmart. According to a news release, the companies launched the initiative in April 2010 to produce family-friendly entertainment in response to research showing there is a demand among parents in the United States for such programming.

"Field of Vision" tells the story of how high school quarterback Tyler McFarland learns through some footage captured on an old video camera that his teammates have been bullying a new transfer student Cory Walker, who has a troubled past. Tyler is faced with a decision:

Should he stand up to his teammates to help Cory or not? If he tells the football coach, his teammates could be kicked off the team, which could cost the school the state championship.

The cast includes Faith Ford, best known for her role as Corky in the hit TV series "Murphy Brown." Ford stars as the school's guidance counselor and mother of the star quarterback and plays a key role in encouraging her son to make the right choice.

According to a recent Public Agenda survey, nearly three quarters of Americans (74 percent) consider bullying a serious prob-

lem, and more than one-third of Americans (35 percent) say they were bullied themselves growing up.



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NOTRE DAME — Thirty-five Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee years in Holy Cross on July 17, in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's. Seventeen of these 35 sisters have taught or ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at various times during the sisters' collective 1,975 years of vowed life in the congregation.

75-year Jubilarians

Sister M. Carmelita Morales and Sister Mary Romanus Smith are celebrating 75 years in Holy Cross. **Sister Mary Romanus** served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as a teacher at Saint Mary's School, Notre Dame, from 1961-1965. She is now sacristan for Augusta Hall Adoration Chapel at Saint Mary's Convent, Notre Dame.



SISTER MARY ROMANUS SMITH

60-Year Jubilarians

Sister M. Helen Anthony Kieszowski taught at St. Joseph School, South Bend, from 1964-1966 and from 1967 to 1968; St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart, from 1966 to 1967; and Holy Cross School, South Bend, from 1968-1970. She served as librarian at St. Vincent de Paul School, Elkhart, from 1970-1971 and worked in the office of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend from 1993 to 2000. She now lives at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, and is active in the ministry of prayer.



SISTER HELEN ANTHONY KIESZKOWSKI

Sister M. Jane Frances Reus taught at St. Mary's School, Notre Dame, from 1951 to 1952. She now lives at St. Angela Hall, Kensington, Md., and is active in the ministry of prayer.



SISTER M. JANE REUS

Sister Kathryn Callahan (Sister

M. Blanche was director of the Holy Cross School of Nursing, South Bend, from 1969-1973, and director of nursing staff at Saint Joseph's Medical Center, South Bend, from 1977-1979 and 1980-1981. She currently serves as assistant archivist for the congregation in Notre Dame.



SISTER KATHRYN CALLAHAN

Sister M. Emily Demuth was a nursing instructor at the Holy Cross Central School of Nursing, South Bend, from 1953-1956, and held the same position at St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, from 1959-1961. Currently, she serves as chaplain at Saint Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Calif.



SISTER M. EMILY DEMUTH

Sister M. Edward Ann Wetzel taught at St. Mary's School, Notre Dame, from 1951-1952. She now lives at St. Angela Hall, Kensington, Md., and is active in the ministry of prayer.



SISTER M. EDWARD ANN WETZEL

Sister M. Albertine Kramer taught at Holy Cross School, South Bend, from 1950-1951 and served as chaplain at Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, South Bend, from 1991 to 2008. She currently volunteers with the sisters at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, and is active in the ministry of prayer.



SISTER M. ALBERTINE KRAMER

Sister Patricia Mulvaney (Sister M. Peter James) was president and CEO of Holy Cross Health System, South Bend, from 1987 to 1989.



SISTER PATRICIA MULVANEY

Currently, she serves as mission specialist at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

Sister Mary Jean Klene (Sister Zita Marie) taught at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, from 1954-1958 and 1959-1961; St. Mary's Academy, South Bend, from 1958-1959; and served as the academy's dean of students and teachers from 1964-1965. She was a professor at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, from 1965-1966, and professor/English chair from 1970-1977 and 1978-1985. In 1986 she returned to Saint Mary's College as a professor of English and continues to give lectures and write for scholarly journals.



SISTER MARY JEAN KLENE

Sister M. Cecilia Ann Kelly was an associate professor at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, from 1970-1971; served with the college's overseas program in Rome from 1971-1976; and as professor from 1976-1980 and as professor of art from 1981-1991. In 1992 she returned and was professor emerita of art from 1994-1997. She served as associate professor of art at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, from 1997 to 2008. She now lives at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, and is active in the ministry of prayer.



SISTER M. CECELIA ANN KELLY

Other sisters celebrating 60 years in Holy Cross are Sister Michael Marie Williamson, Sister Marilyn Reiser (Sister M. Demetria), Sister M. Timothea Kingston, Sister Virginia Marie MacNeil (Sister M. Jean Pierre), Sister Anna Louise Neuland (Sister Richard Marie), Sister Vivian Mary Mastromatteo (Sister Michael Anthony), Sister Joseph Mary Hoess, Sister Loretta Marie Valdes, Sister Amalia Marie Rios, Sister Colette Marie Lang and Sister Martha Ann Norwood.

50-Year Jubilarians

Sister Nora Gurnett (Sister M. Vincetta), a nurse, began serving in 2007 as a sister presence at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. She continues in that role at the medical center's Family Medicine Center, Medical Pavilion III, South Bend.



SISTER NORA GURNETT

Sister Marjorie Ann Manning (Sister Gertrude Marie) taught at St. Joseph's School, South Bend, from 1962 to 1963 and at St. Vincent de Paul School, Elkhart, from 1963-1966. She now serves as director of religious education at St. William Catholic Church and St. Ann Mission in London, Ky.



SISTER MARJORIE ANN MANNING

Sister Mary Louise Wahler (Sister Gertrude Mary) taught at St. Mary's School, Notre Dame, from 1966-1967. She now serves the congregation as vocation coordinator in Jinja, Uganda.



SISTER MARY LOUISE WAHLER

Sister Mary Elizabeth Bednarek (Sister M. Benjamin) taught at St. Mary's School, Notre Dame, from 1965-1966. Currently, she lives in Ghana and serves the congregation as coordinator of formation in Africa.



SISTER MARY ELIZABETH BEDNAREK

Sister Jeanette Fettig (Sister Miriam Robert) taught at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, from 1964-1968 and served at St. Mary's Academy, South Bend, from 1970-1976. Currently, she is the congregation's director of archives and records in Notre Dame.



SISTER JEANETTE FETTIG

Sister Bernadette Mulick (Sister M. Francetta) was a nurse at Saint Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, from 1968-1971. She presently serves as a case manager for Rocky Mountain Care and Hospice in Murray, Utah.



SISTER BERNADETTE MULICK

Sister Judith Ann Murphy (Sister Miriam Elaine) taught at Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, from 1963-1966 and at Christ the King School, South Bend, from 1966-1970. She was an academic advisor and counselor at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, from 1994-1996 and from 1998 to 2004. In 2007 she began teaching English as a second language to employees of Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, South Bend, and continues in that role today at the medical center's Mishawaka location.



SISTER JUDITH ANN MURPHY

Other sisters celebrating 50 years are Sister M. Adria Connors, Sister Louise Marie Andree (Sister M. Noemi), Sister Rachel Anne Callahan (Sister M. Marie Paschal), Sister Rita Bray (Sister M. Celestyn) and Sister M. Patrice McGee.

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Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Tom Shoemaker will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, June 21, at 7 p.m., to pray for priests and vocations. Father Shoemaker is the pastor at St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne.

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 22 will be: The Family as Domestic Church. The 5:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by a light supper with discussion to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Appreciation reception planned

Elkhart — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will have an appreciation reception for Donna Quinn on Saturday, June 25. Mass at 5 p.m. will be followed by a reception in Vincent Hall. Donna served at St. Vincent School for 32 years as a teacher and then as principal.

Committed adorers needed

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist Church, 4509 Arlington Ave., seeks committed adorers for the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Adoration Chapel. Eucharistic Exposition 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Call (260) 744-4393 to sign up.

St. Vincent Villa alumni reunion planned

Fort Wayne — An alumni day for friends of St. Vincert Villa will be Sunday, June 26, at Queen of Angels Parish. Mass at 10:30 a.m. will be followed by chicken dinner at noon. Reservations to Mel Claymiller at (260) 483-6501. Cost is \$11 per person.

Knights plan party to benefit Saint Joseph's High School

South Bend — A "Meet Me on the Blacktop" party will be held at the St. Joseph Valley Knights of Columbus Council 553 parking lot, 500 block of E. Washington Street, on Saturday, June 25, from 5 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include pulled pork and sausage sandwiches, drinks, gaming and

dancing to Music by The Oldies and The Whistle Pigs.

Father's Day brunch planned

Fort Wayne — A Father's Day brunch will be Sunday, June 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 601 Reed Rd. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

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GROUND

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groundbreaking," said Bishop Rhoades to the assembled crowd. "I just want to say that you're a testament to the Gospel."

For the past 14 months, the steering committee has worked nonstop to raise \$33 million dollars, leaving only \$2.5 million to secure for a \$35.5 million dollar high school for the students of the Michiana area.

The committee is comprised of Honorary Chair, Campaign Steering Committee, Holy Cross Father Timothy Scully, who is the Founder of the Alliance for Catholic Education, and the director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives at the University of Notre Dame; Campaign Steering Committee Co-Chairs Al and Mary Harding, Saint Joseph's High School current and alumni parents; Kevin and Marijo Kelly, alumni parents; Campaign Steering Committee members John and Katie Anthony, parents; Matt and Sharon Edmonds, school board president, class of '77 and current parents; Tim and Katy Demarais, class of '70 and parents; Dan and Jean James, alumni parents; Mike and Karen Leep, friends of Saint Joseph's High School; and Pat and Sue Ruskowski, class of '70 and alumni parents.

Called "Forward in Faith," this aggressive project started with the donation of land from the Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center located in downtown South Bend. The hospital was demolished and the land was cleared allowing the school's immediate construction once the funds were raised.

"From the beginning we received support from people outside of the traditional Saint Joseph's High School donor base. People and organizations have made significant contributions to our project based on the community development aspect of our new campus. This has resulted in the project evolving into more than just a new high school. It has become



LISA KOCHANOWSKI

Pictured are members of the Saint Joseph's High School administrative team and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades shoveling a spot of dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new high school in South Bend.

an investment in the Near Northeast Neighborhood, the East Bank and downtown South Bend," said Jeff Boetticher, chief advancement officer for the high school.

As Bishop Rhoades looked out on the site during the blessing, he noted that a cross stood on a hill on the property. He was told that would be the site of the new chapel.

"As we look at the building site our eyes are lifted up to the Lord," said Bishop Rhoades, "we thank Him for his many blessings upon us now and in the future."

Recent heavy rains made the ground at the construction site soft so Bishop Rhoades did not have the chance to bless every area of the lot, but is planning to do so at a later date. After the official blessing, everyone gathered to throw out a few symbolic shovels of dirt.

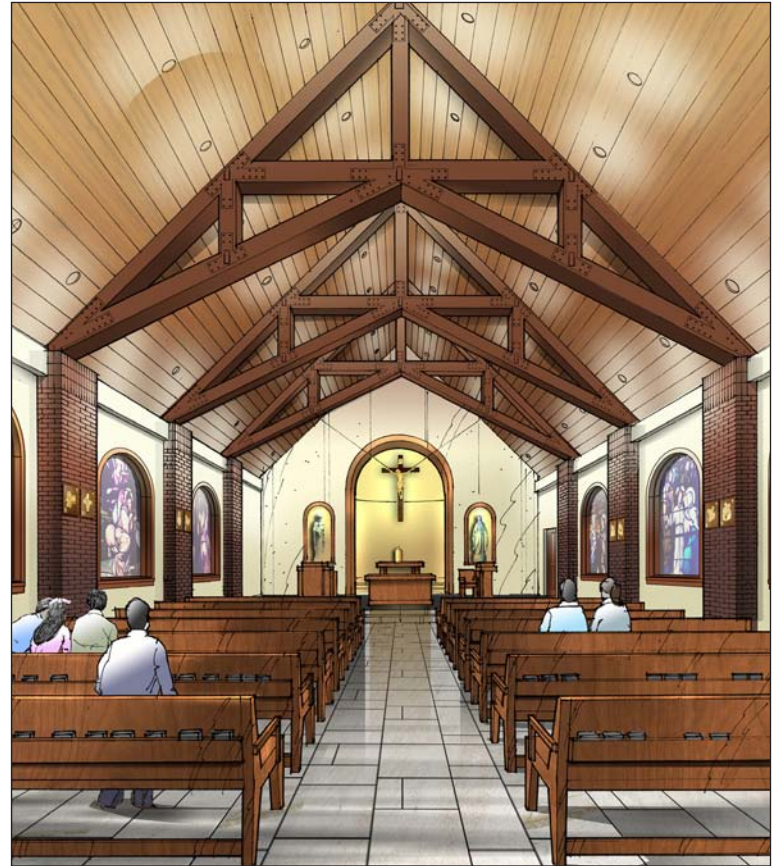
During the next couple of weeks, construction crews will begin working at the site. Fundraising will continue through the high school and donations are still being accepted.

"Our hope for future Saint Joe students is to provide a state-of-the-art facility, which will enhance the 21st century learning. It is essential to

our students' success as we continue to transform them in heart and mind ensuring that they will serve God, the Church and the world," said Principal Richter.

Boetticher is elated with the groundbreaking and as the head of the fundraising effort recognizes the work yet to be done.

"It is my hope that this new campus serves the Saint Joseph's High School students of tomorrow as well if not better than our current campus has for the past 58 years," said Boetticher. "We hope this project adds to the existing sprouts of neighborhood revitalization that is currently taking place in the Near Northeast Neighborhood, the East Bank and downtown South Bend. We also hope that our new location strengthens our bonds with the entire city reinforcing the thought that we are a school that is a part of South Bend not just a school located in South Bend."



An artist's rendering of the completed chapel at the new Saint Joseph's High School is shown above.

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