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### Catholic farmer, others, assist refugees with gardens

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN



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During the July heat, Kundon Nya spends many hours helping to water vegetables. Refugees grow vegetables on a one-acre plot of land donated by St. Louis Besancon parishioner and lifetime farmer Mick Lomont.

FORT WAYNE — There's an old garden proverb that says it best, "More grows in the garden than the gardener sows." This proverb was mentioned in the Summer 2011 Global Garden newsletter published by Holly Chaille, director of the Catherine Kasper Place.

Chaille went on to detail numbers from the "big dig event" held in June at Autumn Woods Apartments.

"While there certainly are quantitative results — 78 kitchen gardens, 22 plant stands, 600 veggies and 120 volunteers assisting more than 400 people — it is the qualitative outcomes that I will remember. We weeded out some language barriers, cultivated the spirit of community, dug deep within our souls and harvested a new crop of friends," said Chaille.

The Autumn Woods Apartment site is just one of the many garden sites in the Fort Wayne area along with one in New Haven, a large farm lab in southeast Fort Wayne and at Catherine Kasper Place on Calhoun Street.

Catherine Kasper Place, located on South Calhoun Street in Fort Wayne, is a ministry sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ who are inspired by Mary, the Mother of Jesus and their foundress, Blessed Catherine Kasper to listen prayerfully, live simply and serve joyfully. The center serves as a resource for refugees by assisting them with successful integration into communities in northeast Indiana. It offers programs designed to help new arrivals live on their own by providing various services and educational programs.

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## POPE VISITS OFFICES OF VATICAN NEWSPAPER



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Pope Benedict XVI looks over a computer monitor at the offices of *L'Osservatore Romano* at the Vatican July 5. The visit marked the 150th anniversary of the Vatican newspaper.

## Centrality of Eucharist key to living Christ-centered life, says bishop

BY MARY ANN HUGHES

EVANSVILLE (CNS) — In a June 29 ceremony filled with processions and pageantry — even a little humor — Bishop Charles C. Thompson was installed as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Evansville.

His motto is "Christ the Cornerstone," and he reminded the 7,000-plus in attendance at his episcopal ordination that "it must always be the voice of Jesus Christ who speaks through us. In His name, we speak and work on behalf of those in need."

"The centrality of the Eucharist is of vital importance for us. To remain Christ-centered in every fabric of our lives, relationships and missions we must not lose sight of the very real presence of Jesus in our midst," he said.

The new bishop, 50, succeeds Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger, 75, who served the diocese for 22 years. He comes to southwest-

ern Indiana after serving in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky., as a pastor, high school chaplain and, most recently, vicar general.

More than 200 of the new bishop's family members, including his parents, Coleman and Joyce, traveled from central Kentucky to Evansville for the ceremony. It began with a procession of Knights of St. John and fourth-degree Knights of Columbus; seminarians and deacons; priests from both the Louisville archdiocese and the Evansville diocese; and abbots, bishops and archbishops, who concelebrated the ordination Mass.

Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantheaume represented Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the apostolic nuncio to the United States. The priest is charge d'affaires at the apostolic nunciature in Washington.

The bishop-designate was escorted by two priests, Father R. Dale Cieslik, a cousin and

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# Emmitsburg and our diocese



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

I am looking forward to our diocesan pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., and Emmitsburg, Maryland, in September. I wrote in a previous column about the connection between our diocese and Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, primarily through Archbishop Noll. In this column, I will reflect on the connection between our diocese and Emmitsburg.

I was a college student at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg from 1975 to 1977. There I discerned the call to the priesthood. I returned to Mount Saint Mary's in 1995 to serve on the faculty of the seminary, becoming rector in 1997. It was there, in 2004, that I was appointed a bishop by Pope John Paul II.

Three of our priests are graduates of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary: Father Phil DeVolder, Father Phil Widmann, and Father David Voors. Several of our seminarians are presently students at "the Mount."

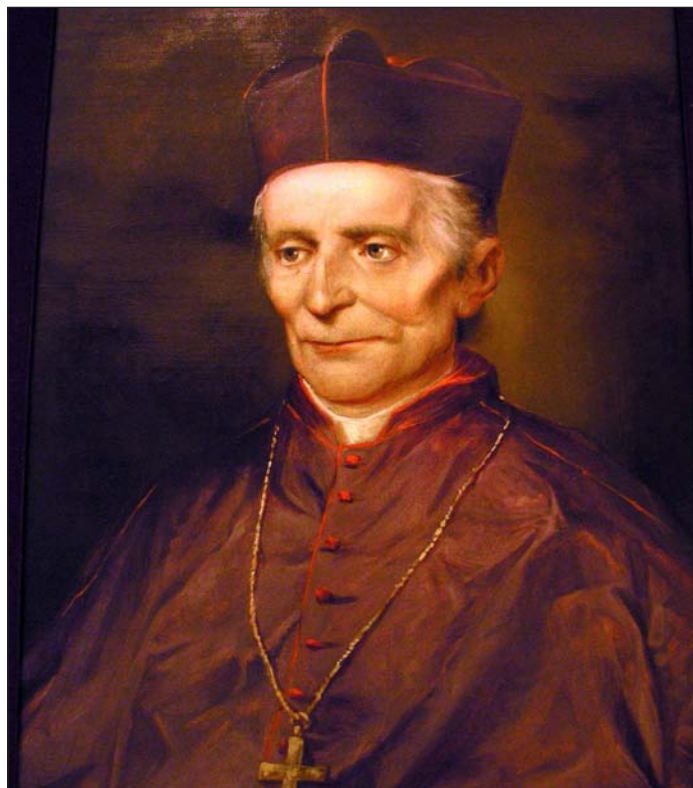
Mount Saint Mary's was founded in 1808 by French-immigrant priest, Father John Dubois. Father Simon Bruté arrived there in 1812 and became a revered presence at the Mount, not only as a teacher (President John Quincy Adams once called him the most learned man in America), but as a deeply spiritual and holy priest. He became known as "the Angel Guardian of the Mount." He was the spiritual director and confessor of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton (the first American-born saint), who had settled in Emmitsburg with her newly founded American branch of the "Daughters of Charity" and founded the first Catholic parochial school in the United States in Emmitsburg.

And now the connection to Indiana and our diocese! The saintly Father Bruté, after 22 years at Mount Saint Mary's, became the first bishop in Indiana in 1834. It was in that year, that the first diocese was established in Indiana, the Diocese of Vincennes. It encompassed the whole state of Indiana and the eastern portion of Illinois, a territory of 65,000 square miles! Bishop Bruté was appointed the first Bishop of Vincennes, to serve the vast missionary territory of scattered Catholics, mostly French, Native American, Irish and German.

A few weeks ago, on my way to Evansville for the ordination of the new bishop there, Bishop Charles Thompson, I stopped in Vincennes to visit the old cathedral (Saint Francis Xavier) where I had the opportunity to pray in the crypt at the tomb of Bishop Bruté.

Simon Bruté was bishop of Vincennes from 1834 until his death in 1839. There were just seven Catholic churches in the Diocese of Vincennes when Bishop Bruté arrived and only three priests. Within five years, there were 27 churches and a few dozen Mass stations, served by 25 priests. 20 seminarians were studying for the priesthood. Thanks to Bishop Bruté's incredible missionary spirit, the Church in Indiana saw phenomenal growth in the 1830's.

In the present territory of our diocese, Bishop Bruté visited the South Bend area in 1835. He celebrated Mass for the Potawatomi



CNS PHOTO BY BRANDON A. EVANS, THE CRITERION  
**A painting of Bishop Simon Guillaume Gabriel Bruté de Remur, first bishop of Vincennes, hangs in the library of the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier in Vincennes. Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein is promoting the cause for sainthood of the former bishop, a scholar who led the wilderness diocese in the 1830s.**

Indians at Saint Joseph Mission, some miles north of South Bend in Michigan. While there, he visited Saint Mary of the Lakes, the first bishop to visit the site that would become Notre Dame. He owned the property that had originally been bought by the pioneer missionary priest, Father Stephen Badin. Bishop Bruté wondered what he would do with this property and what religious purpose it would serve in the future. It is recorded that he hoped it would "be occupied by some prosperous institution."

While in the South Bend area, Bishop Bruté baptized and confirmed several Potawatomi Indians. He was very solicitous for their temporal and spiritual welfare. He had recruited seminarian Benjamin Marie Petit while on a visit to France in 1836. Petit came back to America with Bishop Bruté, completed his studies for the priesthood at Vincennes, was ordained and sent by Bishop Bruté to serve the Potawatomi in the South Bend area. The young Father Petit was beloved by the Indians, became their defender, and even accompanied them on the "Trail of Death" when they were evicted from the area by the federal government. Father Petit became seriously sick on that journey west and died at the age of 29 in 1839.

Bishop Bruté sent his vicar general, Celestin de la Hailandiere, to France in 1839 to recruit more priests and to raise funds for the diocese. Hailandiere made many contacts. He invited Father Basil Moreau to send members of the newly established Congregation of Holy Cross to Vincennes (hence the arrival of Father Sorin, Notre Dame's founder, in 1842) and also invited Mother Marie Lecom of the Sisters of Providence to send sisters (hence the arrival of Sister St. Theodore Guerin, in 1840). Father Hailandiere succeeded Bishop Bruté as the second bishop of Vincennes.

I don't think that Bishop Bruté ever was able to visit the Fort Wayne area of the diocese, yet he is the one who recruited a young seminarian while he was visiting France in 1836 to come to serve in the Vincennes diocese. That

seminarian was Julian Benoit. He came back to America with Bishop Bruté, spent some time completing his seminary studies, and then was ordained to the priesthood at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg in 1837 by Bishop Bruté. Bishop Bruté assigned Father Benoit to serve the Catholics of Fort Wayne and the surrounding region. Father Benoit served in Fort Wayne from 1839 until his death in 1885. He was not only the builder of our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Father Benoit was truly the "father of Catholicism" in Fort Wayne, establishing parishes and schools, serving the faithful with incredible zeal and devotion.

On our diocesan pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, we will visit Mount Saint Mary's, whence came Indiana's first bishop, Simon Bruté, and where Father Benoit was ordained. We will visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, where our first American-born saint

is entombed. Bishop Bruté had been her spiritual guide! We will visit the two houses where Mother Seton lived and worked, including the first parochial school classroom in the United States.

While at Mount Saint Mary's, we will visit the first replica of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in America, on the mountain above the university. I like to tease my friends at Notre Dame that the famous grotto there is not the first in our country, that the first is in Emmitsburg! Actually, the grotto at Mount Saint Mary's predates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Bernadette at Lourdes. Father Dubois, the founder of Mount Saint Mary's, had erected a cross at the site and Father Bruté developed the beautiful area by clearing paths, erecting Stations of the Cross, and placing a statue of Our Lady in the grotto (probably the statue of Our Lady, Help of Christians). It became one of Mother Seton's favorite places to pray. Every Sunday, she would bring the sisters there and they would teach catechism classes to the children of the area. Decades later, in 1875, the grotto was transformed as a result of the apparitions at Lourdes (1858) and became our nation's first shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Finally, as you may know, our metropolitan, Archbishop Buechlein of Indianapolis, has initiated the beginning stages of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Bishop Bruté. Here is a prayer to obtain a favor through the intercession of the Servant of God, Bishop Simon Bruté:

*Father in heaven, you give us every blessing and shower us with your grace through our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the working of the Holy Spirit. If it be according to your will, glorify your servant Simon Bruté by granting the favor I now request through his prayerful intercession (Mention your request). I make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



## Report abuse

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the diocesan website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) under "Safe Environment."

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, (260) 399-1458, e-mail: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, e-mail: [mraatz@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@diocesefwsb.org). The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people, and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

Permanece importante para nuestra Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficos del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, pólizas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Esto se puede observar en la página cibernética de la Diócesis, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro "Safe Environment."

Si usted tiene razón para creer que un niño puede ser víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven por un adulto, lo animamos a que notifique las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el alegado abusador es o fue un sacerdote o diacono de la Iglesia Católica, lo animamos contactar a Mary Glowaski, Coordinadora de Asistencia de Víctimas, (260)-399-1458, correo electrónico: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), o al Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicario General de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne - South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, o al (260) 399-1419, correo electrónico: [mraatz@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@diocesefwsb.org). La Diócesis esta comprometida en ayudar a prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar asistencia a aquellos quienes reclaman haber sufrido daño como resultado de tal abuso.

## Woo set to shepherd continuing growth of CRS with business expertise

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Eight years ago Carolyn Woo was like many Catholics when it came to knowing about the work of Catholic Relief Services.

She dutifully contributed to the agency's Lenten Rice Bowl collection, but had only a vague notion of the reach the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency had among the world's poor and marginalized people.

Today, Woo, 57, dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, is poised to become the new president and CEO of the \$919 million organization.

On Jan. 1 she will take over for the retiring Ken Hackett, president and CEO since 1993.

Woo brings 35 years of experience in the academic and business worlds to the position. Her background includes a six-year term on the CRS board of directors that ended in 2010.

Her expertise in strategic planning, entrepreneurship and organizational structure will be vital in managing the rapid growth CRS is experiencing. The global agency has seen its revenues quadruple in a little more than a decade; more emphasis is being placed on development and reconstruction alongside the traditional work of providing basic services and responding to natural disasters.

Woo told Catholic News Service that she sees her new role as emanating from the heart.

"Leadership is first and foremost a love story," Woo explained in a July 5 telephone interview. "It's a love story in the sense that you have to really care and love the mission that you're given. Almost as you raise

your children, your life is devoted to this. It's a love for what the organization stands for. It's a love for the people who work side-by-side with you. You understand the sacrifices they made and their extraordinary generosity and faith. And a love for the people who are affected by what you do."

Woo's official history with CRS is relatively short, beginning in 2004 when she was recruited to join its board as one of the first lay members. Until then only bishops served as directors.

While on the board Woo had the opportunity to see the work of CRS firsthand with trips to Banda Aceh, Indonesia, soon after the 2004 earthquake and tsunami, and later to East Africa and Afghanistan. She said she came away impressed with the way CRS staff worked with local partners.

"I enjoyed my six-year term and it changed my life," she said.

Despite her time on the board and the strong affinity she developed for the organization's work, becoming CEO of CRS was nothing Woo considered — at least not until Bishop George Leo Thomas of Helena, Mont., came calling.

After Hackett announced he wanted to retire some time during 2011, Woo was asked to serve on a search committee to find a successor. She agreed and began helping set the criteria for the new CEO. Committee members, Bishop Thomas among them, identified 250 possible candidates and began contacting them.

After Woo missed one meeting because of other engagements, Bishop Thomas called her in Indiana. She thought he was simply keeping her in the loop.

"He said, 'We are glad you were not at the meeting because there are people who think you should be a candidate.' I told him, 'I have as

much relief experience as you do,'" Woo said.

The conversation turned serious. Woo asked Bishop Thomas what he would do if he were asked to apply for a major new position. "A decision like that needs to be made on one's knees," Bishop Thomas told her, recalling the conversation in a July 6 telephone interview with CNS.

Woo prayed, applied and got the job. It wasn't as if she had the inside track though, according to Bishop Thomas.

"She really faced all the expectations that all the other candidates faced because we insisted on a level playing field," he said.

Now Woo has the chance to carry out her vision for the organization. Along with that comes the move to Baltimore, home of CRS headquarters, after nearly four decades in Indiana.

Bishop Thomas, for one, has no doubts that she will do well.

"She is a deeply Catholic woman," he said. "She has a deep sense of solidarity with the poor. She has a motivating kind of spirit to get other people involved."

Along with the agency's growth, Woo said CRS faces a changing funding environment as she steps in as president and CEO. Along with new funders coming aboard come new demands for performance and accountability. The organization's growing partnership with the U.S. government means new political and diplomatic concerns as well, she acknowledged.

"If you think about today, everybody is busy, heads down, working very hard," she said. "We actually need someone working heads up, looking toward our future and helping the organization to excel in the new environment."



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, July 17, 10:30 a.m. — Mass at Saint Henry Church, Fort Wayne
- Friday, July 22, 5:30 p.m. — Mass for World Youth Day Pilgrims, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Warsaw
- Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m. — Mass at Diocesan Convocation for Hispanic Ministry, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw
- Sunday, July 24, 11 a.m. — Mass at Saint Monica Church, Mishawaka
- Monday, July 25, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Monday, July 25, 5:30 p.m. — Mass at Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Tuesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. — Mass at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, July 27 — Clergy Conference for Annual Bishop's Appeal, Ramada Plaza Hotel, Warsaw
- Thursday, July 28, 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington
- Saturday, July 30, 5 p.m. — Mass for ECHO Program, Institute for Church Life, Keenan-Stanford Hall Chapel of the Holy Cross, University of Notre Dame

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Father J. Mark Spalding, vicar general of the Louisville Archdiocese.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville was the principal ordaining bishop, and retired Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly of Louisville and Bishop Gettelfinger were ordaining bishops.

Before the ordination rite, Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein delivered the homily. The archbishop, a native of Jasper, and a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey, is the metropolitan bishop of the Indianapolis province covering the state. He began his homily by thanking the bishop-designate for saying "yes to the Holy Father."

In an interview with the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, he noted that as a child the young Chuck Thompson said he "might go to St. Meinrad and give the seminary a try."

Archbishop Buechlein, who served as the president-rector at St. Meinrad, said, "He embraced priestly formation with an open and full heart, and he completed the program with flying colors."

He added, "I am sure he will make Louisville and Evansville proud."

He told the bishop-designate he would be a "servant of unity. By God's grace, we build unity and communion in two ways, unity in the faith of the Church and unity in the charity of Christ. A bishop is a humble servant of unity in the Church."

"Without humility, one does not serve. Without humility, one does not build community."

At the end of his homily, the archbishop offered a suggestion regarding the bishop-designate's title. "If anyone slips and says 'Bishop Chuck,' I suggest they make a charitable contribution to the Little Sisters of the Poor."

He then held up the bishop-



CNS PHOTO/PEEWEE VASQUEZ, THE MESSAGE

**Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., ordains his former vicar general, Bishop Charles C. Thompson, as the fifth bishop of Evansville, at Roberts Municipal Stadium in Evansville June 29.**

designate's ordination card. "I think you have a first Communion picture on the front," he said. The congregation — and the bishop-designate — answered with sustained laughter and applause.

Archbishop Buechlein concluded his homily by telling those in attendance that "what our Church needs more than anything from us bishops and priests is integrity and holiness."

"The Church needs us to be no-nonsense, down to earth, holy, spiritual moral leaders who are who we claim to be."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the newly ordained Bishop Thompson said, "I have been reminded that this celebration is not so much about me as it is about the Church."

"I am reminded that while I may be the face of unity as bishop, it is truly the Holy Spirit binding us together as the one body of Christ, as holy people of God. In apostolic terms, this unity is particularly reflected in the shared solemnity of the princes of the apostles, namely Saints Peter and Paul. The source and summit of celebrating this unity, of course, is the Eucharist."



# World Youth Day registration high; many want to volunteer

BY SARAH DELANEY

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Organizers of this year's World Youth Day say that the figures for registration and requests to volunteer are higher than ever and auger well for a successful and joyful gathering in Madrid in August.

Pope Benedict XVI is scheduled to attend the event and organizers said they expect more than 1 million young pilgrims to join him.

Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, who leads the Vatican agency organizing the huge event, said that some 440,000 young people had already signed up, a record number for registrations with the event still six weeks away. More than 35,000 young Catholics have applied for one of 22,500 places in the vast volunteer corps, he said.

At a news conference at the Vatican June 28, Cardinal Rylko said that every World

Youth Day is "an extraordinary experience for a Church that is a friend of young people, close to them with their problems" and is able to transmit "enthusiasm and missionary zeal." Young people, especially in increasingly secular Europe, "have a particular need for all of this," he said.

In fact, he said, Pope Benedict chose the Spanish capital for the Aug. 16-21 event because of the specific need of Europe to rediscover its Christian roots and because of his conviction that young people are the most effective evangelizers.

The pope will spend Aug. 18-21 in Madrid, meeting with the young people several times and even hearing the confessions of some of them. The sight of young people going to confession in fields and tents has been a standard part of World Youth Day gatherings, but the Madrid celebration will mark the first time the pope

himself will administer the sacrament at the event.

Yago de la Cierva, executive director of World Youth Day, said that the organization was proceeding on time and that an efficient and widespread network among parishes and other Church institutions in Madrid was contributing to the good pace of preparation.

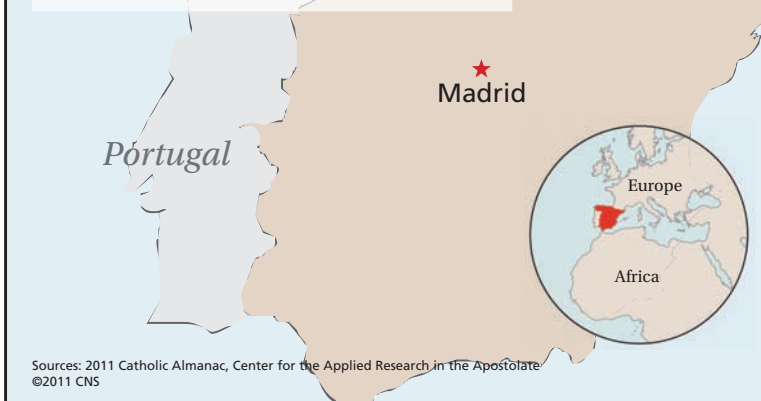
The work of volunteers, he said, was the key ingredient in making the whole event successful.

De la Cierva said the Spanish government and local authorities were providing logistical help, certain venues and some tax breaks to companies working on the organization, but that no direct financial contribution had come from the public sector. While the total cost is expected to up to 62 million euros (\$89 million), de la Cierva said it was expected to generate 100 million euros for Madrid and Spain.

Organizers also are asking

## Church in Spain

Catholics	4.2 million, 93%
Weekly Mass attendance	19%
Priests	25,700
Catholics per priest	1,634
Parishes	22,600



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**Pope Benedict XVI will preside over nine major events with young people during World Youth Day celebrations in Madrid in August.**

the youthful participants to contribute, if they can, to help out their peers who otherwise would not be able to attend for financial reasons, de la Cierva said.

Cardinal Rylko said that one of the "strong points" of the gathering was the opportunity for youth to hear catechesis,

and that some 260 bishops would be offering sessions in several different areas of the city in 30 languages. He said he hoped the nearly 14,000 priests expected would take advantage of the opportunity to learn and absorb some of the various lessons for use back in their home parishes.

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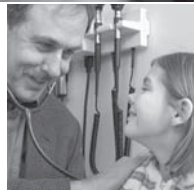
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# FARMING

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Just before Memorial Day, Chaille sent out an urgent message to area farmers begging for help with a critical piece of her Fresh Food Initiative. Burmese refugees, who are resettled in the Fort Wayne area by Catholic Charities, were under the gun to get their vegetable plants in the ground for the 2011 growing season but Mother Nature was not cooperating.

"We were in the middle of horrendous showers and more rain was predicted for the next several days," Chaille recalled. St. Louis Besancon parishioner and lifetime farmer Mick Lomont responded by offering a one-acre parcel of land on a farm just west of the church to the refugees.

"Without Lomont's participation we would be struggling to meet our goals of helping the refugees farm at such a large scale," said Chaille.

Bernadette and Elie Laurent are farmers from Haiti growing their crops on the plot. The Laurents were victims of the recent earthquake, which destroyed all of their farm land in their native country and took the lives of their two children. Ngar Myint is one of the Burmese participants. At the New Haven location, Myint has planted popular Burma vegetables such as roselle, taro, gourd, long bean and corn.

During the month of June, the farmers also attended a market-

ing session to teach them how to select and present their produce on a table. With no driver's license and little knowledge of the English language, it is very difficult for the refugees to become professional vendors.

The Purdue Extension agent also taught the farmers about market pricing and selling at the grocery stores to make a profit. The lecture described the main goal as bringing home money, not produce and how to sell in discount when necessary.

Garden coordinator, Taing Taw, also reported in the newsletter that seven CKP clients who are growing food for their family and market have received long hours, a lot of sweat and muscle and open arms from Paul Gerardot and his brother, Dan at St. Henry Church. While jobless and attending ESL classes, five women and two men spend countless hours in the beautiful gardens along Paulding Road.

"I have always loved gardening and am enjoying this. It is really nice to see how God is working through us to use this space. It is exciting to have so many people and so much activity in the neighborhood," said Gerardot.

In his own personal journey over the past year, Gerardot recently prayed, "Lord, use me as your hands and feet to do your work" and once again Chaille is more than thankful for another special blessing to the project.

"I can not count the times I shake someone's hand and tell them we could not have done this without them," she said.

# Scholarship Granting Organization offers \$300,000 to eligible children

BY DR. MARK MYERS

The parent application process for acquiring school choice awards has been announced by the Indiana Department of Education. Parents seeking information on enrollment of a child in Catholic schools should contact the school principal.

The Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana, (SGO) located at the Catholic Schools Office, will award \$300,000 to 1,000 eligible kindergarten students of parents who meet income guidelines higher than those listed at right. Any parent of a child entering kindergarten should contact the principal to complete a FACTS Grant in Aid Assessment form. Parents can complete a paper application form acquired from the principal or go online to [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). Parents of kindergarten children should complete the application as accurately as possible. Each application will have to be accompanied by the parent's federal income tax return, W-2 forms and supporting documentation for non-taxable income. Parents should allow 2-4 weeks for the processing. Faxed or copied applications will not be accepted. Parents should keep copies of all documents submitted. There is no SGO application deadline; however, most awards are expected to be prior to the first day of school.

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attended a public school in 2010-2011. Additional private foundation awards may provide additional tuition assistance to kindergarten students with SGO scholarships.

The Catholic Schools Office has set a target to admit 25 new eligible students in each building for the 2011-2012 academic year. Parents should enroll children as early as possible due to some space limitations in crowded schools.

Questions should be directed to the principal or Connie Bruner at the Catholic Schools Office, (260) 422-4611 ext. 3351 or e-mail [cbruner@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:cbruner@diocesefwsb.org). Principals have information about foundation awards that can supplement SGO awards in many schools.

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## Pope marks 60 years as a priest, bestows palliums on archbishops

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Celebrating Mass with archbishops from 25 countries, Pope Benedict XVI reflected on his 60 years as a priest, calling it a demanding and “awe-inspiring” ministry that brought him closer to God. The pope’s unusually personal recollection came June 29, the anniversary of his priestly ordination in Bavaria in 1951 and the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, the patron saints of Rome. During the three-hour-long Mass, he gave 41 archbishops the woolen pallium as a sign of their communion with the pope and their pastoral responsibility as shepherds. Among them were four prelates from the United States, including Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, and one from Canada. The liturgy in St. Peter’s Basilica began with a fanfare of trumpets. The pope smiled as he processed toward an altar ringed with flowers, pausing to greet a delegation sent by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. The pope devoted most of his homily to his 60 years of priestly ministry, and twice he excused himself for perhaps speaking too long about his recollections. He said he felt he had to look back on “the things that have left their mark.”

## Bishop Brown asks diocesan advisers to look into Crystal Cathedral

ORANGE, Calif. (CNS) — Bishop Tod D. Brown of Orange asked a group of diocesan advisers July 6 to “explore possibilities” regarding the Crystal Cathedral, once the home church of the Rev. Robert Schuller, a noted television preacher. The cathedral complex in Garden Grove was put up for auction earlier this year as part of the cathedral ministries bankruptcy proceedings. The organization founded by Rev. Schuller, who is now retired, filed for bankruptcy last October. It was facing debt amounting to more than \$50 million. Opening in 1970, the 3,000-seat Crystal Cathedral was one of the nation’s first megachurches. According to the diocese, Bishop Brown “is concerned for the future of the landmark church remaining a functional part of the liturgical landscape for the region.” The Orange Diocese does not currently have a cathedral to serve its 1.2 million Catholics. Based on the size of its Catholic population, Orange is the 11th largest diocese in the nation. The diocese covers Orange County, which has a total population of 3 million people. “While we continue to develop plans for a cathedral in Santa Ana, it is prudent to evaluate the opportunity to engage in the pending auction of this property and to mitigate the chance that it cease to function as a place of worship, if acquired by others,” Bishop Brown said in a statement.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## AID GIVEN TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL DAMAGED IN TORNADO



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Ray Karasek hands a box of school supplies to John Catanzaro as helpers load a truck headed to Joplin, Mo., June 21. Both men are parishioners at St. Gabriel the Archangel in St. Louis. The Catholic school organized other St. Louis Catholic elementary schools to assist St. Mary’s School in Joplin, which was damaged in a tornado in late May.

## Father Corapi says he won’t leave Montana to live with order in Texas

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Father John Corapi said he will not follow the order of his religious superior to leave his home in Montana to live in community with his fellow priests. In a posting on his website July 7, Father Corapi also said he was told to support himself and his ministry financially by Father James Flanagan, the founder of his congregation, the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. Father Corapi, who lives near Kalispell, Mont., also denied committing sexual improprieties with a female former employee whose allegations in letters to Church leaders nationwide prompted officials of his religious community to place him on administrative leave in March. The statement from the widely popular speaker on Catholic catechetical and contemporary issues came in response to a July 5 press release from the society, outlining transgressions related to Father Corapi’s lifestyle that it said were uncovered during an investigation by a three-member fact-finding panel appointed by the religious order. Information about Father Corapi learned during the inquiry, the release said, included “years of cohabitation” with a woman, repeated abuse of alcohol and drugs and “serious violation” of his promise of

poverty based on his ownership of more than \$1 million in real estate, numerous luxury vehicles, motorcycles, an ATV, a boat dock and several motor boats.

## Being ‘a father to people’ has been priest’s aim since 1936 ordination

HARRISBURG, Pa. (CNS) — On the day of his birth, July 28, 1912, Vincent Topper was expected to die. The newborn, suffering from tuberculosis, was baptized by a parish priest as his parents prepared to lose yet another child to the dreaded disease. But God had plans for Vincent, namely that he serve the Catholic Church of Harrisburg as a priest, a ministry he has faithfully fulfilled for 75 years. At age 98, Msgr. Topper is the diocese’s oldest and longest-serving priest. He resides at St. Catherine Labouré Parish in Harrisburg, where he continues to celebrate Mass and administer the sacrament of Reconciliation. “People ask me what’s my secret. My secret to a long life is to get baptized on the day you’re born because you’re supposed to die, and you’ll live to be 100,” the priest quipped in an interview with *The Catholic Witness*, Harrisburg’s diocesan newspaper. Msgr. Topper’s early childhood was filled with the reality of death. His mother and three siblings died, and his father nearly succumbed to the

influenza epidemic of 1918. Those harsh realities led young Vincent to consider the priesthood by the time he was in second grade.

## Vatican says ordinations for traditionalist Society of St. Pius X ‘illegitimate’

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The ordinations of 20 new priests for the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X are “illegitimate, period,” said the Vatican spokesman Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi. Although Pope Benedict XVI lifted the excommunication of the society’s four bishops in 2009, Father Lombardi said, he made it clear that until the society had reconciled fully with the Vatican — particularly regarding its position on doctrinal questions — its members have no official standing in the Church. The group ordained four priests in mid-June in Winona, Minn., 12 new priests in late June at its headquarters in Ecône, Switzerland, and 4 new priests July 3 at its seminary in Zaitzkofen, Germany. Responding to reporters’ questions July 5, Father Lombardi quoted from the letter Pope Benedict wrote in 2009 explaining the status of the society: “As long as the society does not have a canonical status in the Church, its ministers do not exercise legitimate ministries in the Church. ... In order to make this clear once again: Until the doctrinal ques-

tions are clarified, the society has no canonical status in the Church, and its ministers ... do not legitimately exercise any ministry in the Church.”

## Bishop Walsh of Santa Rosa retires; Coadjutor Bishop Vasa succeeds him

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Bishop Daniel F. Walsh of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Coadjutor Bishop Robert F. Vasa automatically succeeds him as head of the diocese. The changes were announced June 30 in Washington by Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantheaume, charge d’affaires at the apostolic nunciature. Bishop Walsh has been a bishop since 1981 and was appointed to head the Santa Rosa Diocese in 2000. He is 73 years old, two years younger than the age at which bishops are required to turn their resignation in to the pope. Bishop Walsh had asked for the assistance of a coadjutor, and Bishop Vasa, 60, was appointed in January. He had headed the Diocese of Baker, Ore., from January 2000 until his appointment to Santa Rosa. He took up residence in the California diocese in early March. He becomes the sixth bishop of Santa Rosa, a diocese with about 170,000 Catholics in a total population of 910,000. When he first arrived, Bishop Vasa told the *North Coast Catholic*, the diocesan publication, that he embraced Santa Rosa “as the place God is calling me to make my home, working for the greater good of souls and the salvation of mankind, especially of the people of this diocese.”

## Vatican prepares document on clergy-laity relationship

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican is studying a possible document on the relationship of clergy and laity, which touches on the sensitive issue of the administration of the Church’s goods, Vatican sources said. The sources denied an Italian report that the document will issue instructions on the reorganization of U.S. dioceses that face financial pressures in the wake of the sex abuse scandals — in particular regarding parish closings. The sources, who spoke to Catholic News Service June 28, said the document under preparation only marginally touches on the topic of parish closings and, if published, will be directed at the universal Church. The form of the document has not yet been determined; it may be an instruction or a less formal circular letter, they said. “The main topic here is the respect of norms regarding the nature of the priesthood in collaboration with laypeople, especially as it is affected by the restructuring of parish life,” said one source familiar with the draft document. “In some countries, new forms of parish structures have been created in which the priestly ministry appears weakened — in practice, the priest’s role risks being reduced to that of a celebrant of the sacraments, while teams of laypeople are put in charge of management. But the office of governing is part of the priestly ministry,” he said.



## Historic union in Congregation of Holy Cross

NOTRE DAME — A historic union took effect when the former Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers merged into the Indiana Province to form the new United States Province of Priests and Brothers on July 1, the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The merger was approved at the Congregation of Holy Cross' general chapter meeting in Rome in the summer of 2010.

The ministries of the new U.S. Province consists of four colleges and universities, including the University of Notre Dame.

Other ministries include 13 parishes in the U.S., including Sacred Heart Crypt Parish, Notre Dame; Christ the King Catholic Church, South Bend; Holy Cross/St. Stanislaus Parish, South Bend; St. Adalbert/St. Casimir Parish, South Bend, St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, and two in Mexico.

The United States Province's religious members number more than 410 priests and brothers, plus 102 seminarians currently in formation. The administrative offices of the new province will be located at Notre Dame.

The Congregation of Holy Cross is a Catholic religious order formed in 1837 in Sainte-Croix, France, by founder Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C.

To learn more about the mission of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers visit [www.holycrossusa.org](http://www.holycrossusa.org).

## Jerry Suelzer makes simple vows with Society of St. John

FORT WAYNE — Our Lady of Good Hope parishioner Jerry Suelzer made his simple vows with the Society of St. John on Sunday, June 26. Suelzer, now known as Brother Philip, will spend the next four years in France in study and prayer as he discerns his call to the priesthood. Others discerning vocations to the priesthood from Our Lady of Good Hope include Zachary Barry, Jonathon Norton and Thomas Zehr.

## Brodmerkel honored as 'excellence in education' recipient

FORT WAYNE — Each year the downtown Rotary Club in Fort Wayne honors teachers from each of the main districts in the city. This year's honoree from our diocese is Eileen Brodmerkel. In the fall, Brodmerkel will begin her 26th year teaching for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Prior to teaching at Bishop Luers High School, Brodmerkel taught at St. Aloysius in Yoder for two years. She also taught in Brownsville, Texas, for 10 years. Brodmerkel teaches English and journalism at Bishop Luers. Her students are responsible for the school newspaper as well as the yearbook.

Brodmerkel earned her degree from Indiana University. She is

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## HAND-CRAFTED CRUCIFIX DONATED TO ST. JUDE PARISH AS TRIBUTE TO DEACON FRED LARSON



PHOTO PROVIDED BY LARSON FAMILY

Father Tom Shoemaker, left, pastor of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, accepts a hand-crafted crucifix from Don Chislaghi, son-in-law of the late Deacon Fred Larson, who ministered to the parishioners of the parish for 20 years. A year and a half of loving labor went in to the crucifix that is constructed of western red cedar, bass wood and blood wood using the intarsia technique, an Italian art form dating back to the 14th and 15th centuries. Chislaghi hopes that this memorial to his faith-filled father-in-law, which will hang in the reconciliation room at St. Jude, will inspire others to serve in any way they can. The Larson family also donated Deacon Larson's grade school diploma dated 1930, the first graduating class of the newly opened school, which will hang in the alumni hall.

married to Myron Brodmerkel. They are the parents of twins Colin Brodmerkel and Caitlin Krouse, 2005 graduates of Bishop Luers. Being a Knight runs in the family, as Brodmerkel herself is a 1967 graduate of Bishop Luers. Colin serves with the United States Army in Afghanistan, and Caitlin is studying to become a physician assistant.

Brodmerkel earned a Bishop Luers' Light of Learning Award in 1998 and 2010.

## St. Mary of the Assumption hosts reunion for Sisters of St. Agnes

DECATUR — A celebration of the legacy of Catholic education and the presence of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes (CSA) of Fond du Lac, Wis., within the communities and parishes of Indiana will be hosted in Decatur on Sunday, Aug. 21, at St. Mary of the Assumption, 414 Madison St., Decatur.

Mayor John Schultz will make a formal proclamation at the 8:30 a.m. Mass commemorating CSA's years of

service to the communities of Indiana, followed by an open house and social at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 2-5 p.m. Many of the sisters who lived and taught in the Indiana area will speak at the Mass and gathering.

From the early 1870s until the late 1990s, the Sisters of St. Agnes ministered in several different parish schools, including St. Joseph Catholic School and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Decatur; St. Henry Parish and School and St. Joseph Parish and School in Fort Wayne; St. Louis in Besancon; St. John the Baptist School in New Haven; and St. Aloysius in Yoder, as well as several other areas in Indiana.

The Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes continues to be active in the ministries of education and health-care, but has also extended its outreach to the areas of social justice, advocacy, spiritual direction and pastoral ministry throughout the United States and in Latin America.

"We are in the process of re-connecting with the areas in which the sisters have worked and lived," said CSA Director of Development Ministry Terry Letvinchuck. "We want to share the story of what they have done in the past, the lives they

have touched. But, we also want to share what they are doing now in their current ministries, to share how they continue to change the lives of so many."

For information contact the CSA Development Ministry Office at (920) 907-2311, e-mail [tletvinchuck@csa-sisters.org](mailto:tletvinchuck@csa-sisters.org) or visit [www.csa-sisters.org](http://www.csa-sisters.org).

## Gator Gallop set for July

YODER — The 11th annual Gator Gallop 5K run/walk is scheduled for Saturday, July 30, at 7 p.m. at St. Aloysius Parish.

Participants can pre-register for the event at Three Rivers Running Company in Fort Wayne, on Friday, July 29, from 5-8 p.m. The cost for early registration is \$12.

Registration the day of the race is at 6 p.m. in the St. Aloysius School gym and costs \$15. Families with three or more participants can register for \$35. All proceeds go to St. Aloysius School.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female competitors overall and in each age group. All participants will receive Gator Gallop T-shirts. Door prizes will be awarded upon completion of the event.

For additional information, contact Chad or Kathy Ware at (260) 744-0290 or (260) 466-4272 or through e-mail at [GatorGallop@juno.com](mailto:GatorGallop@juno.com).

## Ohio shrine to offer Fatima tribute

MARIA STEIN, Ohio — Devotions will be conducted in honor of the Mother of God on Friday, Aug. 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the Spiritual Center. Mass with Father Barry Stechschulte, parochial vicar of Holy Trinity Parish Cluster, will be followed by the rosary during a candle light procession.

Participants may want to bring a lawn chair (no seating is provided) and a flashlight.

For information visit [www.spiritualcenter.net](http://www.spiritualcenter.net) or call (419) 925-7625.

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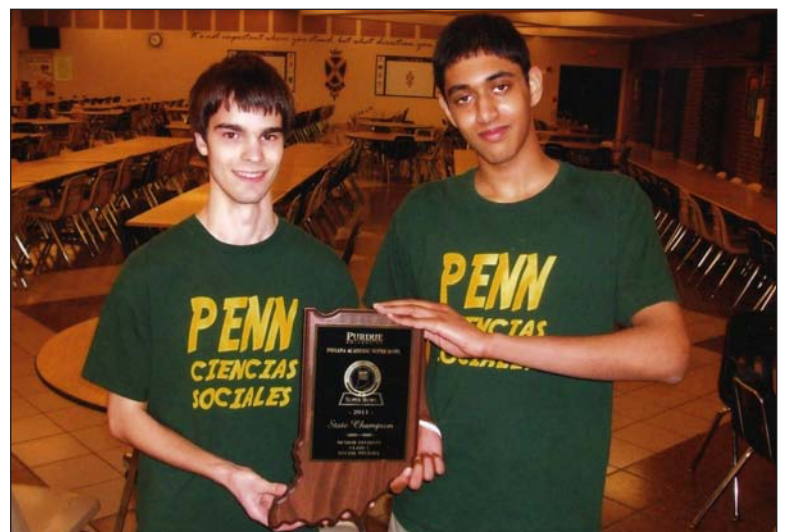


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Philip Weldy, left, a member of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka, and Ajith John, right, a member of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, were recent contributors who helped lead Penn High School, Mishawaka, to a state championship of the Academic Super Bowl social studies team. The team coach, Pete DeKever, is a member of St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka.



# Deacon Jim and Karen Fitzpatrick serve home, Church and community

FORT WAYNE — Catholics of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who have attended diocesan liturgical events in the last 25 years recognize, admire and respect Jim Fitzpatrick and his loving sidekick and wife, Karen.

Jim Fitzpatrick, named diocesan master of ceremonies by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, in 1989, has assisted bishops and parish priests across the diocese at numerous confirmations, special liturgical celebrations and ordinations. Fitzpatrick, through study of the rites and ceremonies of the Catholic faith, along with a deep love for liturgy and a natural sense of organization, has assisted in making the diocesan liturgies a special time of prayer, praise and inspiration for thousands of worshippers.

Fitzpatrick came highly recommended to the diaconate by Bishop D'Arcy for many reasons. He received the special graces of ordination, along with 10 other deacons, through the "laying on of hands" by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on May 21 at the Cathedral of the



JIM AND KAREN FITZPATRICK

Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, where he has served many times as master of ceremonies.

On that day, Bishop Rhoades reminded the newly-ordained Deacon Jim that his service of the Word and of charity would now, in a new and sacramental way, be

directly linked to his service at the altar.

Deacon Jim reflects on that day and his newly accepted vocation by quoting Gal. 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

Deacon Jim continues to serve as the master of ceremonies for Bishop Rhoades and has been assigned as a deacon at his home parish, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne.

Deacon Jim's faith in Jesus Christ and his love for serving at the altar began at age five, when the sacristan, who happened to be his grandmother, encouraged him to serve for a Sorrowful Mother Novena prayer service at their home parish, St. Vincent de Paul in Toledo, Ohio. Eileen, his grandmother,

continued to teach Fitzpatrick the Latin prayers needed for serving at that time. With great enthusiasm he looked forward to serving daily Mass at his home parish.

As the years progressed, his love for being close to Christ at the altar led him to discern a possible call to priesthood. When entering high school, he enrolled at Holy Spirit Seminary in Toledo where he spent four years. Fitzpatrick would continue to live at the seminary, completing courses at the University of Toledo, but his father's unforeseen illness and the smile of the parish secretary's daughter would eventually lead him down other paths of service.

Fitzpatrick's father, who had provided for their family of seven children by unloading ships on the Great Lakes, fell ill, leading to a precarious family financial situation. Fitzpatrick's innate leadership skills, along with those of his brothers, led him into restaurant work, where they learned to help support their family and run a restaurant business. These early experiences of hard work and on-the-job training would eventually lead him and his brothers to start Quality Dining, a multi-concept restaurant company.

In 1983, Fitzpatrick's business ventures would eventually result in a move to Fort Wayne. Today, Fitzpatrick and his brothers own and operate Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen in Mishawaka, Blue 20-Seafood Bar and Grill in New Jersey, and several Chili's and Burger King franchises.

Fitzpatrick's vocational call was solidly revealed once he met and married Karen. As he was building the restaurant business, Karen completed her degree in pharmacy at Ohio Northern University, subsequently operating her own pharmacy in Ohio. Eventually Karen accepted a position in the diocesan Office of Worship in 1998, working with her husband and fellow staff members to plan and execute diocesan liturgical events. She continues her work as an administrative assis-

## A GLIMPSE: THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

BY GINNY KOHRMAN

tant in this office, while supporting her husband in his business and ministerial responsibilities.

Kristen, their daughter, a graduate of Bishop Dwenger, the University of Notre Dame and the Arcadia Medical School in Philadelphia, now works as a physician's assistant in the area of dermatology in Philadelphia.

Deacon Jim's deep love of Christ and his continuous service at the altar is paralleled by his generous gifts of personal time, talent and treasure. He serves on the diocesan Finance Committee, the Bishop Luers High School Finance Committee and the diocesan Liturgical Commission. He supports diocesan Catholic schools through the annual "You Can Lend a Hand" fundraising effort. He is a Knight/Grand Cross in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. At St. Vincent Parish in Fort Wayne, Fitzpatrick assists with marriage and baptismal preparations, cantors, assists at the altar and preaches as Deacon Jim at weekday and Sunday liturgies. He volunteers to bring Holy Communion to residents at Saint Anne's Retirement Home and fulfills his responsibilities tirelessly as master of ceremonies.

All of this Deacon Jim accomplishes while running his business, attending to his wife and family and opening his heart and home to brother deacons, their wives and other friends. Looking beyond the outward demeanor of this talented, hard working business man, it is easy to see the true heart of a servant ... an ordained deacon ... one through whom Christ lives.



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# Decatur parish blesses new hall

DECATUR — St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church of Decatur recently held a Blessing of the Grounds ceremony for the new parish hall that is currently under construction. Father David Voors offered the blessing that was attended by members of the parish following the Saturday, July 9, evening Mass. The general contractor for the project is Darling Construction, owned by parishioners Ron and Tom Darling, and Moake Park Group of Fort Wayne is the design architect.

The project is the culmination of the St. Mary's Building

On Our Heritage capital campaign, which began in the fall of 2004. The campaign raised funds for the Legacy of Faith Endowment established by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the new St. Joseph Catholic School gymnasium that was completed in the summer of 2009, and the parish hall that is planned for completion in the spring of 2012. The hall will include a central gathering space, two large meeting rooms with an adjacent kitchen area, bookstore, SCRIP office, adoration chapel, men's and women's restrooms and storage space.



PROVIDED BY TONY ISCH

Standing left to right in the photo are St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur, building committee members Bill Fullenkamp and Tim Barkey, pastor Father David Voors, committee member Tony Isch, and the owners of Darling Construction, Ron and Tom Darling.

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# Diocese accounts for financial operations

Dear Friends in Christ:

Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of our diocese for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2010. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

2010 was an exciting year for the diocese. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was welcomed to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend — he was installed and has settled in. Bishop-Emeritus John M. D'Arcy seems to be cutting down on his workload a bit — although still staying busy and enjoying his retirement. The year saw significant improvements from 2009 financially — we went from a \$5.9 million loss to a \$1.7 million loss, which is still a concern.

Of our 52 departments, five were over budget operationally. Some reasons are installation costs and higher retirement costs during 2010. The Archbishop Noll Center had significant structural work done. Seminarian education was higher — we had more seminarians than budgeted — which is a good thing, and paper costs for *Today's Catholic* were significantly higher than budgeted. Those five departments were \$400,000 over budget. In addition to that, the loss includes \$300,000 in depreciation and our health and accident insurance fund had a \$700,000 loss, which was a precursor of things that have happened in fiscal year 2011. On the bright side, in 2011, the departments are coming in under budget and investment income is up over 12 percent year-to-date.

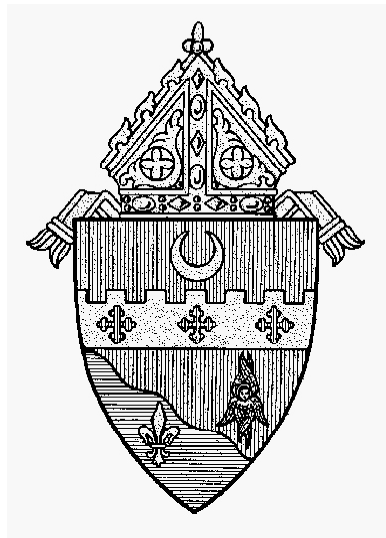
**DIOCESAN AUDIT** The diocese is audited every year by Leonard J. Andorfer & Company, a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This means that the diocesan books, records and accounting principles are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the Audit Committee, but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council; and the council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) that the council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been reviewed; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province, which, in this case, is the Archbishop of Indianapolis. We require similar reporting from our parishes to the diocese.

**PARISHES** It is also important that there be accountability and transparency in parishes. According to canon law, every parish must have a parish finance council. We have two retired accountants who do a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past five years, we have sent this financial report, done by our two auditors, to each member of the parish finance council. This enables the review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, controls have now been established similar to the accountability of each diocese.

It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop's Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality. The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 24 years since the appeal began, our parishes have engaged in major capital fund drives. Since the appeal began, fund drives for parishes have brought in over \$125 million for new buildings and renovations approved by the Diocesan Finance Council. This includes parish initiatives linked to the Legacy of Faith. Also, \$127,000,000, which would have been paid to the diocese under the previous system, now remains in the parishes. In addition, \$4.8 million from the appeal has been given in grants to parishes in need. The 24th Annual Bishop's Appeal was the highest in terms of pledges, attaining \$6,267,759. We put emphasis on improving the financial stability of parishes that are experiencing deficit opera-

## The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend



**LEGACY OF FAITH** The Legacy of Faith campaign is also parish-oriented. As of May 31, 2011, \$9,137,654 has been returned to parishes from the Legacy of Faith campaign. There were 11 parishes who had a combined drive. This means that, in addition to the Legacy of Faith, they sought to raise funds for a particular need, such as schools, increased classrooms, improvements in the church, etc. These parishes realized a total of \$34 million over and above their commitment to the Legacy. This is in pledges, which they hope to receive over three to five years. A summary is as follows:

Goal: \$40,000,000  
Total Pledged: \$48,589,464  
Total Paid: \$42,830,830  
Distributions: \$3,882,772 (from Endowments)

**TWINNING PARISHES** A number of parishes have agreed to twin with certain targeted parishes to help them provide a full Catholic education. From January 1999 thru April 2011, a total of \$1,947,875 has been received by 16 parishes. This is true Christian stewardship; and most of the parishes making these contributions do it as part of their parish stewardship effort. These parishes give a proportionate gift to other parishes in need. This twinning program has saved several parish schools.

**THE GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY** A group of people devoted to our schools formed the Guardian Angel Society, which has already raised \$1,557,553 in its first 12 years to help with tuition for students in those elementary schools, which have a genuine need. In addition, \$80,000 is pledged for its 13th campaign. There are no administrative costs for this initiative. All funds go directly to pay tuition. Special appreciation goes to William Dotterweich, who guides and oversees this important project.

**HIGH SCHOOLS** Over \$24 million has been raised for building programs in our four high schools. All four high schools have recently engaged in or are preparing future

building programs. The high schools continue to flourish, but not without challenges. The Annual Bishop's Appeal gives \$1.7 million to the high schools every year, which has created a sense of stability. Next year, tuition will increase by \$150 in our high schools. This will help us to pay for the increase in teacher salaries. Our high schools are also audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. Three high schools have debts to the diocese and all are paying on those debts. Saint Joseph's High School has received final approval to begin construction on a new high school starting June 1, 2011.

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

Both the Development Office and the Business Office have helped us to put in place the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, which will enable parishes, high schools and other diocesan institutions to raise funds for an ongoing endowment. It is my hope that many parishes, especially those with schools, will initiate an endowment. It takes just \$5,000 to start an endowment for a parish or diocesan institution. Currently, there are 106 endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation. Talk to your pastor or school board about establishing an endowment for your parish and/or parish school. To establish an endowment and experience endowment growth involves planned giving bequests, annuities, remainder trusts, as well as gifts and other creative ways by which you can make contributions. Funds placed in this trust will remain there and grow, and the interest realized will continue to fund the designated purpose for years to come. These are gifts that keep on giving. Those who contribute will determine the area where these funds are to be restricted. Regular annual reports and quarterly newsletters are sent to the donors. The Catholic Community Foundation now contains \$15,108,504.

**INVESTMENTS** Our investments are overseen by Slocum & Associates of St. Paul, Minn. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teaching. Slocum & Associates meets with our Investment Committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year in question here, investments gained 10.4 percent. Through the first nine months of 2011, the gain is over 12 percent. The current asset allocation is detailed in the pie chart below.

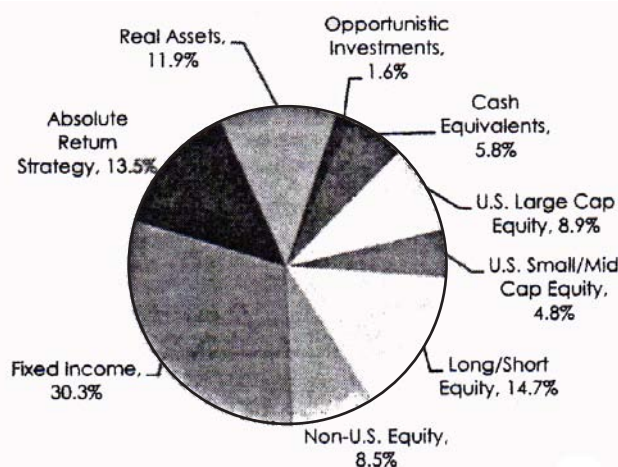
The past fiscal year was a time of change for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The parishes, schools and institutions of the diocese continue to build a sound financial footing. Expenses are being watched very carefully. Bishop Rhoades put in place a new Diocesan Curia, which should reduce expenses somewhat; investment markets appear to be strong. The people of the diocese are very generous as the 24th Annual Bishop's Appeal realized the highest ever in pledges. Some challenges are our health and accident insurance fund which continues to deteriorate during 2011 even with a 10 percent increase in premium costs. Starting July 1, we raised those significantly again to our locations and employees. The funding of our lay pension plan is also a concern. We are looking at different options on reducing some of the expenses to the diocesan locations pertaining to our lay pension plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph G. Ryan, Chief Financial Officer

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### Asset Allocation as of 6/30/2010





**DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS**

Consolidated Financial Report Fiscal Year 2009/10

<b>INCOME</b>	
Tuition/Fees	\$14,522,703
Diocesan Assistance	1,447,000
Other Grants/Scholarships	402,992
Fund-Raising	1,335,940
Athletic/Other	3,821,748
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$21,530,383</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Administrative</b>	
Cost of Employee-Teaching	\$2,897,676
Other Administrative	2,798,576
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$5,696,252</b>
<b>Instructional</b>	
Cost of Employee-Teaching	\$8,153,377
Academic Department-Cost	146,109
Other Expense-Teaching	370,379
Cost of Employee-Supportive	1,095,371
Other Expense-Supportive	383,949
<b>Total Instructional</b>	<b>\$10,149,185</b>
<b>Operational</b>	
Cost of Employee	\$999,541
Other Expense-Operational	1,670,545
<b>Total Operational</b>	<b>\$2,670,086</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Capital/Miscellaneous	0
Other Miscellaneous	3,520,696
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$3,520,696</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$22,036,219</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$505,836)</b>

**82 DIOCESAN PARISHES**

Consolidated Financial Report Fiscal Year 2009/10

<b>INCOME</b>	
Church Income	\$57,854,955
School Income	30,022,056
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$87,877,011</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Church Expense	\$34,672,612
School Expense	45,727,358
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$80,399,970</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$7,477,041</b>
* Diocesan Assistance	
Bishop Dwenger High School	\$444,901
Bishop Luers High School	303,502
Saint Joseph's High School	362,190
Marian High School	336,407
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,447,000</b>

**\* Parishes receiving grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal**

- Precious Blood, Fort Wayne
- St. Henry, Fort Wayne
- St. Therese, Fort Wayne
- St. Joseph, Garrett
- St. Monica, Mishawaka
- Corpus Christi, South Bend
- Holy Family, South Bend
- St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart
- Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend
- Sacred Heart, Warsaw
- St. Adalbert, South Bend
- St. Casimir, South Bend
- St. Augustine, South Bend
- St. John the Baptist, South Bend
- St. Mary, Bristol

**\*\* Groups receiving grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal**

- St. Vincent de Paul Society, Fort Wayne and South Bend
- Vincent Village
- Women's Care Center
- St. Augustine Soup Kitchen
- Little Flower Food Pantry
- Chiara Home
- Sister Maura Brannick Health Center
- COPOSH (Homeless Center, SB)
- Logan Center
- Christ Child Society, Fort Wayne and South Bend
- St. Mary's Soup Kitchen
- Matthew 25
- Center for Basic Learning Skills
- Hannah's House
- Life Athletes
- The Franciscan Center
- Catholic Charities

**Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend**

Statement of revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2010

	Expendable Funds	Temporarily/Permanently Restricted Funds	Total Funds
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>			
Parish Quotas and Assessments	\$2,263,708	0	\$2,263,708
Donations and Bequests	428,249	492,493	920,742
Investment Income	902,720	1,195,304	2,098,024
Fund-Raising - Bishop's Appeal	4,497,823	0	4,497,823
Insurance Premiums	10,440,314	75,324	10,515,638
Interest - Loans	718,417	0	718,417
Collections	251,469	0	251,469
Advertising	217,077	0	217,077
Subscriptions	19,872	0	19,872
Sale of Merchandise	395,789	0	395,789
Fees/Rentals/Workshops	462,959	0	462,959
Other	444,594	0	444,594
Gain on Sale of Assets	8,997	0	8,997
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$21,051,988</b>	<b>\$1,763,121</b>	<b>\$22,815,109</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Ministry Services	\$3,280,756	0	\$3,280,756
Educational Services	2,592,872	0	2,592,872
Diocesan High School Assistance	1,687,000	0	1,687,000
Communications	1,165,826	0	1,165,826
Fund-Raising - Bishop's Appeal	389,986	0	389,986
Insurance	10,853,513	0	10,853,513
Interest Expense	897,639	0	897,639
*Parish Assistance	199,345	0	199,345
Priests-Other Countries-Parish Assistance	21,626	0	21,626
Religious/Priest Retirement	306,718	0	306,718
Assessments	104,061	0	104,061
Chancery - Departmental/General	1,820,731	0	1,820,731
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	710,484	0	710,484
Catholic Charities Subsidy	438,472	0	438,472
** Charitable Contributions	84,500	0	84,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$24,553,529</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$24,553,529</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$3,501,541)</b>	<b>\$1,763,121</b>	<b>(\$1,738,420)</b>

**CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS**

Revenues, Expenses and Budgets for the Fiscal Year ended 6/30/10

	Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
Tribunal	\$444,795	\$487,717
General Administration	883,446	753,855
Parish Assistance	46,892	49,267
Personnel	201,249	212,100
Diocesan Services Agency	38,717	42,112
Data Processing	76,290	66,798
US Catholic Conference/Indiana Catholic Conference	104,061	102,207
Missions	6,388	6,198
Archbishop Noll Catholic Center	459,091	396,832
Misc. Properties	256,949	216,141
Hispanic Ministry	141,246	153,161
Accounting	148,484	132,649
Bishop's Appeal	284,100	271,420
Bishop's Office	126,768	61,048
Retired Bishop's Office	7,771	0
Archivist	42,686	47,435
Today's Catholic	868,101	766,679
Office of Catholic Communications	136,528	161,929
Ecumenical	1,000	6,168
Family Life/Pro-Life	301,909	235,137
TV Mass	161,197	148,016
Property Management	113,242	109,462
Office of Vocations	52,246	58,721
Campus Ministry	220,301	232,504
Office of Worship/Music Ministry	122,958	121,953
Spiritual Development	137,414	128,471
Victim Assistance Coordinator	4,399	4,457
Permanent Diaconate	64,227	70,106
Hospital Ministry	123,441	127,426
Ministry of Education	371,481	432,752
Religious Education Office	335,822	354,519
Seminarian Education/Priest Formation	611,077	538,400
Continuing Ed/Priests	72,722	52,000
Crisis Pregnancy Fund - Catholic Charities	438,472	435,000
Catholic Charities Property - South Bend	23,409	23,119
International Priests Assigned to Parishes	21,626	10,050
Youth Ministry	202,184	170,517
Development Office	70,427	80,581
Cathedral Museum	6,631	6,931
Planned Giving	35,437	60,984
	<b>\$7,765,184</b>	<b>\$7,334,822</b>



## The courage to bear witness

As the anniversary of my nephew's death approaches, I am immersed in vivid memories of not only the poignancy of his life, but also the tragic gift of his death. Sitting with a dying loved one is not an easy task, but offers its own treasure. Being present for the long term to those left to mourn their loss can be even more difficult.

Adam was only 22 years old when he drew his final breath on earth after battling leukemia for over two years. When it became clear that his prognosis was bleak, he shared his greatest fear — that he would die alone. His exhausted, but ever courageous mother assured him that he would be surrounded by his loved ones when the time came.

As Adam's life force began to dim, his heartbroken parents put a call out to his family and friends with a solemn invitation to say farewell. His visitors came over the course of 18 hours, his mother waking him for each goodbye. One by one these caring and courageous folks stood at his bedside to speak

sentiments of the heart to him as he lay dying.

Surrounding him with the very presence of love, young and old stood witness to this young man's last moments on earth. It wasn't easy, as the stark reality of the situation blended into a surreal blur of exhaustion and grief — a number of us stood vigil with his parents and brother. Others could not bring themselves to stay long in the heartbreak. Nonetheless, Adam knew he was not alone.

Following his death, those of us who remained began slowly to speak of our relationships with Adam and how he had touched our lives. We listened while his parents spoke of their beloved son through tears and laughter. Supporting Adam's family and bearing witness to their grief, while facing our own sense of loss, was yet another difficult task.

I believe it takes courage to stay with those who face the agonizing pain of loss. It calls for the desire to be present to the ones in need and the stamina to face the discomfort of experiencing the expression of



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### HOPE IN THE MOURNING

another's pain.

In our mourning-avoidant culture, where death is many times quietly ignored and mourning is hastened to an unresolved end, those who mourn sometimes feel pressured to hurry through their grief. Sage advice is often offered on how to forget or move on. Bearing witness calls us to hold up each story with honor and be present to the pain. Supporting the bereaved means allowing them space to grieve as they must. They will direct us on what they need.

Many of us have the mistaken impression that to be of any help we must have all the right answers

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## Nourish seeds of faith



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 13:24-43

The Book of Wisdom provides this weekend's first reading. Wisdom is the name not only of this book of the Old Testament, but of an entire set of writings. Collectively, the purpose is to convey in human language, and for human situations of life, the wisdom that can come only from God.

Always important as backdrop in reading the Wisdom literature, or in reading any Scripture for that matter, is the admission that humans necessarily are limited. We cannot understand everything. We cannot see everything. Even what we see at times, and perhaps more often than not, is distorted and colored.

We need God. We simply cannot survive without divine Wisdom. God offers this in the revealed Scriptures.

This weekend's reading salutes God, the Almighty, the Perfect, and the perfectly just and all knowing. The reading is highly poetic and lyrical, almost as if it were a hymn.

Marvelous for us, this supreme, perfect God fulfills us despite our limitations. We have nothing to want or to fear if we listen to God, the source of all Wisdom.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is the source of this very brief reading, the second lesson for this weekend's Liturgy of the Word.

Stressed here is our weakness and our limitations. Even our prayers are weak, handicapped by our sinfulness and selfishness all too often. However, God supplies. As disciples of Jesus, born again in the life of Jesus, we speak with the life and strength of the Holy Spirit.

For the last reading, the Church presents a parable from St. Matthew's Gospel, using agricultural imagery. At the time of Jesus, the planting and growing of crops, or the keeping of herds, was the most popular livelihood. This familiar story of the sower who planted good seed in his field would have been understood by all who heard the Lord speak.

Jesus says that the story resembles the kingdom of God. Each component, the landowner, the slave, the enemy, and so on, fit into the overall picture.

To recall the story, at night, an enemy comes and sows the seeds of weeds in the landowner's field, tended by the slaves. In time, both grain and weeds come forth.

One is good, the other bad. God will separate the good from the bad. He will decide.

Another parable follows. It is the story of a mustard seed, a tiny piece of matter. Although only a seed, it has the potential of life and growth. In time, it becomes a great tree.

Finally, Jesus gives the Apostles a special and much more detailed lesson. He explains the parable.

### Reflection

The first step in learning about Christianity is to accept the Church's doctrine of original sin and its effects upon all people. God created every-

one and vested in each what the theologians call "free will." Some use this will to be loyal to God, others choose disloyalty. The devil tempts us to sin.

So, in God's creation, people divide between saints and sinners, nourishing plants or weeds. The devil sows seeds of the weeds.

In the end, God will right all wrongs. Justice will prevail. In the meantime, it is required of us to realize that faith is a seed within us, planted by God. We, however, must nourish it and protect it.

We too have our free wills. We can choose to be faithful to God or not. We can allow, and assist, the seed within us to grow to maturity, which is personal sanctity and final reward with God in heaven. Or we can reject God.

God's kingdom is created in victory, but it is not foisted upon us as if an invader has overtaken us. We must choose God, as we endure life among the weeds.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6 Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Ex 14:21-15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17 Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30

## Is the pope Catholic? Ask the National Labor Relations Board

Which schools are Catholic and which are not? And who decides?

Even the Church's modern-day efforts to assert itself as the arbiter — beginning with the 1990 apostolic constitution "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" — have proven somewhat controversial, despite the clear reading of canon law: "No university may bear the title or name Catholic university without the consent of the competent ecclesiastical authority."

But if it is controversial even for the Church to decide this question, how much more controversial is it for the government to interfere?

The National Labor Relations Board, a federal panel that arbitrates disputes between workers, unions and businesses, has lately put itself in the business of deciding which schools are really Catholic.

Traditionally, Catholic schools have been exempted from the National Labor Relations Act, and therefore from the NLRB's control. Because mandatory collective bargaining on work rules could compromise an institution's religious freedom, courts have held that their workforces cannot unionize under the act's provisions.

In two recent cases, the NLRB's regional directors have circumvented this obstacle by holding that Catholic schools — namely, Manhattan College in New York and St. Xavier University in Chicago — are not, in fact, Catholic.

The decisions are still subject to appeal, but for now the Church says that these schools are Catholic and the government says that they're not.

The Supreme Court has held that the National Labor Relations Act does not apply to lay teachers in Catholic high schools, but the NLRB believes that colleges should live by a different standard.

The basic rationale is that, unlike the primary and secondary school environment in which students are instructed in the faith, college students and teachers live in an environment of academic freedom.

At most Catholic colleges, teachers are not charged with "indoctrinating and proselytizing," and neither the Church itself nor any clerical institution has direct control or a major financial stake.

Most Catholic colleges do not require loyalty oaths or compel religious observance among students. They hire non-Catholics and have lay boards of trustees.

On those grounds, and especially if they have ever published materi-



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als talking of their "independence" from the institutional Church, most Catholic colleges are now susceptible to having their religious freedom taken away by the NLRB.

In the case of Manhattan College, NLRB's regional director concluded that "the purpose of the college is secular and not the 'propagation of a religious faith.'" Similarly situated schools should be on notice.

"Ex Corde Ecclesiae" explic-

itly said in 1990 that a Catholic university community "includes members of other churches ... and also those who profess no religious belief." The document on "Ex Corde's" application, released 10 years later, says that "academic freedom is an essential component of a Catholic university."

In contrast, the NLRB deems "secular" any col-

lege that does not adopt a grammar-school model of Catholic education. As Manhattan College argued (unsuccessfully), the NLRB's criteria assume that "religious belief must be authoritarian and hence inconsistent with academic freedom."

The NLRB's recent rulings suggest a cartoonish vision of faith as a strictly compulsory activity for children and the weak-minded. They evince a disappointing ignorance of, or disregard for, the way faith is communicated among intelligent adults.

That is, of course, at the heart of Catholic universities' role: to bring students and faculty to a better knowledge and love of God through appeals to the intellect and examples of virtue. For an adult mind, these appeals cannot be persuasive unless they occur in an atmosphere of academic freedom.

This is the ideal we strive for. But it is not hard to see the problem when the Church tells Catholic institutions of higher learning to embrace academic freedom and the federal government tells us simultaneously that we don't qualify as "Catholic" unless we do otherwise.

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# Roger Maris and the summer of 1961

Five years ago, I made the argument for "Hoosiers" as the greatest sports movie ever and lamented the absence of great baseball films. "Hoosiers" is still the gold standard but a confession is in order: there is a great baseball movie; it ranks right up there in the cinematic sports pantheon; and on this golden anniversary of the Mantle-Maris chase for Babe Ruth's single-season home run record, attention must be paid.

I speak of "61\*," Billy Crystal's made-for-TV tale of Mickey, Roger, Yogi, Whitey, Ellie, Moose, Ralph, and the rest of one of the great Yankee teams, bashing their way toward the World Series a year after they lost the October Classic to Bill Mazeroski and the Pittsburgh Pirates (as astonishing as that feat, and the fact that it occurred in early October, might seem to younger readers).

"61\*" is not flawless. It's crude at one or two points (but so was the Commerce Comet, Mantle). The computer imaging of old Yankee Stadium (not the redesigned one just torn down but the original House That Ruth Built) is a little shaky, as is the re-creation of Memorial Stadium in Baltimore, site of most of my sacred baseball memories. A few bits of casting are off: neither Whitey Ford nor Ralph Houk looks quite right. Nonetheless, it's a terrific film.

Thomas Jane and Barry Pepper (Mantle and Maris) look their parts, not only physically but because both men seem to have played some ball somewhere along the line. The script catches the sheer physical endurance required by major league

baseball's daily grind, and the life-on-the-edge, post-game extracurricular activities of that pre-iPhone era. New York's sportswriters are skewered as the assassins that they largely were. Above all — and here is where Crystal's film and "Hoosiers" share a common moral quality — "61\*" is a great story of male friendship without a hint of homoeroticism.

Maris, the North Dakota homebody who has just won the 1960 Most Valuable Player award, sees that Mantle, the Oklahoma hellion who might have been the greatest player ever had he not blown out his knee in the 1951 Series, is risking both his own and the team's success by his compulsive boozing and wenching. So Maris and his apartment-mate, outfielder Bob Cerv, invite Mantle to move in with them, cut out the nocturnal craziness, and get himself back together. That act of solidarity, matched by the way manager Houk and Maris's teammates rally around him when both fans and sportswriters choose Mickey over Roger in the Great Bambino Record Chase, exemplifies the distinctive way men can be friends. One hopes that such fraternity is possible in professional sports these days, although it's hard to imagine LeBron, D-Wade, and Chris Bosh as this century's Mantle, Maris and Cerv.

I remember the summer of 1961 very well: my crush on my recent fourth-grade teacher, Miss Donohoe, was unabated; I had my tonsils out; Robert Twynham, my great choirmaster, came to Baltimore; and the Orioles, as usual, finished behind the Yankees, whom I hated with a biblical passion. My



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## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

brother and I even put Mantle and Maris baseball cards into the spokes of our bikes, an imprudent gesture of boyish contempt that has likely cost both of us considerable retirement income from vintage card sales. My anti-Yankee passions remain, but thanks to Billy Crystal's film-making, I have now placed brackets around — or perhaps an asterisk after — the 1961 Yankees.

Mickey Mantle, a tortured spirit, died in 1995 after telling a press conference, "This is a role model: don't be like me." Maris died in 1985 of Hodgkin's lymphoma and is buried in his hometown, Fargo. This unassuming family man, who never took advantage of the lifestyle libertinism that Gotham (and the journalistic conventions of the era) made possible, was a good husband and father who endured hate mail and death threats, fan idiocies and press barbs. Roger Maris, a Catholic whom some would argue is the real single-season home run king, is one of the quiet heroes of the American Catholic experience.

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## HOPE

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or the perfect actions of comfort. Surprisingly, what I've learned through my own experience is that the main ingredient to bearing witness is simply offering one's openhearted presence. Listening with both ears and our hearts, rather than focusing on what we might say, goes a long way in the healing process.

That openheartedness sometimes means stepping out of our comfort zone. It means allowing the mourner to do and say what is appropriate for them at the time — without judgment. Our presence at the bedside of a dying loved one or at the side of the bereaved need simply be a gentle, quiet reminder of love and support.

After most of Adam's family and friends had left his bedside the morning of his death, I watched as my sister and brother-in-law sat silently with their precious son's lifeless body. The pain and anguish reflected on their weary faces spoke volumes. When I began to take my leave, my sister asked if I would stay — to simply bear witness. So I sat with them as they whispered their last goodbyes. The grief was pal-

pable but I felt honored to be a part of this family's journey.

In the five years since that day, my sister and I have supported each other through many other losses. We've sat vigil at dying loved ones' bedsides, as well as marked each other's passage through grief. Our healing has come, in part, through our shared witness.

As witnesses we listen, reflect, share memories, laugh and cry. We will sit in silence with our bereaved loved ones, hold them and then we

will let them go. We know that to bear witness doesn't mean that we can fix their broken hearts, but we can offer understanding and hope as we walk with them on their journey of grief.

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### Camillus de Lellis

1550-1614  
July 18

Though this tall, young Italian was restricted by an ulcerated leg, he worked as a hospital servant and Venetian soldier. After gambling away all his property, he became a laborer at the Manfredonia Capuchin monastery and in 1575 tried to join the Capuchins. But his leg wound returned, and he was in and out of the hospital, eventually deciding to devote his life to caring for the sick. Camillus was ordained in 1584 and founded the Order of the Servants of the Sick, more generally known as the Camillians. He is a patron of the sick, of hospitals and of nurses.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for July 17, 2011

Matthew 13:24-30

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a tale of enemies in the field of growth. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

KINGDOM	HEAVEN	SOWED
GOOD SEED	FIELD	ASLEEP
ENEMY	WHEAT	APPEARED
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### ENEMY WEEDS

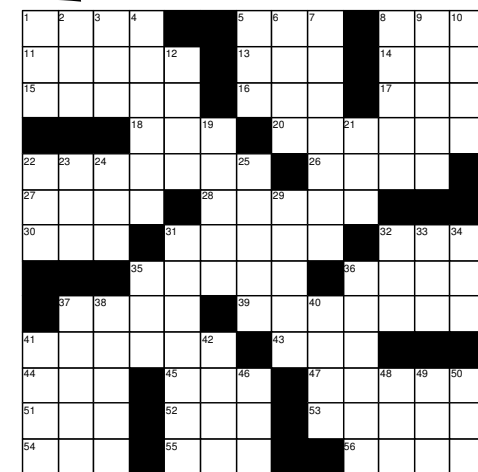
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Based on these Scripture Readings: Wis 12: 13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 and 1Kgs 3: 5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13: 44-52 and Is 55:1-3; Rom 8: 35, 37-39; Mt 14: 13-21

### ACROSS

- 1 Eat, drink without \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Clairvoyance
- 8 Time zone
- 11 Incense smells
- 13 Thai
- 14 Fish eggs
- 15 Access (2 wds.)
- 16 Dice
- 17 The Lord our God is \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 Chewy stuff
- 20 Faith like yeast
- 22 S. American country (Brit spelling)

### DOWN

- 26 Follow commandments
- 27 Heroic
- 28 Christ
- 30 Viper
- 31 Carbonated drinks
- 32 David's younger brother
- 35 Holly branch
- 36 Came out of sleep
- 37 Without cost
- 39 Locker
- 41 Leftovers
- 43 Bro.'s sibling
- 44 Umpire
- 45 Pooch
- 47 Mud brick
- 51 Bravo!
- 52 Sayonara
- 53 Plants seeds
- 54 Popular president's initials
- 55 Sweet potato
- 56 Allot (with "out")
- 1 Sprocket
- 2 Lyric poem
- 3 Drunk
- 4 Dreadful
- 5 And so forth
- 6 Paul's former name
- 7 Pitiable
- 8 Olive forest
- 9 The poor have none
- 10 Adolescent
- 12 Shock
- 19 College field of study
- 21 Brake system
- 22 Net gets thrown in this
- 23 Not "downs"
- 24 Tombstone etching
- 25 Field doctor
- 29 Soap operas
- 31 Zoom (2 wds.)
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ fire
- 33 Stretch to make do
- 34 Collects every fish
- 35 Part of a min.
- 36 Book not found in Protestant Bible
- 37 Has buried treasure
- 38 Recommend
- 40 Slant
- 41 College teacher
- 42 Soybean
- 46 Ruby
- 48 Have debt
- 49 Gamblers placement
- 50 Bard's before

Answer Key can be found on page 15



# Sports

**USF SOFTBALL ACQUIRING OUTFIELDER FROM MOREHEAD STATE** University of Saint Francis softball coach Ryan Bolyn has announced that Taylor Sherritt will transfer to USF and be eligible to play for the Lady Cougars this season. Sherritt will have two years of eligibility remaining after playing two seasons at Morehead State University in Kentucky. A 5-foot-7 outfielder, Sherritt played in 49 games as a sophomore and started 15. A native of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Miamisburg High School graduate, Sherritt was 7-for-8 in stolen base attempts in 2011, 12-for-16 and scored 19 runs in two seasons. She batted .232 in 2011.

## Coach Bob Houser leaves legacy

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

In the spring of 2011, the Catholic Youth League (CYO) lost a longtime friend and well-respected football coach, Robert Joseph Houser. Coach Houser died at the age of 80.

The coach donated over 35 of his years on the sidelines at St. Peter and Most Precious Blood parishes, with the bulk of his years at Queen of Angels, and touched countless young men's lives while winning ballgames.

Houser attended Most Precious Blood School and St. Charles Seminary, then played football for the St. Joseph Athletic Club. He was employed by Schenkel and Sons before starting his own company, Robert J. Houser and Son Contractors, which he owned for 50 years.

Houser was a member of Queen of Angels Parish where his family made their home in the shadows of the church property.

He was active in the Queen of Angels Choir and both the Bishop Dwenger and Central Catholic Booster Clubs. Houser also spent countless hours volunteering at St. Joseph Hospital and with the Knights of Columbus.

Most recently, he and his wife Mary, had made St. Michael's in Waterloo their home parish after retiring to the lake in 1997. In addition to his wife of 60 years, Houser is survived by his six children 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Son, Joe, recalls being the water boy for his father's teams long before being old enough to play the game. When it was his time, the linebacker/fullback chuckled remembering, "Dad was always a little tougher on us boys, careful not to show any favoritism."

"Dad was very passionate about the game of football. After our games on Sundays we would come home and watch more games on the black and white," he

continued.

Joe and his brother John, both went on after their Queen of Angel days to play for Bishop Dwenger High School and John continued his sports career at Wabash College.

Tom Topp, who played quarterback for Houser from 1968-1971 at Queen of Angels described his former mentor as a good motivator and well-respected coach.

"Mr. Houser always had a sense of humor in his message. I thought the world of him and can not say enough about him," Topp said.

As an adult, Topp kept in touch with Houser and spread the word of his death to fellow teammates across the country. "We all agreed what an influential role model Coach Houser was growing up and what a privilege it was to play for him," Topp summarized.

Also on Topp's team that lost to St. Andrew/St. Peter in the city championship game their

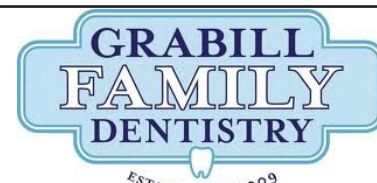
seventh-grade year was halfback/lineman, Tim Murphy. Like Topp, Murphy agreed that Coach Houser was a fun-loving guy.

"He liked to joke around. We had a lot of fun, but always worked hard," said Murphy. In 1969, Murphy's family moved just a couple of blocks from the Housers. Shortly after, Murphy's father passed away. Murphy recalled, "Mr. Houser took me under his wing and has always been like a father-figure to me."

Houser and Murphy stayed in contact long after grade school football.

"When my wife and I got married and lived in our first home we had him do work in our driveway," Murphy added.

Over the years, special people have made the CYO what it is today. Bob Houser was certainly one who shaped and molded youth sports with his time and dedication to athletics and young people.



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**Theology on Tap announces series**  
 South Bend — The Backstage Grill, 222 S. Michigan St., will host Theology on Tap gatherings Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Catholicism in a Global Society. On July 19: The Hispanic Presence in the U.S. Catholic Church with Holy Cross Father Joe Corpora. On July 26: Jesus in Islam and Christianity with Dr. Gabriel Reynolds. On Aug. 2: Welcoming the Revised Roman Missal: Same Mass, Deeper Meaning with Holy Cross Father Tom Jones. On Aug. 9: Catholicism and War with Dr. Michael Desch. For information contact Sean Allen, sallen@diocesefwsb.org or (858) 354-9006 or visit www.diocesefwsb.org/TOT.

**Theology on Tap plans gathering**  
 Fort Wayne — Theology on Tap will meet Thursday, July 21, at 7 p.m. at Calhoun Street Soups, Salads, and Spirits, 1915 S. Calhoun St., on the topic of Art and Catholicism with Art Cisko, adjunct professor of art at the University of Saint Francis. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/CYAM or call (260) 422-4611.

**Little Flower Holy Hour**  
 Fort Wayne — Deacon Jacob Meyer will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, July 19, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Deacon Jacob is assisting at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne this summer. There will be no holy hours in August. They will resume in September.

**Bishop Luers class reunions**  
 Fort Wayne — The class of 1996 will have a reunion Saturday, July 16, at Curly's Village Inn, 4205 Bluffton Rd., from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Contact Kara Wasson by e-mail at karawasson@hotmail.com or (260) 797-3406. The class of 2006 will have a reunion Saturday, July 23, at Curly's Village Inn, 4205 Bluffton Rd. from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Contact Kari Toll by e-mail at kmtoll21@gmail.com. The class of 1976 will have a reunion Saturday, July 30, at the Courtyard by Marriott from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$40 per person. Hotel Reservations can be made by calling (260) 490-

3629 (www.marriott.com/fwadt). Contact Libby Wladecki by e-mail at ewladecki@hotmail.com. A golf outing will be on Saturday, July 30, at 11:30 a.m. Contact Richard Woenker at (260) 749-2780.

**Blood donations needed**  
 The American Red Cross is in need of blood donations. To make an appointment call 1-800-GIVELIFE or 1-800-448-3543.

**Garage sale at Queen of Angels**  
 Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will have a garage sale Friday, July 22, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, July 23, from 8 a.m. to noon in the activities center, 1600 W. State Blvd.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage announced**  
 Fort Wayne — Father Tim Wrozek and St. Joseph Parish will host a Holy Land Pilgrimage Oct. 17. Contact (863) 648-0383 for information or visit www.eo.travelwithus.com.

**Miracle Miles 5K run/walk planned**  
 Fort Wayne — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 10700 Aboite Center Rd., will have a Miracle

## REST IN PEACE

<b>Arcola</b> Mildred A. Becker, 82, St. Patrick	John York Weins, 64, St. Vincent de Paul	Doherty, 76, Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel
<b>Columbia City</b> Tyler A. Andreas, 17, St. Paul of the Cross	Agnes Shadle, 88, St. Mary	<b>Rome City</b> Gordon C. Chandler, 83, St. Gaspar
<b>Elkhart</b> Angeline Bibbo, 96, St. Thomas the Apostle	<b>Goshen</b> Celia Manriquez, 81, St. John the Evangelist	<b>South Bend</b> Robert H. Bilinski, 90, Holy Family
Ann T. Lyons, 82, St. Vincent de Paul	<b>Granger</b> Marilyn H. Zelasko, 77, St. Pius X	Alice Makielski, 81, Holy Cross
<b>Fort Wayne</b> John A. Childers, 87, Saint Anne Home Chapel	<b>Mishawaka</b> John A. Filippone, 76, St. Joseph	Mary Mak, 94, Our Lady of Hungary
Maria Madalena Figueiredo, 77, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	Joan M. Hoerstman, 78, St. Bavo	Curtis Alan Simmons, 53, St. Matthew Cathedral
Gary Michael Edwards, 60, St. Patrick	Dolores J. Romeu, 82, Queen of Peace	Elinor C. Rys, 100, St. Adalbert
Junette E. Henry, 83, St. Charles Borromeo	Deana Slusser, 68, Queen of Peace	Virginia Rose Black, 85, Corpus Christi
Edmund Alexander Lobacz, 80, Queen of Angels	<b>New Haven</b> Eileen M. Castleman, 93, St. Louis Besancon	Jacob J. Jacob, 86, St. Anthony de Padua
Thelma V. Scare, 94, St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel	<b>Notre Dame</b> Joseph W. Springstead Jr., 61, Basilica/Sacred Heart	Margaret F. Petko, 100, St. Anthony de Padua
	Amelia C. Weiland, 3 mo., Basilica/Sacred Heart	Dina M. Reilly, St. Joseph
	Helen Kearney	<b>Wabash</b> David Barrows, 69, St. Bernard

Miles 5K run/walk in conjunction with Seton Fest on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 8 a.m. to benefit the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen and The Franciscan Center. Pre-registration due by Aug. 6: 20 years and older, \$10 and one canned good; 19 years and younger, \$5 and one canned good. Race day registration: 20 years and older, \$15 and one canned good; 19 years and younger, \$10 and one canned good. First 300 participants guaranteed a T-shirt. For information contact Kristin Spoltman at (260) 616-0687 or kspoltman@gmail.com.

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## Transitions and Discerning a New Direction

**Saturday, August 27**  
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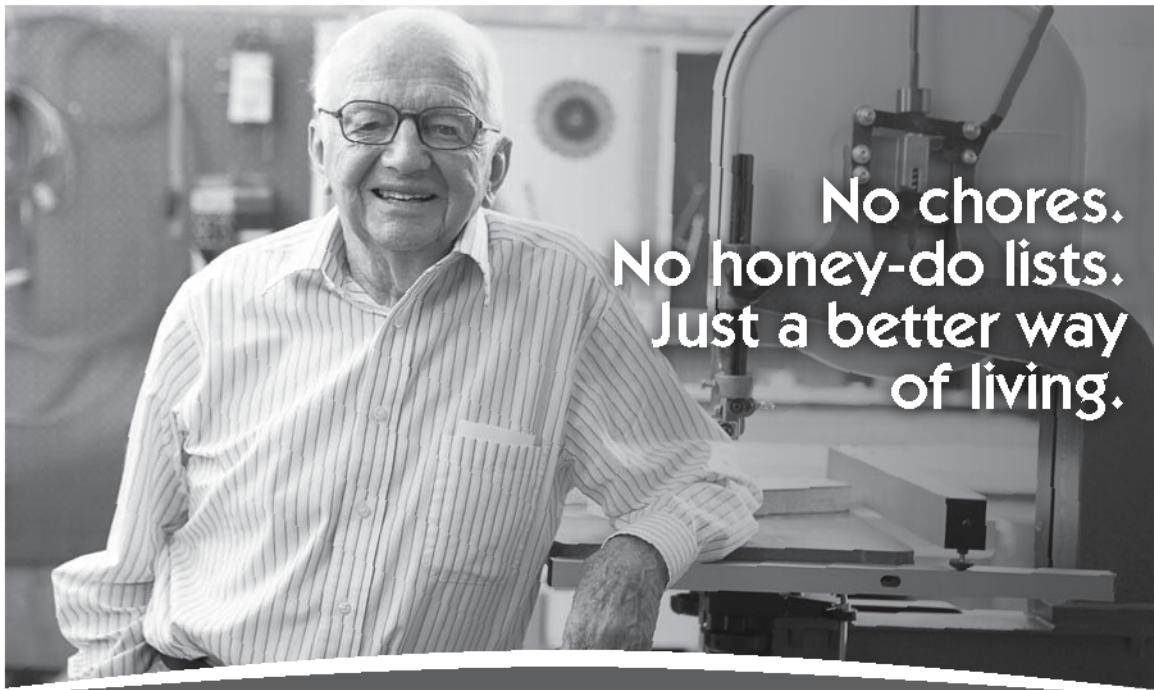
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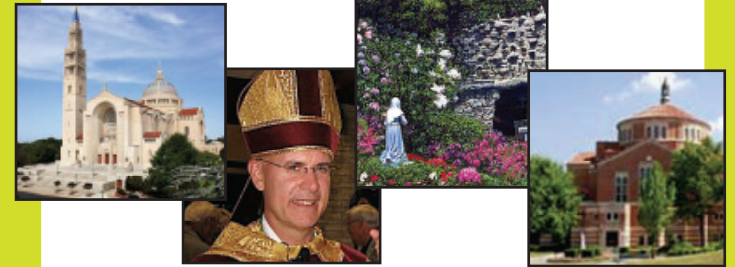
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