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Complete enthusiasm encouraged in work of evangelization

**Hispanic community gathers for
diocesan convocation in Warsaw
to implement pastoral plan**

BY LAURIE KIEFABER

WARSAW — Hispanic Catholics from 14 churches were called to participate in a “new evangelization” at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine in Warsaw July 23. Over 150 priests and laity from these churches were present at the diocesan convocation and contributed toward a diocesan pastoral plan for Hispanic ministry.

“The Catholic Hispanics are not immune to the temptations of the culture of death or materialism and secularism of this culture,” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades told the group in Spanish during his homily at Mass.

“In this situation, I believe the Lord calls us,” he said. “He calls you to participate, have a strong faith to dedicate and have a complete enthusiasm in the work of the new evangelization. This begins within the Hispanic community, within itself and after you extend love to those Hispanics that you know are not coming to church and invite them to come home.”

Bishop Rhoades addressed the group in Spanish, which was translated here by Lourdes Silva, assistant director for the diocesan office of Hispanic ministry.

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Enid Roman-DeJesus, diocesan director of Hispanic ministry, talks to Holy Cross Father Peter Paccini of St. Adalbert Church, South Bend, and members of his parish at a diocesan convocation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Warsaw Saturday.

World Youth Day pilgrims rev up for travels

BY KAY COZAD

WARSAW — The excitement was palpable as pilgrims gathered from across the diocese for a special Mass and World Youth Day informational meeting at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw on July 22.

One-hundred-and-twenty youth and adults will be led by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on a 12-day spiritual pilgrimage through Europe that will culminate in Madrid, Spain, for the five-day World Youth Day event Aug. 16-21 — the 12th event held since 1986.

Mass was celebrated by Bishop Rhoades who was joined at the altar by newly ordained Fathers Terrance and Matt Coonan, Father Drew Curry, Father Paul Bueter and Franciscan Father David Engo, all of whom are scheduled to travel to Spain.

The congregation that gathered had truly begun their pilgrimage of prayer. Warsaw had been hit by severe storms earlier in the day

that rendered Sacred Heart Church without power.

Without benefit of air conditioning, lights or audio system, the Mass brought the group back to basics. Fortunately the oppressive heat did not dampen the prayerfulness or joy of these faithful travelers who chuckled as Bishop Rhoades admitted, “This is a good way to start a pilgrimage — with a little hardship.”

Miraculously, the power came on part way through the bishop’s homily, much to everyone’s delight.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke of the theme of World Youth Day chosen by Pope Benedict XVI from Col. 2:7, “Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith,”

“Think about those words — We’re here because we’re rooted in Jesus Christ,” Bishop Rhoades said.

“We all need to be built up in Jesus Christ. All seek to follow, but all can grow in faith and

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DAVE STEVENS

Father Tony Steinacker, parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne, and chaplain for the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, proclaims the Gospel during a Mass at Boy Scout Camp Chief Little Turtle. Local priests volunteer to offer one daily Mass each week for the scouts and adults attending camp.

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Honoring the elderly



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

I am starting to get excited about the upcoming pilgrimage with over 100 youth and young adults of our diocese to Lourdes and to World Youth Day in Madrid. We celebrated Mass together this past Friday evening and then enjoyed pizza together after the Mass. The enthusiasm was palpable as we prepare to join over a million young Catholics from throughout the world to celebrate our faith with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, in Madrid.

While thinking about spending this time with our young Catholics, I also thought about the joy I experience with our elderly people. This week, I am celebrating Mass at Saint Anne's Home in Fort Wayne and next week at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. I am constantly inspired by the faith and example of elderly parishioners I meet on every parish visit. This past Sunday, at Saint Monica's parish in Mishawaka, one elderly woman, whom I had not previously met, told me that she prays for me every morning. I can't tell you how much such kindness means to me. I think also of the Widows of Prayer in our diocese who pray for me, our priests, and for the Church. The prayers of so many of our elderly Catholics provide innumerable graces for us and the mission of the Church.

I thank God for the gifts of the elderly in our midst: their faith, their prayer, their example, their guidance, and their wisdom. When I was a child, my maternal grandmother (of Irish descent) lived with my family. She had a profound influence on me and my spiritual growth as a young boy. She suffered from severe arthritis and, therefore, had difficulty getting around. She had to use a walker and was pretty much home-bound. Her name was Sarah Dakes. Her husband, my grandfather, was an immigrant from Greece. He died before I was born.

I will never forget my grandmother's deep faith. She prayed the holy rosary throughout the day. When I was preparing to become an altar boy, she taught me all about the different parts of the Mass. I loved to sit on her lap or at her feet to hear her stories from the past, her memories, and her wise counsel. Her presence in our home during those formative years of my life was a great blessing to me and my family. She died when I was 12 years old. Grandparents can be such a great example and can be such great teachers for the young. As we just celebrated the patron saints of grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, let us thank the Lord for our grandparents, remember them in prayer, and make sure that we honor them as the Lord commands us.

Grandparents can be great catechists of their grandchildren, helping the parents in this holy task. I learned a lot about my Catholic faith from my grandmother. I learned from her words as well as her exam-



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on a visit last year to the Huntington motherhouse in July of 2010.

TIM JOHNSON

ple. I think particularly of the example of her witness of suffering that she bore with patient acceptance. I wonder sometimes if I would have become a priest if I had not had her example of faith during my childhood.

When I remember with affection my own grandmother, I also think of all the elderly of our diocese. Some are very healthy and active. Others are struggling with various illnesses, weaknesses, perhaps loneliness or other sufferings. I wish to express my spiritual closeness to all our elderly Catholics. You are such an important part of the life and mission of the Church.

The Sacred Scriptures are full of examples of elderly persons who were an important part of the history of salvation, beginning with Abraham, our father in faith, and his wife Sarah. Then there was Moses. How many know that Moses was an old man when God chose him for the great mission of leading the chosen people out of Egypt? Late in the Old Testament, we read in the second book of Maccabees about Eleazar, an old man who bore witness to his faith with great generosity and strength, dying as a martyr for the faith.

The New Testament begins with the example of an elderly married couple, Elizabeth and Zechariah, the parents of John the Baptist. It was the elderly Elizabeth who said to Mary the beautiful words we say so often in the Hail Mary: *Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb!* And then there is the great prayer of Zechariah, the canticle prayed every day at Morning Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours, the *Benedictus*. Also, in the first pages of the New Testament, we read about the elderly priest, Simeon, who welcomed the child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem and proclaimed the beautiful prayer, the *Nunc Dimittis*, prayed every day at Night Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours. With Simeon, the widow Anna, 84 years old, welcomed Jesus at the Presentation in the Temple. She was a woman of prayer who went daily to the Temple to pray. All these elderly persons were the ones God chose to have a part in the early life of Jesus, examples of faith and piety, devotion and prayer. Nicodemus is another example. Blessed John Paul II wrote: *How reassuring are all these examples! They remind us that at every stage of life the Lord can ask each of us to contribute what talents we have. The service of the Gospel has nothing to do with age!*

Saint Paul wrote to Titus: *Bid the older men be temperate, serious, sensible, sound in faith, in love, and in patience. Bid the*

older women likewise to live in a way appropriate to believers ..., they are to teach what is good and so train the young women to love their husbands and children (2:2-5).

In our culture, old age is not always respected and esteemed as it should be. There is an attitude among some that values only youth, physical vigor, usefulness and productivity. Such an attitude is contrary to the Gospel and the teaching of the Church. The elderly must never be marginalized or neglected. The commandment of love includes generous attention to the elderly in our families and communities. We read the following in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*:

The elderly constitute an important school of life, capable of transmitting values and traditions, and of fostering the growth of younger generations, who thus learn to seek not only their own good but also that of others. If the elderly are in situations where they experience suffering and dependence, not only do they need health care services and appropriate assistance, but — and above all — they need to be treated with love.

Respect for the elderly is an essential part of our faith. It falls within the fourth commandment: *Honor your father and your mother*. Blessed John Paul II wrote: *Honouring older people involves a three-fold duty: welcoming them, helping them and making good use of their qualities*. I see such honor being shown in parishes and families, in institutions and ministries throughout our diocese. We must ensure that such honor is always shown. The Roman philosopher Cicero, centuries ago, said that *the burden of age is lighter for those who feel respected and loved by the young*.

When praising the esteem for the elderly in Africa, Blessed John Paul spoke of the elderly as *living encyclopedias of wisdom, guardians of an inestimable treasure of human and spiritual experiences*. How much all of us can learn from our elderly brothers and sisters! Bishop D'Arcy and our elderly and retired priests are great teachers for me and all our younger priests.

The Church needs the wisdom, the example, and the prayers of our elderly brothers and sisters. We are all enriched by their daily witness to the Gospel. May our Lord bless them with His grace and peace! To all the elderly members of the Church, I say thank you for your fidelity, example, and prayers!

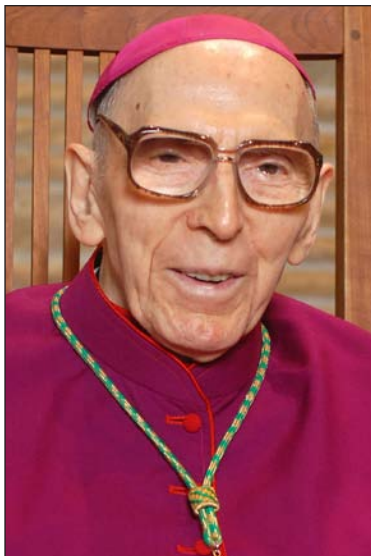
Retired US-born archbishop who had served at Vatican dies at age 86

NOTRE DAME (CNS) — Retired Archbishop Charles A. Schleck, former assistant secretary of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and president of the Supreme Council of the Pontifical Missionary Works, died July 12 at age 86.

He died at Holy Cross House, a health care facility for aged members of Congregation of Holy Cross on the edge of the campus of the University of Notre Dame, which is a Holy Cross institution.

A funeral Mass for Archbishop Schleck was to be celebrated July 18 at Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame. Burial was to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery on the Notre Dame campus.

Born July 5, 1925, in



PROVIDED BY CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS

Notre Dame institute for local religious superiors.

In 1962, then-Father Schleck returned to Washington as a professor and dean of studies at the Holy Cross order's college, positions he held until 1968.

For the next four years, he worked as a consultant to various religious communities in California, giving retreats and talks on the renewal of religious life following the guidelines of the Second Vatican Council.

In 1969-70 and 1972-73, he was named by the Vatican to be an apostolic visitor, evaluating various religious communities.

In 1974, he joined the staff of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, which is responsible for the Church's missionary territories. The U.S. priest first worked with religious orders that depended upon the congregation, then specialized in missionary activities in India.

From 1986 until his episcopal appointment by Pope John Paul II in 1995, he was undersecretary of the congregation, which also oversees the collection and disbursement of funds for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, the Holy Childhood Association and the Missionary Union.

Upon his ordination as archbishop, he became the assistant secretary of the congregation, and president of the Supreme Council of the Pontifical Missionary Works.

Archbishop Schleck retired from active ministry in 2001. He returned to the United States in 2007, where he took up residence at Holy Cross House.

Milwaukee, Charles Schleck joined the Holy Cross order in Indiana in 1943. He was ordained a priest in 1951.

He was an instructor in theology at Notre Dame for the academic year 1953-54, then a professor of dogmatic theology and spirituality at Holy Cross College in Washington from 1954 to 1961.

For the next two years, he was dean of studies at Holy Cross College in Rome and a visiting professor of theology at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, and at the



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, July 31, 11:30 a.m. — Mass for 100th Anniversary of Saint Adalbert School, Saint Adalbert Church, South Bend
- Tuesday, Aug. 2, 7:30 a.m. — Mass and Keynote Address at National Marriage Summit, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Sunday, Aug. 7, 10:15 a.m. — Mass for 100th Anniversary of Most Precious Blood Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Aug. 8, 11:30 a.m. — Mass for Catholic School Principals, Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Aug. 10 to Monday, Aug. 22 — World Youth Day, Madrid, Spain

Cardinal Rigali retires; pope names Archbishop Chaput to succeed him

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Denver Archbishop Charles J. Chaput will succeed Cardinal Justin Rigali as archbishop of Philadelphia.

Pope Benedict XVI accepted Cardinal Rigali's resignation and named the Denver archbishop as his successor July 19.

In introducing Archbishop Chaput in a news conference at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia offices, Cardinal Rigali also offered an apology "if I have offended" and "for any weaknesses on my part," but said he saw no particular connection between the timing of the Vatican accepting his resignation and turbulence in the archdiocese over a February grand jury report on how sex abuse cases were handled.

In addition to the announcement about Philadelphia, the pope also accepted the resignation of Bishop J. Kevin Boland of Savannah, Ga., and appointed as his replacement Father Gregory Hartmayer, a Conventual Franciscan priest who currently is pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Lithia Springs, Ga.

The bishop-designate also was introduced at news conference sponsored by the diocese that morning in Savannah.

The changes in Philadelphia and Savannah were first announced in Washington by Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantheaume, charge d'affaires at the apostolic nunciature in Washington, along with another diocese's pastoral transition.

Archbishop Chaput is scheduled to be installed as Philadelphia's new archbishop Sept. 8 at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul. Bishop-designate Hartmayer will be ordained as bishop Oct. 18 in Savannah's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

Both retiring prelates are 76, a year past the age at which they are required by canon law to submit their resignations to the Vatican.



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver has been named to succeed Philadelphia Cardinal Justin Rigali, 76, who resigned July 19. Archbishop Chaput is pictured during a March 1 symposium at Georgetown University in Washington.

Philadelphia news organizations had been speculating that Cardinal Rigali's resignation was related to public criticism of how the archdiocese has handled clergy sex abuse cases, but he had submitted his resignation when he turned 75 on April 19, 2010, as required under canon law.

In the news conference, Cardinal Rigali explained the timeline of his resignation, saying there was "no particular relationship" between the pope accepting his retirement and events in the archdiocese, saying it was "very, very providential."

A native of Los Angeles who was ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1961, Cardinal Rigali has headed the Archdiocese of Philadelphia since 2003. He previously served as archbishop of St. Louis after a long career in various Vatican posts, most in diplomatic positions. He was named a cardinal in 2003.

The cardinal's successor,

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Condolences from the Holy Father

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

The Holy Father has learned with sadness of the death of Archbishop Charles A. Schleck, and he asks you kindly to convey his condolences to the late Archbishop's family and confreres in the Congregation of Holy Cross. With deep gratitude for Archbishop Schleck's many years of priestly and episcopal ministry, his apostolate as an educator in the schools of his congregation and his distinguished service to the Apostolic See in advancing the work of evangelization, His Holiness willingly commends his soul to the merciful love of God our heavenly Father. To all who mourn Archbishop Schleck in the hope of the resurrection, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of consolation and strength in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone
Secretary of State

Report finds fewer priests celebrating more Masses at fewer parishes

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — More U.S. Catholics are attending Masses at fewer parishes staffed by a rapidly declining corps of priests, according to a new report on "The Changing Face of U.S. Catholic Parishes."

Produced by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate for the Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership project of five national Catholic ministerial organizations, the report documents what it calls the "supersizing" of U.S. Catholic parish life.

"Bigger parishes, more Masses and ministries in languages other than English are becoming the norm," said a news release on the report released July 18.

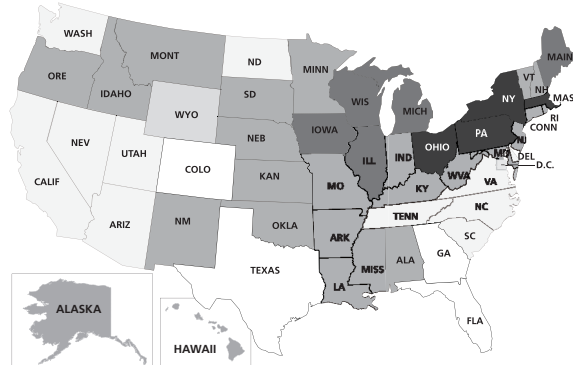
CARA found that the number

THE NUMBER OF PARISHES in the U.S. declined from 19,000 in 2000 to 17,800 in 2010.

parish change by state

- 100+
- 50-99
- 1-49
- 0
- 1-10
- 11-41

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of Catholic parishes has declined by 1,359 since the year 2000 to 17,844 in 2010, representing a 7.1 percent decrease. The 2010 number is roughly equal to the 17,637 U.S. parishes in 1965 and 1,836 fewer than the peak number of U.S. parishes in 1990.

The average number of registered households in each U.S. parish

grew to 1,168, and the average number of people attending Mass at Catholic parishes was 1,110 in 2010, up from an average of 966 a decade earlier.

Half of U.S. parishes celebrate four or more weekend Masses each week, and nearly one in

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Archbishop Chaput, is a Capuchin Franciscan who was born in Concordia, Kan., Sept. 26, 1944. A member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe, he was the first Native American to be named an archbishop when he was appointed to Denver in 1997. He had become the second Native American to be made a bishop when he was named to the Diocese of Rapid City, S.D., in 1988.

In the Philadelphia news conference, Archbishop Chaput said he has two Indian names, one from the Potawatomi meaning "he who makes the leaves rustle like the wind" and the other from the Lakota, meaning "good eagle."

Before becoming a bishop, he held several positions in administration for the Capuchins.

Archbishop Chaput holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Fidelis College in Herman, Pa., a master's degree in religious education from Capuchin College in Washington, and a master's in

theology from the University of San Francisco. Among his recent writings are two books, "Render Unto Caesar," about Catholic participation in the public square, and "Living the Catholic Faith: Rediscovering the Basics." He has served on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, a federal advisory organization.

Among his recent projects and activities were helping found the Catholic Association of Latino Leaders and serving as the apostolic visitor in 2007 for the Vatican's review of former Australian Bishop William Morris. The bishop of Toowoomba was the subject of lengthy efforts to force his resignation after a decade of conflict with the Vatican, largely over some pastoral practices and Bishop Morris's statements on married priests and women priests.

Archbishop Chaput's appointment to Philadelphia comes as the archdiocese is still reeling from a scathing grand jury report released in February. It accused the Philadelphia Archdiocese of failing to stop priests from sexually abusing children even after a previous report had called attention to problems. It said more than three dozen priests

with allegations of sexual abuse were still in positions where they could contact children.

At the grand jury's recommendation, two priests, a layman and a former archdiocesan priest were charged with criminal counts related to abuse of juveniles. Another priest was charged with endangering child welfare for his role in assigning the accused priests.

In response, the Philadelphia Archdiocese among other things has hired a former sex crimes prosecutor to review personnel files of the 37 priests named in the grand jury's report. Cardinal Rigali also placed 21 priests on administrative leave while allegations against them are reviewed.

In his remarks before introducing Archbishop Chaput, the cardinal did not refer directly to the sex abuse situation, but said "if I have offended anyone, I am sorry" and apologized "for any weaknesses on my part." Later, in response to questions from the press about whether he had any regrets, he said "we've learned so much we didn't know before," and that "we see now with greater precision" what might have been done differently. He added that the archdiocese is "very, very committed to

assistance for victims."

For his part, Archbishop Chaput said his transition to leading the Philadelphia Archdiocese was a little like joining a family and that it would take some time to become familiar and adjust to each other.

"I do not know why the Holy Father sent me here," he said. "No bishop will try harder to help persons who have been hurt by the sins of the past or work harder to strengthen or encourage our priests and to win the hearts of the people."

He said he needed to read the grand jury reports and spend a lot of time talking to people, including abuse victims and their families, before he could talk about how to fix the problems of the abuse cases. "It's not my problem, it's our problem ... give me some time," he said.

In Georgia, retiring Bishop Boland is a native of County Cork, Ireland, who studied for the priesthood in Dublin and came to the United States to be ordained for the Savannah Diocese in 1959. After

various parish positions and administrative jobs in the diocese, he was named bishop of Savannah in 1995.

His successor, Bishop-designate Hartmayer is a native of Buffalo, N.Y., who was ordained for the Conventual Franciscans in 1979 after studying at the order's novitiate in Ellicott City, Md. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Hyacinth College and Seminary in Massachusetts and three master's degrees: in divinity from St. Anthony-on-Hudson in Rensselaer, N.Y., in pastoral counseling from Emmanuel College, Boston and in education from Boston College.

Since his ordination, Bishop-designate Hartmayer has worked as a guidance counselor, teacher and principal at schools in Baltimore, various cities in New York and in Florida. He served as pastor at St. Philip Benizi Parish in Jonesboro, Ga., before being named to St. John Vianney in 2010.

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three (29 percent) has Mass in a language other than English at least once a month. But the Masses are being celebrated by a corps of priests that declined by 11 percent in the past decade.

One-third of all U.S. parishes have more than 1,201 registered households, while the percentage of parishes with 200 or fewer households dropped from 24 percent in 2000 to 15 percent in 2010. Smaller parishes are more likely to be closed or consolidated, but they also have higher average Mass attendance than larger parishes.

In terms of individual registered parishioners, the average for U.S. parishes was 3,277, an increase of 45 percent over the 2,260 average a decade ago, CARA said, adding that 40 percent of the growth in registered parishioners in U.S. parishes between 2005 and 2010 was among Hispanics.

The report said the current U.S. Catholic population is about 77.7 million, based on Americans' self-identification in national surveys. The Church's official estimate of Catholic population is about 68 million.

The report, funded by the Lilly Endowment, also looked at parish finances and services offered, staffing, composition of the parish community, the race and ethnicity of parishioners and staff members, and parish consultative bodies.

The data was drawn from responses to a survey sent to a "partially stratified random sample" of 5,549 U.S. parishes between March 2010 and December 2010. CARA received responses from 846 parishes for a response rate of 15.3 percent.

The margin of error for the survey was plus or minus 3.3 percentage points.

In the second and third phase of the Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership project, CARA plans to survey parish leaders in a subsam-

ple of 60 of these parishes, and to conduct in-person interviews with their parishioners.

Catholic organizations collaborating in the project are the National Association for Lay Ministry, Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development, National Association of Church Personnel Administrators, National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association and National Federation of Priests' Councils.

Among other information gleaned from the report:

- The total operating revenue in the average U.S. parish is \$695,000, exceeding average expenses of \$626,500 by \$68,500. But 30 percent of parishes said their expenses exceed their revenue.

- Total average weekly offering has grown by more than 14 percent in U.S. parishes over the past five years, to about \$9,200, or \$9.57 per registered household.

- There are approximately 38,000 lay ecclesial ministers serving in U.S. parishes who are paid for at least 20 hours of work weekly. It is estimated that the U.S. Church is adding about 790 new lay ecclesial ministers to parish staffs each year.

- The total number of priests, men and women religious and deacons in the United States was 117,080 in 2010, a decline of 41 percent from the 197,172 in those categories in 1980.

- The total number of people on U.S. parish staffs — including ministry staff and volunteers, as well as nonministry staff and volunteers such as bookkeepers, groundskeepers, cooks, etc. — is estimated to be 168,448. The average parish has 9.5 staff members, with 5.4 individuals in ministry positions.

- More than three-quarters (78 percent) of parishioners in U.S. parishes are non-Hispanic white and 13 percent are Hispanic. Four percent are black, African-American or African; 3 percent Asian, Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; and 1 percent are American Indian or Alaskan Native.

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Cardinal criticizes panel's call for contraceptives in all health plans

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A U.S. cardinal expressed strong opposition July 19 to a recommendation that all health plans be required to cover any contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration without a patient co-payment under the new health reform law.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said the recommendation from an Institute of Medicine panel showed that "there is an ideology at work ... that goes beyond any objective assessment of the health needs of women and children."

The institute's Committee on Preventive Services for Women made public July 19 its list of recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services, which is charged with deciding which health services will be mandated under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

In addition to recommending screenings for gestational diabetes and HIV, breastfeeding support and supplies and counseling for domestic violence, the 16-member panel said all women of reproductive age should have access to "the full range of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and patient educa-

tion and counseling."

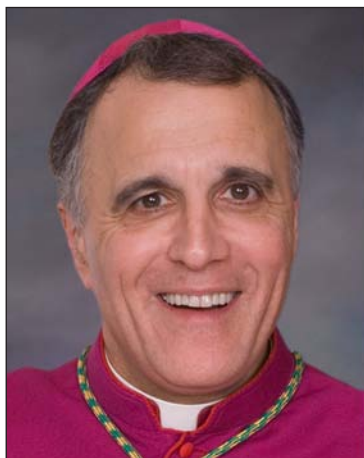
If HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius accepts that recommendation, "these controversial practices will be mandated for all insurance plans — public and private — without co-pay from anyone receiving them," said Cardinal DiNardo, who chairs the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

"Without sufficient legal protection for rights of conscience, such a mandate would force all men, women and children to carry health coverage that violates the deeply held moral and religious convictions of many," he added.

At a news briefing July 19, panel member Alina Salganicoff, vice president and director of women's health policy at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, said the recommended contraceptives would include the "emergency contraception" drugs ella and Plan B, but not the abortion pill RU-486.

The cardinal said the panel's recommendation pointed up the importance of congressional passage of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, H.R. 1179, which would allow health insurance plans to exclude procedures that violate the moral or religious convictions of those providing or purchasing the plan.

In its 260-page report, titled



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"Clinical Preventive Services for Women: Closing the Gaps," the panel said "systematic evidence reviews and other peer-reviewed studies ... indicate that contraception and contraceptive counseling are effective at reducing unintended pregnancies."

In addition, it said, "current federal reimbursement policies provide coverage for contraception and contraceptive counseling and most private insurers also cover contraception in their health plans." The panel also cited the recommendations of "numerous health professional associations" and said "a reduction in unintended pregnancies" is among the goals of the government's Healthy People 2010 and Healthy People 2020 programs.

The report defined preventive health services as "measures — including medications, procedures, device, tests and counseling — shown to improve well-being and/or decrease the likelihood or delay the onset of a targeted disease or condition."

But, Cardinal DiNardo said, "pregnancy is not a disease, and fertility is not a pathological condition to be suppressed by any means technically possible."

Sebelius is expected to act on the institute's recommendations by Aug. 1.

The department's interim final rules for women's preventive services include such medical services as blood pressure and cholesterol screening; diabetes screening for hypertensive patients; various cancer and sexually transmitted disease screenings; routine immunizations; and counseling related to aspirin use, tobacco cessation and obesity.

Those services "pose little or no medical risk themselves, and they help prevent or ameliorate identifiable conditions that would pose known risks to life and health in the future," Deirdre McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications at the bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, told the panel in November.

But the use of prescription contraceptives "actually increases a woman's risk of develop-

ing some of the very conditions that the 'preventive services' listed in the interim final rules are designed to prevent, such as stroke, heart attacks and blood clots ... , so a policy mandating contraceptive services as 'preventive services' would be in contradiction with itself," she added.


Only one member dissented from the panel's recommendations but his objections had nothing to do with the proposed contraceptive coverage.

Anthony Lo Sasso, a professor and senior research scientist in the Division of Health Policy and Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health and the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois, said he felt the committee had an "unacceptably short time frame" in which to work and as a result "the recommendations were made without high-quality, systematic evidence of the preventive nature of the services considered."


Lo Sasso said he "advocates that no additional preventive services beyond those explicitly stated in the Affordable Care Act be recommended for consideration by the (HHS) secretary for first dollar coverage until such time as the evidence can be objectively and systematically evaluated and an appropriate framework can be developed."

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Bill aimed at repealing Defense of Marriage Act gets US Senate hearing

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Legislation pending in both houses of Congress would repeal the 15-year-old Defense of Marriage Act, allowing legally married same-sex couples to take advantage of the same benefits married heterosexual couples receive under federal law. Called the Respect for Marriage Act, the legislation would end what its supporters consider illegal discrimination against legally married same-sex couples. However, advocates for traditional marriage said the identical bills, H.R. 1116 in the House and S. 598 in the Senate, would open the door to redefining marriage and would eventually force states where same-sex marriage is illegal to recognize such unions. The Defense of Marriage Act, known as DOMA, says the federal government defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman and gives states the authority to reject same-sex marriages that may have been legally recognized in other states. Same-sex marriage is legal in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and the District of Columbia. The Obama administration announced July 19 that it supported the legislation. In February, the White House instructed the Department of Justice to stop defending the law passed by Congress and signed into law in 1996 by President Bill Clinton. The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the legislation July 20. No hearing has been scheduled on the House version, which was assigned to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Nuncio on 'assisted ventilation' following complications from surgery

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Pietro Sambi, papal nuncio to the United States, has been placed on "assisted ventilation" since experiencing complications from "delicate lung surgery" performed two weeks earlier, according to the apostolic nunciature in Washington. The ventilation is necessary "to attempt recovery of his lung function," the nunciature said in an announcement released the evening of July 22. "The apostolic nunciature and the nuncio's family kindly ask that bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful offer sacrifices and prayers for the health of the apostolic nuncio," it said. As of midday July 25, no update on his condition was released. A veteran Vatican diplomat, Archbishop Sambi, 73, was named papal nuncio to the United States by Pope Benedict XVI in December 2005. At the time of his appointment, he was the Vatican's representative to Israel and Palestine, where he helped arrange Pope John Paul II's historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2000. After he arrived in the United States Feb. 24, 2006, he said in an interview with CNS in Washington that that he was impressed by the vitality of U.S. Catholicism, the level of

NEWS BRIEFS

SURVIVORS MOURN FOLLOWING MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ATTACK VICTIMS IN NORWAY



CNS PHOTO/CATHAL MCNAUGHTON, REUTERS

Survivors of a shooting rampage on Utoya Island break out in tears following a memorial service at the Oslo cathedral in Norway, July 24. A right-wing zealot who admitted to the bombing and a gun rampage that killed 93 people in the country on July 23 claims he acted alone. Pope Benedict XVI called for an end to hatred and ideologies that promote evil. "We are all deeply saddened by the serious terrorist acts," the pope said after praying the Angelus with pilgrims at the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, July 24.

weekly Mass attendance among U.S. Catholics and their generosity toward others. As a papal diplomat, "I travel a lot throughout the world," he said. "It is difficult to find a part of the world where the charity of U.S. Catholics did not reach the poor or sick people."

Toledo bishop asks Catholic groups to suspend support for Komen fund

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishop Leonard P. Blair of Toledo, Ohio, has told Catholic institutions and schools in the Diocese of Toledo to suspend fundraising efforts for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a foundation that supports breast cancer research, and instead direct such donations to a local group of Catholic-run cancer centers. In a July 5 letter to Catholics, Bishop Blair cited Komen's contributions to Planned Parenthood and noted the foundation does not exclude the possibility of funding research that uses embryonic stem cells as reasons Catholic entities should not support the nonprofit organization. "While we want to do everything possible to support the search for a cure (for cancer), sadly the landscape of medical research

today is sometimes marred by the erroneous belief that research is not bound by moral norms rooted in faith and reason, as reflected in the teaching of the Church," said Bishop Blair. He acknowledged Komen does not currently fund research using embryonic stem cells, but said its "policy does not exclude that possibility." A 2007 document from Susan G. Komen for the Cure said: "Embryonic stem cells are currently considered to have the most potential for use in the regeneration of diseased or injured tissues," and can also provide "a better understanding of cancer development." However, Andrea Rader, a spokeswoman for Komen at its Dallas headquarters, told Catholic News Service July 12, that she wanted to make it "very clear that we do not fund embryonic stem-cell research," but she acknowledged Komen doesn't "want to preclude that possibility."

Bishops praise injunction continuing Catholic foster care in Illinois

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two Catholic bishops praised an Illinois judge's ruling late July 12 that the

state's termination of its contracts with Catholic agencies providing foster care and adoption services risks causing "irreparable injury" to the nearly 2,000 children involved. Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., said he was encouraged by Sangamon County Circuit Judge John Schmidt's "recognition today of the grave harm that would result if Catholic Charities was forced out of its long-standing mission of serving children in foster care and adoption." Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield said he was grateful "for the sake of the children in our Catholic Charities foster care program" that the services will be allowed to continue. Schmidt issued a temporary injunction allowing Catholic Charities agencies in the dioceses of Peoria, Springfield, Joliet and Belleville to continue providing state-funded foster care and adoption services, despite July 8 letters to each agency from Erwin McEwen, director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, effectively canceling those contracts as of June 30. McEwen said the contracts would not be renewed because each agency "has made it clear that it does not intend to comply with the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act." The law, which

took effect July 1, permits civil unions for same-sex couples and stipulates that they would have the same rights and benefits as married couples in the state, including the right to adopt and provide foster care. July 1 also marked the beginning of fiscal year 2012, when the new contracts would have begun.

Pope emphasizes importance of rightly formed conscience

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said the proper formation of conscience requires the ability to listen to "the voice of truth," which is particularly important for people in positions of governing. The pope, meeting with pilgrims at his summer residence outside Rome July 24, spoke about the biblical figure of King Solomon, who prayed to God at the beginning of his reign for "an understanding heart." The king's prayer was motivated by the responsibility of guiding a nation, but is valid for everyone, the pope said. Essentially, Solomon was praying for "a conscience that knows how to listen, that is sensitive to the voice of truth and for this reason is capable of discerning good from evil," he said. Formation of a moral conscience requires this openness to the truth and the willingness to conform one's action to the truth, he said. "The people called to the task of governing naturally have an additional responsibility and therefore — as Solomon teaches — have even more need of God's help. But each person has a part to play, in various concrete situations," he said.

'Those sent' must be faithful to sender, new Joliet bishop says

JOLIET, Ill. (CNS) — The role of bishops as "those who are sent" requires humility, steadfastness and courage, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon said as he was installed to head the Diocese of Joliet. "The one sent must remain faithful to the sender, no matter what," the former bishop of Steubenville, Ohio, said at his July 14 installation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. "How much easier it is to formulate one's own beliefs or to borrow them from the popular culture," he said. "Without the sense of being sent, there is no oneness at all. We are just individuals thinking and doing our own thing — and presuming God agrees with us." Bishop Conlon, 62, was named the fifth bishop of Joliet May 17. He succeeds Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, who headed the Joliet Diocese for four years before his appointment as archbishop of Seattle in September 2010. On the national level, Bishop Conlon is chairman-elect of the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People and has served on the Administrative Committee and Subcommittee on Marriage and Family. He had headed the Steubenville Diocese since 2002. In his homily, Bishop Conlon attempted to answer some "tough questions," such as, "How did you become a bishop?"

St. Anthony celebrates first year in new church

ANGOLA — To celebrate the first year in their new church, the members of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 700 W. Maumee St., Angola, are sponsoring a live concert of Christian music by Michael Russell O'Brien on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. in the church.

Michael O'Brien began his career as a rock 'n' roll recording artist in the 1990s and soon after was headlining at Disney World.

As a non-practicing Catholic, an unexpected pilgrimage to Medjugorje changed his direction. Since that pilgrimage, O'Brien has been recording and performing Christian music before live audiences across North America.

O'Brien has appeared from major city arenas to small town churches, including a performance at the University of Notre Dame that ended in a long-lasting standing ovation.

St. Anthony parishioner Darlene Schimmoller was present at the performance and says, "I was so moved by Michael's performance at Notre Dame, I just knew we had to bring him here."

O'Brien's concerts are family events, and children are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. In addition to the music, the performance includes O'Brien's personal testimony and audience participation.

Tickets for the event are available by contacting Darlene Schimmoller at (260) 833-3115, Marilyn Karpinski at (260) 833-2382, or the parish office at (260) 665-2259. Tickets are sold in a combo pack, which includes a CD and two tickets to the performance, for \$20. Proceeds from the event go to the St. Anthony Building Fund.

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The Order of Malta recreated its annual pilgrimage to Lourdes at the Grotto of the University of Notre Dame. Participants were able to wash in water that had been brought from Lourdes for this purpose. The event will be held again next year on June 24.

students receive ongoing support from AFS staff and experienced, local volunteers.

For more information call (800) 876-2377 or visit www.afsusa.org.

Ancilla College and Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center co-host nursing camp

DONALDSON — Ancilla College and Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center recently co-hosted the annual Summer Nursing Camp, a program for high school students interested in nursing as a career choice. The program, which ran from June 21-24, was held on the campuses of both Ancilla College and Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth.

Sponsored by Indiana Workforce Development and Nursing 2000 North, Summer Nursing Camp allows students to learn skills applicable in the nursing environment and also learn more about the profession as a whole.

"We were excited to have once again hosted the Summer Nursing Camp for high school students interested in nursing as a career," said Ann Fitzgerald, director of Nursing at Ancilla College.

Current Ancilla College LPN to RN bridge students were on hand to teach campers in attendance how to check for vital signs and blood pressure during the first two days of camp. During the final two days of

the camp, students had the opportunity to put their nursing skills into practice at the Plymouth campus of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center under the watchful eye of nurse educator Bridget Dudash.

Victory Noll Center program explores transitions in life

HUNTINGTON — For people who are in the middle of a transition or who are facing major changes in life, Victory Noll Center will host "Transitions and Discerning a New Direction" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Time will be spent exploring what it means to listen to life and understanding the landscape of discernment and decision-making, with several takeaway tools for participants. The day could be helpful for college students, men and women in a mid-life transition, those facing serious decisions or for those in transition into retirement.

The facilitator will be Sister Mary Jo Nelson of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. Sister has accompanied women in vocation discernment, served on the leadership team for her community and is currently serving as a consultant and facilitator for religious communities and leadership teams throughout the United States.

The program's cost is \$35. Registration is required by Aug. 8. Victory Noll Center is located at

1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington. For more information about the program contact the center at (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, or visit www.olvm.org/vncenter.html.

Summer mini-retreat for young adults offered

NOTRE DAME — A summer mini-retreat for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married, will be offered Sunday, Aug. 7, from 1-7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, Notre Dame.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, will be the presenter of the retreat and speak on the theme, "Prayer: Hearing the Whisper of God in Daily Life."

Bishop D'Arcy's presentation will cover the topics why should we pray, why don't we pray, what are the obstacles within ourselves and within our culture that make it difficult for us to kneel in prayer and adoration before God, and most important, how do we pray?

The event includes Sunday Mass and dinner.

Advance registration is requested, but not required. A donation of \$5-\$10 is suggested. Limited childcare is available with prior arrangement.

To register, contact Sean Allen at sallen@diocesefwsb.org or (858) 354-9006. Additional information is available at the website, www.diocesefwsb.org/CYAM

Collins named Bishop Dwenger communications coordinator

FORT WAYNE

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announced

Danielle Collins

as their new

communications

coordinator. Collins is

a recent graduate

of the University

of Saint Francis,

where she earned a bachelor's degree

in communication arts and graphic

design. She also minored in theology.

Before attending USF, Collins

graduated from Montini Catholic

High School located in the suburbs

of Chicago, where her family still

resides.

During her time at USF, Collins

was actively involved both on

campus and in the Fort Wayne

community. On campus she was a peer

minister, involved with student

government and on the committee

for the university's new Center for

Service Engagement.

In the larger Fort Wayne

community, she participated in many

service projects and was a member

of Fort Wayne AdFed (Advertising

Federation). Collins was also the

2010 recipient of the Father Tom

O'Connor Light of Christ award,

honored by St. Mary Parish.



DANIELLE COLLINS

USF providing healthcare services for homeless

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will partner with Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Ministries to provide nursing services for residents of Charis House, a FWRMM housing facility for the city's homeless women and children.

The new program will focus on basic nursing services and providing in-house medical services to residents, while diagnosing and referring acute medical problems to other medical service providers.

The service evolved after Charis House opened last year, when a group of volunteers led by Dr. James Arata began to explore ways in which the primary health care of residents could be improved. A volunteer team, including USF School of Health Sciences faculty, was assembled to identify needs that could be filled in cooperation with the healthcare community.

"We didn't want to duplicate services, but rather, establish a volunteer/mission-based approach to health care that would create real meaning for each of our participants," explained Arata.

The medical service has enrolled six volunteer physicians and 11 nurse practitioners. Hours of operation will be Mondays from 1-4 p.m., Wednesdays from 2-5 p.m. and Fridays by appointment.

FWRMM will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony at Charis House on Aug. 1 at 4 p.m. to officially open the new ministry. Charis House is located at 301 W. Superior St.

To become involved in this new ministry, contact Lynne Isenbarger at (260) 426-7357, ext. 18.

Third annual Arise Women's Conference offers hope for peace

BY KAY COZAD

Sister Sheila Galligan shares tools for forgiveness

FORT WAYNE — Women of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have the opportunity to delve deeply into the complex topic of forgiveness at the third annual Arise Women's Conference on Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum-Expo II, in Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a special Mass at 9:30 a.m. with the conference attendees.

The conference titled "Offer Forgiveness and Receive Peace," will springboard from last year's theme, which focused on the dignity, strength and hope of women, says Natalie Kohrman, director of the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization.

"We are building on last year's theme by highlighting how women — made in the image and likeness of God — are called to forgive as our heavenly Father forgives," Kohrman says.

She is pleased with the speaker lineup and says, "Sister John Sheila Galligan teaches a university course on forgiveness. Her course title is 'Forgiveness: the Best Revenge.'

"The title speaks to many because we incorrectly assume that revenge will make us feel



PROVIDED BY SISTER GALLIGAN

Sister John Sheila Galligan, a sister of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who currently serves as professor in the department of theology at Immaculata University in Pennsylvania, will be one of the speakers on the topic of forgiveness at the Arise Women's Conference to be held Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, in Fort Wayne. Registration begins Aug. 1 and runs through Sept. 16.

better, but it doesn't. ... It takes courage and strength to forgive, and as women — as mothers, wives, daughters, coworkers — we need to model that for the culture," Kohrman adds.

Immaculee Ilibagiza, survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide and author of "Left to Tell," will also speak at the conference.

Sister Galligan is a sister of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and currently serves as professor in the department of theology at Immaculata University in Pennsylvania. Born into a

Catholic military family, the sister has traveled extensively and lived in exotic countries all over the world.

She has a doctorate in theology from the University of St. Thomas in Rome and her passion lies in education. She has taught at the elementary, high school and college level for many years.

This well versed, exuberant sister has a heart, not only for education, but also for the truth of the Catholic faith and life, especially of the young.

"I love our young people," she says. "When truth is presented with clarity and with a smile ... I find a great receptivity."

Sister Galligan's interest in forgiveness stems from a challenge her own students charged her with some time ago. Forgiveness became the subject of interest one class period and her students asked for an entire course on the topic.

Sister Galligan readily accepted the challenge and designed a course that continues to transform lives at the university. The development of the class and its subsequent success led the sister to speak on forgiveness using the tools she researched for her students.

Sister Galligan hopes to educate the women of the diocese on the distinction between secular and Christian forgiveness, offering what she has discovered in the psychological realm as well as the faith realm. Both realms converge to "move through the process" of forgive-

ness.

Secular forgiveness focuses only on letting go — "It's all 'I,'" says the sister. The goal of Christian forgiveness, she adds, is always to be prepared to decide to offer the gift of forgiveness, with the help of grace.

"We forgive when we are called for the good of the other. We have compassion for the other's sin. If they don't accept the gift of forgiveness, in the end, I am relieved of the inner toxin — I am free," Sister Galligan says.

Steps of the process will be defined as Sister Galligan offers the tools of Christian forgiveness to the women in attendance, including a "Blessing Prayer" used to bless the enemy, says Sister Galligan.

"I ask God to bless my enemy. I don't ask Him to change them," she says.

The women will learn the meaning of each petition within the prayer and come to know the change in their own thinking about forgiveness.

Sister Galligan is especially excited to be juxtaposed with her friend Immaculee Ilibagiza,

who she says will give a perfect witness to her own teaching on forgiveness, and is grateful for the forum in which so many women may gather.

"There is a need to gather as community. God's grace always is at work," she says.

With enthusiasm, she hopes the women in attendance will receive new insights, and inspiration so they can identify with Jesus Christ and live out the message of forgiveness.

"I encourage people to come. We live in a world where forgiveness is needed. No matter who you are, this is a practical and applicable conference. It's not just for you — but for those in the world," she urges.

Registration begins Aug. 1 and runs through Sept. 16. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$35 per person. The parking fee is \$4. For more information contact Mary at (260) 399-1447 or visit www.diocesefwsb.org/arise. The conference is sponsored by the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization and cosponsored by Redeemer Radio AM 1450.

CONVENTUAL FRANCISCAN FRIARS IN MISHAWAKA MAKE VOWS



DIANE FREEBY

James McInerney from Cork, Ireland, kneels as he takes the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a Conventual Franciscan Friar. He is one of five young men who took vows at the July 15th profession ceremony. Also pictured are Friars Ian Bremar from Portland, Texas; Gerard Toman from Coventry, England; Christopher Dudek from Chicopee, Mass.; and Giles Gilbert from Lake Bluff, Ill. The Conventual Franciscans staff two parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend — St. Anthony of Padua in Angola and St. Joseph in LaGrange. The friars took their vows at the Chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka.

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Campus minister's song to be performed at national youth conference

Fort Wayne musician collaborates on song

BY EMILY LAHR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A University of Dayton campus minister hopes his original song, "Called to Glory," will help recruit youths to follow the Gospel call of love and service at the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference.

The song by Nick Cardilino, who has been campus minister and director of the Ohio Catholic university's Center for Social Concern for 20 years, will be the anthem for the Nov. 17-19 event in Indianapolis. It's the second winning song he has penned for the national gathering. Cardilino's song "Discover the Way" was played for the 2007 conference.

"When I write a song, I want two things to happen," he said. "First, to deepen people's relationship with God, and this (new) song in particular helps people to grow to understand what God is expecting of them. The second is I hope my song encourages people to think of how they live their lives according to the Gospel call; to love and serve others."

This year's anthem was written to fit the daily subthemes and Bible passages for each day of the youth conference, focusing on the call to love one another.

"Called to Glory," co-written with David C. Smith of St. John

the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne and Sean Clive, was produced and submitted in two versions — as an upbeat rock anthem and as a more reflective prayer that could be used for the Masses.

"The students love singing, clapping, shouting and swaying their hands to an up-tempo theme song, but a more meditative approach works during prayer," said Cardilino in a statement released by the University of Dayton shortly after the song was chosen last October.

Originally, Smith came up with the idea for "Discover the Way," and decided to use the strategy again this year.

Smith, who worked with Cardilino on the winning theme song for the 2007 conference, wanted to try again for the 2011 song competition because, "it was so much fun the first time. The whole experience of a whole stadium of people singing your song!"

Smith, who recently spoke with *Today's Catholic*, wrote the music for this year's theme and collaborated with Cardilino on the lyrics.

The song was recorded and produced in Smith's own recording studio, Icon Studio Productions in Fort Wayne.

When Smith was notified that "Called to Glory" had been chosen he said, "NCYC tells us that's the first time any songwriter(s) have won twice in the history of that competition."

"It feels wonderful to be able to contribute to the life of the Church through music in this way," he



PROVIDED BY DAVID SMITH

David Smith of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, collaborated with the writing of "Called to Glory," which was selected as the anthem for the National Catholic Youth Conference to be held in Indianapolis this year Nov. 17-19. Information about the conference is available at <http://ncyc.nfcym.org/>. Smith is shown in his Fort Wayne recording studio where "Called to Glory" was recorded.

added with enthusiasm.

Cardilino gave a preview of his work with a live performance in December at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry in New Orleans. He said in an interview with Catholic News Service on Feb. 3 the house bands that played the song were phenomenal and he received a great response.

"It's amazing that God would use someone like me to help these kids have a real spiritual experience through song," said Cardilino.

He plans to attend the 2011 conference but instead of performing on stage, as he did in 2007, he will be in the congregation with the youths while high school students perform his song to kick off the gathering. This year no professional bands will be playing so the focal point will remain on the students.

When asked if he had any plans to compete for a third anthem, he replied, "We don't have any plans, so we will see how the spirit moves us."

Cardilino hopes "Called to Glory" will be published and

someday be included in a hymnal for church services. Smith and Cardilino's "Discover the Way" has been published already by 'Spirit and Song,' the contemporary music division of OCP, a Portland, Ore.-based nonprofit publisher of liturgical music and worship resources. He also has produced four CDs that are available for purchase at www.nick-cardilino.com or through iTunes.

The "Called to Grace" promotional DVD for the National Catholic Youth Conference is now available and can be heard in both of Cardilino's versions at www.wix.com/koolkikiland/ncycthesong.

The biennial National Catholic Youth Conference is sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, a nonprofit organization that describes itself as an advocate for the needs of young people and promotes the role of the Church and the Gospel in their lives.

Kay Cozad contributed to this story.

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World Youth Day 2011 Pilgrimage itinerary:

Wednesday, Aug. 10: Depart for flight to Paris

Thursday, Aug. 11: Arrive Paris, transfer for flight to Toulouse, drive to Lourdes

Friday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13: Retreat at Lourdes

Sunday, Aug. 14: Travel to Burgos with a stop in Loyola

Monday, Aug. 15: Depart for Madrid, arriving early afternoon

Tuesday, Aug. 16 to Friday, Aug. 19: Participate in World Youth Day activities

Saturday, Aug. 20: Walk to and overnight stay at vigil site

Sunday, Aug. 21: Papal Mass

Monday, Aug. 22: Transfer to airport for return flight

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be firm. That's why we're going," Bishop Rhoades said, adding that he hoped that the pilgrims would all be changed when they returned from their spiritual journey.

"You're going to experience the Church like you never have," he said.

Bishop Rhoades informed the rapt pilgrims of the historic locations they would be visiting on this trip abroad and spoke briefly of the many saints that enrich the ancient history of Europe, including St. Bernadette of Lourdes, France, St. Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross and St. Therese of Avilla.

Turning to the Gospel, Bishop Rhoades identified Mary Magdalene as one of the closest disciples to Jesus, who chose her to be the first to see Him in His glorified body after His resurrection. "Then, she went to tell the Apostles. ... Isn't that our vocation? To have a close relationship with Jesus and bring His message of love to others?" the Bishop challenged.

He reminded the congregation that it takes courage to share their faith witness.

"I can't think of better evangelists than young people like you," he said.

The bishop offered a special blessing on a collection of pilgrim shells, a tradition of pilgrimage, that will be distributed to the travelers at the beginning of their journey.

"Bring all to greater holiness," he prayed, as he sprinkled the shells with holy water.

The Mass was followed by a light supper in the school gymnasium where the staff of the diocesan offices of Campus and Young Adult Ministry and Youth Ministry and Spiritual Formation kept the plates overflowing with pizza. The cohesive

group visited with resounding joy as Bishop Rhoades made his way around the room meeting the families and youth of the diocese.

The meeting officially began with a rousing rendition of an original diocesan WYD song written by Father Drew Curry, pastoral vicar of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, and Deacon Jacob Meyer, and performed by members of the youth group there.

Following logistic details of the trip provided by Cindy Black, director of the Office of Youth Ministry and assistant director, Megan Oberhausen, adult leaders were recognized and paired with young pilgrims who would travel together as groups. The small groups then assembled separately to get to know each other and discuss their preparation plans.

Caitlin Worm of St. Pius X in Granger is a student at the University of Chicago. She is a 2009 convert to the Catholic faith and feels that attending World Youth Day will rejuvenate her developing faith.

"I love the universality of the Church," she said. "It's great to have the same Mass all over the world. There will be people there from every country. Amazing!"

"The chance to see the Holy Father is an amazing opportunity," Worm added. "... I want to embrace the brotherhood of all my Catholic brothers and sisters from around the world."

Lucy Swick of St. Mary Parish in Bristol will be a freshman at Butler University in the fall. She and her two brothers, Nathan and Brendan will be attending World Youth Day.

Though she admits to having no expectations, Swick said, "I've never been out of the country. It'll be intense to be with so many Catholics from all over who share the same beliefs."

Franky Navarro and brother Jesse both students at Northrop High School in Fort Wayne are on their way to Madrid with the blessing of their mother Blanca, who attended World Youth Day in Toronto in 2002.

"It was an amazing experience that I wish everyone could have," Blanca said of her experience. "I was blessed and I want them (her sons) to be blessed. Money was an issue at first but they worked really hard."

Friends, family and community members have donated to their diligent fundraising efforts of car wash and chocolate sales.

Franky said of his vision of the trip, "It'll be a cool experience so you can grow your faith and know your religion."

His brother Jesse added, "It'll be cool to have Mass with the pope and meeting people with the same faith from all over the world."

The Navarros attend St. Patrick Church in Fort Wayne.

St. Therese parishioner Katie Stein, who will attend Indiana



A small group of pilgrims shared a prayer to conclude their meeting.

University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in the fall, said she's not sure what to expect, but she "hopes to come back changed."

"It's an incredible opportunity to go out of the country with a huge gathering of Catholics," she said.

Stein's friend, Peter McGovern, also a student at Indiana University-



PETER MCGOVERN AND KATIE STEIN

Purdue University at Fort Wayne, was a toddler when his parents took him to World Youth Day in Denver in 1993. He's excited to experience this pilgrimage as a young adult and said, "It'll be amazing to see that faith is not just in your city ... but universal ... and learn from it, and see the pope."

McGovern, who attends St. Patrick Parish in Arcola, hopes to "grow closer in his faith and make a lifetime memory" in Madrid.

One of the adult leaders, Patrick Glowaski, parishioner of St. John the Baptist in Fort

Wayne, is a business man in the city. Like many of the pilgrims interviewed, he holds no expectation for the pilgrimage and said, "I felt like this was a good spiritual journey for me to understand faith a little better and share it with people."

Best friends, Rose Becker of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, and Morgan Merser of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, will both be seniors at Bishop Luers High School in the fall. The friends became interested in the trip to World Youth Day when Bishop Rhoades spoke of it at their school. After some internet investigation they decided to make the pilgrimage together.

They said, "We're open minded about it and excited about the Lourdes visit. ... We can't grasp meeting people from all over the world!"

Bishop Rhoades noted that there is "joy in these young people and an excitement."

He added, "They're open and excited about their faith. ... I can tell it's going to be a incredible pilgrimage."

Cindy Black summed it up for all when she said, "Everyone that is going has been called. ... God has called them and has something in store for them."



MORGAN MERSEMER AND ROSE BECKER

PILGRIMS TO VISIT GROTTA AT LOURDES SHRINE



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Mass is celebrated in the grotto at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France in 2008. Pilgrims from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will make the grotto one of their stops in their travels to World Youth Day.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades processes in to Sacred Heart Church to celebrate a special Mass with WYD pilgrims on July 22.

Virtual pilgrimage to World Youth Day to assist those 'staying home'

Facebook application can be added to any fan page

WASHINGTON — For the first time, individuals can make a virtual pilgrimage to World Youth Day using a social media tool developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) communications department. USCCB has created a Facebook application and a website for non-Facebook users (www.virtualworldyouthday.org/) where individuals can create an avatar and use it to participate in the virtual pilgrimage. The application can be added to any Facebook fan page. A Google map provides visuals of where pilgrims are coming from throughout the world and another shows the pilgrims on a detailed map of Madrid.

Additionally, USCCB has created a Facebook fan page (www.facebook.com/pages/Virtual-World-Youth-Day/155152027881863) where virtual pilgrims can go to create their avatar, view live video feed from Madrid, follow key twitter feeds and blogs and upload photos and videos.

Those in Madrid also can contribute to the page from the event. USCCB staff present at the event will post content from Madrid. The page will also feature posts from a team of young adults and leaders who will attend WYD and blog on behalf of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

About 900 people already have created avatars and joined the virtual pilgrimage. World Youth Day 2011 will be held Aug. 16-21 in Madrid, Spain.

NOTABLE Saints of Spain



ST. JAMES THE GREATER
1st century [July 25 feast]
Apostle



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
1515-1582 [Oct. 15 feast]
One of the 33 doctors of the church



ST. DOMINIC
1170-1221 [Aug 8 feast]
Founder of the Dominicans



BLESSED JANE OF AZA
c. 1140-1203 [Aug 2 feast]
Mother of St. Dominic



ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA
1491-1556 [July 31 feast]
Founder of the Jesuits



ST. MARIA SOLEDAD TORRES ACOSTA
1826-1887 [Oct. 12 feast]
Foundress of the Handmaids of Mary
Serving the Sick



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
1506-1552 [Dec. 3 feast]
Student of St. Ignatius Loyola



GENOVEVA TORRES MORALES
1870-1956 [Jan. 5 feast]
Foundress of the Angelicas



JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA DE BALAGUER
1902-1975 [June 26 feast]
Founder of Opus Dei

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Bishop Rhoades meets with family members and pilgrims at the WYD informational meeting following Mass on July 22 at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw.



PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

Pilgrims pray together at the Mass that began their WYD informational gathering at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw.

Lila Rose kicks off Friends for Life Boot Camp

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Lila Rose, the energetic and dynamic president of Live Action, kicked off the seventh annual Friends for Life Boot Camp held at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, last weekend.

Rose is best known as the UCLA student who went undercover, posing as an underage pregnant teenager in a relationship with a 31-year-old man and exposing illegal activities at Planned Parenthood facilities across the nation, including Indiana. Now a college graduate, she does pro-life work full time and speaks from the heart about life issues.

Rose's opening remarks were directed to those in the audience, both adults and young people, who are interested in presenting the case for life in a persuasive and effective manner. The boot camp, which followed and continued throughout the weekend, featured pro-life training for high school and college students and drew 120 registrants — the best crowd ever — from across the state.

"Our generation has been targeted by the abortion industry," said Rose.

She explained that, not only were young people of her age at

risk of being aborted years ago, but now are being bombarded by pro-choice messages urging abortion of their own babies.

Her awareness of the abortion procedure began at age nine, she said, when she read about it and wondered, "How can anyone do that to a baby?" Later, she learned about Roe v Wade.

Upon learning that more than 3,000 babies were being aborted each day in the U.S., she wondered again, "Is there something to do?"

She asked God to use her in the pro-life effort and said, "It's been a crazy adventure since then."

Rose's first "targets for truth," she said, were her 40,000 fellow UCLA students. Although the university's health center was said to be performing 2,000 pregnancy tests annually, there appeared to be no pregnant women on campus.

"What were they telling students?" she asked herself.

Feigning pregnancy in a personal visit to the campus health center, she received no support for her supposed condition and only was given the option of abortion. She then decided to take her investigation to a Planned Parenthood clinic five minutes from her dormitory, where she received the same advice. The counselor advised her to "just pick a date" for her abortion.

With that appalling experience in mind, Rose launched an all-out attack on the abortion industry in general, and Planned Parenthood in particular, using her own money at first, then that of grass roots supporters, in a pro-life campaign that has spread like wildfire.

She founded Live Action, an organization that uses Facebook, Twitter and other social media to spread the pro-life message to young people, and it has quickly become the largest media organization in the country.

The most recent Live Action project goes even further by exposing complicity by Planned Parenthood in child slave rings. A video Live Action put on YouTube shows a counselor advising a person on ways to skirt the laws against child prostitution. Rose was horrified by this discovery and is more determined than ever to put a stop to these abuses.

Live Action literature calls the organization "a youth led movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time."

"We are all touched so closely by abortion," said Rose.

People in the audience are missing children, missing grandchildren, missing cousins. In fact, many young people in the audience wore T-shirts with the message, "one-fourth of my genera-



JOE ROMIE

Lila Rose, president of Live Action, speaks at the opening of the seventh annual Friends for Life Boot Camp held at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne on July 15.

tion is missing," providing stark affirmation of her words.

In closing, Rose exhorted her listeners, "Don't be afraid to talk to people about your beliefs. Continue to have hope. We are on the winning side."

Auther Scott Klusendorf challenges young people to 'place a lot of pebbles'

FORT WAYNE — Scott Klusendorf, author of "The Case for Life," followed Lila Rose in addressing Pro-Life Boot Camp attendees. Also a UCLA graduate, he joked that the liberal university probably doesn't acknowledge either of them, but that merely underscores their efforts.

Klusendorf is founder of the Life Training Institute, and his challenge for the weekend was to train pro-life advocates to effectively defend their position.

He gave his audience a glimpse of the upcoming program. He said that the case for life is so persuasive that its opponents must use intimidation to counter it. The pro-choice group argues about "what is right for you," rather than simply "what is right." That is called relativism, he said, and there are effective ways to respond which he would outline during the camp.

A common pro-choice argument is that one shouldn't impose his pro-life views on others, said Klusendorf. The best answer to that argument is the question, "Why not?"

Because the response to that question will be the imposition of their views on you, he said, thus making your point.

The Life Training Institute employs the SLED test to defend life, he said. The acronym repre-



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Scott Klusendorf, author of "The Case for Life" poses with participants of the Allen County Right to Life-sponsored Pro-Life Boot Camp held in mid-July on the campus of the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne.

sents size, level of development, environment and degree of dependency.

Regarding size, embryos are smaller than newborns and adults, but that doesn't make them less human.

Regarding level of development, embryos are less self-aware and lack the immediate capacity for performing human mental functions, but so are the sleeping, the comatose and those with Alzheimer's.

Regarding environment, the embryo has no less value simply because it has not yet traveled the few inches down the birth canal to its place outside the womb.

And finally, regarding degree of dependency, if viability makes us human, what about those who rely on insulin or kidney medication to exist?

Klusendorf pointed out that the SLED attributes are the only difference between an embryo and a fully developed human being. Therefore, an embryo is a human being and should be accorded the same human rights.

Being a pro-life advocate is challenging, but Klusendorf assured his young listeners by saying, "Sealing the deal isn't your job. Just put a pebble in their shoe."

The objective is not to have all the answers but to place a lot of pebbles.

He used a final comparison. Arguments are never won on the spot but are won later, he assured them, because you have rearranged the "mental furniture" of your opponent and given them food for thought.

— Bonnie Elbersson

BISHOP RHOADES BLESSES ST. HENRY COMMUNITY GARDEN



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades made a pastoral visit to St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne, on Sunday, July 17. Before the parish picnic and hog roast, Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass and blessed the recently-reconstructed grotto, which was refurbished by Father Tom Shoemaker and the St. Jude Parish Youth Group. The bishop also blessed the St. Henry Thrift Store and St. Henry community garden, above. The parish will host a farmer's market on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church parking lot. All are welcome to set-up and sell their garden produce.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Parents choose Catholic education for their children

BY DR. MARK MYERS

At this date, the Indiana Department of Education has approved school-choice scholarships (vouchers) for 250 children pre-enrolled in diocesan schools; 56 applications are pending approval presently.

Principals and school staff members have been sponsoring open house forums this summer in an effort to provide information so parents can make an informed choice about enrolling children in Catholic schools.

The advisory board of the Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana will meet at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center on Aug. 4 to make recommendations on the distribution of SGO funds to eligible kindergarten children entering Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The SGO of Northeast Indiana will function to collect corporate funds and distribute tuition assistance to Catholic families residing within the diocese. Additional SGO funds will be distributed to eligible first-grade children who completed a full year of kindergarten last year in public schools.

The family income limits for SGO awards are greater (200 percent of Free and Reduced Lunch) than those who qualify for school-choice scholarships. The SGO application will require a \$25 fee. The awards will amount to \$300 for tuition assistance for each eligible child entering kindergarten and first grade.

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SGO awards in many schools as well. Parents of kindergarten and first-grade children who completed kindergarten in public schools are encouraged to contact school principals for information on how to apply for SGO awards. All eligible children receiving an SGO award will qualify for school choice scholarships next academic year and each year they attend a Catholic school.

The response to assist parents to enroll children by diocesan school staff members, pastors and principals this summer will make a significant difference in the lives of, literally, thousands of children over time.

Building principals have canceled their vacations and worked diligently to meet enormous challenges to accommodate families who have shown interest in Catholic schools. This diocese is truly blessed to have the service of such faith-filled indi-

viduals who commit so much to the schools and families.

Please encourage parents you know to contact our school principals and acquire information to see if the new choice scholarships and SGO awards meet their needs for educating their children. Parents can call the Catholic Schools Office at (260) 422-4611 for additional information about school choice scholarships, SGO awards and Catholic schools.

Please pray for our teachers, principals and staff as we enter this exciting new era and work to serve our diocese, the Church and our faith, by opening our doors and our hearts to new families.

Dr. Mark D. Myers is the superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort WayneSouth Bend.

Cheryl Klinker named principal of St. Louis Academy in New Haven

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

NEW HAVEN — Determined, energetic and fun-loving are words used by Cheryl Klinker to describe herself. And on July 19, Klinker brought those character traits to a new level as she began her role as principal of St. Louis Academy.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Klinker, along with her siblings, moved around the Midwest while her father was employed by the space program. They settled in Fort Wayne Klinker's eighth-grade year where she attended St. Charles School.

After attending Bishop Dwenger High School, she graduated from Purdue University in 1985, where she also met her husband, Craig.

The Klinkers were married at St. Charles 26 years ago and took their "dream vacation" visiting Rome, Venice and Paris for their silver anniversary last summer.

The couple has four children: Lindsay, 25, who studied education at Marian University and is currently with the Junior High Life program at St. Vincent de Paul Parish; Chelsea, 22, who will be a senior majoring in hospitality management at Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne; Joey, 20, who



CHERYL KLINKER

will study abroad in Belgium this fall while attending St. Louis University; Cassidy, 11, a sixth-grader at St. Vincent and a family pet Schnoodle — Lucy.

Klinker has taught in Catholic schools for 17 years, taking off a few years of her career for maternity leaves. Her first assignment was at St. Joseph School in Monroeville, followed by teaching sixth-grade at St. Charles before settling at St. Vincent for the past 14 years.

While at St. Vincent, Klinker served as the director of special needs, a position that grew from a storage room closet to a staff of

five, serving over 70 students.

Three years ago, she received her administrative degree in education and leadership and has been working with St. Vincent de Paul School Principal Sandra Guffey in an administrative internship, while facilitating a professional learning community and being an instructional coach.

"I had been discerning and praying a lot about my next career move," Klinker said. "I am very excited about the position and look forward to meeting the close-knit, caring community at St. Louis."

"I am also excited to work with the voucher program and show families, who may not be able to otherwise, about Catholic education," she added.

In addition to tennis, Klinker golfs and enjoys riding bicycles with her husband. She is a member of a small Christian community at St. Vincent and on the board of directors for the Fort Wayne Trails, a new nonprofit with over 61 miles of trails in Fort Wayne and surrounding Allen County, including River Greenway, Aboite Center trails and Northwest Allen trails.

"I like to stay active, but also love to read my 'teacher magazines,'" Klinker said.

Gropp returns to St. Vincent de Paul as principal

BY DENISE FEDOROW

ELKHART — New St. Vincent de Paul School, Elkhart, Principal Tom Gropp is looking forward to making what is central to his life — his faith — a part of his new daily role.

Gropp was born in Elkhart, but his family moved to the Fort Wayne area, where he grew up in Churubusco. During his teens, they moved back to the Elkhart area, where most of their family lived. It was also during this time that his family joined the Catholic Church and attended St. Vincent de Paul.

He graduated from Memorial High School in 1988, attended St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, on a baseball scholarship and returned to the area to finish his degree at Bethel College, Mishawaka, graduating in 1994. He started his masters in administration in 2008.

Gropp began his education career as a substitute teacher in Elkhart Community Schools and also coached baseball for Elkhart Memorial High School. He continued subbing even after gaining a part-time teaching position at Grissom Middle School. In 1996, Gropp accepted at full-time physical education and health teaching position at Discovery Middle School in Penn-Madison-Harrison school district and has worked there until now.

He said he felt called to make the move from teacher to administrator, "and after a lot of prayer and discernment" he knew it was what he should do.

Gropp said he wanted to move to the Catholic schools because, "I wanted to use my faith as part of my job — it is central to me. So that was very important to me."

Gropp sees some challenge in the transformation from teacher to administrator, knowing that there will be an adjustment time, but at the same time he said, "I welcome it and am excited about it. It gives me a chance to grow and be a good positive leader."

He looks forward to continuing the anti-bullying program already implemented at St. Vincent's and also to working with the staff, saying he is a big believer in teamwork and the vision that can come from it.

With approximately 120 students at St. Vincent's, and the



TOM GROPP

new voucher program is bringing in more, Gropp has made it clear he wants to support the teachers with the resources they need. There are approximately 20 people on staff, including all support positions.

"The staff here is superb, extremely hard working, wonderful people who truly love what they do. Who wouldn't want to work with people like that? It gives you a renewed sense of excitement and it's a wonderful work atmosphere," he said. "The kids see that supportive atmosphere and they benefit from it."

Gropp said he also looks forward to marketing St. Vincent School, not only in terms of enrollment, which still is a focus, but also in terms of spreading the core values of the school.

Gropp believes at St. Vincent's students would find "a unique opportunity here."

"We have a tight-knit family here with hard working professional teachers, and all the staff strive for excellence," said Gropp.

Father Glenn Kohrman, St. Vincent de Paul pastor, who Gropp describes as a very active priest in the school, adds to this "family."

"The school is very important to him, which just adds to the cohesiveness of everyone being on board together. He loves the school and that's a great thing," said Gropp.

Even in his new position, Gropp seems confident in his abilities.

"I just want to keep taking the kids forward and build on the success we've had," he said.

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Amanda Robinson takes helm at St. John

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — There's a new kid in town and her name is Amanda Robinson. She has recently moved to the area and has taken the administrative helm from retiring St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, Principal Jane Sandor.

"I'm really excited," says Robinson. "Everyone has been so supportive. I think it's an awesome opportunity for us all."

Robinson, a St. Louis, Mo., native, was raised in a faith-filled Catholic family. She received a Catholic education from elementary school through the all-girls high school she attended, and has worked with children much of her academic life.

Robinson, who lives her faith both personally and professionally, is thrilled to be associated with Catholic schools again after teaching in the public system for several years.

"I missed being in a Catholic system. I know in this facility ... I can express my faith," she relates.

This enthusiastic young educator is delighted to hold her first administrative position after seven years of secondary teaching experience in Bloomington and Indianapolis. She holds bachelor's degrees in political science and secondary education, both from Indiana University, and has recently earned her master's degree in educational administration from Butler University in Indianapolis.

She says of her new leadership role, "I've always been dubbed 'the leader.' So it's a natural role for me to fall into. ... I felt I did all I could in my classroom. I've gone through the administrative process and knew it was my turn to influence in a different way."

This year holds the promise of growth and change for Robinson, not only as the principal at St. John, but in her personal life as well. She recently became engaged to be married to her longtime boyfriend Kevin Jansen, who resides in Kendallville.

So, in addition to meeting the



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challenges that a new administrative position holds, from learning over 250 students' names to fixing a decrepit public announcement system in the school, she is planning her wedding. Though the young couple will reside in Kendallville as parishioners of Immaculate Conception after they marry, Robinson plans to attend Mass at St. John at least once a month.

During her spare time, Robinson's passion for reading is matched only by her love for her constant companion, "Princess," a five-year-old Jack Russell Terrier. An ardent sports fan, she also delights in her fervor for her beloved St. Louis Cardinals, though her fiancé revels in the Cubs.

As the summer unfolds and Robinson settles into her role at St. John, she looks forward to a school year filled with so many things.

"I hope to bring a new perspective to St. John, new students and new energy. ... Go big or go home," she says with unbridled enthusiasm. "This is a young community. I think it will do well with a young principal."

She believes in the benefit of both male and female students witnessing a young female in a leadership position.

Faith plays a significant role in Robinson's decision making process.

"Every decision I make goes back

to my Catholic upbringing. ... I try to bring the best into the decisions I make. Ultimately it's about the students. Faith plays into that," she says.

Catholic identity is a concern in the school system and Robinson intends to face it with fervor at St. John's. "I plan to maintain Catholic identity and even challenge it to become stronger. Identity is ever changing — without challenge, we get too comfortable."

She hopes to implement several service initiatives in the years to come to help her students grow in faith-based leadership roles.

"You don't have to separate identities — Catholic and community. They can work together," she says.

In her short time within the St. John community, Robinson has met many of the parents and students of the school who have dropped by to say hello. She also anticipates working with the "awesome" staff at the school.

"They are the experts in the field. I'll draw on them and guide them," she says.

Robinson is equally impressed with the parish's pastor, Father Cyril Fernandes, and is looking forward to collaborating with him.

"He's so supportive. He has amazing ideas for the church and the school. We're a good match," she says.

Even though there are still summer days to be had, Robinson is confident in her abilities and the bright future of St. John the Baptist School.

She says, "I see the school expanding. I see the numbers increasing. I see myself maintaining the ship."

St. Matthew welcomes Susan Clark as principal

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — Although St. Matthew Cathedral School is losing an icon with the retirement of Mary Anne Retseck, they are gaining a familiar face with Susan Clark who is taking the helm as the new principal for the upcoming school year.

"I started at St. Matthew Cathedral School in 1974 and taught for three years until my daughter was born. I was a stay-at-home mom for eight years until my children were in the first and third grades," Clark said. "I returned in 1985 as a sixth-grade teacher."

Clark has been the fifth- and sixth-grade social studies teacher as well as a sixth-grade homeroom teacher for the school for the past few years.

"Our principal, Mary Anne Retseck, became critically ill last October and in November made the decision to retire," Clark said. "Msgr. (Michael) Heintz appointed me interim administrator. I offered to become principal so hopefully there would be a smooth transition for all students, faculty and parents."

Clark is excited about her new position and hopes to help continue the quality education that has turned out many fine students over the years.

"I hope to continue the tradition of academic excellence for our students," Clark said.

As a principal, she will face many challenges within the school environment. With technology

constantly changing and a constant striving for excellence, each day will present a new and exciting quest.

"The Indiana Choice Scholarship is a challenge because it is so new," said Clark discussing the biggest challenge she sees on her plate.

"I look forward to embracing the new students into our school community," she added.

Clark said the best part about being at St. Matthew's is that she considers the school community a real family. That sense of family is important when educating the future. Her years at the school have encompassed many happy memories.

She is enthusiastic about the upcoming school year and hopes to share her enthusiasm with the whole school community.

"I want the students to become responsible Catholic adults, receiving the foundations, both religious and academic, to be successful in high school, college and throughout their lives," said Clark.

St. Matthew Cathedral grade school educates over 300 students in grades kindergarten through eighth. There are 18 classroom teachers along with art, music, physical education and Spanish classes.

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'Gay genes,' sexual attractions, and the call to chastity

People often surmise that same-sex attraction is inborn, and that homosexuals are "naturally gay" or "born that way." They suppose that if God made them that way then it must not be a sin to act on their sexual desires. The possibility of a "gay gene" is sometimes offered as a further defense, suggesting that the condition and its associated behavior are inevitable and inescapable. One commentator summarized it this way, "Asking someone to stop being homosexual would, therefore, be equivalent to asking an Asian person to stop being Asian or a left-handed person to stop being left-handed."

Even if a hypothetical "gay gene" were ever found, all it would likely determine, similar to most genes governing behavior, would be a genetic predisposition towards a particular sexual preference. This would be something very different from the genetic determinism or "hardwiring"

of, say, eye color or blood type. Multiple twin studies have already demonstrated that only about a third of the identical twins of those with same-sex attractions also experience same-sex attractions; whereas, if sexual attractions were determined strictly by genes, those with identical genes would be expected to have identical attractions.

Even if we have genes that predispose us towards certain behaviors, we still have a space of freedom within ourselves and do not have to engage in those behaviors. Our genes may impel us strongly in certain behavioral directions, but they can't compel us.

This reminds us of one of the fundamental truths about our human nature — namely, that we are not creatures of sexual necessity. We are not compelled to act on our inclinations and urges, but are always free to act otherwise, even directly against the grain of those inclinations. In fact, to be truly free as a human means to have the



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strength to act against ourselves, so that we do not live in bondage to our own inner impulses and drives, a key consideration that distinguishes us from the animals.

Human freedom involves the mastery of those drives by redirecting them and ordering them to higher goals. So while we cannot in any way be held responsible for inborn inclinations, we certainly can be held responsible for how we choose to act in the face of those inclinations.

Sherif Gergis summarizes this

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God gives life to the loyal



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 14:13-21

The last and third section of the Book of Isaiah is the source of this weekend's first reading. The three sections spanned a relatively long, but significant period in the history of God's Chosen People.

The first section was written when the Hebrews still were living in the Promised Land, although clashes among them had resulted in two kingdoms. In time, the strong Babylonian Empire overran the Hebrew kingdoms. It was a fearful day and many died. Others were taken to Babylon, the empire's capital, located in modern Iraq. Those who were left in the homeland languished in misery and want.

At long last, Babylonia itself fell. The exiles returned, only to find a sterile and unhappy place. Little improved as generations passed.

Then came the composition of the third section of Isaiah, a section of which is read this weekend.

At the time of this composition, people literally had to worry about the next meal so the prophecy's words were very relevant. These words reminded discouraged audiences that God indeed would supply.

For its second reading, the

Church offers us a selection from Paul's Epistle to the Romans. When this work was written, stress also was quite evident. The Christian Romans lived in a culture very hostile to the Gospel, and therefore to Christians. Furthermore, the political and legal systems were turning against Christians. Indeed, St. Paul himself eventually would be executed.

Very clear in the reading is Paul's encouragement. He calls upon those facing temptations and doubts to be strong in their resolve. He urges them to hold to Christ, letting nothing separate them from the Lord.

St. Matthew's Gospel provides the third reading. It is the familiar and beloved story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand.

The story line is well known. A large crowd follows Jesus, and within this crowd are sick people. Typically, and as surely the sick hoped, the compassionate Jesus healed the sick.

Here immediately, however, it should be noted that healing then had a meaning far different from healing an injury or disease today. It was overcoming the evil effects of sin. The ancient Jewish idea was that human sin brought every distress into the world.

Also, there was almost no food, only five loaves of bread and a few fish.

Unwilling to send the people away, Jesus provided for them. He took the food, blessed it, gave it to the disciples to distribute, and the leftovers filled 12 baskets.

This miracle anticipates the Eucharist. Two elements are important in the story. One is the role of the disciples. The other is the utter vastness of the number of people.

Reflection

A major effect of original sin, to return to an old theological fact, is

that everything dies, animal or plant. Every human being, and indeed any animal higher along the scale of awareness, fears death.

The great message of the Scriptures is that God subdues death and gives life. Thus, the author of Third Isaiah reassured those loyal to God that nothing needed to be feared.

Facing the terrifying consequences, humanly speaking, of being a Christian in Rome, St. Paul constantly urged believers to be of stout heart and good cheer. God would give life, despite whatever might come.

St. Matthew's Gospel, source of the last reading, emphasizes this point yet again. When the people were hungry, the Lord supplied — creating sufficiency from just meager provisions. Nothing can halt God's love and mercy. He gives life.

The Gospel makes clear the bond between Jesus and the disciples. They are special students, and they work in the Lord's name. Their power lives, still in the Church. The key to receiving this divine promise of life, of course, is in our loyalty personally to the Lord.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-18

Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17

Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-7,

12-13 Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1,

26-29a, 34-35 Ps 106:6-7, 13-14,

21-23 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16, 21

Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-

2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

Letters to the Editor:

Renew appreciation for brown Scapular, rosary

July 16 was the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Many Catholics today have forgotten about the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and its heavenly promise. In 1917 at Fatima, Portugal, she appeared with our Lord, and announced that one day by the rosary and the scapular she would save the world.

By wearing the scapular we are dedicated to Our Lady in a special way and have strong claim upon her protection and intercession. The scapular is a small replica of the religious habit consisting of two pieces of brown wool connected by a cord. It's to be worn around the neck so that one piece hangs in front and one in the back.

Our Lady has said, "Take this scapular. Whoever dies wearing it will not suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, protection in danger and a pledge of peace."

It seems to me that many Catholics today have lost an appreciation for the use of sacramentals. In troubled times such as these, the simple and sure way to have peace is to do what Our Lady asked of us at Fatima, "pray the rosary daily and wear the brown scapular."

Theresa Gabet
New Haven

NET participant seeks support

My name is Rachel Staley. I am a parishoner at St. Pius X and just graduated for Saint Joseph's High School. I am preparing to leave for a year of service with a program called NET Ministries (National Evangelization Teams) in late August.

I have been invited to be one of 120 young adults to travel across the country putting on retreats for teenagers. NET has been serving the youth of our country since 1981 and has touched countless youth's lives.

I will travel to St. Paul, Minn., in late August to spend five weeks training for my year of service and getting to know the other young adults serving with me. Then from September to May, I will be traveling across the United States putting on retreats for middle and high school youth. I am taking this year to volunteer with NET before I begin college and am very excited to spend the year spreading my faith.

For this year to be as successful as possible, I need your support. First and foremost I need your spiritual support. In this upcoming year, NET will minister to 60,000 young people. My team alone will put on 100 to 150 retreats and minister to over 8,000 youth. I appreciate all your spiritual support in this endeavor.

Also I would really appreciate any financial support you are able to give me at this time. To cover the costs of training, traveling, health care and a small monthly stipend I need to raise a minimum on \$4,200 for NET.

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Rachel Staley
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I am in receipt of your check in the amount of \$73,435.73 representing the gifts of the people of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to the Jerusalem Mother Church for the 2011 Good Friday collection. This gift will not only assist in the preservation of the Holy Places but will also help the people to whom the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Land Custody minister.

In the name of the friars and those to whom they minister, I express our deepest gratitude to you, Bishop Rhoades, and to our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who continue to give most generously to help those who are in need! May God bless and reward all of you.

The Good Friday Collection is a Pontifical Collection and is absolutely vital. This collection helps support the Holy Land Shrines and also the educational, pastoral and charitable programs for the people there. The custody cares for the poorest social classes, the living stones. I am sure you are well aware that it is not easy to be a Christian today in the Holy Land.

With deep appreciation, much gratitude and a promise of prayer for you and the people of God in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, I am yours,

Brother J. Rogenski, O.F.M.
Commissary of the Holy Land
St. Louis Region

Gratitude for contribution to pope

The Holy Father has asked me to acknowledge the offering of \$24,000 which you sent through the Apostolic Nunciature as a contribution from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for the support of the Holy See.

His Holiness is grateful for this donation and for the devoted sentiments that inspired it. He very much appreciates the support which you and your people have given to him in his service to the universal Church.

I am pleased to assure you of the Holy Father's prayers for you and for those entrusted to your pastoral care. Invoking upon all of you joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ, he cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing.

Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone
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Pope Benedict's WYD: Space made for silence, solemnity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has put his own stamp on the church's celebration of World Youth Day, and it's especially clear in the gathering's moments of prayer.

In Cologne, Germany, six years ago — Pope Benedict's first WYD as pope — he surprised the youths at the Saturday night vigil by urging them to quiet down.

The Cologne event was where he started a major new WYD tradition: Instead of ending the vigil with a boisterous musical finale, he ended it with Eucharistic Adoration — with tens of thousands of young people kneeling silently in a field. The scene was repeated in Australia in 2008.

During World Youth Day 2011, scheduled for Aug. 16-21 in Madrid, Eucharistic Adoration again will cap the pope's participation at the vigil. Adoration and prayer also will continue throughout the night on the edges of the military airport where many of the young people are expected to camp overnight.

In fact, organizers are planning to have 17 tents set up as chapels for all-night adoration.

The visual focal point when the pope leads the Adoration and Benediction will be a monstrance set into a towering 16th-century gothic structure of silver and gold usually housed in the Toledo cathedral.

The traditional, solemn sense communicated by the Toledo monstrance will be echoed in the papal liturgies throughout the trip, organizers said.

"The point is to highlight that the central person of World Youth Day is Jesus Christ, and the pope

THE VATICAN LETTER

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is coming to proclaim him," said Father Javier Cremades, Madrid coordinator of the liturgies.

However, not all of Father Cremades' plans emphasize the formal.

"We'll wake the young people with mariachi music" the morning of Aug. 21, hours before the pope arrives to celebrate the final Mass at the Cuatro Vientos military airport, he said.

"Young people will come to World Youth Day to celebrate with the Holy Father," he said. "If they did not want to attend a liturgy in the pope's style, they wouldn't be coming."

Young women and men will proclaim the Scripture readings at the Mass and read the prayers of the faithful; seminarians will fulfill the role of altar servers. Up to 6,000 singers 25 years old and younger — members of choirs from around the world — will sing the hymns at the Mass.

Blessed John Paul was the pope with the reputation for rallying and energizing thousands of young Catholics and particularly for drawing energy from them.

But in a passage that sounds like he was surprised about the impact that the celebration had on

him, Pope Benedict told an interviewer, "these youth days have actually turned out to be a genuine gift for me."

In the book "Light of the World," he told Peter Seewald that he was struck by the "intense joy" and "the spirit of recollection that, amazingly, pervades the actual World Youth Days themselves."

Talking about the experience in Sydney at WYD 2008, he said, "It was quite simply the common joy of faith that carried us through and that made it possible for hundreds of thousands of people to remain in silence before the sacrament and so to become one."

Pope Benedict has insisted that real, even prolonged moments of silence be added to every liturgy he celebrates.

Visiting Sulmona, Italy, in 2010, he said, "We live today in a society in which every space, every moment must be 'filled' with initiatives, activities and sound," so that there is no time for listening and dialogue.

"Dear brothers and sisters, don't be afraid of silence outside and inside ourselves, if we want to hear not only the voice of God but also of those who are close to us, the voices of others," he said.

Yago de la Cierva, executive director of World Youth Day Madrid, said that while organizers, priests and even the pope cannot control what the Holy Spirit does in the lives of the young pilgrims, they must be serious about preparing an atmosphere where the Spirit's action can be recognized.

"One important thing is to take great care with the liturgy, so the young will say, 'Wow, the Mass is beautiful,'" he said.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for July 31, 2011

Matthew 14:13-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: when Jesus tried to go off by himself, and was followed. Words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS HEARD	WITHDREW	A BOAT
DESERTED	FOLLOWED	ON FOOT
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The Knights are ready

Each July, as the Indiana Knights of Columbus begin a new fraternal year, they gather to install new officers, set goals and make plans for achieving those goals.

Reelected for a second term, State Deputy Thomas Gawlik was installed, along with new officers, on July 8-10 at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park.

New officers that also were installed included State Secretary Lawrence Fluhr; State Treasurer Scott Cunningham and State Advocate Martin McCoy. Father Stephen Jarrell was appointed and installed as state chaplain. Many directors, chairmen and district deputies also were appointed and installed.

With more than 33,000 members of the Knights in Indiana, 1,600 new members plan to be added. Gawlik calls this the Crusade for Life. The Knights have been working to promote the Gabriel Project in parishes to



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BY MICHAEL BLANKMAN

assist women in crisis pregnancies, set up memorial crosses for aborted lives on parish and council grounds, and increase the number attending annual pro-life marches locally and in Washington, D.C.

The Knights plan to add five new councils in Indiana and reactivate three councils to serve the needs of priests. It was the hope of founder Father Michael J. McGivney to have a council presence in every parish. In parishes that have yet to establish a council, the Knights plan to set up at least 110 small roundtables to serve the needs of these parishes.

Gawlik has asked each council to begin its business meeting by praying the rosary, as the Knights have long had a devotion to the

Blessed Virgin Mary and her rosary. Every Knight is given a rosary when he joins the order.

As the weekend meetings drew to a close, State Church Director Deacon Michael Halas addressed the leaders of the Indiana Knights. He called on them to work toward a new evangelization, a call that began with Blessed John Paul II. Deacon Halas told the Knights that to begin this evangelization there is a personal need to be converted, and to ask the Holy Spirit to transform the councils.

Michael Blankman is the communications director for the Indiana Knights of Columbus.

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idea in a recent article, "We do not pretend to know the genesis of same-sex attraction, but we consider it ultimately irrelevant to this debate. On this point, we agree with same-sex marriage advocate Professor John Corvino, "The fact is that there are plenty of genetically-influenced traits that are nevertheless undesirable. Alcoholism may have a genetic basis, but it doesn't follow that alcoholics ought to drink excessively. Some people may have a genetic predisposition to violence, but they have no more right to attack their neighbors than anyone else. Persons with such tendencies cannot say 'God made me this way' as an excuse for acting on their dispositions."

Even though God did make each of us in a certain way, it is clear there are other factors that have influence over our personal constitution and inclinations as well, including actual sin and original sin. It is not difficult for us to see, through the turmoil of our own disordered inclinations, how our human condition, our general biology, our psychological depths and even our DNA seem to be subject to a fundamental fallenness.

It would not be unexpected or surprising, then, if we eventually discovered predisposing factors (genes, hormones, developmental cues, etc.) that give rise to heterosexual or homosexual inclinations. What is of real moral relevance to

the discussion, however, is the universal call to chastity, irrespective of genes and hormones.

Chastity refers to the successful integration of sexuality within the person, and all men and women are called to live chastely in keeping with their particular states of life.

Some will do so by professing a life of consecrated virginity or consecrated celibacy.

Married people will do so by living conjugal chastity, in the exclusive and lifelong gift of husband and wife to each other, avoiding the unchastity of contraceptive sex, and sharing the marital embrace in openness to new life. Professor Robert George speaks of "marriage as a union that takes its distinctive character from being founded, unlike other friendships, on bodily unity of the kind that sometimes generates new life."

Those who are single will practice chastity in continence, steering away from fornication, masturbation and pornographic pursuits.

Those who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex are similarly called to chastity in continence. By refraining from sexual activity with members of the same sex, and engaging in an apprenticeship of self-mastery, they come to acquire, like all who pursue lives of chastity, an abiding inner freedom and peace.

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

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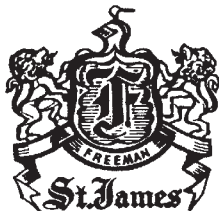
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Unity in diversity celebrated as three Holy Cross Sisters profess final vows

NOTRE DAME — Years of discerning, learning, experiencing and praying came to completion for Holy Cross Sisters Jacinta Katusabe, Lillian Nyakaisiki and Verónica A. Fajardo when they prayed at the vigil, walked in procession with their sisters of Holy Cross and then professed their perpetual vows in the congregation on July 16.

The internationality of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross was woven throughout the celebration in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame.

At the vigil the evening before, Sister Mary Louise Full, first councilor, reflected on "the sense of mystery" surrounding the call to religious life and the meaning of the vows. The three sisters then shared their individual journeys to Holy Cross.

The next morning, African drums summoned the sisters to begin the festive procession to

the church. Led by a ribbon banner, bells and tambourines, the sisters processed singing "Ave Maris Stella" and formed an honor guard on the walkway to the church alongside the flags of the eight countries in which the congregation ministers.

Following the second banner, Sisters Jacinta, Lillian and Verónica approached the church steps, vows in hand. They were flanked by Sisters Joan Marie Steadman, president, and Margaret Mary Nimo and Ruth Marie Nickerson, area coordinators of Africa and North America, respectively. All were welcomed at the church entrance by Holy Cross Father Michael Connors who presided at the celebration.

Sister Sharlet Ann Wagner, general secretary, offered the reflection on the Word in Spanish and English, with greetings to the families of Sisters Jacinta, Lillian and Verónica.

She said, "Jesus gives all of us a

promise in today's Gospel 'Those who remain in me and I in them will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.' But if it is true that without Him we can do nothing, it is also true that with Him, we can do all things."

To the three sisters making final profession, Sister Sharlet said, "If you continue to take to heart and live the words of the Gospel and the vows that you make ... you and Holy Cross together will have produced fruit in abundance. By this is God glorified."

After the three sisters prostrated on Ugandan prayer mats during the Litany of Saints, each read her vows, which were accepted by Sister Joan Marie.

In the blessing, Father Connors prayed, "Today it is right that your house should echo with a new song of thanksgiving for these sisters of ours."

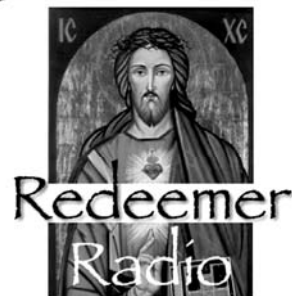


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From left, Holy Cross Sister Mary Louise Full, first councilor, sings with soon-to-be perpetually professed Sisters Jacinta Katusabe, Lillian Nyakaisiki and Verónica A. Fajardo at the vigil.

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St. Therese Parish plans rummage sale
Fort Wayne — St. Therese Parish, 2304 Lower Huntington Rd., will have a rummage sale Thursday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; July 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; July 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. Bag time from 10 a.m. to noon.

Concert planned at St. Vincent
Elkhart — An evening of music for flute, oboe and piano featuring Marilyn Odendahl; Lucy Minichillo and Kevin Vaughn, playing works by Handel, Beethoven, Saint-Saens and Dring will be Sunday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1108 S. Main St. Free admission.

Highway buy-way sale
New Haven — St. Louis Besancon Church, 15535 Lincoln Highway East, will be participating in the Lincoln Highway Buy-Way yard sale Thursday, Aug. 4 through Saturday, Aug. 6. The Besancon Recreation Hall will

be filled with crafts, handmade items, jewelry, quilts, novelties and garage sale items. Food and beverages will be available by the St. Louis Academy Home and School Association. Sale hours are Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (260) 623-6718 for more information.

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

Parish festival
New Carlisle — St. Stanislaus Kostka, 55756 Tulip Rd., will have a parish festival Saturday, Aug. 6, with a rib dinner at 5 p.m. and a deejay from 6-10 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 6, a chicken dinner will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with music from noon to 4

p.m. Bingo, raffles, beer tent and kids' games. Call (574) 654-3781 for information.

Rummage sale
Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish will have a rummage sale Friday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9-11:30 a.m. A \$3 bag sale begins Friday at 3 p.m. and all day Saturday for \$1.50.

Financial classes to begin
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will host Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes Aug. 22 through Nov. 13. Learn how to be debt free and build wealth. The class is \$93 for kit and membership. Email any questions to monicasue4@gmail.com or call (260) 639-3748.

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Fort Wayne Sungshik An, 41, St. Vincent de Paul	Carmen Antonia Torres, 60, St. Therese	Plymouth James W. Walker, 56, St. Michael
David J. Didion, 27, St. Vincent de Paul	George B. Fitzgerald III, 78, St. Charles	South Bend Angelina McMahon, 84, St. Joseph
Jeanette E. Castle, 80, St. Jude	Ada Jean Neher, 90, St. Vincent de Paul	Ray Rutkowski, 92, Holy Family
John R. Roeger, 76, Queen of Angels	Granger Mary Jane Hartman, 85, St. Pius X	Stephen A. Sipocz, 86, Christ the King
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Emma M. Molargik, 89, St. Vincent de Paul	Mishawaka Deacon Ronald J. Moser, 72, St. Joseph	Paul J. Jankowski, 46, Holy Cross
Diana M. Urick, 70, St. Peter	David J. Dhoore, 60, St. Bavo	Lena T. Panzica, 92, St. Matthew Cathedral
Michael Paul Dawley, 48, St. Charles	Notre Dame Father Ambrose J. Wheeler, CSC, 92, Basilica/Sacred Heart	Francis J. Wukovits Jr., 71, St. Hedwig
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Deacon Ronald J. Moser, 72, dies

SOUTH BEND — Deacon Ronald J. Moser, 72, died July 16 in Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 11, 1938, Deacon Moser was a Fort Wayne native. He attended St. Peter's Grade School and graduated from Central Catholic High School. He also attended Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. In 1962, he married Carolyn A. Keller at St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne. The Mosers lived in Fort Wayne until moving to South Bend in 1983.

Moser was employed for 24 years with International Harvester and nearly 20 years with AM General.

Ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 1983, he was assigned to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mishawaka in 1984. Deacon Moser was active with the St. Joseph Church youth group, taught RCIA, Baptismal preparation, the choir and involved with Christ Renews His Parish.

With his daughter Lori, Deacon Moser started Teens Encounter Christ in the South Bend area. He and his wife were involved in Marriage Encounter, and Deacon Moser served as president of the South Bend Serra Club.

He is survived by his wife of 49

years, Carolyn; three daughters, Michele (Jaime Grayson Sr.) Moser of South Bend, Cynthia (Joseph) Collis of Fort Wayne and Lori (Russell Fuson) Moser of South Bend; two brothers, Larry (Elaine) Moser of Pretty Lake, Ind., and Billy Moser of Florida; a sister, Phyllis (James) Vodde of Florida; and eight grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon Moser was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on July 20 in St. Joseph Church, Mishawaka. Father Terry Fisher concelebrated. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka.

TV MASS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

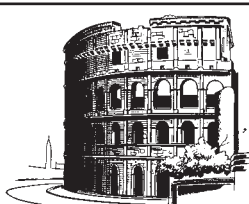
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HISPANIC

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The bishop began by talking about the value of Hispanic people.

"Ofentimes I've said to others that the Hispanic presence within the United States is a gift and a blessing for our country and for the Church as a whole within the United States," Bishop Rhoades said.

"The Hispanic culture is impregnated with the Gospel of Jesus Christ," he added.

"You or your parents or your grandparents arrived here frequently bringing a profound source and vibrant Catholic faith," Bishop Rhoades said. "This is a gift and a blessing for us as we try to follow the call of our beloved beatified John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI for an evangelization of this country. ..."

Bishop Rhoades also encouraged those present to be ready to deny themselves and carry their crosses, defend the teachings of Christ and His Church, live the faith with works, attend Sunday Mass, practice charity and mercy, and love God and their neighbors.

"Be a witness of your faith through good works for all those you meet, for other Hispanics who are far from the Church, for those who have become warm practicing the faith and for the community as a whole in general," Bishop Rhoades said.

After Mass, participants divided into groups by parish to discuss their

ideas for the pastoral plan. Bishop Rhoades wanted to hear about their experiences, hopes, needs and dreams for the Church.

"I'm very happy with the discussion and wonderful sharing that's taking place," Bishop Rhoades said at lunch. "The people are happy to share their hopes and dreams and have approached me individually."

"It shows the Church is alive, the faith of the people is alive and they're engaged," he said.

Bishop Rhoades also asked participants to think about the five priorities set by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. They include formation of the faith and sacraments, marriage and family life, the dignity of the human being, priestly and religious vocations and cultural diversity of the Church in the U.S.

Attendees also seemed pleased.

"I'm really glad we're getting together to develop a pastoral plan for the Hispanic community," said Yolanda Martinez of St. Joseph-Fort Wayne. "There's such a need to learn our faith, receive the sacraments and to find support from the Church community in everyday activities."

As an example of these activities, Martinez mentioned dealing with children, the sick and elderly.

Jorg Nieves, a young man from LaGrange, was thankful for the day.

"For me, it's been really productive," he said. "It gives us time to reflect and give opinions on (receiving) greater help outside our parish. It's also an opportunity to see the greater Catholic community (outside) our own parish."

Omar Escobar, a 15-year-old from St. Adalbert-South Bend, had educational hopes.

"It's possible to go to Catholic school, get a better education and get better at my faith," he said.

Maria Santoyo of Elkhart also appreciated the discussions.

"It's exciting," she said. "It's an opportunity to get close to the bishop, talk with him and people from other churches and priests."

Enid Roman-DeJesus, diocesan director of Hispanic ministry, said the next diocesan Hispanic convocation might be in about a year. Silva said the collaboration process has been ongoing about 10 months and the final pastoral plan might be revised every two to three years.

Churches participating in Saturday's convocation included St. Patrick, Fort Wayne; St. Joseph, Fort Wayne; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw; St. Patrick, Ligonier; St. Michael, Plymouth; St. Adalbert-St. Casimir, South Bend; St. John the Evangelist, Goshen; St. Joseph, LaGrange; Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend; Immaculate Conception, Kendallville; St. Dominic, Bremen; and St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart.

Bishop Rhoades was the celebrant of the Mass that opened the convocation. Priests concelebrating Mass with the bishop included Society of Divine Word Father Jesus Briones, Father Paul Bueter, Father Wilson Corzo, Father Phil DeVolder, Father Matthew Coonan, Father Eloy Jimenez, Holy Cross Father John Steele and Holy Cross Father Peter Paccini.



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gives Communion to Ari Lara of Goshen at a diocesan Hispanic convocation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Warsaw Saturday, July 23.



Hispanic convocation attendees from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church's leadership team record ideas for a pastoral plan at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Warsaw Saturday. In the photo, from left, are Judith Espinosa, Marco Castillo and Armando Vallin. Other team members include Angelica Chavez, Manuel Chavez and José Cacahua.

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