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## Knights donate ultrasound machine to Women's Care Center

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, along with members from the community, attended a Rite of Thanksgiving and Blessing Ceremony at the Women's Care Center on Sunday, Sept. 18 in South Bend.

SOUTH BEND — Dick Dornbos reports that two abortions take place in St. Joseph County every day, and this is a statistic he could not accept. The Knights of Columbus Father Stephen T. Badin Council 4263 order member felt something needed to be done to save innocent babies and decided to enlist members of his group on a mission to purchase a new ultrasound machine for the Women's Care Center facility on Ironwood Road in South Bend.

"The Holy Spirit tells me what to do," said Dornbos, of what brought him to this decision. "I believe we've got to do something about this."

According to Knights of Columbus field agent of the Supreme Council Bob Baloun, the individual council can choose a project to fund and the Father Stephen T. Badin group chose an ultrasound machine for the Women's Care Center. Through fundraising efforts like pancake breakfasts, fish fries and other projects the Granger council raised over \$16,000 in nine months, which was matched by the Supreme Council, allowing enough money to purchase the machine for the center.

"If it saves at least one life it's worth it," said Baloun of the project.

Members of the Women's Care Center were delighted with the generosity of the Knights of Columbus.

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## St. Joseph Grade School named National Blue Ribbon School

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph Grade School in South Bend has been named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

The National Blue Ribbon award honors Principal Suzanne Wiwi, St. Joseph Grade School's faculty and staff, its students and parents, the Congregation of Holy Cross, and all of St. Joseph Parish and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Accredited through the North Central Association, St. Joseph School offers a core curriculum that far exceeds state and federal standards. Students have achieved consistent high performance as measured by annual Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP). This is due in large part to the school's emphasis on mastering the fundamentals of reading, writing and mathematics.

Traditional studies at St. Joseph School are complemented by classes in religion, music, visual arts, foreign language, computers, language arts and physical education.

As a member of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL), St. Joseph School students excel in athletic competition, and the school promotes good sportsmanship and character building through sports.

St. Joseph School students are also known for contributing their time and talent in ser-

vice to the community. Students visit area agencies dedicated to serving the underprivileged such as the Christ Child Society and Hope Ministries. Other forms of service include visiting the elderly and the infirm at Holy Cross Village and at St. Mary's Convent.

Principal Wiwi, an alumna of St. Joseph School, has served as the school's principal since 1989. Owing to her outstanding leadership, St. Joseph School provides an exceptional learning environment for all of its students.

The school has witnessed signifi-

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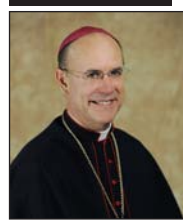
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# Our diocesan pilgrimage



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Last week, I attended several meetings of committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on which I serve. The meetings took place in Washington, D.C., so it was convenient that the meetings began immediately following our diocesan pilgrimage to Washington and Emmitsburg. On Wednesday, approximately 70 bishops concelebrated a Memorial Mass for the recently deceased Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambini, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. You may recall that Archbishop Sambini was in Fort Wayne for my installation as bishop here. He was a man of deep faith and served the Holy Father and the Church with joy and selfless devotion. Before serving as nuncio to the United States, he had served as nuncio in the Holy Land as well as in the diplomatic service of the Holy See in many other countries. May God grant him eternal happiness and peace!

Our diocesan pilgrimage was a wonderful experience of faith for our over 150 diocesan faithful who participated. On Friday, September 9th, we visited the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. As you probably know, the Blessed Mother, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness both of our diocese and of our country. The Basilica of the National Shrine is the largest church in the Western Hemisphere.

We began our visit with the recitation of the sorrowful mysteries of the holy rosary in the beautiful crypt church. After the rosary, we had a few hours to visit the upper church and the dozens of side chapels and oratories, most of which honor Our Lady under various titles from different countries and cultures. There was also the opportunity to receive Our Lord's grace and mercy in the sacrament of Penance.

We concluded our visit with the celebration of Holy Mass in the crypt church. I celebrated the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Gate of Heaven. It was an opportunity to reflect on the theme of "pilgrimage," our life on earth as a pilgrimage of faith, hope, and love. Of course, the destination of our earthly pilgrimage is heaven. I invited our pilgrims to contemplate the Lord Jesus at the school of Mary. The Blessed Mother is like a bright star who enlightens our way along this pilgrimage and accompanies us on our journey to the Father's house. Mary helps us to stay on the road that leads to the gate of heaven. We asked for our Blessed Mother's prayers for all the people of our diocese, especially for the sick and suffering. We also remembered in our prayer intentions throughout the weekend the cause of peace as our nation commemorated the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

From the National Shrine, we rode about a mile to the Franciscan Monastery with the famous church replicating the shrines of the Holy Land. There we prayed Vespers, the Evening Prayer of the Church.

On Saturday, September 10th, we continued our pilgrimage with a visit to Emmitsburg, Maryland. We began the day with the celebra-



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**Members of the U.S. hierarchy process from the altar following a memorial Mass in honor of Vatican diplomat Archbishop Pietro Sambini Sept. 14 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Archbishop Sambini served as nuncio to the United States from 2006 until his death July 27.**

tion of Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, our first American-born saint. In the homily, I reflected on the heroic sanctity of this incredible woman: wife, mother, widow, convert, religious founder, and pioneer of the Catholic school system in the United States. Despite many hardships and adversities throughout her life, Mother Seton persevered in faith and spread the love of Christ. Her deep prayer life and her devotion to the Blessed Sacrament sustained her as she carried the cross: the death of her beloved husband and two young daughters, the rejection of family and friends because of her conversion to the Catholic faith, and her own suffering with tuberculosis. Many pilgrims shared with me their amazement at all that Mother Seton accomplished in just 46 years of life on earth. She is truly an inspiration for us on our pilgrim journey.

After visiting the two houses where Mother Seton lived and the cemetery where she was originally buried, we went from Saint Joseph's Valley to Mary's mountain a few miles away. There we ate lunch in the dining hall at Mount Saint Mary's University. Following lunch, we celebrated a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Bernard's Chapel of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. Our pilgrims were happy to see where several of our seminarians live and pray. Our nine seminarians at "the Mount" were happy to host us and our pilgrims were happy to meet our seminarians and to encourage them in their vocations.

After the visit to the seminary, we went up the mountain to the National Shrine of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. It was a sunny, warm day and we had a beautiful view of the seminary and valley below. At the grotto, we had time for individual prayer and to walk

along the pathways of the Stations of the Cross and the mysteries of the rosary. We finished our visit with Vespers in the glass chapel near the grotto. We then enjoyed a festive dinner in the parish hall of Saint Joseph's Church in the town of Emmitsburg.

On Sunday morning, September 11th, we celebrated our final Mass together in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Mount Saint Mary's University, which was recently beautifully renovated. After Mass, I bade farewell to our pilgrims as they boarded the buses for the long ride home to Indiana. I then returned to Washington for the USCCB committee meetings which began the next day. I did have some free time on Sunday, so friends came down from Pennsylvania and we enjoyed watching a Philadelphia Eagles game together!

I thoroughly enjoyed the diocesan pilgrimage, especially witnessing the faith and joy of our pilgrims. It was a spiritually enriching weekend. I especially enjoyed sharing with people of our diocese places that have been important in my own life and journey of faith.

Many thanks to all who helped plan and organize the pilgrimage, especially Natalie Kohrman, Mary Glowaski, Brian MacMichael, and Jeff Krudop! I also wish to thank seminarian Bob Garrow for coordinating our visits to the Mount and the Seton Shrine. I thank Deacon Jim Kitchens and all our seminarians for their service at the liturgies. And special thanks to the priests who accompanied our pilgrims and heard confessions: Father Jim Shafer, Father Chuck Herman, Father Glenn Kohrman, and Father Bob Van Kempen.

May God bless you! May our Blessed Mother and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton intercede for you!



**DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE – SOUTH BEND**  
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June 2, 2011

Dear Brother Priests,

As you may have read, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has authorized diocesan bishops to schedule Masses of Thanksgiving for the beatification of Pope John Paul II, on a selected date prior to May 1, 2012 (one year since the beatification).

I have decided that here in the Diocese of Fort Wayne – South Bend, all Masses celebrated on Sunday, October 16, 2011, (including the evening Mass on Saturday, October 15, 2011) will be the “Mass in Honor of Blessed John Paul II.” This Mass is to replace the observance of the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Brian MacMichael, the Director of our Office of Worship, will be sending you the Collect for this Mass of Thanksgiving. The other liturgical texts, including the Preface, are to be taken from the Common of Pastors: For a Pope. You may use the Sunday readings of the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time or you may substitute those readings with readings from the Common of Pastors. This allowance, of course, is only for this special observance.

October 16<sup>th</sup> is the date when Cardinal Karol Wojtyla was elected Pope, so it is an appropriate day for us to offer thanks to God for his beatification. It will also provide a good opportunity in our homilies to recall the holy example and teaching of Blessed John Paul II.

Finally, I am also asking Brian MacMichael to send you the second reading for the Office of Readings that the Congregation for Divine Worship has issued for the feast of Blessed John Paul II, which you can use on October 16, 2011.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Kevin C. Rhoades*

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



**PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF  
 BISHOP KEVIN C.  
 RHOADES**

- Sunday, Sept. 25, 11:30 a.m. — 175th Anniversary Mass of Cathedral Parish, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Sunday, Sept. 25, 4 p.m. — Holy Hour for Vocations, St. Peter Church, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Sept. 27 to Thursday, Sept. 29 — Continuing Education Days for Priests, Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park
- Thursday, Sept. 29, 5:30 p.m. — Dinner-Auction for South Bend Christ Child Society, Hilton Garden Inn, Notre Dame
- Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. — Mass at Retreat for Persons with Disabilities, St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne

## New poverty figures show Hispanics, children especially hard hit

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the median U.S. household income declined, more Americans dropped below the poverty line, with Hispanics and children taking a particularly hard hit, according to statistics released Sept. 13 by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The bureau's report on “Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2010” put the nation's official poverty rate at 15.1 percent for the third consecutive annual increase. It was up from 14.3 percent in 2009.

In the first full calendar after the December 2007-June 2009 recession, the real median household income went from \$50,599 in 2009 (in 2010 dollars) to \$49,445 in 2010. The decline was felt across all races and age groups, among Hispanics and non-Hispanics and native-born and foreign-born Americans.

But the data showed that the poverty rate among blacks and Hispanics of any race was nearly identical in 2010, with 27.4 percent of blacks and 26.6 percent of Hispanics living below the poverty line. The poverty rate was 12.1 percent for Asian-Americans and 9.9 percent for non-Hispanic whites in 2010.

The poverty threshold for a family of four was \$22,113 in 2010.

The Census Bureau found that 22 percent of children were living in poverty last year, up from 20.7 percent the year before.

In the past decade, the median African-American household income decreased by \$5,494, while the median Hispanic household income declined by \$4,235.

Nearly 10 percent of children under 18 were without health

insurance in 2010, a rate that was not statistically different from 2009.

But 30.7 percent of Hispanics were uninsured last year, compared to 20.8 percent of blacks, 18.1 percent of Asians and 11.7 percent of non-Hispanic whites.

The number of people without health insurance in the United States went from 49 million in 2009 to 49.9 million last year.

Sister Carol Keehan, a Daughter of Charity who is president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association, said the newly released statistics “demonstrate as clearly as ever the need for a strong, sustainable safety net.”

“Policymakers concerned for human dignity and the common good should keep our nation's vulnerable persons in mind as they deliberate about how best to reduce debt and develop a sensible budget framework,” she said in a Sept. 13 statement. “Such steps should be taken without harming vulnerable people or imperiling the ability of health care providers to deliver the best possible care to all who need it.”

Calling the number of uninsured people “intolerably high,” Sister Carol said it “would likely reflect even greater hardship without help offered by” the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the health reform law passed last year.

“Provisions of the Affordable Care Act that became effective last year have helped millions get the coverage they need,” she said. “Many more provisions ... will roll out in coming months and years. CHA encourages lawmakers to support these common-sense reforms that expand coverage and access while improving families' health and financial situations.”

## Dioceses working diligently to prepare faithful for new missal

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In real estate, the mantra is “location, location, location.” When it comes to preparing Catholics for the introduction of the new Roman Missal, the mantra could well be “catechesis, catechesis, catechesis.”

“Here in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, continuing education sessions on the new translation were conducted for priests last fall, and a workshop for Church musicians was held early this summer — focusing on the chant and some other musical settings for the new Missal,” said Brian MacMicheal, director of the Office of Worship. “In addition, a series of articles was run for three months last winter, and diocesan pew cards and bulletin inserts have been made available for use this fall.”

Dioceses are trying to leave no stone unturned when it comes to preparing everyone from clergy to “the people in the pews” when the new missal's use begins with the First Sunday of Advent.

“We started planning about five



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**Parish representatives in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., attend training on upcoming changes in the Mass Aug. 31. Dioceses across the country were working to educate parish leaders and parishioners about the changes in the new Roman Missal, which goes into effect at the start of Advent in the U.S.**

# Priests for Life head is needed for work in Texas, Bishop Zurek says

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, remains a priest in good standing in the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, said Msgr. Harold Waldow, vicar for clergy in the diocese.

Msgr. Waldow told Catholic News Service Sept. 13 that Bishop Patrick J. Zurek only suspended Father Pavone's ministry outside of the diocese because the well-known pro-life priest is needed for work in Amarillo.

Bishop Zurek in a decree Sept. 6 ordered the 52-year-old New York-born priest to return to Amarillo and announced it in a Sept. 9 letter to his fellow bishops. He pointed to "persistent questions and concerns" from clergy and laity about how the millions of dollars donated to Priests for Life are used as the reason for suspending Father Pavone's ministry outside the diocese.

"He's here to be obedient to the bishop and try to work with the bishop," Msgr. Waldow said. "He's going to have assignments, and he will be put on our payroll and given health care and other benefits like any other priest of the diocese."

For his part, Father Pavone returned to Amarillo the evening of Sept. 13 from Birmingham, Ala., where he had been taping programs for the Eternal Word Television Network for more than a week.

Both Msgr. Waldow and Father Pavone said no meeting was immediately scheduled with Bishop Zurek, who left the diocese the afternoon of Sept. 13 for two weeks.



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

**Father Frank Pavone, one of the country's most visible and vocal opponents of abortion, has been suspended from active ministry outside the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, over financial questions about the priest's operation of Priests for Life. The suspension was made public in a Sept. 13 letter by Amarillo Bishop Patrick J. Zurek. Father Pavone is pictured speaking to the media outside the Supreme Court building in Washington in this Nov. 8, 2006, file photo.**

Msgr. Waldow clarified Bishop Zurek's concerns in a Sept. 15 statement, saying there is a "dispute" about the audits of two of Priests for Life's affiliated agencies, Rachel's Vineyard, an abortion healing ministry, and Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, a lay Catholic association.

"Because there is a dispute ... (it) does not mean that Father Pavone is being charged with any malfeasance or being accused of any wrong doing with the financial matters of Priests for Life," the statement said.

Father Pavone told CNS he has already explored the possibility of being incardinated in another diocese

so he could resume full-time ministry with Priests for Life as soon as possible.

"I fully expect that my time in Amarillo, both in terms of this immediate trip and in terms of my affiliation with that diocese, is going to be temporary," he said.

Father Pavone added that he has appealed the suspension to the Congregation of the Clergy at the Vatican.

In his own letter to the bishops Sept. 12, Father Pavone questioned the reason for the suspension of his ministry outside of Amarillo and said that Bishop Zurek's claim that Priests

for Life has operated with no financial transparency was unfounded.

He cited a list of 41 documents detailing the finances of the organization provided to Bishop Zurek since 2005, when he was incardinated in the Amarillo Diocese by Bishop John W. Yanta, who served on the organization's board of advisers. Father Pavone said the documents continued to be sent to Bishop Zurek even after Priests for Life closed a small office in Amarillo while the organization studied whether to relocate its headquarters from New York to the Texas panhandle.

No acknowledgement of the documents was ever received, the priest wrote.

"We do not presume any ill will here," Father Pavone wrote. "We may just be dealing with 'cultural' differences. But the result has been frustrating to all of us."

By cultural differences, Father Pavone told CNS he was referring to life in New York versus life in Amarillo and how people respond to receiving information.

He said the same documents provided to Bishop Zurek also have been sent to Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York as well as to the 21 prelates who serve on the organization's board of advisers.

Father Pavone also noted that he has never received a salary from Priests for Life nor is he on the payroll of the Amarillo Diocese. He said Priests for Life covers the cost of a small residence — about \$2,000 a month — and his expenses associated with the ministry, which he called "very small."

Records filed with the Internal Revenue Service show that the orga-

nization's income topped \$10.8 million in 2008, the latest year tax forms were available. In 2007, Priests for Life showed income of \$9.2 million.

The same records show that Father Pavone received no income from the organization during those years.

Bishop Zurek raised questions about the financial dealings of Priests for Life in his letter to the bishops. He said Father Pavone had not adequately explained whether funds were being used "prudently" by Priests for Life.

"Since he has consistently refused to subject the PFL to a transparent and complete auditing of all expenditures, I have reasons to be alarmed at the potential financial scandal that might arise if it were the result of my failure to correct Father Pavone's incorrigible defiance to my legitimate authority as his bishop," Bishop Zurek said in his letter.

Since becoming national director of Priests for Life in 1993, Father Pavone has become one of the country's most visible and outspoken opponents of abortion and advocates of pro-life issues, lecturing widely, leading retreats and prayer services and producing television and radio programs.

He also holds the same position with Gospel of Life Ministries, an interdenominational effort to end abortion, which shares its headquarters with Priests for Life.

In addition, Father Pavone is national pastoral director of both the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and Rachel's Vineyard, an abortion healing ministry. Both are affiliated with Priests for Life. He also is president of the National Pro-Life Religious Council.

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## Bishop Rhoades to close tour of Vocation Monstrance with Holy Hour

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The "Vocation Monstrance," blessed in 2004 by Pope John Paul II in a year declared by him as Year of the Eucharist and dedicated to the encouragement of vocations to the priesthood and religious life has had 24 scheduled adoration stops in the diocese. The tour will conclude with a holy hour celebrated by

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades**

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years ago," said Rita Thiron, director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Lansing, Mich.

Even before the plan was formally unveiled last October, the diocese started priming the pump early last year with a series of "very generic articles" about liturgy, the Mass and the liturgical year, Thiron said.

"Then later in 2010, we began a series of articles on the process of translation and on the new Roman Missal itself," she added. "Over the next 12 months, we did a series of articles about the Mass and the wording of different parts of the Mass and what would change." Those articles were converted into a series of parish bulletin inserts slated to run through November.

"In June of 2010, we did a series of workshops for the parish leaders, reached 750 parish leaders, and they in turn were trained to do things in their parishes," Thiron told Catholic News Service. "We did daylong workshops with them, gave them all kinds of resources — tips, hand-outs."

She added, "We met with the musicians pretty early on in November 2010 to discuss the chant settings in the Roman Missal as well as the new single Mass setting that our diocese would use for six months."

Parish musicians are one key element to making the changeover work well. *The St. Louis Review*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, posted on its website a series of musical settings for different parts of the Mass for use with the new Roman Missal. The settings are performed by a parish musician: Matthew Baute, music director at Holy Trinity Parish in St. Ann, Mo.

In the far-flung Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., "we've done 19 regional workshops for our music people, introducing them to the (liturgical) dialogues, and three Mass settings that we're recommending — not requiring, recommending"

for use, said Linda Krehmeier, director of the archdiocesan Office of Worship and Christian Initiation.

The music of the Mass "is very close to people's hearts," said Jackson Schoos, music director of the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville, Tenn., at an August symposium for diocesan music ministers, "and change can be a little disconcerting."

"I don't think it will be that difficult" for the people to adjust to the new musical settings, said Father Jerry Strange, a former music teacher who is associate pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Hendersonville, Tenn. "Most of the changes are on the priest."

Priests are another important constituency in making a smooth transition to the new missal.

Father Tom Dente, head of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., said the archdiocese "broke the ice" two years ago in having two priests well-versed in the new missal — one of them being Msgr. James Moroney, former executive director of what is now called the Secretariat for Divine Worship at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops — to get their fellow priests ready for the changes.

The Diocese of Orlando, Fla., used its clergy convocation in August to prepare priests in the use of the new Roman Missal, according to Father Richard Hilgartner, Msgr. Moroney's successor at the USCCB.

"We will need to learn new words ... but the deeper question is why," said Evan Stricklin, a pastoral administration and a parish liturgy director in the Diocese of Metuchen, N.J., at an Aug. 22 meeting of clergy in the Diocese of Nashville. "Our challenge is to look at the words sacramentally" to understand the meaning contained in them, he added.

Dioceses also have prepared compact discs for clergy to hear the music and prayers contained in the missal so they don't have to open the missal cold and be expected to recite new prayers flawlessly at first sight.

"They're the guys we really need to serve the most and they have to serve our people the best," Lansing's Thiron told CNS. "And throughout

it, our bishop (Earl A. Boyea) had been extremely supportive and eager for it to succeed. And he's even buying all of our priests missals."

Even though Thiron said the cost is "not as much as you think," even for the 200 priests serving in the diocese, the list price of an "altar edition" of the new Roman Missal is \$169 from USCCB Publishing. A "chapel edition," smaller in size but with all of the same prayers and rubrics, lists for \$115.

In the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, "we did 10 eight-hour workshops around the archdiocese," Krehmeier told CNS. "Originally they were intended for training the trainers — like for liturgical leadership. But we ended up with people from the pews and just about anybody coming to those. We probably have had about 700-800 people who attended them — two Saturdays — using the FDLC material," a reference to the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.

In the archdiocese's northernmost parish, parishioners are typically expected to make a four-hour trek to Albuquerque and back again for training. But when a missal workshop was made available at their parish, 80 people turned out, Krehmeier said.

It's been a massive undertaking, she added. "Based on what I've been told," Krehmeier said, "this by far has reached more people than any other single project in terms of liturgy."

Contributing to this story were Theresa Laurence and Andy Telli in Nashville.

# Traditionalists given doctrinal statement to sign

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican has given the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X a formal "doctrinal preamble" listing several principles they must agree with in order to move toward full reconciliation with Church.

U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, gave the statement to Bishop Bernard Fellay, head of the society, Sept. 14 during a meeting at the Vatican that lasted more than two hours.

Although the Vatican did not give the society a deadline, in order to move toward full reconciliation, leaders are expected to study and sign the preamble "within a few months," said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman.

The cardinal and bishop also discussed possible "elements of a canonical solution" for the society after "the eventual and hoped-for reconciliation," said a statement issued by the Vatican after the meeting.

Father Lombardi said, "Today the most likely solution would be a personal prelature," which is a Church jurisdiction without geographical boundaries designed to carry out particular pastoral initiatives. It is headed by a prelate, who is appointed by the pope; currently the Church's only personal prelature is Opus Dei.

The document given to Bishop Fellay to sign "states some doctrinal principles and criteria for the interpretation of Catholic doctrine necessary to guarantee fidelity" to the formal teaching of the Church, said a statement issued by the Vatican after the meeting.

At the same time, the statement

said, the preamble leaves room for "legitimate discussion" about "individual expressions or formulations present in the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the successive magisterium" of the popes who came after the council.

Father Lombardi would not respond to questions about specific Church teachings and developments listed in the preamble, but said Church tradition always has held there are varying degrees of Church teaching; some require an absolute assent while others are open to interpretation.

In a statement on the U.S. district website Sept. 14, Bishop Fellay said the meeting was conducted "with great courtesy and with equally great candor." He said he would study the document given him by the Vatican and "consult with those who are chiefly responsible for the Society of St. Pius X, because in such an important matter I have promised my confreres not to make a decision without consulting them first."

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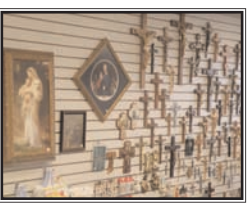
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## Cross always present in late nuncio's life, USCCB head says at memorial

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the late Vatican nuncio to the United States, “viewed his diplomatic vocation, as an ambassador of the vicar of the crucified One, as an extension of the invitation to mercy, reconciliation, unity, peace and life inherent in the Triumph of the Cross,” Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York said Sept. 14. Archbishop Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, was the principal celebrant and homilist at a memorial Mass for the Italian prelate at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The nuncio, who died July 27 at age 73, “saw the cross in his varied diplomatic missions, in the poverty and oppression of peoples, in religious acrimony and war,” said Archbishop Dolan. “We bishops of the United States will never forget the warm, personable manner in which he summoned us to be ambassadors of the healing and reconciliation won by Jesus on the cross, and be ever grateful for the tender way he unfailingly responded to our own needs.” Dozens of U.S. bishops, many of them in Washington for a meeting of the USCCB Administrative Committee, celebrated the Mass, along with nearly 80 priests. More than 2,000 people, including Vice President Joe Biden and Miguel Diaz, U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, attended the Mass. The congregation also included representatives of the U.S. State Department, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of other faiths and the staff of the apostolic nunciature.

## Religious freedom includes freedom to act on beliefs, leaders say

ROME (CNS) — True religious freedom includes allowing believers to contribute to their countries' political discussions and to allow their beliefs and morals to impact the way they engage in public life, said the Vatican's foreign minister. “No one should confuse or compare the marginalization of religion with the true persecution and killing of Christians in some parts of the world,” but efforts to ban religious expressions from public life are still an attack on religious freedom, said Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, the Vatican secretary for relations with states. The archbishop was one of several speakers at a Rome meeting Sept. 12 on “preventing and responding to hate crime incidents and crimes against Christians.” The meeting was sponsored by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The organization's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights has reported “a growing intolerance of Christians” — including desecration of places of worship, arson and other property damage, and attacks on worshippers and religious leaders — in the organization's 56 member states, which include most European countries as well as the United States and Canada.

## PALESTINIAN SCOUTS CARRY FLAGS IN FRONT OF CHURCH OF NATIVITY IN BETHLEHEM



CNS PHOTO/DEBBIE HILL

Scouts march in front of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, West Bank, Sept. 18 as Palestinians begin to celebrate the upcoming bid for statehood. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said he would ask the U.N. to recognize an independent Palestinian state when he addresses the U.N. General Assembly Sept. 23.

Archbishop Mamberti said the definition of religious freedom cannot be simply freedom of worship, although that is a key element. “With due respect for the rights of all, religious freedom also includes the right to preach, educate, convert, contribute to political discourse and participate fully in public activities,” he said.

## Prayer means crying out to God with trust, pope says at audience

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Praying in the midst of suffering, Christians must remember how God has loved them all their lives and will rescue them, Pope Benedict XVI said. Holding his weekly general audience Sept. 14 in the Vatican audience hall, Pope Benedict continued teaching about prayer and used Psalm 22, “one of the most prayed and studied psalms,” as an example of how to cry out to the Lord from a basic position of trust. The pope returned to the Vatican by helicopter from Castel Gandolfo to hold the audience with about 8,000 pilgrims and visitors — too many to be accommodated at the papal summer villa, but few enough to fit in the air-conditioned audience hall. In Psalm 22, he said, “despite the presence of suffering, the psalmist recognizes God's closeness and a divine love that is so radical” that he still can say, “Since my mother bore me, you are my God.” The psalm alternates between “the agonizing

reality of the present moment and the consoling memory of the past,” when the psalmist knew God was near and saw God at work in his life, the pope said. Pope Benedict said the psalm, which the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have Jesus praying on the cross, does not paint a picture of a grumbling believer, but of one who is truly suffering deeply, yet hanging on to trust and hope in God's promise of salvation. “God cannot contradict Himself, and so the prayer goes back to describing the painful situation of the one praying in order to convince God to have pity and intervene as He always did in the past,” the pope said.

## Bishops must help Catholics use gifts for good of Church, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A bishop must help Catholics in his diocese learn to recognize the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them and place them at the service of the entire Church, Pope Benedict XVI told new bishops. Addressing about 120 Latin and Eastern-rite bishops ordained in the past year, the pope focused on the role of a bishop in educating Catholics to take responsibility for the Church's life, evaluating and coordinating their gifts in a way that builds up the whole Church. The pope met the new bishops Sept. 15

at the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo near the end of a 10-day course designed to give them both theoretical and practical information about their role and their new relationship to the Vatican and its congregations and councils. Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of Indianapolis attempted to post items to Twitter about the meeting, but didn't get much further than letting his Twitter followers know access to Wi-Fi was spotty at best at the Legionaries of Christ center where the course was held. He did, however, post a blog Sept. 14 about the workshops and discussions. “Right across the board there is a real concern for the ‘new evangelization,’ the desire to reach those peoples and families who were at one time Catholic, who no longer practice their faith, and to somehow open to them once more the gift of the Catholic faith,” he said. The bishops, including 18 from the United States, also spoke about dealing with a shortage of priests, promoting transparency in diocesan finances and in “priestly behavior” and working with the Church's new movements, he said.

## Vatican calls for improved medical care to combat maternal deaths

GENEVA (CNS) — Scientifically, and not just morally, the best way to prevent maternal deaths is to improve the medical care offered to

pregnant women, not divert needed resources into promoting contraception and abortion, a Vatican official said. The international community “has made insufficient progress in preventing about 350,000 deaths that occur annually during pregnancy and childbirth,” said Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican observer to U.N. agencies in Geneva. The archbishop took part in a Sept. 15 U.N. Human Rights Council discussion on “adopting a human rights-based approach” to reducing maternal mortality. He said the Catholic Church agrees that pregnant women, like all women and men, have a right to decent health care, and, he said, the Church has demonstrated that fact by operating hospitals and clinics around the world, including in the poorest and most rural areas of the globe. However, the archbishop said, the Church strongly disagrees with U.N. proposals that promote contraception and abortion as important elements in projects to prevent maternal deaths. “The World Health Organization has demonstrated that women in Africa die primarily from five major causes: hypertensive diseases, obstructed labor, hemorrhage, sepsis and infection, and HIV-related diseases,” he said.

## Knights of Holy Sepulcher welcome Archbishop O'Brien in ceremony

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Officials at the Vatican headquarters of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem welcomed U.S. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien as their new pro-grand master. Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, the assessor of the chivalric organization, placed a gold chain and pendant around Archbishop O'Brien's neck and told him his new role “is like a chain that ties him to the Holy Land” and to the knightly order of the Holy Sepulcher. The informal ceremony Sept. 16 took place in the order's headquarters — a 15th-century palace housing ornate ceilings and rooms decorated with three-dimensional illusions of finely detailed trompe l'oeil. Archbishop O'Brien thanked everyone present, including the order's honorary assessor, Cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, for their warm welcome. The archbishop said that just a month ago he had no idea that he would go from leading the Archdiocese of Baltimore to heading an order made up of nearly 25,000 members around the world. His appointment was announced Aug. 29. “I am grateful to the Holy Father for his trust in me and hope in the years ahead I will be a help to the Holy See and to the wonderful land where Christ walked,” he said to all those gathered. Archbishop O'Brien succeeds U.S. Cardinal John P. Foley, who resigned in February due to ill health. In an interview with Catholic News Service, the 72-year-old archbishop praised the work Cardinal Foley had done for the order and said “I hope, if not to fill his shoes, to follow his footsteps.”

## Annual Fort Wayne Red Mass to be held Oct. 2 at cathedral

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will hold its annual Red Mass in Fort Wayne on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 8:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Invoking a 13th-century European tradition, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will preside at this traditional liturgy and has invited those who strive for the cause of justice to the Fort Wayne area — lawyers, judges and civil government officials — asking God's blessing and guidance on all those who serve the law.

Following the Red Mass, Ronald J. Rychlak, professor of law, University of Mississippi School of Law, will address members of the local legal community and interested individuals after a brunch in the Grand Wayne Center. The title of his address is "In Pursuit of Truth: Diplomacy and the Holy See."

Professor Rychlak is Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association Professor of Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he has been on the faculty since 1987.

He is a graduate of Wabash College and Vanderbilt University School of Law. Prior to Ole Miss, Professor Rychlak practiced law in Chicago, and served as a clerk to the Honorable Harry W. Wellford of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the committee appointed by the Mississippi Supreme Court to revise the state's criminal code and a member of the Mississippi Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Rychlak is the author or co-author of seven books, including "Hilter, the War, and the Pope" (Our Sunday Visitor, 2010), which was called "definitive" by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in its final report on Pius XII. Since 2000, he has served as an advisor to the Holy See's delegation to the United Nations.

Suggested donation for the brunch is \$15 per person. RSVP by Sept. 26 to (260) 422-4611, ext. 3326.

## Nonprofits team to raise money and awareness in Hunger Walk 2011

FORT WAYNE — The Associated Churches Neighborhood Food Network, The Franciscan Center and Miss Virginia's Mission have witnessed record numbers of new faces coming to their doors for food assistance, and some have experienced a drop in donations. As a result, the success of their annual Hunger Walk to raise funds and awareness is paramount this year.

The Hunger Walk will be held at Lawton Park, on Saturday, Oct. 1, with registration at 9 a.m., devotion at 9:45 a.m. and a 1.5 mile walk at 10 a.m.

Donations and registrations can be made at [www.associated-churches.org](http://www.associated-churches.org) or mailed to 602 E. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46802. Make checks payable to Associated Churches.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## BISHOP RHOADES CELEBRATES MASS AT IPFW



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After celebrating Mass Aug. 30 with the Newman Catholic Fellowship in the Walb Union Building at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades poses with officers of the group. In the photo, from left, are Ben Stevens, webmaster; Travis Heckber, president; Bishop Rhoades; Alicia Bigelow, treasurer; Erin Sherburne, vice president; and Regina Shannon, secretary.

Money will be divided among the three nonprofits equally unless noted otherwise. All funds up to \$30,000 will be matched by The Lutheran Foundation.

Call (260) 422-3528 for more information.

## South Bend launches 40 Days for Life

SOUTH BEND — The South Bend area will unite with 300 cities world-wide for the largest pro-life mobilization in history: the 40 Days for Life campaign from Sept. 28 through Nov. 6. Recognizing that "with God all things are possible," the faithful of the South Bend area will unite in praying for an end to abortion.

Participants can learn how to speak up for those 13 children per week who cannot speak for themselves in South Bend by contacting Shawn Sullivan at [SullyatLaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SullyatLaw@sbcglobal.net) or by visiting [www.40daysforlife.com/Southbend](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Southbend).

Participants can also go directly to the vigil location, the "Prayer Peninsula," adjacent to the abortion site at 2010 Ironwood Circle in South Bend, less than a mile from Notre Dame, and pray for the women and workers who desperately need your witness. Nationally, 40 Days for Life has saved more than 4,300 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 52 abortion workers, and seen 13 abortion facilities close utilizing three

essential components:

- Prayer and Fasting for 40 days to end abortion. Mass is celebrated every Saturday at 8 a.m., starting Oct. 1 with celebrant Father Wilson Miscamble.

- Peaceful Vigil for 40 days, publicly witnessing adjacent to the abortion site at 2010 Ironwood Circle, South Bend.

- Community outreach: educate the public through panels, speakers and complimentary materials.

And as part of that outreach (and mid-way rally), on Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m., participants may go to St. Pius X, 52553 Fir Rd., in Granger to hear world renown author Dr. Peter Kreeft speak on "How To Change People's Minds About Abortion."

## Fort Wayne's 40 Days for Life partners with church

FORT WAYNE — The Fall 2011 "40 Days for Life" campaign is partnering with Abundant Life Church, 3301 Coliseum Blvd., near Hobson Road, and in the backyard of The Hope center to erect 302 white crosses, representing 30, 246 babies aborted in Allen County since 1978.

## Trevor Ort receives tuition reimbursement award

GARRETT — Catholic Order of Foresters (COF), headquartered in Naperville, Ill, awarded \$25,000

in tuition reimbursements to COF youth members attending Catholic school, kindergarten through high school.

Trevor Ort of Garrett was one of 100 winners selected in a random drawing who received a \$250 award for the 2011-2012 school year. A member of St. John Court 1375, Trevor, son of Ed and Diane Ort, attends St. Joseph Catholic School.

COF annually awards more than \$150,000 in scholarships, educational and tuition assistance awards.

Established in 1883, COF has nationwide membership and ranks among the top 10 fraternal benefit insurance societies in the United States.

## National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists announced

SOUTH BEND — Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34 million that will be offered next spring.

Saint Joseph's High School has announced two seniors who have been named semifinalists in the

2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. Conor Levey, graduate of Holy Cross Grade School, South Bend, is the son of Brian and Alison Levey.



CONOR LEVEY

Ethan Sauer, graduate of St. Anthony Grade School, South Bend, is the son of Ken Sauer and Karla Cruise and will study physics and engineering in college.



ETHAN SAUER

The two academically talented seniors are included in a nationwide pool of semifinalists which represents less than one percent of U.S. seniors.

Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin or religious preference.

## Diocese receives national grant for a CCHD intern

FORT WAYNE — Stacey Litchfield is currently serving as intern for Catholic Campaign for Human Development.



STACEY LITCHFIELD

Litchfield is a sophomore studying theology at the University of Saint Francis, and is president of the pro-life organization at her university, as well as a peer minister.

Before attending the University of Saint Francis, Litchfield graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School where she was involved in A Chance to Serve (ACTS) Ministry program and Saints for Life. She was recognized for her service by the Serra Club her senior year.

Litchfield trained in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops along with 38 other interns from across the United States to learn about how Catholic Campaign for Human Development serves to develop the community.

Litchfield's tasks as intern include assisting local groups with the grant process, communicating with parishes about the annual collection, educating the local community about Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic social teaching, and developing support of Catholic Campaign for Human Development from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is a program whose mission is to address social justice issues and the root causes of poverty in the United States through promotion and support of community-controlled self-help organizations, and through transformative education.

# Spirit of Holy Cross Award honorees named

NOTRE DAME — The Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers has named nine recipients for the 2011 Spirit of Holy Cross Award. The award is given annually on Sept. 15, the solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows and the feast day of the congregation, to lay collaborators who serve with the province in the United States and abroad. It was created to acknowledge the critical importance lay collaborators play in living out the vision and mission of Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC, to make God known, loved and served in education, parish and mission settings.

"Using the Holy Family as a model, Blessed Basil Moreau built his congregation to include lay men and women as collaborators," said Provincial Superior Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson. "This indelible model has been in place for 174 years, fulfilling not only Basil Moreau's vision, but God's mission. Around the world, thousands of lay collaborators work side by side with us every day in our schools, churches and ministries providing valuable support and service. Just as our Constitutions call on us to be, Holy Cross is one community working together to 'spread the Gospel ... for the development of a more just and human society.'"

The recipients for 2011 Spirit of Holy Cross Award are the following with local recipients highlighted:

- Robert Coccagna: volunteer, André House; parishioner, St. John Vianney Parish, Phoenix

- María Jesús Egaña: executive director, Fundación Moreau; Campus Ministry, Saint George's College; Santiago, Chile

- Margaret Lammers: director of nursing (retired), Holy Cross House, Notre Dame.

Lammers administered loving nursing care to Holy Cross religious at Holy Cross House in Notre Dame for 22 years, 10 of those as the director of nursing. For most of those years, Lammers worked the night shift. As a tireless advocate for the priests and brothers, Lammers taught her staff and fellow coworkers, by example.

Holy Cross Constitutions call on the community to care and pray for their sick and aging brothers. Peg took this to heart as a lay collaborator. She has a deep appreciation for the vocation of religious life, and worked to help a priest or brother maintain his vocation during his transition to Holy Cross House. She saw her time at Holy Cross House not simply as a job, but as a vocation of service, her own personal ministry to the religious of Holy Cross. Lammers retired on April 1 with a roaring celebration attended by nearly 150 religious, coworkers, and fellow lay collaborators. She has four children and six grandchildren.

- Elizabeth Marley: dining room assistant, Holy Cross Community at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

- William O. Reed: director of university events, University of Portland, Portland, Ore.

- Joseph A. Russo: director of Student Financial Strategies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame.

Russo has spent his 33-year career at the University of Notre Dame helping to make a quality, Catholic education accessible to all eligible students. Russo is the director of Student Financial Strategies and is an internationally recognized leader and expert in higher education financial aid. With 46 years of experience, he has testified before congressional committees, been appointed to federal financial aid committees, and published a number of books in the field, both for parents and fellow professionals.

Working at a Holy Cross university, Russo is supporting the mission and contributing in his role to help make a college education a reality for many worthy students, doing what he can to assist them to not only recognize but to also develop their God given gifts. Before coming to Notre Dame, Russo was the financial aid administrator at both Le Moyne College (his alma mater) and Genesee Community College in New York. He holds two masters degrees in student personnel from Syracuse University and in education from the State University of New York.

This past July, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators honored Russo with its Lifetime Membership Award.

He and his wife, Eileen, of 42 years, have three children who all graduated from Notre Dame. He also delights in his six grandchildren.

- Julieann Smith: parish sacristan, parishioner and volunteer, Holy Cross Parish, South Easton, Mass.

- Maura Geens Tyrrell, Ph.D.: Francis J. Hurley, CSC, Endowed Chair and Professor of Biology, Stonehill College, Easton, Mass.

- Marion Woods: dining room assistant, Holy Cross Community at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Honorees will be recognized in their local communities during the month of January by the Holy Cross ministry for which they work or serve. At that time they will receive a proclamation of gratitude signed by the Provincial Superior on behalf of the entire U.S. Province.



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Following the blessing, everyone followed the decorated Knights of Columbus and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in a procession around the Women's Care Center complex that included praying the rosary.

## ULTRA

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Another Knights-funded ultrasound machine is in Wabash.

"This was so generous of them," noted Women's Care Center president Ann Manion. "We are blessed that over 95 percent of abortion-minded young women who receive counseling and an ultrasound at the center choose life for their babies."

"The ultrasound machine is one of the most vital components," said the Women's Care Center Foundation director Bobby Williams, who noted the group is 100 percent privately funded and totally reliant on the friends and families that help the center. "It's the first time a mother can see her baby, hear her baby and bond with her baby."

Williams said that over 5,000 ultrasounds were given this year.

"This is a tremendous gift."

On Sunday, Sept. 18, over 150 men, women, children and clergy came out to the Women's Care Center to witness a Rite of Thanksgiving and Blessing Ceremony by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

"I am so grateful to the Women's Care Center and to my brother Knights for all their generosity," said Bishop Rhoades to the crowd. "We are criticized about how we care only about the babies, but that is false. We also care about the mothers' well being both physical and mental. We love the babies and we love the mothers."

Bishop Rhoades spoke about how Catholics love their neighbors and it is within those neighbors that an unwed mother could be searching for help and answers. He encouraged everyone who attended the ceremony to pray for all members of society wrestling with these tough choices, and to help them choose life.

"We pray for an end to abor-

tion; that our society will be transformed," said Bishop Rhoades. "We pray for the protection of life; for all the unborn."

After the prayer service, the crowd processed around the complex area reciting the rosary and praying for those unborn children who will hopefully be helped by the generous donation of the Knights of Columbus.

The Women's Care Center was founded in 1984 by Dr. Janet Smith, a young professor from the University of Notre Dame. According to its mission, the center offers unconditional positive regard to every young woman who comes through the door. In 2010, this included 16,731 women who made 67,820 visits to 17 neighborhood sites. The center performs 1,000 pregnancy tests every month and serves nearly 300 women every day. Center programs are designed to help young women find the support they need to choose life for their babies.

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### 'This Really Is the Mass' theme for St. Jude mission

SOUTH BEND — St. Jude Parish, South Bend, has announced that this year's parish mission will feature Dr. Glenn C.J. Byer. Presentations will begin at 7 p.m. on the evenings of Sunday, Oct. 2 through Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Dr. Byer is currently the director of publications for the Conference of Catholic Bishops in his home country of Canada, and has been helping people understand the Mass for over 20 years. With a doctorate in liturgy from the pontifical liturgy school in Rome, he is able to address questions and issues that matter to all Catholics. People who have attended his workshops claim that they experience Mass in a new and deeper way, and that they are able to really pray at Church, sometimes for the first time in years.

Over the four nights, Dr. Byer will lead attendees in a parish mission titled "This Really Is the Mass." Sunday night attendees will learn about the upcoming

changes in the liturgy.

On Monday evening, Dr. Byer will present frequently asked questions such as, "What is a Sacrament? Why does Christ give us His own Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist? How do we make the Bible present in our lives and our big decisions?"

Tuesday's presentation will focus on "What is the best method of assisting at Mass? How do we unite our sacrifices with the Cross of Christ?"

Wednesday will conclude the parish mission, with Dr. Byer discussing "What are the purposes for which the Mass is offered? When am I late for Mass? Does God think it counts?" He will finish with an exploration of the rhythms of celebration and ordinary time, and the importance of keeping a day of rest. Refreshments will be served following the Wednesday presentation.

All are welcome and invited to attend this free parish mission. St. Jude Catholic Church is located at 19704 Johnson Rd., one half mile south of the U.S. 20 bypass and one block east of U.S. 31 South.

### The Living Rosary at St. Mary, Huntington

HUNTINGTON — The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Dillon Council 1014 will be sponsoring the Third Annual Living Rosary at the Huntington County Right to Life Memorial Monument located in the grotto area behind St. Mary Church in Huntington on Oct. 2 beginning at 1 p.m. This is in honor of all babies who died in abortions and to pray for an end to abortion. The church is located at 903 N. Jefferson St. There will be light refreshments served in Assumption Hall (in the school) next to the grotto following the rosary. All are invited. For more information contact Dan or Dorothy DeLaGrange at (260) 358-0498.

### K OF C DONATION SUPPORTS AVE MARIA HOUSE



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Knights of Columbus Council 451 sponsored a spaghetti dinner for charity on Aug 24. Proceeds in the amount of \$550 were presented to Ave Maria House in Fort Wayne. Jim Alwine, of the Knights of Columbus, presents Dottie Carpenter, Ave Maria House coordinator, with the check.



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# New minibus service allows pilgrims to visit Vatican Gardens

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Visitors and pilgrims wanting to escape the hustle and bustle of modern Rome or the crush of tourists in the Vatican museums can now take a ride through the Vatican Gardens.

But, of course, the eco-friendly rides on a methane-fueled minibus will not be offered in the late afternoon or early evening when Pope Benedict XVI takes his rosary beads into the gardens and strolls as he prays.

The Vatican Gardens have been a place of papal prayer, quiet and rest since 1279 when Pope Nicholas III moved the papal residence from St. John Lateran to the Vatican and had workers plant fruit trees, a lawn and a formal garden.

Today, 30 gardeners and laborers care for the trees, flowers, shrubs, shrines and fountains that cover almost half of the Vatican's 109 acres.

The new bus tour is sponsored by the Rome diocesan tourism agency and the office governing Vatican City. Tickets for adults cost about \$20 and include a one-hour ride with an audio guide in Italian, English, French, Spanish or German.

The minibuses leave every half hour between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily, except Wednesdays when the pope holds his weekly general audience, Sundays and Vatican holidays.

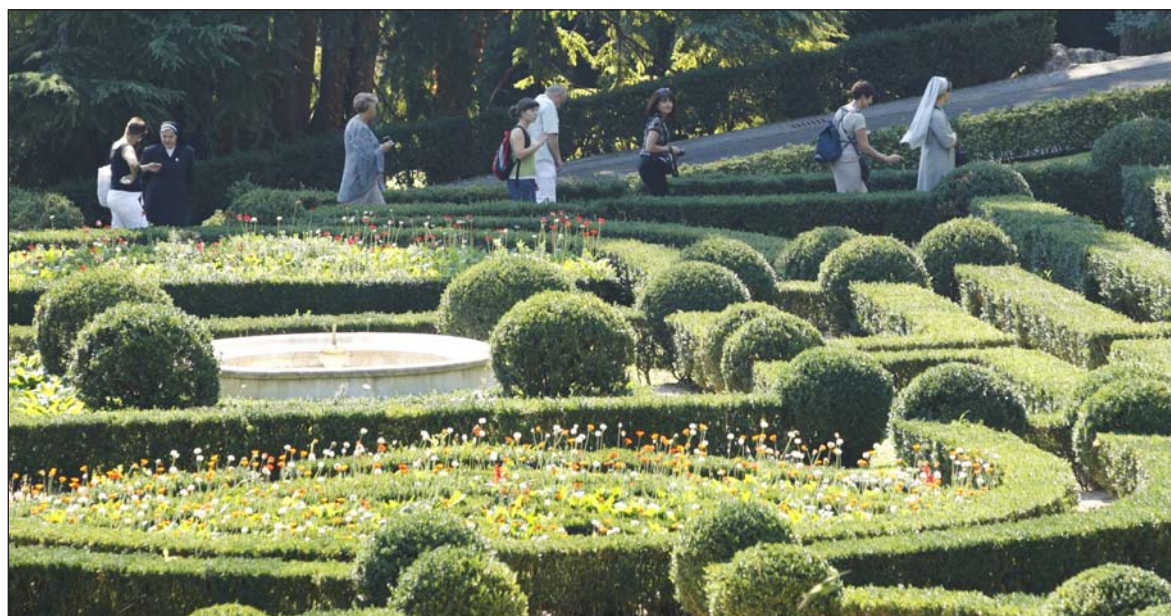


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A section of the Vatican Gardens is pictured Sept. 15. The trees, flowers, shrubs, shrines and fountains cover almost half of the Vatican's 109 acres. A Rome diocesan tour agency is offering a new open-bus tour of the gardens.



A gardener works in the Vatican Gardens.



Tourists walk through the Vatican Gardens.



Tour buses with the Rome diocesan tour agency, Opera Romana Pellegrinaggi, move through the Vatican Gardens during a tour for media Sept. 15.



# Influence of St. Francis abounds in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

BY TIM JOHNSON AND KAY COZAD

*The influence of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is Oct. 4, prevails throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The following list reveals the impact of the Franciscan spirit of loving service:*

## SISTERS OF SAINT FRANCIS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

The provincialate of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration is located in Mishawaka. [www.ssfpa.org](http://www.ssfpa.org).

- The University of Saint Francis is located in Fort Wayne and conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. Visit [www.sf.edu](http://www.sf.edu) for more information.

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, from Frankfort, Ill., have convents at St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne and Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.



SISTER GENEVIEVE RAUPP

Sister Genevieve Raupp, assistant principal at St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne, recently celebrated her 40th jubilee as a Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart. At a parish reception on Sept. 11, Sister Genevieve was presented with a banner of St. Francis that had been signed by the 729 students and dozens of staff members. Sister Genevieve has been at St. Charles Borromeo for 29 years.

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS MINOR

The Franciscan Sisters Minor, with their convent at Providence House at St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, serve the Fort Wayne area.

## SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF MARY IMMACULATE

The Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate serve at the University of Notre Dame.

## SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS

The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis, based at Steven's Point, Wis., serve in South Bend and Fort Wayne.



## ORDER OF FRANCISCAN BROTHERS MINOR

The Order of Franciscan Brothers Minor is located at Our Lady of the Angels friary on the former St. Andrew Church grounds in Fort Wayne.

## ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR

The Order of Friars Minor have a friary and convent in Mishawaka.

- Conventual Franciscan Friars have their novitiate in Mishawaka. [www.franciscandiscipleship.org](http://www.franciscandiscipleship.org)

## ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CAPUCHIN



FATHER RON RIEDER

Father Ron Rieder, of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, is pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington. Capuchin Father Augustine Kochuparathanathu assists.

The order once operated the St. Felix

Seminary in Huntington, which is now being renovated and was the home of Venerable Father Solanus Casey.

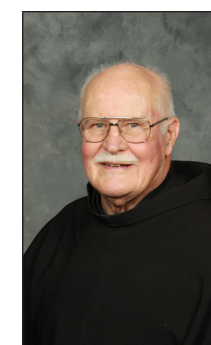


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THE FRANCISCAN CENTER

# Religious leaders look forward to renewing 'spirit of Assisi' with pope

MUNICH (CNS) — St. Francis of Assisi appeals to believers and nonbelievers alike because they long for a world where people see each other as brothers and sisters and where they recognize and respect creation as a gift to all, said the superior of the Franciscan convent in Assisi.

Conventual Franciscan Father Giuseppe Piemontese, custodian of the Sacred Convent of St. Francis, was one of eight religious leaders who spoke about "The Spirit of Assisi" during an interreligious meeting Sept. 11-13 in Munich. The meeting was sponsored by the Community of Sant'Egidio, a Rome-based lay movement.

To mark the 25th anniversary of Blessed John Paul II's gathering with religious leaders in Assisi, Pope Benedict XVI has convoked a new gathering in the Italian town Oct. 27.

Father Piemontese said the encounter will underline how important Blessed John Paul's gathering was for promoting dialogue and collaboration among religions, but it also will be a "reminder of what still remains to be done" to ensure true collaboration, respect and mutual support among peoples.

Holding the gathering in Assisi makes sense to people because St. Francis "incarnated those high aspects of humanity, simplicity, humility" that enable people to recognize each other as brothers and sisters and to see all of creation as the work of the same hands that made them, he said.

Syrian Orthodox Metropolitan Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim of Aleppo, Syria, said marking the anniversary of the 1986 Assisi meeting "challenges us to reflect on these last 25 years. They were brimming with fruitful experiences" and helped religious leaders "strengthen their faith and enrich their enthusiasm and enhance their collective vision."

The Assisi gatherings, he said, are a reminder that "supplication to the creator" is something that unites all faiths.

"We are all exhausted by the needless and endless wars around us. If the aim of our prayers is peace, then it is the loftiest of goals that we are aiming for," he said.

Oded Wiener, director general of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, told those gathered in Munich, "The darkness and violence cannot be chased away with sticks (and) certainly not with knives



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**The Basilica of St. Francis is seen in Assisi, Italy, Sept. 6. Pope Benedict XVI has convoked an Oct. 27 gathering with religious leaders in Assisi. The event will mark the 25th anniversary of Blessed Pope John Paul II's groundbreaking 1986 interreligious encounter.**

and guns," but only with "the light of faith and the light of positive action on the part of religious leaders."

"This is, in fact, the spirit of Assisi," he said.

"Religious leaders and their views are of unique importance and strongly influence the inter-religious mosaic," he said. "At

many events, we have found that where politicians and statesmen have failed, religious leaders have succeeded in inflaming or calming down various groups."

Gijun Sugitani, a leader of Japan's Tendai Buddhist movement, said that after the Berlin Wall fell and the Cold War ended — events that occurred after the

first Assisi meeting — "people expected the swift arrival of world peace."

Instead, he said, there have been new conflicts based on ethnicity, ideology and rage.

Returning to Assisi in October is important, he said, because "we have a responsibility to spread the spirit of Assisi that transcends differences between the ethnicities and religions and unites us all."

Mohammed Amine Smaili, a Moroccan professor of Muslim dogma and comparative religion, told the gathering that the 1986 Assisi meeting "marked a decisive and memorable about-face in our history" because the world's religions established a consensus that dialogue is the only way that humanity can understand itself.

He said the democratic reform movements sweeping across North Africa and the Middle East also have reflected the spirit of Assisi as they bring people of different religions together to promote greater freedoms and human rights.

Religious leaders, he said, "must speak of the holiness of peace and the curse of disrespect and hatred."

## Rio archbishop: World Youth Day to help Christians reconnect with faith

BY FATHER TALVACY CHAVES DE FREITAS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — By sending World Youth Day back to Latin America, Pope Benedict XVI is calling the world's attention to the region's Christian past, said Archbishop Orani Tempesta of Rio de Janeiro, host city for the 2013 event.

The region's Christian roots "are being lost, little by little, to the false belief that we are secular country," he said in an interview posted on the Brazilian bishops' World Youth Day website, [www.jovensconectados.org.br](http://www.jovensconectados.org.br).

He added that the events of World Youth Day will help "reaffirm our commitment to help the world, Brazil and our city to become better and better."

"Catholic youth make a difference in the world," he added.

The last World Youth Day in South America was in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1987. The choice of Rio de Janeiro to host the World Youth Day creates a "big challenge" but also "a very special

moment for the Church in Brazil," the archbishop told reporters in Madrid after the pope announced that Rio would host the next World Youth Day.

With less than two years to organize the event, scheduled for July 23-28, 2013, the archdiocese is working with the bishops' conference to form planning teams.

"Several steps have been taken, the fees are already being developed and we hope that by the end of this year, everything will be organized so that we can finalize the selection of locations and all the programming," said the archbishop.

On Sept. 18, the symbols of World Youth Day — a cross and an icon of Mary — arrive at Campo de Marte airport, where Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass during his 2007 visit. Activities at the event, called "Botafe," a Brazilian expression meaning "believe in it," will include singers, celebrations, testimonies and Mass.

Following the World Youth Day theme, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all ye nations," the cross and icon will travel through



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**The famous Christ the Redeemer statue is seen atop Corcovado Peak in Rio de Janeiro. The city will host the next World Youth Day July 23-28 in 2013.**

the 17 regions of Brazil and four other countries in South America: Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile and Argentina.

In a September meeting with archdiocesan clergy, Archbishop Tempesta told them World Youth Day would "be a great opportunity for evangelization, for working with youth, and at the same time, transforming each one of us in the mission to proclaim Jesus Christ to the world."

Archbishop Tempesta, the 61-year-old host of the international

youth gathering, is already an active communicator with young people through social networks such as blogs, Twitter and Facebook. He is a member of the Brazilian bishops' social communications commission.

The youngest of nine brothers, he served as an altar server and catechist, and he joined the Cistercian order in 1968.

"I heard that God was calling me to religious life," said Archbishop Tempesta. "It is a call that you experience in your heart. It is not a profession that you go to for economic

interests, it is a decision that is not explicable."

When Father Tempesta was named a bishop in 1997, Abbot Luigi Rottini, head of the Italian Cistercians, said he "always stood for precious human qualities — intellectual, spiritual and pastoral care and love for the monastic congregation."

In October 2004, Bishop Tempesta was named archbishop of Belem, and in 2009, Pope Benedict XVI named him to replace retiring Cardinal Eusebio Scheid of Rio de Janeiro.

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# Pilot for Catholic sitcom filmed in Atlanta Archdiocese

BY STEPHEN O'KANE

CONYERS, Ga. (CNS) — The kitchen table where the Willits family usually eats was covered on a recent summer morning with cables, batteries, audio and recording paraphernalia — equipment to start filming a possible Catholic sitcom.

A crew of six and Father Robert Reed, president of CatholicTV, had flown in from Boston, turning the Willits' home into a set for the pilot of the show tentatively titled "Mass Confusion." What began as a casual idea turned into a full-fledged effort to create Catholic, family-friendly entertainment and hopefully inspire others to get involved.

Last year, Greg and Jennifer Willits, who host "The Catholics Next Door" on SiriusXM satellite radio, approached Father Reed with an idea for a new program: a humorous Catholic situation comedy reflecting family life and its rewards and struggles.

Greg Willits said that like many turns in the road that his family has already experienced, this was an idea he pitched expecting to be turned down. But their steps in faith seem to lead to more doors opening.

It began with the Rosary Army, a rosary-making apostolate they started in 2003, and then "That Catholic Show," an educational video series they produced, and then a podcast, which was picked up by the Catholic Channel and turned into their current radio show, "The Catholics Next Door." Now it may be a Catholic family show inspired by their lives as parents with five children.

"We're excited and scared about this, but that's pretty much been the case with every new endeavor we've taken on," Greg



Jennifer Willits, left center, and Katherine Barron prepare to act out a scene in Jennifer's kitchen as Catholic TV production crewmen Dave Wilkinson, camera man, Peter Kaminski, director, and Adam Stone, audio boom operator, make the necessary adjustments before filming in late June in Conyers, Ga. Last year Greg and Jennifer Willits, who host "The Catholics Next Door" on SiriusXM satellite radio, approached Father Robert Reed, president of CatholicTV, with an idea for a new program: a humorous Catholic situation comedy reflecting family life and its rewards and struggles.

wrote by email to the Georgia Bulletin, Atlanta archdiocesan newspaper. "When we started Rosary Army, we felt the same way. When we started podcasting, we felt the same way. When we went to radio, we felt the same way. It makes no sense that we, without any experience in this area whatsoever, should be doing this, but it seems with the doors open, God wants us to at least give it a try."

After getting a green light from Father Reed and CatholicTV, the Willits began writing a script with their friends Mac and Katherine Barron, another

Georgia-based couple involved in new media with their podcast "Catholic in a Small Town." The Barrons are the parents of three.

The two couples ran through their lines as the CatholicTV crew checked audio levels and framed shots. Director Robert Kaminski called "action," and the group dove headfirst into an experience that was mostly new to all of them. Jennifer Willits has been in front of the camera before for "That Catholic Show," but filming the pilot added a new level of excitement and pressure.

"It was a very 'mom and pop' production," said Jennifer Willits

about "That Catholic Show." "The only other person in the room was Greg."

"It adds to the excitement and the weight of the scene, having to interact with a lot of people," she added.

Mac Barron, who has emceed the national Catholic New Media Celebration for the past two years, had to become familiar with the dynamic of rehearsing lines, taking direction and reshooting scenes over and over.

"It is different being in front of the camera than doing the podcasts," Barron said. "In the podcast we get to call the shots and

we don't have to rehearse."

"It is very exciting," he added. "It's great that CatholicTV has been so supportive."

Filmed in a style similar to primetime shows like "The Office" and "Modern Family," the show focuses on the two Catholic couples and their families. Greg Willits said the idea for this venture isn't to teach Catholic doctrine but to be entertaining.

"There is a lot of Catholic catechesis out there but not a lot of Catholic entertainment. We want to prove that it can be done," he said. "This is going to be a pilot, simply a proof of concept to hopefully inspire others in Catholic and secular media to push the envelope a bit creatively."

While it was exciting, it was also a bit of a sacrifice for the two families, who used some of their vacation time to film the pilot, not to mention the Willits' home being taken over as a studio and set.

The Willits, members of St. Pius X Church in Conyers, asked for prayers that the show would be an inspiration for others and have a positive impact on Catholic new media.

The pilot will premiere on the CatholicTV Network, Thanksgiving night, Thursday, Nov. 24, at 8:30 p.m. ET and will be available online at [www.catholicTV.com](http://www.catholicTV.com). CatholicTV is also available on some cable and satellite TV networks, including Sky Angel in Georgia.

"Our goal and our hope is to get 1 million views, which as you may know, has so far been pretty much impossible for online Catholic media," wrote Greg Willits. "If we can reach that goal, then we'll have something to work with if we decide to shoot more episodes since at that point we'll need to secure some sort of funding to do so."

# 'The Mill & The Cross' blends art history and feature filmmaking

BY JOHN P. MCCARTHY

NEW YORK (CNS) — Inspired by a book-length study of Flemish painter Pieter Bruegel's "The Way to Calvary," director Lech Majewski has created an absorbing blend of art history and feature filmmaking.

In "The Mill & The Cross" (Kino Lorber), Polish-born Majewski re-imagines Christ's passion, dramatizes a dark episode in the history of the Catholic Church, experiments with pictorial representation and issues an appeal for religious tolerance — all without pretension or bias.

The movie will be of special interest to Catholics because it addresses the sectarian strife that arose when armies loyal to the Church invaded the Low Countries in the 16th century to suppress Protestant reform. In his book "The Mill and the Cross," Michael Francis Gibson details how Bruegel

used allegory to comment on the state of affairs in his native Flanders circa 1566, the year he finished the painting.

The intricacies of "The Way to Calvary," a canvas populated with more than 500 figures, don't seem amenable to cinematic treatment. But Gibson believed Majewski was up to the task and they collaborated on an English-language screenplay. Visually ingenious, the resulting film offers a multilayered panorama encompassing, and imaginatively expanding upon, the painting's genesis and content.

Rutger Hauer plays Bruegel and Michael York portrays his friend and collector, Nicholas Jonghelinck, who commissions a piece that will express his outrage at how Spain's occupying forces are "violating our bodies and souls." Ambitiously and with purposeful misdirection, given the risk of being branded a heretic, Bruegel conceives a complex artwork with meanings concealed



Rutger Hauer stars in a scene from the movie "The Mill and the Cross."

inside numerous pastoral tableaux, processions and agrarian symbols.

Meanwhile, Spanish militiamen astride horseback and wearing red tunics are shown violently mistreating peasants. In an incident foreshadowing the Passion, they set upon one young man for no apparent reason, whipping and beating him before lashing his body to a

wagon wheel and hoisting it atop a pole. These scenes have no dialogue, including those in which the miller, representing God, surveys the countryside from his mill built on a giant rock.

On the movie's more conceptual plane, Bruegel moves in and out of his painting while explaining his intentions to his patron and

sketching preparatory drawings. Eventually, the film adopts the perspective of the Virgin Mary (Charlotte Rampling), who delivers plaintive monologues as her Son and two thieves are executed.

The overall experience is akin to watching a lithograph by Dutch graphic artist M.C. Escher spring to life. Majewski employs computer technology without disrupting the period feel or the story's timelessness.

Majewski's tone is calm and evenhanded. You don't sense he favors one Christian denomination or is eager to indict the Church or Catholicism per se. Instead, he seems intent on conveying a universal message against religious intolerance and human rights abuses. His film is grounded in the connection between the paschal mystery and social justice, yet since that linkage informs the bedrock of the Catholic faith, Catholic viewers won't find anything radical from a theological standpoint.

# Human stockpiling

A recent news report chronicled a Chinese woman named Huang Yijun. Sixty years ago, her unborn child died, but the pregnancy was never expelled from her body. Instead, her baby's body slowly began to calcify inside her, becoming a crystallized, stone-like mass. Such stone babies (known as lithopedions) are extremely rare. When Mrs. Huang was 92 years old, the baby was discovered in her abdomen and surgically removed.

This rare medical event prompts us to consider a thought experiment. Imagine a drug that could be injected into a child to crystallize him, but without killing him. The process would turn the child into a static mass for as many years as the parents wanted; another injection would reverse the process, and allow the child to wake up and continue growing. Parents who decided they needed a break from parent-

ing could bring their kids to the clinic and pay to store them as crystals for a limited period of time. Some children might end up never being decrystallized, with their stony bodies piling up in warehouses.

Such a bizarre warehousing of children is not as outlandish as it might seem. In fact, fertility clinics in the United States already warehouse more than 500,000 children in high-tech freezers filled with liquid nitrogen, children who are crystallized byproducts of the in vitro fertilization process. Parents can choose to "reanimate" their embryonic children by thawing them, implanting them, and gestating them, but in other instances, they end up being abandoned because their parents are now too old to carry a pregnancy, or are content with the number of their already-born children.

The multibillion dollar business of infertility in the U.S. has



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been aptly described as a kind of "Wild West," a lawless frontier where nearly anything goes, including the daily freezing and stockpiling of scores of humans who are still in their embryonic stages. This practice stands out as one of the great humanitarian tragedies of our age.

Few commentators, however, dare to raise their voice against this injustice, which is profitably marketed as a matter of personal reproductive choice and freedom. Because our frozen children have no voice to speak in

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# 'Preventive services'

Is pregnancy a disease? Should Catholics, purchasing insurance for themselves or their employees be forced against their consciences to subsidize its prevention?

These questions lie at the heart of new regulations just issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, which will administer President Barack Obama's new healthcare law.

The regulations include a list of "preventive services" that all group health plans must provide without any co-pay. The list includes female surgical sterilization, plus all FDA-approved contraceptives, including some (like the prescription drug ella) that can act as abortifacients.

Recently I wrote about how the National Labor Relations Board has set itself to decide (sometimes in opposition to the Church) which universities are Catholic and which are not.

This new development asserts the primacy of the federal government in an equally sensitive area: the ethics of reproductive health care.

Should a government that respects religious freedom require religious institutions to subsidize financially the modern American vision of what counts as "reproductive health?"

The new regulations provide an exemption for "religious employers." But the exemption is so narrow that it excludes most people who might want to claim it.

First, it applies only to religious employers — institutions that are themselves religious. As such, individuals who own their own businesses and companies that are not church-related get no protection.

Second, it applies only to group health plans run by religious employers. It has no bearing on health plans that universities offer to their students.

Third, even in cases where it applies, the exemption is so narrow that even obviously Catholic institutions that are both religious and employers are not protected. HHS will require such institutions to meet a number of other conditions:

- They must exist for "the purpose" (my emphasis) of "inculcat(ing) religious values."

At The Catholic University of America, we promote religious values in nearly everything that we do. But we also teach physics, mechanical engineering, finance and the literature of Francophone Africa. Offering courses in those subjects, it seems, would disqualify us.

- Exempt organizations must also "primarily" employ and serve "persons who share the religious



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tenets of the organization."

If this means that a school's faculty and student body must be 51 percent Catholic, The Catholic University of America would pass the test. But many Catholic colleges and universities, and some elementary and secondary schools, would not, nor would organizations such as Catholic hospitals and Catholic Charities that serve poor people without regard to their religious affiliation.

HHS also says that, even if an employer inculcates religious values, and even if it employs and serves primarily co-religionists, it is still not exempt unless it is excused under the tax law from filing the Internal Revenue Service's Form 990. That limits the exemption to churches, their integrated auxiliaries and religious orders.

HHS has approached this question with the same narrow view of religion that the NLRB took in deciding to allow collective bargaining at Catholic universities.

Both agencies would reduce religion to prayer and liturgical rituals, activities that occur inside church walls. There is no acknowledgment that faith has a place in the world, that it informs our education, that it performs corporal works of mercy.

I have spent my first year as president of The Catholic University of America talking about how intellect and virtue are central to the idea of a Catholic university, and noting that it is part of our job as Catholic educators to teach our students to grow in both wisdom and grace.

Now the government is telling us that no matter what message we preach about contraception,

sterilization and abortion, we must provide these "preventive services" in our employee and student health plans, and ask the members of our community to subsidize them in the fees we charge.

In a nation where the free exercise of religion is supposedly sacrosanct, we may soon be left without the freedom to practice what we preach.

John Garvey is the president of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

# Genuine faith reaps salvific reward



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Mt 21:28-32

The Book of Ezekiel is the source of this weekend's first reading. Ezekiel is regarded as one of the three greatest prophets of ancient Israel, the others being Jeremiah and Isaiah.

Second only to the Exodus, the defining moment in the history of ancient Israel was the period of captivity of Hebrews in Babylon, the capital of the then powerful Babylonian Empire, a city located in what today is Iraq. The Exile occurred in the sixth century B.C.

For the Hebrew people, it was a heartbreaking time. Where was God, the protector? It is easy to imagine these angry and even cynical questions.

Ezekiel turned the tables, confronting the people with their own sinfulness. Where is their devotion to God? How faithful have they been in being God's people? No one realistically could have argued that there had been no sin. Who deserted whom? What then about "fairness"? Has God been unfair?

For the second reading, the Church offers us this weekend a reading from the Epistle to the Philippians.

Many early Christians were Jews, at least by birth. Many of these Jews

had been pious in their religious practice, well versed in Judaism. Many other early Christians were from pagan backgrounds. As a result, often in the first Christian communities, persons of both traditions lived side by side.

Quite likely, such was the case in Philippi. Jewish symbols and references appeared, as Jews lived there. However, the city in no sense was Jewish. It was thoroughly pagan, an important military base in the Roman Empire, situated in what now is Greece.

So, the Epistle was written to reinforce the Christians' commitment to the Lord and challenge them to withstand paganism, all the while taking account at times of deep ethnic differences.

Christ is the only answer for all, the epistle insists. Philippians literally soars in its testimony to Christ, the Lord, the Savior. Scholars think that this weekend's reading, fully consistent with this characteristic, actually was an ancient hymn, sung by early Christians in their worship. It is one of the most magnificent acclamations in the New Testament.

St. Matthew's Gospel is the source of the third reading. Again, as has occurred in readings earlier in this period of the year, Jesus dialogues with, and indeed confronts, at times not so subtly, the priests and elders, leaders of the prevailing religious establishment.

These leaders occupied a particularly important place in the society, because religion was a favorite topic for everyone at the time. Jesus built on this interest but also as often as not ran counter to the generally accepted authorities.

He uses a parable to make the point. God is the father in the parable. The vineyard represents the people of Israel, borrowing a well-known image from the prophets. Scholars suggest several possibilities regarding the sons,

but one suggestion is that the first son represents Israel, the other son represents gentiles and sinners.

God is constant, but the mere happenstance of being the first son guarantees nothing. Instead, actual devotion to God, and obedience to God's law, are critical. Reward, or salvation, goes to the genuinely faithful.

## Reflection

The readings this weekend very much are in the stream of readings heard during the weekends of late summer and now early fall. The Church is calling us to discipleship. In this call, the Church paints no false picture. It minimizes nothing. Sin disrupts our relationship with God. We cannot ignore our sinfulness.

Still, the last word need not be of guilt and hopelessness. We need not forsake hope. If we are as loyal as the second son in Matthew's story, as wholehearted in our love for Jesus as is exclaimed in the hymn in Philippians, then God will forgive us and welcome us to everlasting life.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9

Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:2, 16-23  
Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7  
Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6  
Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  
Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1-5, 8-9  
Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29  
Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24

# The gentlemanly art of the insult

One of the (many) signs of our cultural decline is that verbal insults, these days, are almost invariably scatological or sexual, provoking a blizzard of asterisks whenever A wants to put the smackdown on B. Once upon a time, it was not so. Once, the ability to come up with a clever insult that could be repeated in polite society was thought an important, if not necessarily essential, component of being a gentleman.

Take, for example, two masters of English repartee and wit, George Bernard Shaw and Winston Churchill. Shaw, prior to the opening of one of his plays, sent Churchill a telegram: "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." Churchill, nonplussed (and likely amused), sent a telegram in reply: "Cannot possibly attend first night; will attend second, if there is one."

Oscar Wilde, who may have returned to the faith before his death, was another man of English letters who knew how to insult with class and wit: Thus, "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." Or the immortal, "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."

Wilde could turn his wit on himself, too, which is always a sign of an insulter-with-class: "I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying." Or, inventing a trope that others frequently used of Churchill, "I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best."

As writer and editor, Mark

Twain accumulated the literary man's usual collection of enemies, whom he enjoyed twitting. Thus, to one especially dull critic: "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" Or about a more intolerable one: "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying that I approved of it."

The aforementioned Mr. Bernard Shaw appreciated Twain's wit, noting that "Mark Twain and I are in the same position. We have put things in such a way as to make people, who would otherwise hang us, believe that we are joking." For his part, Ernest Hemingway, in an unaccustomed moment of modesty, once said that "All modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called 'Huckleberry Finn.'" Twain, in whatever post-mortem circumstances he found himself when told that one, may have winced, knowing as he must of William Faulkner's immortal put-down of his fellow-Nobel laureate, Hemingway: "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to a dictionary."

Today's political badinage is lame, lamer, lamest compared with the wits of yore. Churchill, of course, figures prominently here. Told over dinner by Lady Astor, the American-born female member of the House of Commons, that, "If you were my husband, Winston, I'd poison your soup," Churchill immediately replied, "And if you were my wife, Nancy, I'd drink it." And then there was the great man's takedown of the austere Labor minister, Sir Stafford Cripps: "He has all the virtues



## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

I dislike and none of the vices I admire." Another Labor stalwart, Aneurin Bevan, a great supporter of nationalized medicine, was a frequent target of Churchill's railery: "I can think of no better step to signal the inauguration of the National Health Service than that a man who so obviously needs psychiatric attention should be among the first of its patients."

But Bevan finally got the best of Churchill. During the coronation festivities for Queen Elizabeth II, there was a state ball at Buckingham Palace at which the old, prewar uniforms were to be worn. Sir Winston, exiting the palace men's room dressed in the bottle-green uniform of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and wearing the ribbon of the Order of the Garter, spotted Bevan wearing a blue serge suit. "I think that at least on this occasion you might have taken the trouble to dress properly," Churchill harrumphed scornfully. "Prime Minister, your fly buttons are undone," replied a cherubic Bevan.

Those were the days.

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# BIOETHICS

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their own defense, we slip into a mindset that ignores their inherent dignity.

But not every country has been so blind. Germany, which has a strong historical memory of the consequences of ignoring human dignity, declines to participate in these charades. Strikingly, human embryos are not being frozen anywhere in the country, and virtually none are held in cryogenic storage. Meanwhile, countless American parents find themselves caught in agonizing dilemmas about what to do with their offspring held in suspended animation.

The reason for this remarkable difference lies in the fact that the Germans enacted an Embryo Protection Law in the 1990s that included provisions outlawing the freezing of human embryos. Italy passed similar legislation. Both countries closely regulate in vitro fertilization treatments, and allow the production of no more than three embryos at a time,

all of whom must be implanted into their mother. Both countries forbid the production of extra embryos, experimentation on embryos, cloning of embryos and genetic testing of embryos.

Not much reflection is needed to realize the serious injustice involved in forcefully "crystallizing" another human being. The freezing and thawing process itself subjects embryonic humans to significant risk, and up to 50 percent of embryos do not survive the process. Stored embryos often end up being condemned to a kind of perpetual stasis, locked in time in the harsh wasteland of their liquid-nitrogen orphanages. This injustice, once it has been foisted upon human embryos, is then used by others to argue on behalf of an even more egregious offense against their dignity: the destructive strip-mining of embryos to acquire their stem cells.

The radical stockpiling of embryonic humans threatens to become nearly routine in our society, as such humans are reduced to little more than "stony objects" to be warehoused and manipulated — valuable primarily for how they can serve the

commercial interests or the personal desires of others. The temptation to dehumanize our own brothers and sisters is a perennial one, hearkening back to that time in our country, not so long ago, when slaves could be considered only three-fifths of a person for purposes of congressional representation. Treating embryos as zero-fifths of a person constitutes an even more deplorable violation of human rights.

The United States urgently needs embryo protection laws. Men and women of conscience must pressure lawmakers to act. The putative and widely-touted "self-regulation" of fertility clinics remains a dismal failure. Laws like those in Germany and Italy, while they would not stop every injustice done to the least powerful among us, could go a long way towards assuring that further forms of scientific barbarism and human exploitation do not become commonplace.

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# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for September 25, 2011

Phlippians 2:1-11 / Matthew 21:28-32

Following is a word search based on the Second Reading and Gospel for the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: about being of one mind in pursuing God's will. Words can be found in all directions.

IN CHRIST	IN LOVE	SPIRIT
COMPASSION	MY JOY	REGARD
INTERESTS	A MAN	TWO SONS
THE FIRST	SON GO	WORK
VINEYARD	TODAY	I WILL NOT
CHANGED	DID NOT	KINGDOM
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# The Apostle Philip martyred at Hierapolis

Where is Hierapolis where St. Philip the Apostle was martyred?



## HIRE HISTORY

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Like many of the apostles, St. Philip was born in Bethsaida, a fishing village on the Sea of Galilee in Israel. Tradition says St. Philip preached in Greece and was crucified upside down at Hierapolis under the persecution of the Roman emperor Domitian (A.D. 81-96). Hierapolis (modern Pamukkale) is a city in Turkey famous for its fantastic rock formations and hot springs. Tourists still bathe in these ancient hot springs today.

D. Darke says that ancient Hierapolis (Greek for "Holy City") was made up of Greeks and Romans with a sizable community of Jews, which helps explain the early spread of Christianity here. At Hierapolis I climbed up this large hill to see a vast building or church built around the beginning of the 5th century that houses the tomb of the martyred Apostle Philip.

The plan of this building is complex, with an octagonal central chamber, reminiscent of early Byzantine churches. On the original long main street of Hierapolis that runs in a straight line, you can see the ancient baths. The two large vaulted rooms, now housing the museum, were in Roman times reserved for the emperor and special ceremonies. At the back of the baths is an adjoining palaestra or

open area for exercise and gymnastics. Behind the palaestra are the remains of a vast basilica with three naves, which is probably a cathedral erected in the 6th century when Hierapolis became the seat of a bishop.

At the hotel you can see a sacred pool with columns and pillars in the shallow water. Here you see the ruins of a nymphaeum or monumental fountain. Here you also see the Temple of Apollo, the most shrine of Hierapolis.

Below the temple is a small vaulted door which leads to a chamber under the temple. This is the infamous Plutonium grotto which exuded fumes said to be deadly, according to the ancient historian Strabo. Near the temple is the Roman theater with its well-preserved seats. Here were discovered splendid reliefs from A.D. 200 illustrating the myths of Dionysus, Apollo and Artemis.

# Does Mario go to Mass? Catholic gamers and the video game industry

BY ADAM SHAW

NEW YORK (CNS) — Is it possible to be a faithful Catholic and a video gamer?

That's a question all Catholic gaming enthusiasts — including the young adults at whom many of the industry's offerings are primarily targeted — must ask themselves as this medium continues to develop and expand its influence over contemporary society.

Once upon a time, back in the 1980s and early 1990s, classic games such as "Pac-Man" and "Super Mario Bros." raised few if any moral issues. So youthful Catholics could casually — and comfortably — pick up whatever new release was available at the local store. There was no need for them to worry that the sensitivities of their faith would be assaulted or that troublesome opinions would be aggressively foisted on them by game developers.

Things are different, of course, in the second decade of the 21st century. The world of video games has never been more exciting or more innovative. Instead of the primitive platforms of 30 years ago or the basic, blocky shooters available 10 years after that, today's games are accompanied by hyper-realistic graphics and complex, multifaceted storylines. In short, the best of them present an entire alternate reality

just waiting to be explored.

It would be uselessly contrarian to deny that this is, in itself, a positive thing. Yet, along with such increased sophistication, come a number of difficulties and dilemmas for gamers striving to stay faithful to Christ and His Church.

The Catholic gamer knows that, as with most things in our modern world, there are aspects of this pastime we can enjoy, but also aspects we would be well advised to avoid. This process of discernment can sometimes be easy; all too often, it can prove extremely difficult.

When initially making a purchase, for example, the consumer is frequently flying blind, with no knowledge of all that the game will ultimately contain. And, unlike a \$15 movie ticket or an even less expensive video rental, where the option always exists simply to walk out of the theater or turn off the disc, a \$60 product to which the buyer has already devoted some hours of play is likely to be a lot harder to just set aside and forget.

This belated discovery that a game's content is tasteless and/or morally offensive is one of the most frustrating aspects of being a Catholic gamer, especially with increasingly stringent returns policies being enforced.

That's where Catholic News Service hopes its video game reviews will come in handy. In keeping with CNS' approach to



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Members of the Jimenez family play Wii video games at their home in Brighton, N.Y. The Nintendo Wii is the most "family-friendly option" in the video gaming world, says Thomas L. McDonald, a Catholic catechist who writes on the topic.

assessing other media, games will be analyzed from a faith perspective as well as providing a summary of their aesthetic and technical qualities. The emphasis will not be on condemning, but on providing guidance.

Along with informing young adult and older gamers — and, of course, parents — about objectionable content (i.e., gore, language and sexuality), CNS also will provide an assessment of the ethical and moral content of the issues and themes raised within each game. We'll examine what sort of message the game is attempting to promote, what the motivations of its lead characters are, and what sort of mindset it's encouraging. In this way, we hope to explore the full range of spiritual and moral questions posed by interactive entertainment.

Given that readers may have differing levels of tolerance for certain content, reviewers will note in some detail the potentially offensive elements each game includes, and assign a classification indicating its appropriate audience — from everyone to no one at all. These classifications will be identical with those

used in CNS' film reviews; game reviews also will carry the Entertainment Software Rating Board's rating.

As experienced gamers themselves, CNS' reviewers recognize the importance of a title's technical distinction. So, while their work will focus primarily on matters of philosophical outlook and morality, the quality of the gameplay will by no means be ignored.

So to the initial question of whether a faithful Catholic can also be an avid gamer, the answer is an emphatic yes. But prudence is required — and so too, perhaps, is the well-grounded advice of some like-minded fellow players.

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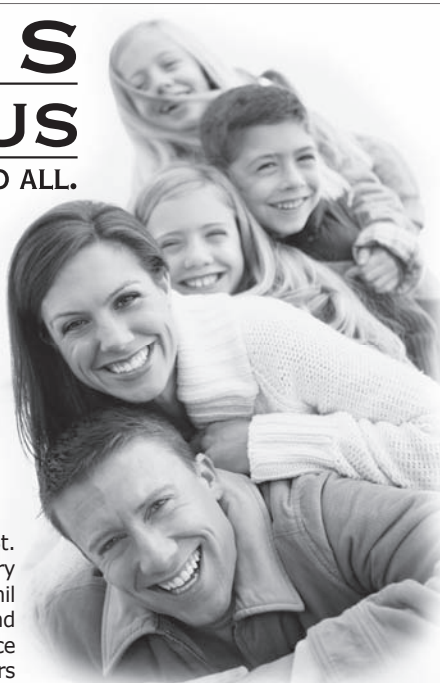


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## ICCL football rivals fight for win

BY JOE KOZINSKI

**SOUTH BEND** — Football weather is starting to roll in as a slight chill danced in the air as two foes from the Inter-City Catholic League laced up their cleats and strapped up their helmets in what would be a war between the tackles.

The defending league champion St. Anthony (St. Joe, South Bend/St. Pius X) Panthers were fired up and ready as the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders, last season's runner up, were looking to knock off the maroon-clad squad.

The game started with a mistaken inside kick to the Panthers that ended up in the hands of Crusader defender Jake Rolinski, giving the first possession to the Crusaders at the St. Anthony 46-yard line.

The weapons used by the Crusaders on the ensuing drive would include runs by tailbacks Ryan Mannell and Gabe Brooks, and quarterback Mark Madden including a big fourth-and-nine completion to Connor Gentry to bring the blue-and-white army within the shadows of the goal line.

The 11-play drive would sputter though, with the help of a holding penalty and a determined Panther defense, on fourth-and-nine from the 11, Madden rolled to his right and was hit and dropped a half-a-yard short of a first down.

With 1:23 left in the first quarter, the Panthers would finally get their chance to show off their offensive prowess, but with a first-play procedure call and a third-play holding call the St. Anthony squad would have to shake the first game jitters out.

The answer for the Panthers would come in the form of seventh-grade quarterback Tony Carmola and his lengthy wideout Pat Sandor. The two connected on what seemed completion after completion rolling up big yards and heading towards paydirt.

The journey for a score that lasted 12 plays and all but 30 seconds of the half would, however, be stopped when on fourth-and-one at the Crusader defense stopped a pitch play at the 17-yard line, keeping the game at nil.

The defenses would play a big part of the second half. First the Panthers would hold the Crusaders opening drive to a



JOHN MORGAN

Crusader running back Ryan Mannell fights his way for the game's only score.

three-and-out, and then the Holy Cross/Christ the King team would make an adjustment by shadowing Sandor with an equally tall Madden.

The defenses would match each other blow-by-blow with the Crusaders focusing on the potent pass combination with the help of a great open field tackle by Zach Lekarczyk on Carmola and the Panthers bottling up the middle running lanes and pressuring Madden with linebacker Reece Happ.

With 6:49 seconds left, the ball resting at their own 47 and the score knotted at zero, the Crusaders kept it simple behind their big offensive line; Madden 11-yard run, Brooks four-yard run, Mannell two yards, Brooks five yards, Mannell another three, Madden nine more, Brooks adding seven and then finally Mannell found the end zone on a hard-fought tackle breaking the 12-yard ramble.

Cameron Gallagher's point after try was wide left leaving the score 6-0 and the door open for the Panthers offense.

Starting at their own 36-yard line, the Panthers would have just over two minutes on the clock to keep their hopes of victory alive.

Carmola would start dissecting the Crusader secondary with passes to Carlos Matovina and Sandor making their way down to the 20-yard line. But with fourth down and five and a mere 33 seconds to go, Mitch Murphy hit the quarterback as he released a pass and the ball tumbled innocently

to the ground, game over.

"I'm really happy with the way my kids responded, we knew that Coach Kevin Sandor would have his kids ready to play," said Crusader Coach John Krzyzewski. "We made the defensive adjustment on Sandor and then we got to a point that we had confidence in our backs and our offensive line; Peter Wiegand, Michael Presnal, Paul Revak, Sam Moom and Brad Lauerman."

"We just couldn't keep them off the field," Coach Sandor said. "We had one possession in the whole first half and I thought we moved the football well, we will need more plays on offense in the weeks to come. I was happy with how our kids competed, I think we will learn from this and get better."

In other ICCL action, Mishawaka Catholic outpaced the Blazers of St. Matthew, 31-6, remaining unbeaten.

The Saints were led by Jacob Whitfield's scoring runs of eight, 48, 41 and 87 yards. Mishawaka Catholic quarterback Joe Ravotto found Gavin Verslype on a 17-yard passing touchdown.

The lone score for St. Matthew came from Davante Newbill.

This weekend's contest will feature; St. Matthew vs. the Panthers at Marian's Otolski Field at 4 p.m. and at the same time, the undefeated Crusaders will take on the West Side Catholic Cougars at Saint Joseph's High School.

## SAINT JOSEPH'S CLAIMS SOCCER WIN



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# Always faithful, always better

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In his rookie season at St. Charles, Coach Jason Garrett is making a big impact on and off the football field.

The St. Joseph, Decatur, guidance counselor accepted the head position just one week before the 2011 Catholic Youth League Organization (CYO) season began. So far, his Cardinals are 5-0 and knocking down powerhouse teams across the league week after week.

"We may be undersized, but I would not trade the heart of these kids for anything," said Garrett.

In Week 5 action, St. Charles faced a much bigger group from St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 18, but came out victorious in an all-out battle, 46-37.

Garrett's group executed a perfect game plan in a tremendous match-up between two quality teams to remain undefeated yet another week. Led by their field general, eighth-grade quarterback Joe Steigmeyer, the Cardinals were estimated to put out well over 400 yards of offense.

All day long, Steigmeyer dropped picture-perfect passes over defenders into the hands of

his talented targets.

Zach Norton came up with several of the big catches while David Tippmann and Drew Davis also had stellar performances for the Cardinals.

St. Charles lineman, kicker William Glowacki, made the "huge contribution" list as well.

Noting gifted players in the skill positions as a team strength, Garrett could not say enough about his squad, "Steigmeyer is all heart and has great knowledge of the game. He even called two of the plays himself — one resulting in a touchdown."

Off the field, Garrett added more kudos, "This week Tippmann took it upon himself to tutor a fellow teammate to a passing science grade."

The goals of the group include 100 percent academic eligibility along with making each and every player better spiritually, morally and physically, while developing every young man's talent and finally, winning a diocesan championship, in that order.

Running a multi-dimensional offense, Garrett also hopes to educate his boys with many different styles and formations. He calls his team to build each other up so that each and every player will be involved and accepted. With nine out of the 12 coaches new to the program, Garrett is



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

In week 5 St. Charles faced St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, winning the game 46-37.

impressed with his staff.

"They are good men and good fathers," he said. "It is very inspiring to rally together as we enforce our team motto: Always Faithful, Always Better."

Garrett, both a renowned Catholic speaker and counselor, borrowed his coaching philosophy from a book about Navy Seals.

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cally demanding yet relentlessly encouraging — always positive, positive, positive," he said. And the father of 11 is getting the job done.

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Fort Wayne — Two screenings of the HBO documentary, "Burma Soldier," will be shown as part of the University of Saint Francis' year-long project for the President's Interfaith Challenge. "Burma Soldier" will be shown at the Cinema Center Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 6 and 8:30 p.m. The USF North Campus will show it on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. Myo Myint, a local refugee, is featured in the film. A brief "talk-back" session will be held after each screening. Admission is free, but donations for local agencies supporting refugee populations will be taken.

**Notre Dame vs. USC tickets**  
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne wants to send three couples to the Notre Dame vs. USC game on Saturday evening, Oct. 22. For more information on how to support this annual fundraiser please contact any Christ Child member or Michelle Castleman at (260) 515-4115 no later than Sept. 30. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will draw three lucky names for a pair of tickets each on Oct. 1.

**St. Casimir plan card party**  
South Bend — The annual card party of the St. Casimir Altar Rosary Society will be Sunday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m., in the parish annex. Admission is \$5 and includes a plate lunch with dessert. In addition to a table prize, a piggy raffle and a special raffle will be held. Ladies and gentlemen are invited. Reserve tickets by calling (574) 291-9131; (574) 289-2059 or (574) 287-9551.

**St. Bernard School annual cash raffle**  
Wabash — Tickets are now available for purchase for the annual cash raffle at St. Bernard School

in Wabash. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Cash prizes are \$5,000 and \$2,500. The drawing will be held at the annual Ball and Auction on Oct. 8. For more information and ticket prices, please contact the school office at (260) 563-5746. Delivery is available. All proceeds go to the school for scholarships and school improvements.

**Banquet for Life**  
Fort Wayne — Allen County Right to Life and Three Rivers Educational Trust Fund will host the Banquet for Life "Uniting Our City for Life," Monday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Grand Wayne Center. Co-hosts Sen. and Mrs. Jim Banks and Sen. and Mrs. Dennis Kruse will welcome keynote speaker Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council. Telemachus Award will be presented to Dr. Dean Wenthe by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus. Reservations needed by Oct. 3, to (260) 471-1849. Tickets are \$45 per person.

**VNHH offers grief seminar**  
Fort Wayne — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home will offer the grief seminar, "Understanding Your Grief: An Overall View of Grief," with grief and loss counselor Dar Richardson on Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 5-7:30 p.m. The free seminar, open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one, will be held at VNHH located at 5910 Homestead Rd. A light supper will be served. To reserve a seat call (260) 435-3222.

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

**Rummage and bake sale**  
South Bend — Fresh bread baked on site, cakes, pies and cookies will be offered at the bake and rummage sale at St. John Parish, 3616 St. John Way, Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. On Sunday a \$1 bag sale will be offered.

**Public Square rosary to be offered**  
Churubusco — A public rosary rally will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, at noon in front of St. John Bosco Church, 216 N. Main St. Over 7,000 rallies will be held at this time across the United States.

**Rummage and bake sale**  
Fort Wayne — The Rosary Society of Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have a rummage and bake sale Sept. 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mohr Hall.

**All family rosary**  
Fort Wayne — The all family rosary normally held at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on the last Sunday of the month will be cancelled in September. The rosary will resume in October.

**Christ Child Society dinner and auction**  
South Bend — The Christ Child Society will have a dinner and auction Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Gillespie Center in the Hilton Garden Inn at Saint Mary's College. Cocktails and silent auction at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 7 p.m. Go to [www.letloveshine.com](http://www.letloveshine.com) for details.

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## Sister Patricia Gavin, former principal, dies

ELM GROVE, Wis. — School Sister of Notre Dame Sister Patricia Gavin died on Sept. 12. She was 66.



SISTER PATRICIA GAVIN, SSND

Sister Gavin had taught many years in Michigan, and served as principal at Sacred Heart, Warsaw, and St. Monica, Mishawaka, for the past 25 years. Mattie Willerton, who has known Sister Gavin since 1998 and stepped into the principal's role at St. Monica School when Sister Gavin took medical leave, said of her friend and mentor, "Sister Pat's influence reaches beyond the confines of a classroom or school even though she spent 44 years in schools as a teacher and a principal. Her gentle manner and her unconditional love permeated everything she did and everyone she knew. Sister Pat loved the children she served. ... Sister Pat greeted students in the morning, joined them for lunch, and

waved goodbye to them at the end of each day. These simple acts made her known and loved by all of the students she has served throughout the years. Through Sister Pat's gentleness and compassion, all those who knew her saw the presence of God on earth."

Sister Gavin is survived by her mother Santa Gavin, her sisters; Kathleen (John) Barako, Margaret (James) Jensen, Mary Ellen (Al) Young, Virginia Gavin, Ruth (Vince) Lugo, her brothers, Martin (Kiki) Gavin, Robert (Yolanda) Gavin, her sister-in-law Phyllis Gavin, nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and the School Sisters of Notre Dame community. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Bernard Gavin, and her brother James Gavin.

A wake service was celebrated on Sept. 17, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at the Holy Family Chapel at Notre Dame of Elm Grove. A memorial Mass was also held at St. Monica Church on Sept. 22.

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# In his homeland, pope to face growing secularism, some protests

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In the days leading to Pope Benedict XVI's visit to his homeland Sept. 22-25, German media were asking whether the pope would feel at home in the country he left 30 years ago.

Obviously, he visited Germany frequently while serving in Rome and kept up with friends and colleagues and with developments in Church life, theology and politics. As pope, he traveled to Germany in 2005 to celebrate World Youth Day in Cologne and again in 2006 to visit Bavaria, the region where he was born and raised and served as a theology professor and bishop.

After interviewing key Germans involved in planning the upcoming papal trip, Vatican Radio's German program in early September said there's a bit of a sense that the pope and Germans are strangers to each other.

The country was still divided into East and West Germany when he moved to Rome as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and while the communists in the East had succeeded to a large extent in severely limiting Christian life and practice, Church activity in the West still was lively.

In the past 20 years, the number of Catholics in Germany has declined by almost 4 million, although the overall population



CNS PHOTO/ARND WIEGMANN, REUTERS

**A large poster showing a portrait of Pope Benedict XVI is placed over the entrance of the cathedral of Freiburg in Breisgau, Germany, Sept. 14. The pope will visit his homeland Sept. 22-25. The poster reads "Welcome Pope Benedict XVI."**

Bundestag, the German parliament, violates church-state separation. Some deputies have announced they will leave the hall in Berlin's Reichstag Building to protest.

Archbishop Rainier Woelki of Berlin told reporters Sept. 7 that the Church is not worried about possible protests, considering that Germany is a democracy. But, he said, it would be better if people heard what the pope had to say before reacting.

Another protest group said it would demonstrate against Catholic teaching on issues related to sexuality and others have raised objections to the German bishops spending \$41.5 million on the visit when the Church could be helping the poor, especially in East Africa.

Archbishop Robert Zollitsch of Freiburg im Breisgau, president of the bishops' conference, said the collection to be taken up during the evening Mass Sept. 22 in Berlin's Olympic Stadium already has been designated for aid to people suffering from the drought, famine and civil unrest in East Africa.

Archbishop Woelki said all 70,000 available tickets for the stadium Mass have been distributed. "We expect a sell-out crowd, although we haven't sold the tickets, of course," he said.

Relations with other Christians and with Germany's Jewish and Muslim communities also will be on the pope's agenda.

has increased by about 1 million, according to Vatican statistics. The number of children under seven baptized annually has dropped to about 170,000 from just above 290,000 in 1991. And the number of marriages performed annually in Catholic parishes dropped from almost 111,000 in 1991 to less than 50,000 in 2009.

Pope Benedict's pastoral visits are designed to strengthen and confirm Catholics in their faith and the statistics clearly illustrate why the theme chosen for the pope's

visit to Berlin, Erfurt, Freiburg and Eichsfeld is: "Where there is God, there is a future."

As with Pope Benedict's visits to other European countries — particularly to France in 2008 and to Scotland and England in 2010 — secularism is expected to be a key theme during the pope's trip.

"The Holy Father knows the situation of the Church in Germany," Jesuit Father Hans Langendorfer, secretary of the German bishops' conference, told reporters Sept. 7. In preparation for the trip, he said, the

pope spent three hours meeting with German Church leaders in Castel Gandolfo in late August.

While the pope cannot resolve all of the problems and tensions within the German Church and society, Father Langendorfer said, he will offer "his view of how the Church in Germany can find new vitality, inner strength and optimism for the future."

Several groups have announced they will protest the pope's visit, including a group that believes the pope's speech Sept. 22 to the

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cant growth in enrollment during her tenure. St. Joseph Grade School currently serves 446 children in grades K-8.

St. Joseph School teachers meet the highest standards of advanced training and are dedicated to providing students with a quality education.

Holy Cross Father John DeRiso, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, told *Today's Catholic*, "St. Joseph Catholic School received this honor because God continues to bless this parish named in honor of His servant, Joseph. We are blessed with a bishop who wholeheartedly supports Catholic education, as did his predecessor. We are blessed with the charism and spirituality of the Congregation of Holy Cross and the inspiration of its holy founder — Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC — who urged Holy Cross teachers to educate both the mind and the heart of the child. We are blessed with a parish community that believes in and supports Catholic education through its stewardship of prayer, service and sacrificial giving."

He added, "We are blessed with the gifts and exceptional leadership of Mrs. Suzanne Wiwi, who is in her 23rd year as school principal. We are blessed with a talented and dedicated faculty and staff. And we are blessed with gifted, hard-



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**St. Joseph Grade School's 2011 National Blue Ribbon school is shown above.**

working students, and invested and committed parents. These are the ways in which God has blessed this community. This is why we received this honor."

St. Joseph Grade School shares the designation with other Catholic elementary and secondary institutions in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend that have received the National Blue Ribbon award in past years, including Christ the King School, South Bend; St. Jude School, Fort Wayne; Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne; and Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend.

"This Blue Ribbon School des-

ignation is not just an honor for us, but for Catholic education as a whole," Father DeRiso said. "It means that Catholic education is a gift to the faithful and to society. Its success is the result of the collaboration of shepherds, administrators, teachers, parishioners, clergy, students and parents."

"We share in this award with the other 42 outstanding Catholic schools in our diocese," he added. "Above all, we are grateful to God and to those whom the Spirit moves to be generous benefactors of our school and of Catholic education. We are grateful to Bishop Kevin

C. Rhoades and Dr. Mark Myers, (superintendent) for their support. We are proud of our students — who they are and what they have accomplished. That is what this honor means for us."

St. Joseph School was founded as an educational ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church by Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin in 1854. In its 157-year history, St. Joseph Catholic School has educated the hearts and minds of generations of children from South Bend and surrounding areas. In the pedagogical tradition of the Congregation of Holy Cross, St. Joseph School integrates a solid

faith-based formation with a strong academic curriculum that encourages graduates to excel in high school and beyond while sharing in the mission of the Church and contributing to the communities of which they are a part.

The National Blue Ribbon School award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve at high levels or where the achievement gap is narrowing. Since 1982, more than 6,500 of America's schools have received this coveted award.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools based on one of two criteria: 1) Schools whose students are high performing. These are schools ranked among each state's highest performing schools as measured by their performance on state assessments or, in the case of private schools, that score at the highest performance level on nationally normed tests; or 2) Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that improve student performance to high levels as measured by the school's performance on state assessments or nationally-normed tests.

The U.S. Department of Education named 304 schools as 2011 National Blue Ribbon Schools. The Department will honor the entire 255 public and 49 private schools with their National Blue Ribbon School awards at a conference and awards ceremony Nov. 14-15 in Washington, D.C.