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Arise spreads message of mercy

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — A powerful message of mercy and forgiveness was witnessed by more than 800 women from throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at the Arise Women's conference on Saturday, Sept. 24.

The conference, titled "Offer Forgiveness and Receive Peace," was sponsored by the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization and cosponsored by Redeemer Radio AM 1450. It enjoyed a new and larger venue for its faith-filled audience at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum this year.

The Arise conference, in its second year, began with a special Mass of Holy Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who wore a chasuble depicting Mary of Czestochowa. In his homily, Bishop Rhoades reflected on the mercy of God and how Jesus reveals that message in the Gospels.

"The message of divine mercy is at the heart of the Gospel which our world so desperately needs to hear," Bishop Rhoades said. "This is the message which our speakers today will share with us."

Bishop Rhoades reminded the rapt audience that "We honor Mary today as the Mother of Him who was Mercy Incarnate. She has given to the world Mercy Himself and she shares in this attribute of her Son. She teaches us the gracious love and mercy of her

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KAY COZAD

Immaculee Ilibagiza, 1994 Rwandan genocide survivor and author of "Left To Tell," spoke at the Arise Women's Conference held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne on Sept. 24. Over 800 women were inspired by her message of forgiveness.

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Background of Brother John R. Paige, CSC

Before being named president of Holy Cross College, Brother John Paige had been vicar and first general assistant of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Rome, Italy. Prior to that, he was an associate professor of education and dean of the School of Education at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

Brother John also has been principal and chief executive officer of Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Conn., and president and chief executive officer at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Md. He has served on the faculty of Holy Cross Novitiate in Valatie, N.Y., and was a member of the formation for ministry faculty for the Diocese of Albany, N.Y.

A 1968 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Brother John also holds masters degrees in mathematics and applied theology and a doctorate in education policy and leadership.

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Brother John R. Paige was inaugurated on Sept. 23 as the fourth president of Holy Cross College. Founded in 1966 by the Brothers of Holy Cross, the college has grown from a two-year college to a four-year liberal arts college with 500 students.

Brother John began his duties as college president in January, but he was formally installed in the 2 p.m. Friday ceremony in the college's Pfeil Center. The formal installation was preceded by a special Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Chapel, with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as the main celebrant. Holy Cross Father Richard V. Warner, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was the homilist, and 31 Holy Cross priests concelebrated the Mass. The large chapel was nearly filled by the college's friends, students,

faculty, benefactors, and Holy Cross brothers and sisters.

During the Mass, Brother John and the entire Holy Cross theology faculty entered the sanctuary and recited the Profession of Faith. Brother John then recited and signed the Oath of Fidelity before Bishop Rhoades.

In an interview prior to the inauguration, Brother John told *Today's Catholic* that canon law requires anyone who takes over responsibility of an apostolate in the name of the Church to make an Oath of Fidelity and Profession of Faith in front of the bishop, and this is oftentimes done in private.

"Since the bishop would be presiding at our inauguration Mass, and the superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross would be the homilist, I said to the bishop: 'Wouldn't it be nice if I made my public Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity during that Mass?'" Brother John explained.

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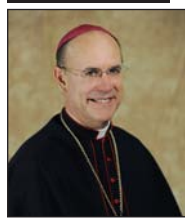
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Blessings upon Brother John Paige, CSC, and Holy Cross College!



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

On Friday, September 23rd, I celebrated the Inaugural Mass on the day of the inauguration of Holy Cross Brother John R. Paige as the fourth president of Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. It was a beautiful liturgy attended by Brothers, Priests, and Sisters of Holy Cross; trustees, faculty, administration, staff, and students of Holy Cross College; friends and benefactors of the College; representatives of other colleges and universities and of the community; and family and friends of Brother John.

I have gotten to know Brother John the past several months since his arrival at Holy Cross College last January. It is a joy to welcome him to our diocese and to support him in his leadership of this wonderful liberal arts Catholic college, located near Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame. Brother John has a highly accomplished career in Catholic education. Most recently, he served in Rome as Vicar General of the Congregation of Holy Cross. I am impressed not only by his excellent educational credentials, but by his strong commitment to the Catholic identity and mission of Holy Cross College.

During the Inaugural Mass, Brother John led the whole theology faculty of Holy Cross College in making the Profession of Faith, a clear visible and public affirmation of adherence to the Catholic faith. Further, as required by the Church, Brother John took the Oath of Fidelity on assuming the office of President of Holy Cross College, an office he exercises in the name of the Church. He promised to always preserve communion with the Catholic Church in his words and actions.

When the members of the theology faculty of Holy Cross College came forward to make the profession of faith, each carried with him or her an icon of a Doctor of the Church whom each personally chose as "favorite" theologians and to invoke their intercession. I list here the Doctors of the Church who inspire the theology faculty of Holy Cross College and the commitment associated with each:

Through the intercession of Saint Anselm, we will commit ourselves to search for truth and apply that truth to the service of humanity.

Through the intercession of Saint Jerome, we will help our students to see in Scripture that God speaks through human beings to proclaim a message of salvation.

Through the intercession of Saint Thomas Aquinas, we will foster rigorous theological investigation in the pursuit of truth according to the teachings of the Church, for the glory of God.

Through the intercession of Saint Catherine of Siena, we will encourage our students not only to know God, but to worship God through prayer and the Sacraments.

Through the intercession of Saint Therese, we will guide our students to find God in the ordinary moments of daily life.

Through the intercession of Saint Gregory the Great, we will attempt to teach the faith, make it



JOE RAYMOND

Holy Cross Brother John R. Paige reads the Oath of Fidelity before Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at a Mass on Sept. 23.

credible to human reason, and embody it in our lives.

As I heard Brother John invoke the intercession of these saints and as I witnessed his and the theology faculty's profession of faith, I thanked God for their witness and for their strong commitment to the Catholic mission of Holy Cross College. I have seen that commitment evident also in the rest of the faculty, staff, and administration of Holy Cross College. It is an institution that is proud of its identity and clear in its mission. I encourage our high school students and their parents who are searching for a strong liberal arts Catholic college to consider Holy Cross, right here in our own diocese. I am grateful for the strong and close collaboration between Holy Cross College and our diocese.

Founded in 1966 by the Brothers of Holy Cross, Holy Cross College began as a two-year junior college. Many people know of Holy Cross College because of the movie *Rudy*, about the aspiring Notre Dame football player who attended Holy Cross prior to his acceptance at Notre Dame. Holy Cross College has since become a four-year college, having added academic programs, more dormitories, and additional athletic teams. It is still a small college (about 500 students), which has many advantages, including the strong family-like atmosphere and individual attention afforded by its size. Holy Cross students are also able to participate in many activities at the nearby campuses of Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame.

The Inaugural Mass of Brother John Paige was appropriately the *Votive Mass of Saint Joseph*. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of the Brothers of Holy Cross. We all know about the great devotion of Holy Cross Brother (now Saint) Andre Bessette to Saint Joseph. That devotion is strong among the Holy Cross

Brothers. After Communion, I spoke about Saint Joseph as a great model and intercessor for Brother John and for Holy Cross College.

Like his spouse, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph was a man of great faith and trust in God. After hearing God's message through an angel in a dream, Saint Joseph arose and did as the Lord commanded him. Though we have no spoken words of Saint Joseph recorded in the Scriptures, his very silence is eloquent. He acted in faith. He did as the Lord asked him. He took Mary as his wife. He lived his great vocation as faithful and loving husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. He watched over and protected the Holy Family. His obedience of faith is a model for the whole Church. He is, in fact, the patron saint of the universal Church.

Saint Joseph shared the same attitude of faith and obedience that Mary expressed in her words at the Annunciation: *I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word*. Joseph said those words too, perhaps not out loud, but certainly in his heart: *I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word*. I encouraged Brother John, as he begins his service as president of Holy Cross College, to meditate on those words often and to turn to Saint Joseph for his intercession. Saint Andre, the first saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross, has taught us all to do so.

May God bless Brother John in his ministry of leadership at Holy Cross College! May the Lord bless the whole Holy Cross College community through Brother John's example of faith, his dedication to the Catholic mission, and his skills as an educator! How blessed we are to have Holy Cross College in our diocese! Congratulations, Brother John, on your inauguration!

Report abuse

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

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

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Pope accepts resignation of Indianapolis archbishop for health reasons

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis for health reasons.

The archbishop is 73 years old, two years younger than the age at which bishops are required by canon law to turn in their resignation to the pope.

Speaking from a wheelchair to which he has been confined since a March stroke, Archbishop Buechlein told a gathering of archdiocesan staff and reporters at archdiocesan headquarters Sept. 21 that he planned to return to his roots as a Benedictine monk at St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana as soon as possible.

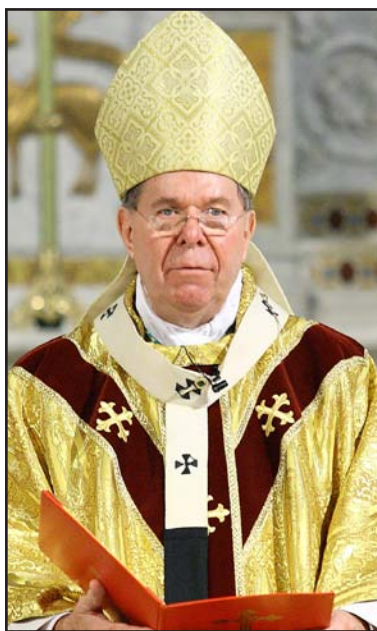
"I'm not quitting," he told the audience, saying he planned to continue serving the Church and the archdiocese in any way he could.

Archbishop Buechlein who joined the Benedictine order in 1963, has headed the Indianapolis Archdiocese since 1992. Prior to that he was bishop of Memphis, Tenn., for five years.

"It was emotional when I left Memphis 19 years ago and it's the same here," the archbishop said, choking back tears. "I leave with fond memories."

Over the past three years, he has suffered a series of health problems. In March of this year, he suffered a mild stroke. In 2009, Archbishop Buechlein had shoulder replacement surgery and in 2010, he had surgery to remove a benign tumor from his stomach.

In 2008, he was diagnosed with



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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis is pictured during an ordination in early March. Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Buechlein for health reasons.

Hodgkin's lymphoma and underwent a successful course of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne was named apostolic administrator of the archdiocese by the pope until a permanent successor is named by the Vatican.

Archbishop Buechlein said he had been encouraged to write his memoirs, "such as they are," in retirement. "I'll have fun doing

that," he added.

"It's been a joy for me as archbishop," he said. "Nineteen years ago I was introduced across the street in the cathedral. I want to thank all you clergy, religious and archdiocesan staff, and all you good people for the wonderful support you've given me over the years. You truly have been a blessing to me. With your help and the help of God we've accomplished much together."

Among those accomplishments were the opening of Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary in 2004 to prepare college seminarians for studying for the priesthood; establishment of a permanent diaconate program and the ordination of 25 men as permanent deacons; raising \$300 million through an annual stewardship appeal and separate capital campaign for building projects and various ministries; and the expansion of Catholic Charities and social outreach ministries to meet the needs of 180,000 annually.

Born in Jasper, Archbishop Buechlein was ordained a priest May 3, 1964.

In 1971, he became president-rector of the School of Theology at St. Meinrad Seminary. Nine years later he became president-rector of St. Meinrad College while continuing in his position at the theology school.

Pope John Paul II appointed him to the episcopacy in 1987, naming him bishop of Memphis. Five years later, he went to Indianapolis, becoming spiritual leader to the 225,000 Catholics living in central and southern Indiana.



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- Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m. — Little Flower Holy Hour for Vocations, St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Corpus Christi Church, South Bend
- Friday, Oct. 7, 8:15 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit to St. Anthony de Padua School, South Bend

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When the theology faculty learned of Brother John's plan, they asked to join him in making their Profession of Faith as teachers of the sacred disciplines.

"We wanted to do it publicly to affirm to the bishop and to our own constituents that this is not something done reluctantly," Brother John said. "We are doing this willingly, and we want to make it public because we cherish our Catholic identity and our relationship with the diocese."

Indeed, Catholic identity was the first value Brother John mentioned when *Today's Catholic* asked him about his plans and hopes for Holy Cross College. The Catholic identity is already "alive and vibrant" on the campus, he said, and "That is something I certainly want to maintain and celebrate."

Brother John also is determined to continue what Holy Cross refers to as its four pillars. He said that Holy Cross has a relatively focused curriculum that he calls "the practical liberal arts," because to graduate, every student must: 1) be involved in a professional internship; 2) do service learning in teams; 3) take part in a global experience either domestically or with Holy Cross missionaries overseas; and 4) do a "capstone" presentation that articulates the student's experience at Holy Cross and details how that experience will enable the student to benefit the world and others.

"Those are the basic things I want to continue because I believe they are a unique niche for us in higher education, and the size of our school — about 500 — allows us to



JOE RAYMOND

Holy Cross Brother John R. Paige, center, was inaugurated on Sept. 23 as the fourth president of Holy Cross College. He is shown with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, left, and Holy Cross Father Richard Warner, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, right.

do that," Brother John said.

As for the future, Brother John plans to build on the college's ability to reach out to the local area. One way to do that, he said, is through partnerships. Since the college shares a campus with Holy Cross Village — a continuing care community for elders — he said the opportunities to have inter-generational learning are very possible and quite relevant.

Thus, the college will be teaming with other local institutions in the "Gerontology Consortium of Michiana." Working with St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, the college will be the academic provider to train "senior service navigators" from area agencies, who can then help seniors navigate the complex system of services available to them.

In the area of facilities, Brother John said that Holy Cross College is working with the diocese to purchase back some "patrimonial land" that had been bought by the diocese for athletic fields for Saint Joseph's High School. The high school won't need that land after its new campus is completed. Initial plans are to use the land for parking and athletic fields for Holy Cross College, though further physical develop-

ment of facilities is a possibility, Brother John said.

As for the student body, which Brother John describes as "wonderful," he noted that about half of the students are from Indiana or Michigan, and the other half are international or from other states. About half the students live on campus.

Brother John would like to attract even more local students to enjoy the benefits of a college community that is small, enabling students to know each other and take classes from real professors who know students by name. At the same time, Holy Cross students can participate in the many student activities at the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College.

"So, we have ... a local community of 500, but we're immersed on a tri-campus community of 13,000, so it's the best of both worlds," he said.

As part of the inauguration festivities, Holy Cross College celebrated 170 years of service in America by the Brothers of Holy Cross with a symposium Sept. 22 titled "A Desire to Correspond with the Designs of God; Being and Doing Brotherhood for the 21st Century."

In Germany, pope says godlessness poses new risks for society

BY JOHN THAVIS

FREIBURG, Germany (CNS) — On a four-day visit to Germany, Pope Benedict XVI warned that godlessness and religious indifference were undermining the moral foundations of society and leaving its weakest members exposed to new risks.

He repeatedly mentioned the duty to protect the unborn, and proposed this as an area where Catholics and non-Catholics can witness together and help resist ethical erosion.

The pope, making his first official state visit to his homeland, said after arriving Sept. 22 that he had come "to meet people and to speak about God." He took that message to the country's political leaders, to the Church's ecumenical partners, to the Catholic faithful and, through the mass media, to the German people.

The 84-year-old pope at times looked tired during the heavy program of events, but generally held up well. He beamed when enthusiastic Catholics in central and southern Germany chanted his name and waved banners with the trip's slogan, "Where there is God, there is a future."

When the pope stepped off his plane in Berlin, the German capital, he was greeted by President Christian Wulff and Chancellor Angela Merkel. The pope smiled as a boy and a girl presented him with a bouquet of flowers, and cannons boomed out a 21-gun salute.

At a welcoming ceremony at the presidential Bellevue Palace in Berlin, the pope strongly defended the Church's voice in public affairs and said that to dismiss religious values as irrelevant would "dismember our culture."

Wulff, in his own speech to the pope, agreed that the Church's message is needed in modern society. But the president, a 52-year-old Catholic who is divorced and civilly remarried, added that the Church, too, is challenged by important questions today: "How compassionately will it treat points of rupture in the lives of individuals? How will it approach points of rupture in its own history or the wrongdoing of members of its clergy?"

The pope's main event in Berlin was his speech to the German parliament, the first time he has addressed a legislative body. Although dozens of parliamentarians boycotted the event, he received a standing ovation from the assembly.

The pope's speech, philosophical in tone, argued that belief in God was the foundation for Western progress in law, social justice and human rights through the centuries.

Germany's Nazi past, he said, illustrates that without justice, the state becomes "a highly organized



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Pilgrims arrive to attend the evening prayer service with Pope Benedict XVI at the Marian sanctuary of Etzelsbach in Germany Sept. 23. The German-born pontiff was on a four-day visit to his homeland.

band of robbers, capable of threatening the whole world and driving it to the edge of the abyss."

Today, he said, with unprecedented opportunities to manipulate human beings, the threat is even more dramatic. He pointed to Germany's ecology movement as a step in the right direction, but said an "ecology of man" was needed to protect human dignity.

The pope later met with Jewish representatives and recalled the Nazi "reign of terror" in his homeland, saying it showed what people are capable of when they deny God.

"The supposedly 'almighty' Adolf Hitler was a pagan idol, who wanted to take the place of the biblical God, the Creator and Father of all men," he said.

Celebrating Mass in Berlin's Olympic Stadium for 70,000 people, the pope appealed for a better understanding of the Church, one that goes beyond current controversies and the failings of its members.

On the plane carrying him from Rome, the pope told reporters he understood the feelings of German Catholics who have left the Church because of revelations about clerical sex abuse, but he urged them to work against such crimes "on the inside." The pope later met with five sex-abuse victims in Erfurt, an encounter that the Vatican said left the pontiff "moved and deeply shaken."

The pope presided over major ecumenical events Sept. 23 in Erfurt, the town where Martin Luther was ordained and site of an Augustinian monastery where he lived for several years. Meeting with Lutheran leaders, the pope prayed for Christian unity and said ecumenism today faces threats from both secularization and Christian fundamentalism.

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MERCY

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Son and she intercedes for us with the merciful love of a mother for her children."

Those words were brought to life in the inspiring account shared by the day's first speaker, Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza, whose DVD and detailed personal testimony spoke of the traumatic events that took place in 1994 when she and seven other women went into hiding in the cramped bathroom of a pastor's home in Rwanda in an attempt to escape death. After 91 painstaking days she was able to escape and subsequently learned that most of her family were among the close to a million people who had been brutally murdered by Hutu extremists. In her powerful testimony, the passionate mother of two spoke of the stringent process of deepening her prayer life that culminated in her decision to forgive the man who murdered her mother and brother.

"The rosary brought me to see the grace of forgiveness," said Ilibagiza humbly, admitting her deep fear of and anger toward the militia men.

Over time, as she meditated on Christ's passion, she realized that the murderers were "blinded by hatred ... and had clouded judgment." She came to understand that God is the Father of all and said, "If you need mercy — why not the killer? ... Forgiveness brings peace and freedom."

She went on to describe how she became an author and speaker who is passionate about sharing her story of mercy, hope and love and has written several books, including New York best seller "Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust" (Hay House, 2006). Proceeds from her work go to her Left to Tell Charitable Fund,

which directly benefits children orphaned by the genocide. Additionally, she and her one remaining brother have returned to the ruins of her parents' home and rebuilt it into a community house of peace and hope.

Concluding the first session, Ilibagiza admonished the audience that "no matter what happens, hold on to God. Know there is always hope. If you are conflicted about whether you want to be right or be kind, choose kindness."

The humble message of love and forgiveness was not lost on the women in attendance. Rhonda Noll of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne was touched by Ilibagiza's story and said, "It was amazing — all the horrible things that happened to her and that she can go back and forgive. She rebuilt her parents' home and is still reaching out. It's touched me how she's made this her purpose."

Immaculate Conception, Auburn, parishioner, Carleen Park agreed that Ilibagiza's testimony was "an eye opener." She said, "We're so busy everyday that we sometimes don't take the time to see our blessings."

Throughout the day the sacrament of Penance was offered in an adjacent area by 13 confessors from around the diocese. Book and vendor tables offering various Catholic items and events also were available, as was a book signing by Ilibagiza.

Following lunch, sister of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister John Sheila Galligan, professor in the Department of Theology at Immaculata University in Pennsylvania, spoke on secular vs. Christian forgiveness.

Her enthusiasm and humor defused the heavy subject of sin and mercy when she described how as we rage, resent and ruminate about what others have done to us, we can become sad and angry. "Usually the person who hurt us is someone we know," Sister Sheila said. "So we can become sad and angry. I made up

a word that is both — smad!"

She described secular forgiveness as being about "me," whereas Christian forgiveness is always about the other. "It's not just for me. It's a gift I freely give to the other. ... It's a gift, because they don't deserve it," said Sister Sheila.

And, she said, even if the other does not respond to the gift, it still becomes a release from all the bitterness of unforgiveness. "Then you leave it to God," she said.

Sister Sheila cautioned the women that forgiveness is sometimes a long process to be worked through, beginning with acknowledging the intensity and duration of one's anger. "We have to address that first," she said, adding that only then can forgiveness take place.

One practical tool that Sister Sheila offered was instruction on a blessing prayer, where the other's name is inserted into the prayer of well wishes. Sister Sheila's assignment to the women present was to "pray for two people you love who have hurt you, for the next month."

"Sometimes they change," she said with a smile. "But we always change!"

Sister Sheila's message, with its practical application, was thought provoking for many of the women in attendance.

Barb Williams, parishioner at St. Pius X Parish in Granger, was invited to the conference by her daughter Melanie, who saw it as a "mother-daughter bonding time to grow in faith together." Williams said, "I was looking forward to sister's talk about the practical ways to bring forgiveness to daily living. We need to live our lives with forgiveness."

Retta Kohrman of St. Charles Parish in Fort Wayne agreed and said, "God wants us to get into the depths of faith, love and mercy — not just the surface."

Following a short break the women returned to once again hear Immaculee Ilibagiza speak, this time on her experience with Our Lady of Kibeho, who



PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

Sister John Sheila Galligan of the Sisters of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary spoke to the over 800 women of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at the Arise Women's Conference on Sept. 24. She shared practical ways to implement Christian forgiveness with wit and grace.

appeared to eight young people in a remote village near her home prior to the genocide.

Ilibagiza, who held a rosary throughout her presentation, spoke of Our Lady's messages informed through the students that insisted that "we pray sincerely and with forgiveness." Kibeho is the first Vatican-approved Marian site in Africa.

Ilibagiza went on to explain that in her country dancing accompanied many ceremonies



Immaculee Ilibagiza is shown signing one of her books.

and that Our Lady of Kibeho was charmed by the dancing of the children gathered in the village.

The powerful message of love and mercy was then performed on stage and in the audience as Ilibagiza asked the women of the conference to come to their feet and dance with her to music of her country. In closing, the gracious and compassionate Ilibagiza pledged, "May God heal our hearts. ... I will keep you in my heart."

To learn more about Immaculee Ilibagiza and her powerful message of forgiveness and hope visit www.immaculee.com.

"If Only We had Listened," a recently released documentary produced by Immaculee Ilibagiza and Sean Bloomfield, reveals the miracles and prophecies of Kibeho. The informative and moving documentary is now available on DVD. **For more information visit www.kibeho.net.**

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"God is increasingly being driven out of our society. ... Are we to yield to the pressure of secularization, and become modern by watering down the faith?" he said.

The pope also cautioned against viewing ecumenism as a type of negotiation. The best path to Christian unity, he said, is witnessing the Gospel courageously in a society that is often antagonistic toward the faith.

Meeting with Orthodox representatives Sept. 24, the pope urged Christian churches in Germany to speak up jointly in defense of human life "from conception to natural death" and defend "marriage between one man and one woman from any kind of misinterpretation."

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Fight against federal law will undermine marriage, says archbishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. bishops' conference, told President Barack Obama in a Sept. 20 letter that his administration's fight against the Defense of Marriage Act will undermine marriage and create a serious breach of church-state relations. The law, known as DOMA, defines marriage as between one man and one woman. "It is especially wrong and unfair to equate opposition to redefining marriage with either intentional or willfully ignorant racial discrimination, as your administration insists on doing," the archbishop said. The text of his letter was released late Sept. 21 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. There was no immediate response from the White House to a Sept. 22 request from Catholic News Service for comment on the archbishop's letter. Archbishop Dolan underscored the Church's position recognizing "the immeasurable personal dignity and equal worth of all individuals, including those with same-sex attraction" and said "we reject all hatred and unjust treatment against any person." But he called for dialogue with the president on the Defense of Marriage Act and the "definition of marriage as the union of a man and a woman." The USCCB leader wrote: "I am convinced that the door to a dialogue that is strong enough to endure even serious and fundamental disagreements can and must remain open, and I believe that you desire the same." He predicted that the administration's actions in relation to the Defense of Marriage Act would "precipitate a national conflict between church and state of enormous proportions and to the detriment of both institutions."

Tribunal studies healing attributed to intercession of Archbishop Sheen

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) — That James Fulton Engstrom celebrated his first birthday Sept. 16 is amazing. In fact, some would call his life a miracle. Considered stillborn one year ago after his mother's healthy pregnancy and "a beautiful, short labor," James was without a pulse for the first 61 minutes of his life. It was only when doctors at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria were ready to call the time of death that his little heart started beating. His parents, Travis and Bonnie Engstrom, believe James is alive because of the intercession of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, a candidate for sainthood. On Sept. 7, a tribunal of inquiry was sworn in to investigate the tot's alleged miraculous healing. Joining James and his family at the ceremony in Peoria were Bishop Daniel R. Jenky; Andrea Ambrosi, postulator for the cause; and members of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation board, some of whom are relatives of the late archbishop. Peoria is the late archbishop's home diocese. His cause was officially opened in 2002.

NEWS BRIEFS

DAVID BECKMANN SPEAKS AT POVERTY SUMMIT IN TEXAS



CNS PHOTO/JOAN KURKOWSKI-GILLEN, NORTH TEXAS CATHOLIC

David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World, makes a point during Catholic Charities USA's first Poverty Summit held Sept. 18-19 in Fort Worth, Texas. A chief purpose of the summit was to brainstorm ways to reduce hunger and poverty among Americans.

The Sheen Foundation centralized its operations in the diocese in 2007. In addition to Bishop Jenky and Ambrosi, others sworn in included Msgr. Jason Gray, a pastor and judicial vicar of the diocesan marriage tribunal, who as episcopal delegate to the Sheen tribunal is responsible for guiding the process; and Dr. Louis Varela, a Houston family physician, who chairs the Sheen Foundation board and is the Sheen tribunal's medical expert. The tribunal's work takes place in secret, so there is much that Msgr. Gray cannot say. But since the Engstroms have shared their story widely, he said the general details could be made public.

Phoenix Diocese to adopt new norms for Communion cup

PHOENIX (CNS) — Plans are under way in the Diocese of Phoenix to implement new local norms for the distribution of holy Communion. As a result, the wine that becomes Jesus' blood at consecration will not be offered at every Sunday Mass, but instead will be reserved for special occasions, left to the determination of each parish pastor. The change will bring local Catholic celebration of the Eucharist into union with the practice of the faithful around the world, according to diocesan officials, who said receiving Communion under both kinds is uncommon in most countries. "What many people don't realize is that we've had experimen-

tal privileges," said Father Kieran Kleczewski, executive director of the Phoenix diocesan Office of Worship. "We're now under the same norms as the Church in the rest of the world." For Catholics in the United States, it will seem like a restriction, he said, but it's an expansion for the rest of the world. Communion under both kinds should be offered on the occasions in which both kinds further the sign of unity or are clearly a fuller expression of Christ's presence, Father Kleczewski said. The Church teaches that Christ — body, blood, soul and divinity — is present fully in the bread form. He is also fully present in the wine form. "It's offered to a bride and groom at their wedding. Why? Because it's a beautiful sign of Christian unity in the sacrament of Marriage," he said. "That's why you would offer them the chalice as well as the host."

Dolores Hope dies at age 102; was supporter of numerous Catholic causes

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Dolores Hope, a lifelong Catholic who was the widow of comedian Bob Hope and an entertainer in her own right, died Sept. 19 at age 102 at her home in Toluca Lake outside of Los Angeles. A family spokesman said she died of natural causes. "Dolores Hope was a Catholic of deep and abiding faith, and her own spiritual journey was her highest priority," Los Angeles Archbishop Jose

H. Gomez said in a statement. "Her deep life in Christ was the spring board for her charitable giving to countless ministries, apostolates and works of mercy across the country and around the world. Both the entertainment world and the Church have lost a woman of profound faith, gifted musical talent and dedication to the betterment of peoples worldwide," he said. "The death of Dolores Hope leaves a huge void in Southern California." With her husband, Mrs. Hope supported numerous Catholic causes over the years and continued to do so after his death in 2003. Among other efforts the couple were the benefactors of the Chapel of Our Lady of Hope of Pontmain, France, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. News reports said funeral services for Mrs. Hope would be private, followed by burial next to her husband at the Bob Hope Memorial Garden in the San Fernando Mission in Mission Hills. Mrs. Hope and her husband were longtime members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in North Hollywood. But it wasn't until 1996 that Bob Hope officially became a member of the Catholic Church. She and Bob had been married 69 years when he died July 27, 2003. Dolores was praised as an instrument in her husband's baptism into the Church. "Dolores has always known the gift of faith is the greatest gift you give," said Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, at a memorial Mass celebrated for Bob in August 2003 at the national shrine.

Campus ministries devise ways to sustain college students' faith

WASHINGTON (CNS) — While a new study of evangelical college students finds that up to half of them can drift from their faith while attending school, Catholics in campus ministry say that the findings are applicable to Catholic college students as well. The study, "Sticky Faith," found that the drift applied whether a student was living on campus or commuting from home, and that students were just as susceptible even if they were enrolled at a religiously affiliated school. Kara Powell, one of the study's authors who teaches at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., told Catholic News Service that the first two weeks of school frequently determine whether a Christian student's faith will be sustained during their undergraduate years. "They're in a world where there's nobody they know," Powell said. College is a lot like a second junior high — experimenting with their identities. They'll be one way one day and another way with a different group of people. There's no coherence between their current peer group and their former peer group." The transition made by students who were members of their local congregation's youth ministry was examined by "Sticky Faith." Powell said teens not involved in a church youth ministry were not examined. "Those surveys are probably somewhat true. I have no reason to think otherwise," said Nick Cardilino, associate director of campus ministry at the Marianist-run University of Dayton, with 20 years in campus ministry at the Ohio Catholic college.

US group gives Vatican ways to put social encyclical into action

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A group of U.S. Catholic Latino business leaders presented Vatican officials detailed reflections on how laypeople can fulfill Pope Benedict XVI's call to make today's societies and economies more just. Four members of the San Antonio-based Catholic Association of Latino Leaders and Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez presented a written reflection, "Caritas in Veritate — Charity in Truth: Our Response in Faith," to a number of Vatican dicasteries Sept. 22-23. The group was hoping to present a special white leather-bound copy of the booklet to Pope Benedict after his return from his Sept. 22-25 trip to Germany. The group presented red leather-bound copies of the booklet to the cardinals and archbishops who head the Vatican's other offices, including Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. The written reflection is meant to provide a way for all women and men of faith to consider what the 2009 social encyclical "is asking us to do differently in our business and profession, in economic and public life and in our role as faithful citizens," the document said.

South Bend Area Red Mass set for Oct. 10

NOTRE DAME — The South Bend Area Red Mass has been set for Monday, Oct. 10, at 5:15 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has invited those who strive for the cause of justice in the South Bend area to the annual Red Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame.

The Red Mass is an ancient tradition which is celebrated primarily for those of any faith who work in the legal or political arena. The Mass is celebrated in honor of the Holy Spirit, from whom flows the wisdom, understanding, counsel and fortitude necessary for the administration of justice. The Mass takes its name from the red vestments worn that represent the tongues of fire of the Spirit of God. The Red Mass is open to the general public.

USF offering events for feast of St. Francis of Assisi

FORT WAYNE — The Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life at the University of Saint Francis is sponsoring three events in recognition of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the university's patron saint. All events will take place on the university campus.

A blessing of the pets by university chaplain, Father John Stecher, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 5 p.m. in front of Brookside.

A Transitus/Passing of St. Francis service will be conducted Monday, Oct. 3, at Schouweiler Planetarium in Achatz Hall of Science.

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, a Mass for the feast of St. Francis will be held in St. Francis Chapel in Trinity Hall.

The feast commemorates the life of St. Francis, who lived in Italy during the late 12th and 13th centuries and founded the Catholic Church's Franciscan order. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. He is remembered for his love for animals and nature. St. Francis died at Portiuncula, Italy, on Oct. 4, 1226.

The public is invited to attend the events.

Pinwheels promote Peace

SOUTH BEND — The International Day of Peace on Sept. 21 was marked by Christ the King students with an art exhibit in front of the school. Students created pinwheels of all shapes and sizes, on which they wrote their thoughts about tolerance and living in harmony with others. On the other side of the pinwheels, students created a visual expression of their feelings.

Pinwheels for Peace is an art installation project initiated in 2005 by two Florida art teachers, as a way for their students to express their feelings about world events. Art teacher Jenny Kupfer, student teacher Grace Kenesey and parent volunteer Ravini Fernando coordinated the project for Christ the King School.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BOY SCOUTS RECEIVE AD ALTARE DEI AWARD



PROVIDED BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 19

The Ad Altare Dei program, for boys in seventh and eighth grade, is one of two of the highest religious awards offered by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend through Boy Scouts. The Ad Altare Dei award was presented to 11 boys from Troop 19, sponsored by St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne. Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated Mass on Sept. 25 at St. John the Baptist and distributed the religious awards after Mass. In the photo, from left, are Joe Berghoff, Chris Heiny, Luke Fabina, Joe Westropp, Tony Hickey, Gus Serrani, Anne Ulman, Christian Ulman, Sean Brouwer, John Hickey, Michael Hickey and Jacob Fabina.

Resource seminar to support unemployed

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center will present the program "Support Seminar for the Unemployed" on Friday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The seminar is for those who are unemployed and looking for a job, with the purpose of offering emotional support, as well as providing opportunities that will help clarify necessary skills, educational resources and practical strategies.

A number of local agencies will have staff members on hand who will be making presentations and hosting workshops to offer training and other informational opportunities.

Among the local agencies partnering with Victory Noll Center for the program are Work One, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, United Way of Huntington County, Huntington University, Pathfinder Services, Department of Family Resources, and Love, INC.

The seminar will be held at the Victory Noll Center, located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington. There is no cost for the program, but space is limited. Register by Oct. 3. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

To register for the program, or for more information about the program or Victory Noll Center, contact the center at (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, victorynollcenter@olvm.org or visit www.olvm.org/vncenter.html.

Heart of a Child Award to be given to Martin's Supermarkets

SOUTH BEND — The Christ Child Society of South Bend has announced that Martin's Supermarkets has been selected as the inaugural recipient of Christ Child Society's Heart of a Child Award. The award will be presented at the first annual Christ Child Society Dinner and Auction, titled "Let Light Shine," on Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Gillespie Center located in the Hilton Garden Inn, South Bend. The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. For over 17 years, Martin's Supermarkets, Inc. has supported the Christ Child Society's "Clothe a Child" campaign raising over \$175,000 in their stores by selling colorful paper dolls. The proceeds go directly to the purchase of new clothing for needy children of St. Joseph County.

This award was inspired by the many organizations and individu-

als in the community who generously share their bounty to help the Christ Child Society fulfill its mission "to challenge poverty, one child at a time." Children have an innate ability to share what they have with those who are without. This innocent generosity of spirit is the source of the award's name.

The South Bend Chapter of The Christ Child Society, with 500 members, is run by volunteers. All projects are supported through donations and fundraising efforts such as the "Clothe a Child" dolls at Martin's and local banks in the fall season and at the Let Light Shine dinner and auction.

Children, ages 1-12, receive new winter clothing at the Christ Child Center located on Scott Street in South Bend. Each child must be referred by a local agency or school based on financial need. They receive a new wardrobe, which includes a winter coat, hat, mittens, underwear, socks, a long sleeved shirt or sweatshirt, a T-shirt, a pair of jeans and a pair of shoes. Christ Child also contributes to needy mothers with a bountiful layette containing items such as blankets, clothing and bottles as well as a book and a small stuffed animal.

For more information call Elizabeth Barrett at (574) 286-9047.

Bishop Rhoades to lead Mass at Lutheran Life Villages

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will lead a celebration of the Mass on the Lutheran Life Villages Fort Wayne campus at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

All are welcome to attend. A reception is planned following the Mass. The campus is located at 6701 South Anthony Blvd.

"We're honored that Bishop Rhoades will be visiting our campus," says Lutheran Life Villages Chaplain David Griebel.

"This visit is in response to a request from one of our residents," Griebel continues. "Our Pastoral Care Department serves people of all faith groups, just as Lutheran Life Villages as a whole welcomes residents from a variety of backgrounds."

Founded in 1931, Lutheran Life Villages is a premier provider of independent-living, assisted-living, and nursing-care communities for older adults on its campuses in Fort Wayne and Kendallville. In addition, Lutheran Life Villages Home Care provides non-medical personal assistance to older adults wherever they reside in northeast Indiana. The organization also provides inter-generational programming through Children's Village, the early-learning center on the Fort Wayne campus.

St. Mother Theodore Guérin Fest planned for Oct. 21-23

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Registration is open for the second St. Mother Theodore Guérin Fest planned for Oct. 21-23 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The theme for this year's fest, which is open to persons of all faith traditions, is "Living the Legacy Now!" More than 200 visitors participated in the first fest weekend in 2009.

Participants will be able to learn more about St. Mother Theodore by focusing on her life, spirituality, art, music, sustainability and more.

Fest offerings begin on Friday evening, Oct. 21, with registration and welcoming time. Sister Denise Wilkinson, general superior of the Sisters of Providence, will offer the opening prayer and keynote speech at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Break-out sessions are scheduled from 10-10:45 a.m., then beginning again at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Topics include "The Healing Plants at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence"; "St. Mother Theodore Guerin Speaks to Men"; "St. Mother Theodore and Sister St. Francis Xavier Le Fer de la Motte: Power of Friendship"; "Labyrinthian Living: St. Mother Theodore and Prayer"; "Art Reflecting Providence"; bus tour of the grounds; and "Meet the Alpacas." Some topics are offered more than once.

An added element to Saturday's schedule is the annual Foundation Day Mass at 11 a.m. St. Mother Theodore and her companions

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arrived at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on Oct. 22, 1840

At 6:30 p.m. Saturday, the Vigo County Extension Homemaker Chorus will perform in concert in Cecilian Auditorium in the Conservatory of Music at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Sunday's schedule includes morning prayer with a variety of songs, free time for touring the grounds and the closing Eucharistic Liturgy at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$50 per person, which includes all meals. Cost to attend the Saturday session only (two meals) is \$25. Housing is not provided, but is available at Terre Haute area hotels. Sunday brunch is available at additional cost.

For more information, or to register, contact Sister Jan Craven, coordinator of the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Shrine, at (812) 535-2925 or jcraven@spsmw.org, or visit www.SistersofProvidence.org.

40 Days for Life in South Bend announces events

SOUTH BEND — The following events will take place in association with the 40 Days for Life campaign in South Bend:

- Friday, Sept. 30 — Sister Carmella of Corpus Christi Parish will lead the rosary at the prayer peninsula at 5:30 p.m.

- Saturday, Oct. 1 — Holy Cross Father Wilson Miscamble is the celebrant at the 8 a.m. Mass at the gazebo.

- Sunday, Oct. 2 — St. Joseph County Right to Life Prayer Chain organizes along Ironwood Road just south of SR 23 and north of Edison Road 2:30-3:30 p.m. People of all faiths come together to pray for the end of abortion.

- Saturday, Oct. 8 — Holy Cross Father Ed O'Connor is the celebrant at the 8 a.m. Mass at the gazebo.

- Saturday, Oct. 15 — America Needs Fatima rosary in the public square meets at noon at Darden Road and State Route 933. Parking in Christ the King Parish lot.

The vigil location, the "Prayer Peninsula," is adjacent to the abortion site at 2010 Ironwood Circle in South Bend, less than a mile from the University of Notre Dame. Vigil hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the prayer peninsula. Individuals or organized groups are welcome to pray.

Avery to preside over state association

FORT WAYNE — Jane Avery, executive director of Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana, Inc., has been newly elected as president of Feeding Indiana's Hungry, a statewide association of Feeding America affiliated food banks.

"We want to see Indiana become the first 'hunger free' state in the country," said Avery. "And, I am confident that we can reach that goal

with the public and private sectors working together. By that I mean food banks, the USDA in conjunction with its emergency food assistance program, the State of Indiana, farmers, businesses, state and federal legislators, our member agencies, individuals, and countless more all working together to feed our hungry neighbors."

Avery added, "With 16 percent of all Hoosiers food insecure and one in four Hoosier children food insecure this goal is not only one that can be reached, it's one that must be reached."

Feeding Indiana's Hungry, Inc. is the statewide association of Feeding America affiliated food banks (formerly America's Second Harvest). The 11 member food banks serve more than 1,700 agencies in all 92 counties, providing emergency food assistance to Hoosiers in need.

USF's Formula for Life funds food at Haitian orphanage

FORT WAYNE — When six biology, nursing and education students from the University of Saint Francis' Formula for Life group set out to assess Haitian orphanages in the spring, they didn't know what they'd find.

What they discovered, in at least one orphanage, renewed their spirits afresh for their mission. A chubby, healthy, happy one-year-old had grown from a five-month-old so severely malnourished and dehydrated, her survival was in doubt.

Why? Because USF's student-led Formula for Life, a yearly run/walk event, raised funds to send infant formula and toddler cereal to her orphanage. After assessing the orphanage run by Father Andre Sylvestre, the group discovered a greater need in filling the nutritional needs of resident children up to age 8.

They decided to help — again. From funds accumulated from the four-year-old event, they will fund the \$500 monthly food bill for the orphanage for a full year.

"This way, Father Andre will be able to tailor his food buys to cover the ages of the children," said USF's Dr. Amy Obringer, biology professor and Formula for Life faculty adviser. "He won't have to worry about being able to feed them and can focus on the structural needs and expansion of the orphanage to accommodate more children in need."

Junior nursing student Amanda Pedro is the student leader for Formula for Life this year, and participated in the Haiti assessment trip.

"As a group we were speechless, initially, regarding the conditions in Haiti," Pedro said. "Father Andre's orphanage was one of the nicer, better-kept places we stayed. USF is one of his primary sources of food for the now 22 abandoned or orphaned young children he is caring for. The children ranged in age from one to seven years and they were absolutely precious. Several of the children we saw in Haiti were living on the streets, but Father Andre has given his children a chance. He attributed a large portion of that to his 'benefactors,' as he called the USF body, for their years of support."

Those who wish to aid orphaned Haitian children can help maintain this vital food source by participating in Formula for Life on the USF campus in spring 2012. It's a real formula for improving young

Fall Festival and open house at Victory Noll Center Oct. 2

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center celebrates the season with a fall festival and open house on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Held on the grounds of Victory Noll, the festival will feature activities for the whole family, including a scavenger hunt and a hayride. Refreshments will be available with doughnuts, popcorn and apple cider.

The facilities of Victory Noll Center will also be open for tours, and Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters will be on hand to talk with visitors.

Victory Noll Center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington.

For more information visit the center's website at www.olvm.org/vncenter.html.

Corrections

The listing of diocesan organizations influenced by St. Francis in the Sept. 25, 2011 issue of *Today's Catholic* should not have listed the Franciscan Brothers Minor in Fort Wayne as an order.

The Sept. 18, 2011 issue of *Today's Catholic*, Our Sunday Visitor provided the graphic for the "Mass Prayers and Responses" on page 2. The graphic is available as a pew card that is offered by Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington.

HOLY HOUR MARKS FINAL STOP OF VOCATION MONSTRANCE



JERRY KESSENS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades led a holy hour for vocations at St. Peter Catholic Church on Sunday, Sept. 25, using a traveling monstrance previously blessed by Blessed Pope John Paul II. The monstrance had been blessed on Nov. 24, 2004 — the Year of the Eucharist — for use in North America in praying for vocations to ordained and consecrated life.

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The Notre Dame Vita Institute is an intensive two-week summer academic program dedicated to educating participants about fundamental human life issues from the perspectives of biology, philosophy, theology, law, and social science. Participants are instructed by world-renowned scholars while being immersed in Notre Dame's rich Catholic spirituality and strong community fellowship. This integration of scholarship, spirituality, and community is the basis for Notre Dame's initiative, Project Guadalupe, to form the next generation of pro-life leaders. Through rigorous coursework, ongoing dialogue, and introduction to community outreach programs, participants are challenged intellectually and equipped to transform our culture's attitudes toward beginning of life issues. The application deadline is **February 1, 2012.**



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Dedication of ACE's new home at Notre Dame

BY WILLIAM SCHMITT

NOTRE DAME — A commitment to strengthen Catholic primary and secondary education prompted celebrations of joy and hope at the University of Notre Dame on Sept. 16-17 with the dedication of a new home for the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE).

A series of events, including a blessing by University President Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, spotlighted the newly built Carole Sandner Hall.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presided at a Dedication Mass and praised the passion for K-12 education that drives Notre Dame's ACE program.

"ACE is just one example of how the University of Notre Dame serves the Church," Bishop Rhoades said in remarks during the Friday evening Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. "One of our greatest needs in the Church in the U.S. today is the strengthening of our Catholic schools. We have to look with new vision and creativity at how not only to continue the wonderful system of Catholic education that we have, but to work hard to improve it, to grow it throughout our country."

The ACE program, co-founded in 1993 by Holy Cross Fathers Timothy Scully and Sean McGraw, conducts graduate-level formation programs that prepare teachers and principals for Catholic schools. It stresses professional service, community and spirituality as "pillars" of sound formation.

The program has grown over the years in response to needs in dioceses around the country. Its professional services and partnership programs assist school leaders with administrative and strategic challenges. Its outreach initiatives are building a movement in support of Catholic schools and raising awareness of governmental programs that can increase access to Catholic schools among lower-income families.

Bishop Rhoades thanked the benefactors who financially supported ACE's new home on the campus — a "beautiful new building" plus refurbished space that once housed Holy Cross sisters, many of whom were Catholic school teachers. The combination of office and gathering spaces is just steps away from the basilica, the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and the Golden Dome.

Bishop Rhoades called Catholic schools a "very important mission in the Church" and highlighted the "responsibility we have of passing on the faith."

Noting the need for Catholic universities to be close to bishops and the pope in service to the Church, Bishop Rhoades said ACE's initiatives served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend — particularly regarding Indiana's new parental-choice laws and recent enrollment increases in at-risk Catholic schools serving the poor.

He commended ACE for its "Catholic School Advantage" cam-



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paign to double the percentage of Latino families sending their children to Catholic schools. He also said he has met a number of ACE teachers and has seen "their zeal for the mission" that incorporates "the education of the spirit, of the soul."

Father Scully told the congregation that Bishop Rhoades has been "a source of encouragement and inspiration" to ACE, and he presented the bishop with an ACE T-shirt. Father Scully is director of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives (IEI), which includes ACE and shares the newly dedicated space.

The Dedication Mass was accompanied by several other ACE-related events on Sept. 16-17. Among the distinguished visitors on Saturday was the Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York.

Archbishop Dolan, touring the newly dedicated space, said ACE helps to affirm a bright future for Catholic schools. The Archdiocese of New York is a partner with ACE in the Catholic School Advantage campaign.

"I don't know of any place that gives more hope and promise than here, and this beautiful building is an icon of that," he told an ACE gathering, adding a blessing and a call to "keep up the good work."

Archbishop Dolan later celebrated Mass in the basilica following

Carole Sandner Hall is seen from the front with Notre Dame's Golden Dome rising behind it. The newly-constructed and dedicated Carole Sandner Hall, along with the refurbished Institute for Educational Initiatives (IEI) building, is the new home on campus for ACE and the IEI.

the Notre Dame vs. Michigan State football game.

At another dedication event, Gov. Bob McDonnell of Virginia, who is a Notre Dame graduate, called ACE "a way to help other Catholic schools to grow and thrive

— and we all know how important it is to have thriving Catholic schools, particularly in inner city areas where there's great need for alternatives in the system."

ACE and Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives (IEI) together are playing a major supportive role in the 2011-2012 Notre Dame Forum, a yearlong series of events exploring K-12 education with the overall theme, "Reimagining School: To Nurture the Soul of a Nation." Information about the events can be found at www.forum.nd.edu. Details about Notre Dame's K-12 education initiatives are at www.ace.nd.edu and www.iei.nd.edu.

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Bishop Rhoades celebrates Mass

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was celebrant for an all-school Mass, then visited classrooms at Queen of Angels School recently, much to the delight of students and staff.

"I'm so happy to be here today," he said. "It's one of my favorite things, to be here with my children."

The bishop took the opportunity during his homily at Mass to enlighten students about the Korean martyrs being remembered that day and noted that his red vestments were a reminder of the blood they shed for their faith. He spoke of the courage it took for people to practice that faith in a country where Christians were persecuted centuries ago.

"Live your Catholic faith inspired by its many martyrs," he told his listeners.

Courage is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, he reminded them.

"We shouldn't be afraid to stand up for Jesus ... we should never take our faith for granted ... have the courage to follow God's commandments, even if it's not popular," Bishop Rhoades said.

His teaching moments continued as he toured the school's classrooms and quizzed the students. One pre-schooler in MaryAnn Waikel's class was eager to answer the question, "What is a bishop?" The little fellow elicited a chuckle from Queen of Angels pastor Father Gary Sigler when he said, "He makes sure the priest is doing the right thing."

Kindergarteners in Virginia Simpson's class told the bishop about the Bible stories they'd been studying, like the tales of Noah's ark and Jonah in the belly of the whale. When one little girl showed him the cross she was wearing, he compared it to the large cross he wears and said, "It reminds us to talk to Jesus."

Bishop Rhoades asked each class about the prayers they say each day and all knew the Hail Mary, the "angel prayer" or the Our Father and prayed them with him, then received a blessing.

Students in Kathy Schnurr's first grade got a lesson on the Holy Trinity and shared the petitions they had prepared for the day's Mass.

Maryanne Alter's class was especially excited when Bishop Rhoades said that second grade is one of the most important since they will be receiving two sacraments this year. Both the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist are received by second-graders.

More discussion followed as students showed they knew all the sacraments, much to the bishop's delight.

Third-grader Aiden asked if Bishop Rhoades travels a lot, to which he replied that he had just returned from Washington, D.C., and sometimes has to travel to Rome to meet with Pope Benedict XVI, who students knew was his boss.



PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

Mary Micolosi's class was studying the Old Testament and especially liked Abraham, who was known to be strong in his faith.

Eighth-grade students in Mary Jo Parrish's class were learning the basics of their religion. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit were illustrated by song, the Ten Commandments, by verse. Again, the bishop reminded them that it takes courage to live their faith, especially in today's culture. He reiterated the message of his homily. It's all about "bearing witness to our faith. That's where we really find peace and joy."

"Who was your favorite saint?" he was asked. "John the Apostle, the beloved disciple," he said. The Apostle John was the only one who didn't run from the foot of the cross when Jesus was crucified, and he was the one who took care of Mary after Jesus' death. He called John his "friend in heaven."

Each classroom that Bishop Rhoades visited was especially decorated in celebration of the occasion. One boasted a "Welcome Bishop" banner and all rooms displayed his picture. One class gave him a card that all the students had signed. They were quite sure that would guarantee the bishop would remember all their names at his next visit, a comment that made him smile.

Queen of Angels Principal Anne Miller is proud of her small school, its staff and its student body. It boasts a very family-oriented environment, she said.

"Everyone knows one another and everyone cares for one another," Miller added.

With a student population of 244 in pre-school through eighth grade, a buddy system is in place to insure that no one is overlooked and each child receives the attention he needs. Seventh graders help pre-schoolers in the lunchroom every day, eighth graders assist kindergarteners, fourth

graders pair up with second-graders, sixth graders with first-graders and fifth graders with third graders.

Another advantage of a small student population, she said, is that everyone becomes "fully immersed" in all school activities, including planning and assisting at Mass. An all-school Mass is celebrated each Friday and all classes except kindergarten attend one other weekday Mass. "Students are so comfortable" with it, said Miller.

Queen of Angels offers several programs that the principal feels are unique. Project Reads is an after-school program in which teachers, students and parents help children hone their reading skills. A computer club is open to seventh and eighth graders and a Rube Goldberg Club draws sixth through eighth graders. Athletic skills are learned in the early grades and competitive sports begin in fifth grade. For some who don't play sports, band is introduced in that grade as well, and the two upper grades put on an annual spring musical. There indeed seems to be something for everyone.

And more may be in the offing. "My goal is to increase what we're providing, and not just athletics," said Miller.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, the school and church will partner to host a hog roast for the parish and community. The event includes a memorial Mass for all deceased parishioners and draws a huge crowd annually. "It's a wonderful community event," remarked Miller.

Bishop Rhoades' day at Queen of Angels culminated in a luncheon shared with the teaching and administrative staff. Upon reflection, Principal Miller felt that the bishop's visit was a great success and that her small school has much to be proud of. "We're glad he got to share that with us."

Above, the exterior of Queen of Angels School is shown. At the school Mass, top right, Father Gary Sigler, pastor, and Deacon John Hilger assist. At top center, children process with offertory gifts.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks with Queen of Angels Principal Anne Miller.

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Bishop Rhoades visits classrooms at Queen of Angels School.



Bishop Rhoades leads Queen of Angels students in prayer.



Queen of Angels students are eager to answer Bishop Rhoades' question.

Life Matters: The Death Penalty

We live in a culture of death: a culture torn by abortion and euthanasia, by wanton violence, war, murder and hatred. Life is treated as if it were cheap, and many are the threats to the dignity of human life. Yet we believe that all human life is from God, and He alone is the master of life and of death. Blessed John Paul II made the defense of the dignity of all human life the centerpiece of his pontificate.

The death penalty presents itself as a complex moral issue because of the apparently conflicting demands of justice on one hand and charity on the other. Some crimes are so serious and so heinous that they seem to cry out for the ultimate punishment of death. And yet the Gospel message is forever one of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of committed charity toward all without exceptions.

Christian teaching since the time of Christ has never considered the

death penalty in itself intrinsically evil. The Fifth Commandment which instructs us "thou shall not kill," has always been understood to refer to innocent human life, and not to those guilty of the most terrible crimes.

Christians have always believed in the right of self-defense because every person has an obligation to guard his own life as a gift from God. And society clearly has a right to defend itself from aggressors, both external (by means of war as a last resort) and internal (such as murderers, serial killers, terrorists and those guilty of treason). The question for a Christian is not so much whether there has been validity for the death penalty, but whether it should or should not be imposed today.

And today it is clear that the death penalty no longer serves a useful purpose in protecting the sanctity of human life. Perhaps once it was the only way society could protect itself from those who would

destroy the life of others, but today in most modern nations, judicial and penal systems have improved so much that they effectively remove further danger to innocent people by incarcerating the perpetrators of criminal violence. Imprisonment is effective in removing the offender from society. Importantly, it allows time for repentance and rehabilitation. And the one sure result of executing prisoners is to make us as a people more vengeful — seeking retribution and satisfying our outrage at the violent crime by more violence.

As Christians we are asked to visit the imprisoned, minister to their needs and encourage them to repent and change. We should never lose our conviction that even the worst offenders are our brothers and sisters in Christ, who offers forgiveness and eternal life to all. That process of reform takes time, often quite a long time. The death penalty takes that opportunity for conversion away.



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Chris Brown of Atlanta holds a placard as protesters show their support for death-row inmate Troy Davis during a rally at the Capitol in Atlanta Sept. 20. A parole board in Georgia denied a last-ditch clemency appeal by Davis, and he was executed Sept. 21 for the murder of a police officer. Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, Pope Benedict XVI and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, were among those who argued for clemency for Davis.

One noteworthy example of a delayed conversion began with a rapist's brutal attack on an 11-year-old girl. When she resisted him, the 20-year-old assailant stabbed her 14 times and left her to die. Had he not been a minor himself, he would have received the death penalty for his heinous crime. Instead, his sentence was 30 years' imprisonment. During his first three years behind bars, the murderer remained unrepentant and even hostile to a visiting priest. But after a visit from the local bishop and a dream in which his victim forgave him, he repented and resolved to lead an exemplary life. After serving his full sentence, he sought the forgiveness of his victim's family and the parish community before becoming a lay brother of the Order of Capuchin Franciscans. By now you may have guessed that his victim was St. Maria Goretti, and his name was Alessandro Serenelli. He later had the unique honor of attending the canonization of the child saint whom he had martyred. Had Alessandro been executed, the story would have had a tragically different ending.

Today, thanks to the ministry in prisons by Catholics and other Christians, countless inmates serving life sentences have allowed God to transform their lives. They lead

Bible study groups, pray with fellow inmates, and counsel them to lead lives of virtue, placing all their trust in the Lord's merciful love.

The death penalty may make us think that we have eliminated a problem—but a person, even a criminal, is never a problem to be destroyed. It lulls us into thinking we have addressed the problem, but we have not really dealt with the deeper issues of what has gone wrong in society when violent crime is so widespread. Death is an all too simple "solution" for a much more complex set of problems we need to face as a society. There are as many degrees of guilt and culpability as there are crimes, yet the death penalty imposes one definitive, final, indiscriminate punishment on all, halting the action of the Holy Spirit on the condemned person's soul for eternity.

We know all too well the inadequacies of our society. In a real sense our society's dysfunctions breed our criminals through poverty, fatherlessness, discrimination, injustice, lack of opportunity, and hopelessness. How much of the gang violence linked to the drug trade is occasioned by the addiction of the whole society to illegal drugs we use to escape reality? And many of our social pathologies make us more

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The nearer a soul
is truly united to
God, the more its
sensibilities are
increased to every
being of His Creation; much more
to those whom it is bound to
love by the tenderest and most
endearing ties.

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-John Paul II, Gospel of Life

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prone to crime and violence. We don't fix those problems by executing people. The death penalty just aggravates the injustices we have not yet been able to overcome.

Despite the virtues of our justice system, we have to honestly admit it also has serious limitations. With scandalous frequency, people on death row have later been shown to

be innocent of the crime for which they were convicted. DNA testing and other conclusive forms of evidence have resulted in the exoneration of well over 100 death row inmates. Nor can we overlook the fact that persons with mental illness or intellectual disabilities are put to death, despite their lesser degrees of culpability. But the death penalty once applied is irrevocable, and human life cannot be given back once eliminated.

As time goes on our society seems increasingly reluctant to impose the death penalty, as it is

imposed far less frequently now. There seems to be a growing consciousness that there is something wrong about using violence to discourage violence, that it serves no good purpose. We would be better as a people if we were to end it altogether. Many families of victims, too, are hopeful of seeing an end to the death penalty, feeling that no punishment can bring back their loved one, and that it is better to forgive and hope for a change on the part of the criminal.

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Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart. -Jeremiah 1:5

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you, For the wonder of myself,
for the wonder of your works.

Psalm 139, 13-14

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*s believers,
how can we fail to
see that abortion,
euthanasia, and
assisted suicide are a terrible
rejection of God's gift of life
and love? And as believers,
how can we fail to feel the duty
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Restoring a culture of life

BY LISA EVERETT

Yes, dear friends, God loves us. This is the great truth of our life; it is what makes everything else meaningful. We are not the product of blind chance or absurdity; instead our life originates as part of a loving plan of God.

Pope Benedict XVI spoke these tender words to hundreds of thousands of young people in Madrid in mid-August, during the Saturday evening prayer vigil for World Youth Day. His assurance that God's love is the origin of our life is something which we would all do well to ponder during Respect Life month, for this conviction is not only the foundation of our faith, but also the cornerstone of the culture of life.

Ten days before Pope Benedict spoke these words, a chilling article titled "The Two-Minus-One Pregnancy" appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*. In it, author Ruth Padawer describes the rising incidence of "reducing" healthy twin pregnancies to a singleton,

simply because the mother wants one baby, not two.

She cites the case of Jenny, age 45 and 14 weeks pregnant with twins after six years of fertility bills. Lying on the exam table as the obstetrician inserted the needle into her abdomen to abort one of the babies, Jenny offered this rationale: "If I had conceived these twins naturally, I wouldn't have reduced this pregnancy, because you feel like if there's a natural order, then you don't want to disturb it. But we created this child in such an artificial manner — in a test tube, choosing an egg donor, having the embryo placed in me — and somehow, making a decision about how many to carry seemed to be just another choice. The pregnancy was all so consumerish to begin with, and this became yet another thing we could control."

This candid remark makes abundantly clear the connection that the Church pointed out in "Donum vitae," the 1986 document published by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith under then-prefect Cardinal Ratzinger, who later, of course, became Pope

Benedict. When we take into our own hands the power to bestow life, we can too easily take into those same hands the power to take life away. The culture of death takes root when we no longer regard the giving and taking of innocent human life as God's exclusive domain. If we have any hope of restoring a culture of life in our nation, we must pull up the culture of death by its roots by returning to the deepest truth of our existence: Life is a gift from God who calls us to love one another as He loves us. A child is not something to which we have a right, but someone who we are asked to receive in love; not something we own or which we are owed, but rather, a gift from a loving God, who has a plan for every person He creates.

That many people have rejected this truth is reflected not only in our nation's abortion rates, including the trend toward "reducing" twin pregnancies, but also in the proliferation of artificial reproductive practices such as IVF, in

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Respond to the call of discipleship



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 21:33-43

The first section of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend's liturgy with its first reading. The Book of Isaiah is outstanding in its eloquence. It is one of the most splendid works of literature in the Scriptures.

The author of this section of Isaiah was very disappointed with his people. At the time, the people were lax in their religious observance, at least in the prophet's mind, and certainly their leaders were flirting with neighboring pagan states and allowing the paganism of these neighbors to influence policy.

He saw these patterns as creating a path that inevitably would lead to the nation's destruction. Very devoted to God, the author intensely believed that God's people would create their own doom if they were not loyal to God.

This weekend's reading is typical of this book's superb writing. The prophet describes the land of God's people as a vineyard, belonging to God, tended by God. Lavish in generosity and care, God fills the vineyard with the choicest vines.

However, wild grapes appear. Using this example, the prophet then speaks directly to the people.

He speaks as God, in the first person. What more can God do? His love is seen everywhere. Yet, the people sinned. They are the wild grapes. They sinned at their own peril.

For the second reading this weekend, the Church presents the Epistle to the Philippians.

Philippi was an important military post in the Roman Empire, located in modern Greece, a thoroughly pagan community. Christians were outside the mainstream, to say the least.

To encourage and reassure Philippian Christians, this epistle urges uncompromising faithfulness to God.

St. Matthew's Gospel is the source of the third reading.

As has been the case on other recent weekends, the selection for this weekend is a parable. Also, once again, the setting is a discussion between Jesus and priests and elders.

Jesus refers to a "landowner," who of course is God. This landowner has planted a vineyard. Vineyards often were used in the Old Testament to describe the nation of Israel, as in the case of the reading this week from Isaiah.

The owner protected the vineyard by surrounding it with a hedge. He allowed tenants to use the vineyard, although he retained ownership, and then he went on a journey, leaving tenants to tend the vineyard.

The message is clear. First, the vineyard belongs to God. Those who occupy the vineyard merely are tenants.

Second, the tenants are unworthy of the owner's trust. They defy all the accepted rules of responsibility and propriety. So, in due course, the landowner sends his servants to the tenants to collect the yield. The tenants kill these servants.

The owner sends more servants. They too are killed. Finally, he sends

his son, who himself is killed. The final result is that the owner drives the tenants from the vineyard, not in an unjust rage, however. The tenants brought their plight upon themselves.

Reflection

The Church restates once more its call to discipleship. To furnish detail and to give guidance, this weekend's lesson is not in the end about doom and destruction. While it makes clear that salvation is not forced upon us, it also insists that God gives every opportunity, and aid, to us to enable us in seeking our salvation.

Still, the choice belongs to us individually. We must place ourselves within God's plan. We must obey God. We must live as God has taught us. Only in such obedience will we find salvation.

First Isaiah and Matthew are very instructive. By disobeying, or ignoring, God, we bring chaos upon ourselves. God does not hurl thunderbolts of anger and revenge at us. Instead, we create our own eternal situation. We are with God, or we are not. We decide.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11 (Ps) Jon 2:2-5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1-4, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

In centuries-old buildings, some Vatican workers have techie paradise

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Looking at the centuries-old buildings and palaces, not many people would know that the Vatican has become a techie paradise, a wonderland of modern equipment and know-how.

For instance, the Vatican Library is using NASA technology to digitize its treasures, according to some of the latest facts listed in the "The Activity of the Holy See: 2010," a yearbook published by the Vatican in September.

Called Flexible Image Transport System, the digital file format is standard among the world's astronomers for storing, sending and manipulating images.

The library is using the format to digitize some 80,000 manuscripts because the files will be readable long into the future, avoiding the risk of the technology becoming obsolete, the yearbook said.

The Vatican Library reopened in 2010 completely revamped with Wi-Fi for scholars and visitor badges tagged with RFID tracking chips. The radio frequency identification chips are already embedded in many of the library's open holdings so volumes can be found and re-shelved more easily.

The Vatican's 1,343-page yearbook for 2010 is filled with reports on the day-to-day activities as well as special projects begun or completed by every Vatican congregation, council, commission and office.

The book says that the Swiss Guards, equipped with historic halberds, are now trained in the latest in personal defense techniques.

All 110 soldiers took a course last year in the Monacknock Defensive Tactics System, self-defense strategy developed in the United States for security officers "to control and stabilize" unarmed and noncompliant aggressors.

Perhaps it's not a coincidence the new blocking, restraining and counterstrike skills training came after 2009, 2008 and 2007 saw incidents of people jumping barricades and lunging at the pope.

Vatican Radio is often on the forefront of experimenting with new technologies, and 2010 was no exception. The yearbook said the radio began switching to new digital audio broadcasting methods called DRM, T-DAB and T-DMB, saying the systems "may become powerful channels of communication in the future." Vatican Radio launched its Twitter feed in different languages in 2010 and, together with the Vatican Television Center, it launched a new "smooth streaming" service of live high-definition video broadcast of papal events via select Vatican websites and the iPhone.

Thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus and a discount from Sony, the Vatican Television Center added high-definition cameras and a state-of-the-art mobile television studio to its fleet in 2010.

The yearbook reported that the

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major overhaul of its telecommunications infrastructure begun two years ago is proceeding successfully. A high-speed fiber optic network is being installed over some 250 miles, and the Vatican telephone system is using Voice over Internet Protocol for the delivery of voice and multimedia over the Internet.

The Vatican's technical services reported they installed a new 1.5 megawatt/hour thermal heating/cooling station and replaced old boilers from the 1970s with new pressurized boilers for high-efficiency heating.

They also reported "positive" energy savings from its rooftop solar panels and high-tech solar collectors, which help heat and cool Vatican buildings.

But some of the technological improvements listed in the yearbook feel more like it's 1999, not the 21st-century.

For example, smoke detectors, fire alarms and high-resolution surveillance cameras that switch on in case of fire were installed in St. Peter's Basilica's sacristy and choir chapel. These two areas are particularly prone to fire, the book said, because of their wood furnishings, flammable materials and the use of candles and incense.

Air-conditioning was expanded to more areas of the Vatican, and the use of ozone-depleting refrigerants was reduced.

Up-to-code electrical wiring and new lighting were installed throughout Vatican City State and its extra-territorial properties like the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo.

The pope's summer villa in Castel Gandolfo got a hydraulic elevator that can carry up to nine people or 1,500 pounds.

But the trend toward modernity doesn't mean everything has been modernized.

About a dozen nuns who are members of the Pious Disciples of the Divine Master work the switchboards 24 hours a day, and last year they handled 315,160 calls.

The altars, confessionals and pews in St. Peter's Basilica are still dusted and cleaned daily by hand.

Artisans and restorers still rely on traditional materials and techniques when creating, repairing or restoring mosaics, frescoes, tapestries and ancient manuscripts.

And the pope's cows at Castel Gandolfo provide not just organic milk, but also the natural fertilizer for the papal farm, the yearbook said. A manure spreader was even purchased in 2010 to make the job go smoothly.

Entertainment fit for TV

I have some suggestions for any TV producers who may be open to ideas. With American Catholics numbering around 68 million, maybe there'd be a market for something that these parents can relate to — what do you think?

First up, in the genre of “American Pickers,” a TV series that has hosts scouring garages, basements and barns for hidden treasure, I’m proposing something similar. I would call it “Slim Pickin’s.” In my made-up TV show, the hosts would simply go into the closets of mothers who have a lot of children. The challenge, of course, would be to find something to wear. As hosts hunt for clothes suitable to put on, the contestant mom might realize her (only) pretty new blouse is in her teenaged daughter’s closet. The host would refuse to enter there because his contract doesn’t allow for situations of high risk — and everyone knows that teenage girls’ closets are war zones. Moms across the United States would nod in familiarity while watching the show, feeling relieved that their experiences are normal.

Singles would be intrigued to find out that some people don’t own business casual clothes, or even a belt. Of course, “Slim Pickin’s” is a reality show.

Back-to-back with this might be another show for Mom — “Pick it Up.” In this show, hosts enter various children’s bedrooms and attempt to find, in the mess, an assortment of items — lunch money, the other shoe, a crumpled permission slip due yesterday, library books, a hairbrush or an escaped guinea pig. Then the children would pick things up, find the lost items and neaten the room, while mothers sat in comfy chairs with cups of hot tea and relax. No, of course, this one is not a reality show. {{sigh}}

Others:

- “The Honeymooners” — This show would follow the carefree, happy life of a young Catholic couple beginning on their wedding day. It would run approximately nine months, depending on the estimated due date.

- “60 Minutes” — In this show, parents are timed. They have exactly one hour to awaken three kids, ages 5 and under, feed them, brush their teeth and dress them for Mass. Twists in the plot include random breakfast spills on church clothes and toddlers forgetting to use the potty before getting in the car. This show is an action adventure.

- “Moonlighting” — This would be a new twist to an old ‘80s favorite. Dad takes a second job to afford the sixth baby.

- “The Price is Right” — Dad gets a limited income and tries to negotiate essentials for his family — food, clothes and a basic education. A sequel — he gets a raise and tries to afford the new payments to the government because he is now in a higher tax bracket.

- “All in the Family” — One kid gets sick and well, you know ...

- “Gunsmoke” — It’s the wife’s sister’s wedding on the same day as an NFL playoff. Who will win?

- “What’s My Line?” — Parents stumble over answering questions like “Is there a Santa?” and “Where did I come from?”

You’ve heard of “Late Night With David Letterman”? Well how about “Late night with (fill in your husband’s name)”?: This show, with a hidden camera, would chronicle the time dad spends past 12 a.m. with his newborn so his wife can get some rest. Sleep-deprived moms would enter their husband’s names to win a spot on the show. This is a documentary, with a purpose.



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- “Battlestar Galactica” — What happens when a teen from a traditional Catholic family tries to sneak in the van for Mass wearing flip flops and shorts.

- And last but not least, “The Odd Couple” — Amidst the backdrop of a secular suburban neighborhood, a happily practicing Catholic husband and wife attend Mass regularly, treat each other with love and respect, hold rosary groups in their home and have fun together. They reject birth control and enjoy the children they are blessed with. Neighbors can’t figure out how or why these happy two ... this “Odd Couple” ... do it, until the end when they all convert and find their happiness, too.

I’m being silly, of course, but life can often be one entertaining situation after another. Being a good Catholic is serious stuff but approaching it with lightheartedness is a way to cope well and even find joy. Some people choose to ditch their TV for political purposes or bad programming. We can propose programming alternatives and change that of course. But we can also just turn off the TV. I say, with lives as entertaining as ours, who needs it?

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which “spare” embryos are either frozen and destroyed, and in which “selective reduction” is routinely practiced given the multiple pregnancies which often result. It is also reflected in research which shows that the vast majority of parents who find out that their unborn child has a genetic condition like Down Syndrome decide on abortion, a fact that was not lost on the author of “The Two-Minus-One Pregnancy”: “What drives that decision is not just concern over the quality of life for the future child but also the emotional, financial or social difficulty for parents of having a child with extra needs. As with reducing two healthy fetuses to one, the underlying premise is the same: this is not what I want for my life.”

To receive a child as a gift from God often requires that we let go of our own dreams and desires, and be willing to rearrange our lives to make room for him or her. Way back in 1995, the bishops of the United States called us to just this kind of fidelity in their stirring and poignant

reflection, Faithful for Life:

“When a family lives in fidelity it is a place of refuge and dignity, a place where each member is accepted, respected and honored precisely because he or she is a person; and if any member is in greater need, the care which he or she receives is all the more intense and attentive (‘Evangelium Vitae,’ §92). If it becomes each one only for himself or herself, then instead of being the source, school and standard for fidelity to neighbor, the family can become the scene of its harshest violations. The home becomes the place where, when you knock, they no longer have to let you in. ... To live in fidelity we have to rearrange our lives, yield control and forfeit some choices. To evade the full burden of putting ourselves at the disposal of those we belong to, to allot them only the slack in our own agendas and not what they require, is to practice desertion by other means. ... Many of the critical moments in our lives require that we rise to meet responsibilities given to us, not chosen by us. This is true of our obligation to be stewards of the world’s resources. It is equally true of the obligations which bind us in love to our families. We are bound to our children, not because we

chose them, but because we were given them: simply because they are our children.”

This is the only attitude that will restore a culture of life in our nation, and it begins with each of us living this kind of fidelity within our own families. A recent essay by a husband and father in another national publication, *The Wall Street Journal*, reflected in a refreshing way one family’s striving to live this call. In “Embracing Ezra,” Los Angeles journalist Tom Fields-Meyer writes movingly about his son with special needs. In one particularly poignant passage, he recalls a counselor suggesting to him and his wife that they needed to let themselves grieve for the child that their autistic son, Ezra, didn’t turn out to be. “Lying sleepless that night,” he recalls, “I realized something: I had no instinct to mourn. I had carried no conscious notion of what my children would be like — boys or girls, tall or short, conventional or a bit odd. I planned only to love them.” By the grace of God, may it be so for all of us.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 2, 2011
Matthew 21:33-43

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: when the landowner is rejected. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

LANDOWNER	PLANTED	VINEYARD
WINE PRESS	TOWER	LEASED
TENANTS	PRODUCE	SEIZED
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HIS SON	RESPECT	HEIR
DEATH	STONE	REJECTED
OUR EYES	KINGDOM	TAKEN

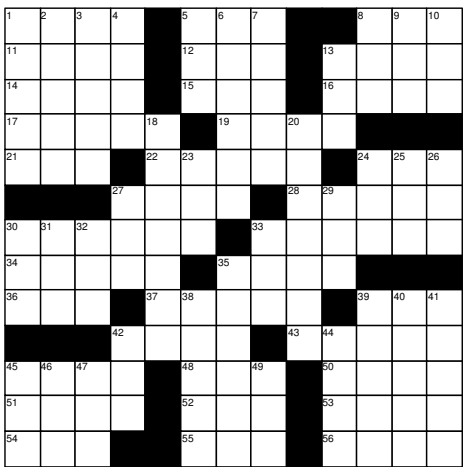
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Based on Scripture Readings: Is 5: 1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43 and Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 and Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

ACROSS

1 Southwest by west
5 Clock time
8 Heat unit
11 Tropical island
12 French “yes”
13 Ventilates
14 Against
15 Recede
16 Eye infection
17 Functions
19 Office furniture
21 Trinitrotoluene
22 Herodians knew Jesus spoke

24 World Economic Forum (abbr.)
27 Soft cheese
28 Jesus did to moneychangers’ tables
30 Treasured
33 More subtly ridiculing
34 Having wings
35 Wind pointer
36 Coin paid Caesar
37 Binds wheat and tares
39 Digit
42 Customer
43 “___, you destroyed our death”
45 “Let me ___ of my friend”

48 Easter symbol
50 Attorney (abbr.)
51 Beehive State
52 Denver Intern’l Airport
53 Clunk
54 Sixth sense
55 Late night show
56 Retained

DOWN

1 Crafty
2 Large car
3 Friend made Watchtower
4 Vineyard product
5 Poet Edgar Allen
6 Cyrus did to enemies
7 Dalai Lama’s state
8 Adam did to apple
9 Chance
10 Utilize
13 Petition prayer
18 Guests gathered from
20 Ostracized
23 Free of
24 King’s son did
25 East northeast
26 Popular president’s initials
27 Except
29 Desert
30 Vine press container
31 Wing
32 Large airport
33 ___ Francisco
35 Blessed ___ Mary
38 wild grapes
39 inscription on coin
40 Atop (2 wds)
41 Holy Family fled into
42 Expression
44 Speak endlessly
45 Take to court
46 That (possessive)
47 Jesus took during storm
49 Girl

Answer Key can be found on page 19

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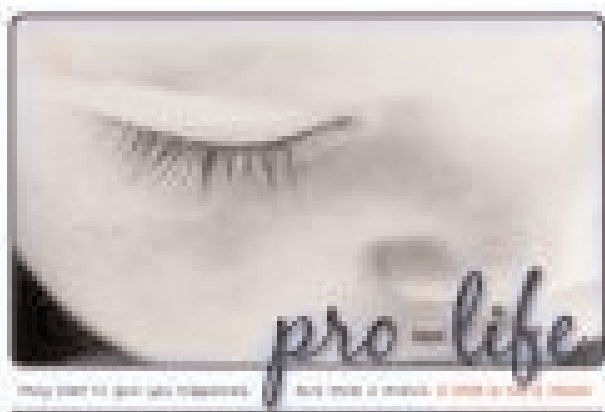
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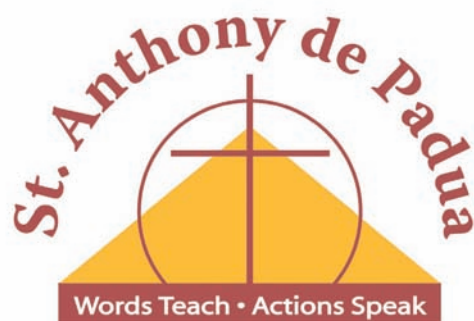
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LIFE Runners takes footing at Notre Dame

BY FRED EVERETT

SOUTH BEND — Pat Castle is a man on a mission. A graduate from the Air Force Academy in 1993 and currently a lieutenant colonel at Scott Air Force Base near St. Louis, Castle found time for one additional mission in his busy career and family life. In 2008, he founded LIFE Runners for two different groups: those who love to run and would like to become more involved in the pro-life cause, as well as those who are involved in the pro-life cause and would like to learn how to run a marathon. He's been coaching a growing group of men and women ever since.

This June, Castle made his way to the University of Notre Dame to participate in the summer Vita Institute organized by the Center for Ethics and Culture. As the pro-life institute would last for two weeks, Castle knew he would have time to begin training a new group of would be pro-life marathoners. In short time, Castle has recruited a Notre Dame student runner, Matt Povlock, not only to participate but to also lead a Notre Dame chapter of the group.

One morning at Notre Dame, Castle and a group of seven were stretching and preparing for a run. Among them were novice runners, but others were already very experienced. Heather McCleery, Notre Dame program manager of the Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutics Initiative, has already finished six marathons. She is planning to run as a LIFE Runner this October in the Wineglass Marathon in New York. "I'm trying to break the three-hour mark," she said. When asked about being a LIFE Runner, she responded that she was happy to be able to add a witness of her beliefs to her running.

Anne Peterson, a Notre Dame philosophy grad student, began running in her high school years and hopes to run her first marathon with a group of LIFE Runners at Kansas City in October. She has long been involved in the pro-life cause and appreciates this program as another way to become even more involved.

Rosemary Kelly, a Notre Dame junior in geoscience, believes that "the best thing about Life Runners is that it is a collision of two favorite loves: running and the pro-life cause. I definitely want to do a half-marathon at Kansas City and maybe even a whole marathon. I run around the lakes at least four times a



PHOTOS BY FRED EVERETT

Pat Castle, left, and Rosemary Kelly, right, stretch before a run.



Members of the LIFE Runners group are shown on campus.

week. I'm definitely excited to have a pro-life cause to do that for. I think it's great that in a Catholic environment there are people who will take running and join it to the idea of Catholic identity."

When Castle was asked what keeps him going, he said, "I do it for the unborn and their mothers. I try to make my running into a prayer. It might seem unrealistic, but it's my best prayer because when I am running and feeling weak, and my strength starts to dissipate, I reach out to God and ask Him to fill me. So, that's the time that I pray to God. It gets me up in the morning."

When Castle was asked if he

ever watched the movie "Chariots of Fire" that tells the story of two very different British men, Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell, who are preparing to run in the 1924 Paris Summer Olympics, he said he had, and offered this insight: "The one man, after winning the medal, that was it for him. The other saw it as part of his journey (with God). He had an eternal perspective."

More information on LIFE Runners is available at their website www.run.lifegroup413.org. To get involved with the ND Chapter, contact Chapter Champion Matt Povlock at mpovlock@nd.edu.

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People instinctively know it is better to let the offender remain in prison and, hopefully over time, repent of his crime and change his life. To that end, the goal of Christian prison ministry was beautifully expressed by Pope Benedict XVI:

"Chaplains and their collaborators are called to be heralds of God's infinite compassion and forgiveness. ... They are entrusted with the weighty task of helping the incarcerated rediscover a sense of purpose so that, with God's

grace, they can reform their lives, be reconciled with their families and friends, and, insofar as possible, assume the responsibilities and duties which will enable them to conduct upright and honest lives."

— Address to the International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care, Sept. 6, 2007.

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Sports

ST. THERESE CRUSADERS GRAB TWO CYO VOLLEYBALL WINS At the net, the CYO volleyball teams continued play last weekend with St. Therese grabbing two more wins to improve to 4-0 in the small school division. The Crusaders downed St. John the Baptist, New Haven, on Saturday, Sept. 24, in games of 21-25, 25-12 and 15-12, then St. Rose-St. Louis in two games on Sunday. St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel also remained undefeated with a win over St. Mary-St. Joseph and upped their league record to 4-0. The two teams will meet on Saturday, Oct. 1, at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel to determine who will claim bragging rights to the regular season division title. — *Michelle Castleman*

ICCL Panthers, Blazers square up

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — The northern Indiana blue-grey autumn sky signals that football season is in full swing and had two determined opponents looking for their first victory of the season.

The St. Anthony (St. Joseph, South Bend-St. Pius) Panthers would field a squad that had the league's leading receiving combination of Tony Carmola and Pat Sandor, and they would match up against St. Matthew (St. Jude/Our Lady of Hungary) old-school offense that featured misdirection and a huge offensive line.

St. Anthony's first possession started with an aerial assault of Carmola to Sandor and then to Connor Wong chewing up big yardage. That is until consecutive sacks by Blazers Evan Sandefur and Nathan Marino had the Panthers going in the wrong direction and forcing them to punt the ball away.

The Blazers lined up in what looked like a pack of sardines, huge bodies snugged shoulder to shoulder, the uniforms almost added to the George Halas single-wing formation nostalgic flavor. The St. Matthew opening drive, however, would prematurely stall.

The Panthers again went to the air, but the Carmola pass found its mark in the hands of Blazer defender Dylan Farwell giving the orange-and-black-clad covey the ball on their own 40-yard line.

On the second play of the series big back Davante Newbill hit a hole opened by the line and raced 58 yards untouched for the first score of the game with 4:40 remaining in the half. The points after try failed, 6-0, Blazers.

Starting at their own 46, the Panthers would take a page out of the Blazers' play book and with multiple runs by Wong and Zach Credi positioned themselves in the shadows of the goal posts. A 19-yard play-action pass from Carmola to Sandor to even out the score and the points after kick from Credi made the score 8-6 just before halftime.

The Blazers would take the second half kickoff and grind out an impressive drive. The soggy field prohibited the four yards and a cloud of dusk analogy, but the tactic saw the St. Matt's team chew up an entire quarter of the clock and leave them just one yard short to start the fourth.

The first play of the fourth quarter had Blazer Timmy Greci drive behind the offensive line to paydirt making the St. Matthew margin, 12-8.

The Panthers would take little



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St. Anthony's quarterback Tony Carmola throws a pass to Pat Sandor for a touchdown.

time in getting back to work again using their running backs to drive down the field. Then with fourth down on the four-yard line, Carmola hoisted the ball in the air to his lengthy target Sandor for the go-ahead score. St. Anthony, 14-12, with 4:03 left in the game.

The Blazers would not go away though and after some hard-fought yardage, catastrophe hit the team as the ball squirted loose and was recovered by the Panthers with 2:34 on the clock.

St. Anthony stayed on the ground eating away the clock and yardage and with 1:35 left, and fourth down and two from the three, Carmola cradled the ball on a quarterback sneak and scored sealing the deal for the Panthers. Credi's kick was true, 20-12, final.

"They have a unique offense, credit Coach Mike Ernst and his team. They played a very good game," commented St. Anthony's skipper, Kevin Sandor. "We decided that we just needed to pound the ball and set up our play action routes and our kids responded."

"I thought that our special team play of Matt Nidiffer and the kicking of Credi kept St. Matt's staring deep in their own end, and the points after conversions were huge," added Sandor. "I'm really happy with our team and this should help us going into our showdown with Mishawaka Catholic next week."

"I was happy with our kids. They did a good job and gave great effort, but we are still making mistakes at critical junctures of the game. If we can correct that, we can become very good at playoff time," said Ernst. "We have 24 seventh graders and we are going in the right direction. Our

offensive line — PJ Ernst, Dillon Heimann, Austin Szmanda, Rogelio Rodela and Ryan Quinn really battled in the trenches today."

In the other game, The Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders upended the West Side Catholic Cardinals, 34-0.

Brendan Chappell-Cromartie scored on a 60-yard run as well as a 12-yard interception return. Mark Madden connected with Connor Gentry on a 70-yard TD strike and added a 20-yard run to paydirt. Jake Rolinski scored on a 35-yard scamper and Cameron Gallagher booted two conversion efforts.

This weekend West Side Catholic travels to Saint Joseph's High School to take on the St. Matthew Blazers at 1 p.m. The St. Anthony squad will be at Marian High School's Otolski Field to battle the Mishawaka Catholic Saints, also at 1 p.m.

CYO Eagles defeat a determined Panthers squad

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In Week 6 Catholic Youth League (CYO) gridiron action, Noah Hoeffel, Nick Carroll, Travis Javins and Jack Johnston served as captains for the Eagles from St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) as they defeated a determined St. Vincent Panthers squad in a hard-hitting, come-from-behind battle, 7-6.

Down 6-0 late in the fourth quarter, SJFW scored on a touchdown run by Q Williams. Williams then scored the extra-point conversion running over Chase Myers and William Hayes.

Zion Allen and Hayes, both seventh-graders, along with eighth graders Seth Wyss and Greg Shank, held the defense solid all day for Jim Carroll's Eagles.

SJFW improved to 4-2, while the Panthers dropped to 3-3.

Also winning on a soggy Luersfield was St. Jude over Most Precious Blood/Queen of Angels. Holy Cross beat St. John, New Haven, and St. Charles got by JAT. Both teams are now 6-0 setting up a huge showdown for the unbeaten in the final week of regular sea-

son play Sunday, Oct. 2, at the University of Saint Francis.

A week ago, JAT and St. Vincent went to overtime in Week 5 play with the Panthers squeaking by in a defensive slugfest, 14-8.

In the win, linebacker Jake Tomlinson contributed six tackles, two TFL's and a goal-line stick while Jeremy Herber added three tackles for loss. The Knights scored with just over two minutes left in the game on a touchdown reception by Jack Diffendarfer from quarterback Noah Wiesnewski.

Behind, 8-0, St. Vincent answered back on a 70-yard touchdown connection between quarterback Dalton O'Boyle and running back Austin Burns. Noah Freimuth converted the 2-point kick to force overtime.

In the extra session Blake Podschlne fought off a double-team and stripped the JAT ball-carrier at the 1-yard line, turning away JAT on its overtime effort.

The Panthers wasted no time in seizing the conquest on their turn in overtime, as Burns scored on a 10-yard scamper for the St. Vincent victory behind strong blocking from Landon Campbell, Frankie Yanko and Herber.



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St. Jude, St. Charles cross-country Cardegles make progress

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In Catholic Youth League (CYO) cross country action, the Cardegles of St. Jude and St. Charles started their 2011 season off and running in several races to date. Coach Dan Kaufman reports that his teams are making good progress. At this point in their schedule, the boys' team has a record of 45-31, and the girls' have compiled a 57-18 start.

At the New Haven Classic, the Cardegles girls finished an impressive third place in the large-school division, which listed 24 teams.

Abbey Brelage came across the line in 10th place, sister Megan was 15th and Caroline McMasters finished 24th. Marie Lothamer, Eden Nitza, April Atteberry and Olivia Conroy rounded out the top runners for the Cardegles.

The boys were sixth overall claiming two finishers in the top



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The Cardegles boys were sixth overall claiming two finishers in the top 25 — Bryson Tretter (eighth) and Blake Malone (10th) at the New Haven Classic cross-country meet. Abbey Brelage crossed the line in 10th place for the girls in the New Haven Classic. The team photo is shown above.

25 — Bryson Tretter (eighth) and Blake Malone (10th). Others in the top seven line up were Patrick Rorick, Nick Kacprowicz, Jack Stefanek, Anthony Lorenger and Tom Lonsway.

One weekend, the team ran a split squad with 14 runners (seven girls and seven boys) at the West Noble Invitational in Ligonier, and the rest of the team at the Huntington Catholic Invite. In that meet the girls won both the varsity and junior varsity titles, while the boys finished third to winner St. Vincent and runner up St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth.

The JV boys were second to St. Vincent. At West Noble, which included many of the top middle school teams in northern Indiana, the girls had an outstanding performance finishing sixth of 27 teams with all seven girls running a season best time. The boys finished 11th out of 28 teams with each runner also running a personal best time for the season.

Individually, Abbey Brelage was the top Cardegles finisher at 17th in 12:09, while Megan was 32nd in 12:29. They are now the fourth and 10th fastest girls respectively in Cardegles history.

Tretter, the eighth fastest Cardegles ever, and Malone, the seventh all-time fastest runner, were 21st (10:52) and 23rd (10:56) for the boys.

The other varsity girls included Lothamer, Nitza, McMasters, Conroy and Rachel Gibson.

The boys again included Rorick, Lorenger, Stefanek, Lonsway and Nick Kacprowicz.

In another highly competitive meet at Indian Springs the girls finished 10th and the boys 13th out of 26 teams. The Carroll Middle School Invite remains and the Cardegles Invitational is slated for Oct. 6 this season.

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Knights plan fish fry
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 7, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$8 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

Sunday breakfast at St. Pius X Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Pius X. Adults \$6, children 6-12 \$3.

Memorial service remembers aborted babies
Fort Wayne — A memorial service will be held Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Catholic Cemetery at 2 p.m. for those aborted at the Women's Health Organization over the past year. Speakers include Father Tom Shoemaker, Deacon John Hilger, Rev. Charles Howard, Pastor Robert Sain and Cathie Humbarger. Music will be provided by Jeanne Kawiecki and Tony Koehl.

Luncheon card party planned
South Bend — A luncheon and card party will be held Sunday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Hungary School auditorium, 735 W. Calvert St. Donation of \$5 at the door. Bring your own cards.

All-night vigil planned
Fort Wayne — Sacred Heart Church, 4643 Gaywood Dr., will host an all-night vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. The vigil begins Friday, Oct. 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary with the 7 p.m. first Friday Latin Mass followed by all night exposition until Benediction at 7:15 a.m., rosary at 7:45 a.m. and English Mass at 8 a.m. There will be opportunity for confession, hymns, formal and private prayer. Prayer books will be provided. Security is provided from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Contact Kim at (260) 744-2519 for information.

Bishop Luers High School plans Walk-A-Thon
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers will have a Walk-A-Thon Friday, Oct. 7. Bishop Luers students are accepting donations towards their

fundraising goal of \$45,000. If you would like to sponsor a student, or a checkpoint, call Jenny Andorfer at (260) 456-1261 or email jandorfer@bishopluers.org.

Little Flower Holy Hour
Fort Wayne — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations.

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	George J. Guicki, 86, St. Adalbert	Loretta A. Jozwiak, 87, St. Matthew Cathedral

Parish hosts men's breakfast
South Bend — Little Flower Parish will host a men's breakfast Saturday, Oct. 1, at 8 a.m. in the chapel. Breakfast and speaker Father Jeffrey Largent will follow.

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.

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

TV MASS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

2011	Feast Day	Fort Wayne 10:30 a.m. WFFT-TV, Ch. 55	South Bend 10:30 a.m. WNDU-TV, Ch. 16
October 2	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rev. Gary Sigler Queen of Angels Fort Wayne	Rev. William Schooler St. Pius X Granger
October 9	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rev. Dan Leeuw VA Hospital Fort Wayne	Rev. John VandenBossche, CSC Notre Dame
October 16	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades Bishop of Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend	Rev. William Kummer St. Michael Plymouth
October 23	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy Bishop Emeritus	Rev. Tom Seidel, CSC Notre Dame
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Cathedral family celebrates 175th anniversary

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Though the structure itself is large and imposing, “the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception fits snugly in my heart,” said longtime parishioner Patty Martone.

Martone’s sentiments surely reflected those of the hundreds of cathedral parishioners who gathered to worship at the 11:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, Sept. 25, and assemble afterward on the cathedral grounds for dinner and entertainment. Greetings and fond remembrances were exchanged by all at the commemorative event.

Parishioner Carolyn O’Rourke, coordinator of the day’s festivities, was pleased. “It’s gone very well. Everyone said yes when asked to help,” she said, making her job easier.

Ninety-two-year-old Mary Gebhard was hoping to share with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades pictures of her daughter’s wedding at the cathedral more than 50 years ago. And church secretary Janice Buck said, “It’s been wonderful, very enjoyable. I’m having a good time.”

Julie Winn spoke on behalf of the newly-immigrated Burmese parishioners when she said, “We appreciate you accepting us in this parish.”

The afternoon was also highlighted by several tours inside the cathedral. Parishioner Tom Smith led a tour of the crypt below the sanctuary where relics of the saints



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets the faithful after the Mass marking the 175th anniversary of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Fort Wayne on Sept. 25.

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are enshrined and the remains of seven former bishops are entombed. Carl Halverson enlightened listeners on the history of the stained glass windows depicting scenes from the life of Mary, the Mother of God, that line both sides of the nave, and the elaborately wood-carved Stations of the Cross, all imported from Germany. Frank Avila conducted tours of the sanctuary and the sacristy. And Pauline Flynn led a tour of St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on the cathedral grounds.

Earlier, Bishop Rhoades celebrated the anniversary Mass of the

cathedral parish, along with Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, rector Msgr. Robert Schulte, Father Robert Traub, Father Adam Schmitt and Father Jason Freiburger.

The pews were filled to overflowing with parishioners as Bishop Rhoades greeted them warmly. “What a joy it is to gather in this beautiful cathedral ... to celebrate the 175th anniversary of this cathedral parish.”

He continued, “This parish existed as a community of faith 24 years before this beautiful church was constructed under the leadership

and guidance of the great pioneer pastor, Msgr. Julian Benoit.” The bishop recounted the early years of the parish, the first church constructed on the site in 1836 named after St. Augustine, the first school houses and the Sisters of Providence and Brothers of the Holy Cross who staffed them, and the first bishop of the new diocese established in 1857, Bishop John Henry Luers.

The first parishioners were largely immigrants from Ireland and Germany who worked on the Wabash-Erie Canal, some French-Canadians and native Miami Indians.

The cornerstone for the present cathedral was laid in 1859 when the diocese had grown to 18,000 Catholics.

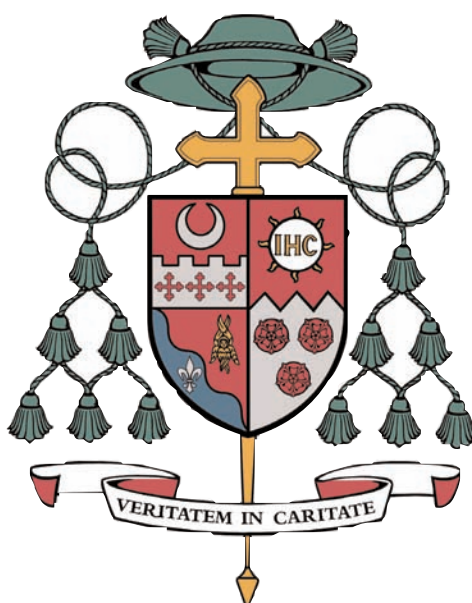
Today, the large “Mission Crucifix” which hangs from the south pillar in the sanctuary is the oldest, single religious work of art in the cathedral and once hung in St. Augustine Church, noted Bishop Rhoades.

The bishop then invited his listeners to turn to the words of St. Paul proclaimed in the day’s liturgy. St. Paul asked the Philippians to complete his joy “by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.”

“What wonderful advice for every community of the faithful and for this parish on this landmark anniversary!” said Bishop Rhoades, adding, “This parish community is not the most prosperous in Fort Wayne. It is not the largest in Fort Wayne. But it is the oldest in Fort Wayne. ... What is most important is that this parish community be a holy community, one that is united in faith and love ... this is what completes my joy.”

The bishop concluded by saying, “Thank God for the rich history of the cathedral parish. ... May St. Augustine, the original patron, and Mary Immaculate, our present patroness, intercede for us and help us to be faithful disciples of her Son, who for 175 years here in this parish has been confessed as Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

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