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## Diocesan couples celebrate journey of Marriage with Bishop Rhoades

BY TIM JOHNSON



JOE ROMIE

Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries gather at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Oct. 16. On Oct. 9, Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass for couples in the South Bend area at St. Matthew Cathedral. In the photo greeting Bishop Rhoades is Nancy and Jim Getts. Nancy is the sister of Father Jim Shafer, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — Catholic couples, who were married 25 or 50 years, and their families and friends assembled for Masses celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, first at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, on Oct. 9, and the following Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

At the Fort Wayne Mass, Bishop Rhoades told the couples in his homily, which can be found on page 2 of this week's *Today's Catholic*, "The life of Marriage is indeed a holy journey, since Marriage is an institution which has God as its author."

On the weekend in which diocesan parishes honored Blessed Pope John Paul II, Bishop Rhoades said that the beloved pope often told married couples: "Become what you are!"

When Pope John Paul II was declared "blessed" on May 1, Bishop Rhoades chose Oct. 16, the day on which Pope John Paul was elected to the papacy, as the week-end of celebration of the beatification in the diocese.

Bishop Rhoades spoke of his great affection and the influence of Blessed Pope John Paul II. As a seminarian in Rome, Bishop Rhoades served Mass for Pope John Paul II. Bishop Rhoades said he knew then that Pope John Paul II was a saint.

John Paul II had written extensively on the vocation

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## Pope announces 'Year of Faith' to help renew missionary energy

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI announced a special "Year of Faith" to help Catholics appreciate the gift of faith, deepen their relationship with God and strengthen their commitment to sharing faith with others.

Celebrating Mass Oct. 16 with participants in a Vatican conference on new evangelization, the pope said the Year of Faith would give "renewed energy to the mission of the whole Church to lead men and women out of the desert they often are in and toward the place of life: friendship with Christ who gives us fullness of life."

The pope said the observance would begin Oct. 11, 2012 — the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council — and conclude Nov. 24, 2013 — the feast of Christ the King.

"It will be a moment of grace and commit-

ment to an ever fuller conversion to God, to reinforce our faith in Him and to proclaim Him with joy to the people of our time," the pope said in his homily.

Pope Benedict explained his intention more fully in "Porta Fidei" ("The Door of Faith"), an apostolic letter released Oct. 17 to formally announce the special year.

"Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy," the pope wrote.

He said the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, first published in 1992, should serve as the handbook for helping Catholics rediscover the truths of faith and deepen their understanding of Church teaching.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he said, will publish a "note" to help people live the year "in the most effective and appropriate ways at the service of belief and

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## STUDENTS PRAY AT CLINIC



PROVIDED BY EVELYN WITTE

Students from St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne, prayed the rosary in front of the abortion clinic on Inwood Drive as part of a 40 Days for Life march-in on Thursday, Oct. 13. The students, each carrying a hand-made cross, stopped at intervals along the one-mile route and said prayers and the Stations of the Cross.



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# The holy journey of Marriage

*Bishop Rhoades delivered this homily the past two Sundays at the wedding anniversary Masses at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, and at Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend:*

On this joyful occasion, we gather to offer thanks to God for the gift of His unending love in the sacrament of marriage. We celebrate in a very special way the love of God which has united and sustained the married lives of the many couples gathered here in this cathedral from throughout our diocese who are celebrating 50 or 25 years of holy matrimony. Congratulations to all of you!

I imagine that this year our anniversary couples have reflected back on their wedding day when, before God and His Church, they freely consented to the duties and responsibilities of marriage. Through their mutual "I do," they said yes to their vocation from God and embarked on a holy journey together.

The life of marriage is indeed a holy journey, since marriage is an institution which has God as its author. It is a holy journey because Jesus elevated this natural institution to the status of a sacrament, which means that through it God communicates His grace. It is a holy journey because the marital vocation is meant to be a means to growth in holiness. Holiness is at the very heart of the vocation of marriage — it is a call to become holy and to help each other become holy, which means leading each other to heaven.

A holy marriage is one which is made of many virtues. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, calls the Christians "God's chosen ones, holy and beloved" and then he exhorts them to live the Christian virtues, the virtues that are the mark of those who live the new life in Christ, a truly holy life. This applies so very clearly to married couples who are called to be holy, to live the grace they received in the sacrament of marriage. Blessed John Paul II said often to married couples: "Become what you are!" What did he mean by this? He means an image of Christ's love for the Church. There is a strong tendency today to reduce the love of the marriage bond to only a feeling, perhaps the romantic love of courtship and honeymoon. But then, when that feeling dries up, it may seem to the couple that they have nothing left and that they have failed. No! At these times, their vocation as spouses calls them to go further, to "become what they are," members of a marital communion defined not by romantic feeling, but by the unbreakable spousal love of Jesus Christ for His Church. You would not be here today celebrating your anniversaries, if you had not clung to the unconditional promise that you made at your wedding as a source of grace. You have grown through the years in a love that is far deeper than a romantic feeling.

Going back to Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians, he exhorted them to live the Christian virtues. Growing in these virtues, one grows in holiness. Couples grow in holiness by living these virtues. Saint Paul writes: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." When we reflect on these virtues, we realize that



JOE ROMIE

**Jim and Regina Bodette of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish, Fort Wayne, stand during a blessing for couples celebrating their 50th and 25th wedding anniversaries this year. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the wedding anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Oct. 16. He celebrated the anniversary Mass for couples in the South Bend area on Oct. 9.**

they include things that we might think of as common courtesies, like kindness. Mother Teresa used to say that kindness and thoughtfulness are the beginning of holiness. They are necessary for a good and happy marriage. The real work of marriage is growing in virtue — being compassionate and kind to one another, being humble and gentle and patient. And also, as Saint Paul says, "bearing with one another and forgiving one another." I don't know of a marriage that truly lasts if this is not part of it — patience and forgiveness since we all have our personal faults and failings. We are all in need of continual purification and reform in our lives — thank God for the gift of the sacrament of Reconciliation!

Saint Paul gets to the heart of the Christian vocation and the vocation of Christian marriage when he speaks about love as "the bond of perfection." "Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." "Marital and familial love finds its complete expression, following the example of Jesus himself, in a willingness to sacrifice oneself in everyday situations for one's spouse and children. There is no greater love within a marriage and a family than for the spouses and children to lay down their lives for one another. This is the heart of the vocation of marriage, the heart of the call to become holy" (US Bishops' Pastoral Letter).

Saint Paul also exhorts the Colossians to be thankful. "And be thankful." The virtue of joyous gratitude is critical for marital and family love. We're here at this Mass today to give thanks to God for your married lives. Every husband and wife is called to be thankful for their spouse as a gift they have received. You are a gift to each other. And ultimately this gift of the other comes

from God's awesome love for each of you. If you have been blessed with children, this is also a cause for thanksgiving. In our culture today, I sometimes think people are not grateful enough. We need to live and practice the virtue of gratitude — in our relations with each other and also in our relationship with God. He blesses us with so many gifts every day. When we are truly grateful and live grateful lives, we are happier. We have a more positive attitude to life. Moreover, the virtue of gratitude overflows from the marriage and family to embrace the Church and the world. It extends to others and helps to build up Christ's Body, the Church. Saint Paul writes: "And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

I wish to end this homily by expressing my gratitude as bishop to all our married couples on their anniversaries. I thank you for your witness of love and fidelity through your many years of marriage. Yours is a witness that is so needed in our culture and society today. Thank you for witnessing Christ's love for the Church!

At every Mass, we celebrate the memorial of the love with which Christ loved us to the end, even to the giving of his life. In the Eucharist, you who are married meet the One who is the source of your marriage. You encounter the love that animates and sustains your marriage, the love of Christ for his Church. May you continue to bear witness to that love!

May God bless all our anniversary couples that they may continue to grow in virtue and in holiness! May the love of Christ and the prayers of Mary and Joseph move you to ever greater heights of love!



# Confirmation schedule for 2011-2012

Date	Time	City	Parish	Bishop
Oct. 6	7:30 p.m.	South Bend	Corpus Christi	Rhoades
Oct. 16	11 a.m.	South Bend	St. Anthony de Padua	D'Arcy
Nov. 5	6 p.m.	Waterloo	St. Michael the Archangel	Rhoades
March 23	7 p.m.	Warsaw	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Rhoades
March 25	11:45 a.m.	Notre Dame	Campus Ministries: Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College at Notre Dame	Rhoades
March 29	7 p.m.	Fort Wayne	St. Jude	Rhoades
April 9	7 p.m.	Decatur	St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Joseph (Bluffton) at St. Mary of the Assumption	D'Arcy
April 11	7 p.m.	Huntington	Ss. Peter and Paul: St. Mary, St. Robert Bellarmine (North Manchester) and St. Bernard (Wabash) at Ss. Peter and Paul	Rhoades
April 13	7 p.m.	Plymouth	St. Michael and St. Patrick (Walkerton) at St. Michael	Rhoades
April 14	10 a.m.	South Bend	St. Jude and Sacred Heart of Jesus (Lakeville) at St. Jude	Rhoades
April 15	10:30 a.m.	Bremen	St. Dominic	Rhoades
April 15	4 p.m.	Goshen	St. John the Evangelist	Rhoades
April 17	7 p.m.	Fort Wayne	Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, St. Henry, St. Mary, St. Patrick and St. Peter at the cathedral	Rhoades
April 18	7 p.m.	Warsaw	Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier (Piercetown) and St. Martin de Porres (Syracuse) at Sacred Heart	Rhoades
April 19	7 p.m.	New Haven	St. John the Baptist and St. Louis (Besancon) at St. John the Baptist	D'Arcy
April 20	7 p.m.	South Bend	St. Bavo (Mishawaka), St. Joseph (Mishawaka) and St. Monica (Mishawaka) at St. Matthew Cathedral	Rhoades
April 21	10 a.m.	South Bend	St. Matthew Cathedral, Little Flower, Our Lady of Hungary, St. Augustine, St. Hedwig and St. Patrick at St. Matthew Cathedral	Rhoades
April 21	10 a.m.	Mishawaka	Queen of Peace	D'Arcy
April 21	5:30 p.m.	Granger	St. Pius X	Rhoades
April 22	10 a.m.	Monroeville	St. Rose of Lima	D'Arcy
April 22	12:15 p.m.	Granger	St. Pius X	Rhoades
April 23	7 p.m.	Fort Wayne	St. John the Baptist	D'Arcy
April 23	7 p.m.	Fort Wayne	St. Charles Borromeo	Rhoades
April 24	7 p.m.	Fort Wayne	St. Therese, Our Lady of Good Hope and Queen of Angel at the cathedral	Rhoades
April 26	7 p.m.	Avilla	St. Mary of the Assumption and Immaculate Conception (Kendallville) at St. Mary of the Assumption	D'Arcy
April 27	7 p.m.	South Bend	St. Joseph and Sacred Heart (Notre Dame) at St. Joseph	D'Arcy
April 28	9:30 a.m.	Culver	St. Mary of the Lake	D'Arcy
April 29	2 p.m.	South Bend	Holy Family, St. John the Baptist and St. Stanislaus Kostka (New Carlisle) at Holy Family	D'Arcy
April 30	7 p.m.	Bristol	St. Mary of the Annunciation	D'Arcy
May 6	1 p.m.	Fort Wayne	Most Precious Blood	Rhoades
May 6	1:30 p.m.	Fort Wayne	St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel	D'Arcy
May 7	7 p.m.	Elkhart	St. Thomas the Apostle	Rhoades
May 9	7 p.m.	Angola	St. Anthony of Padua, St. Joseph (LaGrange) and Blessed Sacrament (Albion) at St. Anthony of Padua	Rhoades
May 10	7 p.m.	Fort Wayne	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Rhoades
May 11	7 p.m.	Fort Wayne	St. Joseph	Rhoades
May 12	7 p.m.	Ligonier	St. Patrick	Rhoades
May 13	5 p.m.	South Bend	St. Adalbert and St. Casimir at St. Adalbert	Rhoades
May 14	7 p.m.	Fort Wayne	St. Vincent de Paul	Rhoades
May 17	7 p.m.	Elkhart	St. Vincent de Paul	Rhoades
May 18	7 p.m.	Columbia City	St. Paul of the Cross, St. Catherine of Alexandria (Nix Settlement) and St. Joseph (Roanoke) at St. Paul of the Cross	D'Arcy
May 19	10 a.m.	South Bend	Christ the King	Rhoades
May 19	5 p.m.	Garrett	St. Joseph and Immaculate Conception (Auburn) at St. Joseph	D'Arcy
May 20	8:30 a.m.	Ege	Immaculate Conception and St. John Bosco (Churubusco) at Immaculate Conception	D'Arcy
May 20	11 a.m.	South Bend	St. Matthew Cathedral: Adult Confirmation	Rhoades
May 26	5 p.m.	Fort Wayne	Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception: Adult Confirmations	Rhoades
June 17	10 a.m.	Rome City	St. Gaspar del Bufalo	D'Arcy



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 23, 4:30 p.m. — Mass at High School Faith Fest, Lakeview Middle School, Warsaw
- Tuesday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyterate, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m. — All Schools Mass, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2:00 p.m. — Redeemer Radio Shareathon, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Oct. 27, 8:30 a.m. — Respect Life Mass, St. Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Oct. 27, 9:30 a.m. — Rosary Rally, 2210 Inwood Dr., Fort Wayne
- Friday, Oct. 28, 12:05 p.m. — Mass at University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Oct. 28, 1:30 p.m. — Meeting with Faculty of University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Oct. 29, 4:30 p.m. — Mass for Boy Scouts, Camporee at Anthony Wayne Scout Reservation, Pleasant Lake

## Advisory concerning 'Holy Redeemer Catholic Community'

Fort Wayne Newspapers publish a weekly ad in its Area Church Directory listing "Holy Redeemer Catholic Community" and its Mass times.

This community, though it calls itself "Catholic," is not in communion with the Catholic Church. It is independent of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and not in communion with Pope Benedict XVI and the Bishops in communion with him. Its minister is not a Roman Catholic priest.

This advisory is issued to clear up any confusion regarding the status of the Holy Redeemer community in relation to the Catholic Church. It should also be noted that, according to canon law, no initiative is to claim the name "Catholic" without the consent of competent ecclesiastical authority" (canon 216).

## POPE ARRIVES ON WHEELED PLATFORM FOR FIRST TIME DURING MASS



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI stands on a wheeled platform as he arrives for a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 16. This was the pope's first use of the mobile platform, which was used by Pope John Paul II during his last years. The Vatican said use of the platform was intended to reduce the physical toll on the pope.

# Support access to health care? Protect conscience rights.



## *Catholic Organizations Respond to HHS "Preventive Services" Mandate*

**We, the undersigned**, strongly support access to life-affirming health care for all, and the ability of secular and religious groups and individuals to provide and receive such care. That is why we have raised objections to a rule issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services forcing almost all private health plans to cover sterilization procedures and contraceptive drugs, including drugs that may cause an early abortion.

As written, the rule will force Catholic organizations that play a vital role in providing health care and other needed services either to violate their conscience or severely curtail those services. This would harm both religious freedom and access to health care.

The HHS mandate puts many faith-based organizations and individuals in an untenable position. But it also harms society as a whole by undermining a long American tradition of respect for religious liberty and freedom of conscience. In a pluralistic society, our health care system should respect the religious and ethical convictions of all. We ask Congress, the Administration, and our fellow Americans to acknowledge this truth and work with us to reform the law accordingly.

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# US bishops' agency denied federal grant to help victims

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Since 2006, the U.S. Catholic bishops' Migration and Refugee Services has helped more than 2,700 victims of human trafficking obtain food, clothing and access to medical care.

That service has come to a halt because the agency recently learned it did not receive a new grant award for this work from the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement. MRS' prior contract for the trafficking program ended Oct. 10.

Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, director of media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, told Catholic News Service Oct. 11 that she hoped the Catholic Church's "position against abortion, sterilization and artificial contraception has not entered into this decision" by the HHS refugee office to reject MRS' application for a new grant, "especially since this administration has said it stands fully behind freedom of conscience."

She noted that the MRS's anti-trafficking program "ran quite well without these services" and said it would be "tragic if abortion politics harmed the men, women and children already at risk because of the crime and scandal of human trafficking."

MRS officials had no immediate comment.

Jesse Moore, spokesman for Health and Human Services, simply told CNS in an Oct. 12 email that the "grantees were awarded funding through a competitive grant process to provide comprehensive case management services for human trafficking victims through the National Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Program."

He added that the "competitive grant process is used across the government and allows federal agencies to consider a broad range of potential applicants and select those that can deliver services most effectively and efficiently."

In 2009, the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for not making the U.S. Catholic bishops' agency include referrals for abortion, sterilization and artificial contraception in its anti-trafficking program. That case is still pending.

Sister Mary Ann said in an email to CNS that MRS officials are concerned about their clients and hope they will "not suffer from a clumsy transition to new agencies or from limited or lack of services."

MRS worked with numerous agencies in its anti-trafficking program across the United States. About one-third of these subcontractors were Catholic agencies; others included Lutheran Family Services, Jewish Family Services and anti-domestic violence groups.

Three groups were awarded federal grants for anti-trafficking programs. The groups are Tapestry, based in Atlanta, Heartland Human

Care Services in Chicago and the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants based in Washington. The groups were awarded a \$5 million grant for the first year with the possibility of adding two additional years.

The U.S. bishops spoke of the relationship between MRS and HHS when they formed an Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty in late September to specifically address actions at various levels of government that pose dangers to the free exercise of religion.

In announcing the new committee, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the USCCB, called into question the HHS requirement that MRS provide the "full range of reproductive service" — including abortion and contraception — to trafficking victims in its cooperative agreements and government contracts.

Archbishop Dolan also reiterated the U.S. bishops' concern about HHS regulations that would mandate the coverage of contraception and sterilization in all private health-insurance plans while failing to adequately exempt insurers and individuals that have religious or moral objections to the mandate.

Meanwhile, Catholic Charities agencies are listed as recipients of grants announced in early October for organizations that help support poor and vulnerable families and especially focus on responsible fatherhood. The grants are distributed by HHS' Administration for Children and Families.

The Church's role in ending human trafficking cannot be overlooked, according to Miguel H. Diaz, the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

In a conference in May at the Vatican on building public-private partnerships in the battle against modern-day slavery, he said the only way to end this global human rights violation is for governments to enlist the help of religious leaders, businesses, consumers and other private entities.

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evangelization."

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, told reporters the document would be published by the end of the year; its tone will be pastoral, rather than doctrinal, giving bishops and Catholic faithful ideas for implementing the pope's call to deeper faith and greater missionary commitment.

In his apostolic letter, the pope said the year's focus will be on Jesus Christ because "in Him, all the anguish and all the longing of the human heart finds fulfillment."

Pope Benedict said that in addition to studying the catechism and gaining a greater understanding of the creed, the Year of Faith also must be accompanied with more acts of charity.

Faith helps people recognize the face of Christ in those who are suffering, and "it is His love that impels us to assist Him whenever He becomes our neighbor along the journey of life," the pope wrote.

Pope Benedict said Catholics cannot "grow lazy in the faith."

"What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end," he wrote.

The papal Mass and announcement of the Year of Faith followed a daylong conference Oct. 15 sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization.

The morning session brought together representatives of 33 bishops' conferences and 115 new movements, organizations, charismatic groups, parish renewal programs and study groups.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, head of the council, told the representatives that their presence and activity is proof that "the new evangelization isn't something new introduced with the pontifical council; it's a reality



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, talks with young people after an event with Pope Benedict XVI in Paul VI hall at the Vatican Oct. 15. Some 8,000 people, mainly from Catholic movements, turned out to support the pope's call for a new evangelization.

already working in the Church."

Conference participants discussed how to better evangelize in the area of culture, among immigrants, in Catholics' political involvement, through the use of media, in families, through the liturgy and in active, lively parishes.

Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington told the gathering that catechesis is essential for any program of new evangelization. "When a person is well-grounded catechetically — that means each one of us renewing our faith — that person has the confidence to be able to express it" and "to invite others into the experience of faith," he said.

"We have spoken a great deal today about this very secular world in which we live," he said, "but we also need to recognize that among many, many of our young people there is an enormous openness to hearing about Christ. Many of them are seekers."

The day's focus on new evangelization continued in the evening in the Vatican audience hall where an atmosphere similar to a tent revival reigned. The speakers — the Spanish founder of a thriving new religious community of women, a journalist, an astrophysicist and a Colombian bishop — gave personal testimonies.

The astrophysicist, Marco Bersanelli, used his own experience of wonder and awe before the cosmos as a lesson on the error of assuming that scientists cannot be faithful Christians and evangelizers.

The evening event, which featured a mini-concert by tenor Andrea Bocelli and a speech by Pope Benedict, also marked the official announcement of a new internet project by Jesus Colina, who recently resigned as head of the Legionaries of Christ's Zenit news service.

The new platform, Aleteia.org, is designed to be a multimedia "community" where people can ask questions about Catholic faith and practices and receive answers they can be sure are in line with official Church teaching.

"The internet is where people go for answers today, even about God, religion and faith," Colina told the assembly, announcing that the website would be launched Oct. 19.

He said the site would involve journalists and theologians from around the world and would link to "the best sites" for Catholic teaching and information.

Catholics "need to create networks on the net — not get more hits than one another," he said.

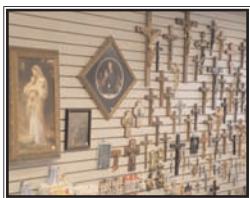
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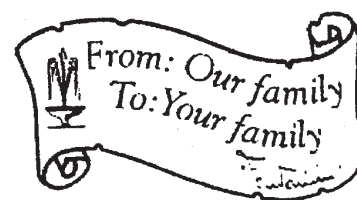
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## US House passes Protect Life Act in bipartisan vote

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. House Oct. 13 passed the Protect Life Act, which applies long-standing federal policies on abortion funding and conscience rights to the health-reform law. The measure passed with a bipartisan vote of 251 to 172. Its chief sponsors were Rep. Joe Pitts, R-Pa., chairman of the Health Subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., who co-chairs the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. The bill also had 144 co-sponsors. "The healthcare law made it clear that the current way we prevent taxpayer funding of abortion through annual riders is dangerously fragile," Lipinski said in January when the measure was introduced. "We must take action to prevent federal funding for abortion under the healthcare law and throughout the government, without exception." In a statement released Oct. 14, Deirdre McQuade, spokeswoman for the U.S. bishop's pro-life secretariat, said that by passing H.R. 358, "the House has taken an important step toward authentic healthcare reform that respects the dignity of all, from conception onward." McQuade urged the Senate to likewise "help make healthcare reform life-affirming." The Protect Life Act applies the Hyde amendment to healthcare reform "so federal funds will not be used to subsidize elective abortions," McQuade said, which brings the law "into line with other federal health programs such as Medicaid and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program." It also "helps ensure that the government will not pressure health professionals to participate in abortion against their medical judgment, moral convictions or religious beliefs," she added.

## Catholic organizations, universities place ad objecting to HHS mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — An unusual coalition of national Catholic organizations and universities took to the pages of two Capitol Hill publications Oct. 11 to protest the Obama administration's plan to include contraceptives and sterilization among the mandated "preventive services" for women under the new health reform law. "As written, the rule will force Catholic organizations that play a vital role in providing healthcare and other needed services either to violate their conscience or severely curtail those services," the groups said in a full-page ad in *Politico* and *The Hill* newspapers. "This would harm both religious freedom and access to health care." The ad (on page 4 in *Today's Catholic*) carried the headline, "Support access to health care? Protect conscience rights." Members of the coalition ranged from the heads of the National Catholic Educational Association and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities to the leaders of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA. The advertisement appeared

# NEWS BRIEFS

## CARDINAL PELL DEDICATES ALTAR IN CHAPEL IN ROME



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Cardinal George Pell of Sydney spreads oil as he dedicates the altar of St. Peter Chanel Chapel at Domus Australia in Rome Oct. 16. The new guest house, to be formally opened by Pope Benedict XVI Oct. 19, offers Australian pilgrims and others modern accommodation, daily Mass in English and an information center.

less than two weeks after the close of a 60-day comment period on a proposed religious exemption to the Department of Health and Human Services' inclusion of sterilization and all FDA-approved contraceptives among the preventive services required for all health plans. Many of the signers of the ad had already submitted comments to HHS on the mandate and the religious exemption that they have called too narrow. Under the HHS proposal, to qualify for a religious exemption, an organization would have to meet four criteria: "(1) has the inculcation of religious values as its purpose; (2) primarily employs persons who share its religious tenets; (3) primarily serves persons who share its religious tenets; and (4) is a nonprofit organization" under specific sections of the Internal Revenue Code. "The HHS mandate puts many faith-based organizations and individuals in an untenable position," the ad said. "But it also harms society as a whole by undermining a long American tradition of respect for religious liberty and freedom of conscience.

## Assisi III: Pope puts his own mark on prayer summit's third edition

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Slowly and carefully, the Vatican is setting the stage for the third edition of the interreligious "prayer for peace" encounter in the Italian pilgrimage town of Assisi. The Oct. 27 event marks the 25th anniversary of the

first such gathering. As in 1986, it is expected to draw representatives from many Christian denominations and more than a dozen other faiths. In convening the prayer summit, Pope Benedict XVI is clearly reaffirming the ecumenical and inter-religious outreach of his predecessor, Blessed John Paul II. But the German pope has also marked out his own course, with modifications and additions that, in the Vatican's view, leave the event less open to misinterpretation. For one thing, the participants will not pray together — at least, not in a formal fashion. They will gather at the end of the day for a moment of silence and testimonials to peace. Although the border between prayer and reflection may be ambiguous in such encounters, it appears that Assisi 2011 will not repeat the formula of 1986, when representatives of each major religion offered a prayer at a final joint service. Just as 25 years ago, participants will break off during the day for separate prayer services. But the difference is that this time around the prayers will be private moments in a cloistered monastery, not public performances throughout the town of Assisi. In 1986, what generated the most interest among the media troops who went to Assisi were these very colorful and distinct forms of prayer, many of which took place inside Catholic places of worship. Buddhist monks chanted to the sound of a bronze gong. An animist from Ghana started a fire in a cup. A tribal chief from Togo invited spirits to enter a bowl of water. A Native American "blessed" people

on the head with eagle feathers. For a few hours, Assisi seemed like a spiritual kaleidoscope, with clouds of smoke, sheep-hair amulets, tambourines and multi-colored robes. And it left some critics with the impression that Christian and non-Christian elements were being mixed together inappropriately. The program for this year's encounter appears designed to ensure that the private prayers will not have a public audience.

## Study finds divide exists in how Catholics read Church news

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Catholic Press Association-commissioned study showed that 26 percent of adult Catholics had read a print copy of their diocesan newspaper or magazine in the past three months, but only 4 percent had gone to their computer to view the online version of the publication. The study also revealed that readership of Catholic newspapers has held steady over the past six years, a far cry from the daily newspaper business, which has recorded continuous declines in revenue, readership, advertising and employment. One area that showed a drop was Catholic readers' awareness of nationally distributed Catholic newspapers and magazines. But, counterbalancing the low numbers of Catholics going to the Web to read their diocesan newspaper, there was a marked increase in the percentage of Catholics visiting their parish's website, up from 9 percent

in a similar study in 2005 to 14 percent in the 2011 study. Both the 2011 and 2005 studies were conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University. The 2011 study was funded with a grant from the Catholic Communication Campaign. "The differences between some of the religious market and the secular market was something we were curious about, and readership patterns showed up very strongly in the print publications," said Tim Walter, CPA executive director. "I was hoping that it would be verified, so I was pleased with the results." The study gives solid evidence that Catholic newspaper readers are loyal to the print format. CPA leaders have wrestled with how to approach the hypothetical diocesan chief financial officer who would argue that "you can put this newspaper online and we can save a lot of money and it can be just as effective," Walter told Catholic News Service. "What it verified is that if you take away this print product, you don't have another communications tool to reach them."

## Zenit editors resign over differences with Legionaries of Christ

ROME (CNS) — The six editors of the Catholic news agency Zenit have resigned, saying the agency has become too closely identified with the Legionaries of Christ. "The initial vision of Zenit was never to make it a service of a particular congregation, but rather of the universal Church. This has been the spirit with which we have worked throughout the years, and the spirit we could not betray," said a statement issued Oct. 10 by the editors of Zenit's French, Italian, Spanish, English, Portuguese and Arabic services. Their departure follows the resignation in late September of Zenit's director, Jesus Colina. Colina, who founded Zenit in 1997 and helped build it into an agency with about 450,000 email subscribers, said he was forced out because he resisted pressures to identify the agency and its work more closely with the Legionaries order. At that time, Colina said there had been a loss of mutual trust and transparency in the agency's relationship with the Legionaries. In their statement, the six editors cited "years of fruitful collaboration" between Zenit and the Legionaries of Christ, but said they disagreed with the order's decision to "underline the institutional dependence of the agency on the Legion." The statement said that, from Zenit's inception, the Legionaries of Christ had acted as "spiritual advisers" to the agency "to ensure fidelity to the magisterium." For the past 14 years, it said, the agency has worked independently of the religious order. Colina told Catholic News Service Oct. 11 that the Legionaries had not financed Zenit during that period, but did control the board that oversees the agency. A spokesman for the Legionaries of Christ, Father Andreas Schoggl, said the order had "always been involved with Zenit" in strategic decisions. At the same time, he said, Zenit's journalists operated with "editorial independence."



## Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home seeks volunteers

FORT WAYNE — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, a locally-based, not-for-profit hospice and palliative home care provider is seeking volunteers to assist in Hospice Home, the agency's 14-bed inpatient unit dedicated to the needs of the terminally ill and their families.

This special work requires the ability to work a three- to four-hour shift on a regular basis. Volunteer work includes simple meal preparation and delivery, flower arranging, restocking and cookie baking. This active job requires emotional maturity, commitment and comfort with issues of death and dying. Various shifts are available with a special need on weekends. Volunteer clerks are also needed. Training will begin in November. For additional information call Ann Blue, volunteer coordinator at (260) 435-3222 or email [annblue@vnhh.org](mailto:annblue@vnhh.org)

## Mary Hilger receives art educator award

FORT WAYNE — The Art Education Association of Indiana, a professional education organization dedicated to promotion, advancement, and improvement of art education at all levels in the state of Indiana, will be holding its annual convention Nov. 4-6 in Indianapolis. Fort Wayne resident Mary Hilger has been selected to receive the Outstanding Art Educator of the Year award. Award recipients are teachers who show outstanding artistic achievement and service in education, and are nominated by their peers.

Hilger currently teaches art at Indian Springs Middle School in Columbia City.

She is an active advocate for the arts, and provides multiples opportunities for her students to exhibit their work.

Hilger believes that "God is using me as an instrument to spread His love through the gift of art," and she has worked with multiple churches and religious groups in her community doing live chalk drawings for charity.

Hilger drew a portrait in honor of Mother Teresa after her death, and presented the portrait to the Sister Nirmala. It hangs in Mother Teresa's Motherhouse in Kolkata, India. Hilger has also presented portraits to Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. Money for the education of the children in Abakaliki, Nigeria, was procured through the auction of her artwork.

## USF presenting wood type and letterpress lecture, exhibition

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will present a wood type and letterpress lecture and exhibition in collaboration with the Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum of Two Rivers, Wis.

Jim Moran, museum executive

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## ST. VINCENT KNIGHTS SUPPORT SEMINARIANS



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St. Vincent, Fort Wayne, Knights Council 11353 Grand Knight John Becker, left, presented Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades with a \$6,000 check at the Sept. 7 meeting with 100 members in attendance, in answer to his call that every Knight contribute \$20 to fund the ever-increasing number of seminarians in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

director, will speak about the museum's collection and unique work on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium as part of the university's Closer Look Lecture Series.

The Hamilton Museum has over 1.5 million pieces of hand-carved wood type and over 1,000 styles and sizes of patterns, making it one of the largest collections of its kind.

The exhibition will open Saturday, Oct. 29, from 6-9 p.m. in the Weatherhead Gallery in the Rolland Art and Visual Communication Center. The collection will remain on display through Nov. 27 and will feature an original poster collection from the Hamilton Wood Type Museum. The posters were hand-set from vintage Hamilton collection wood type by award-winning designers and typesetters from around the world. Also on display will be a letterpress installation by museum assistant director Stephanie (Fenstermaker) Carpenter, a University of Saint Francis graduate who also earned a master's degree in fine arts from Indiana University, Bloomington. Courier Printing Company of Grabill will also display a collection of letterpress-printed pieces. Courier, one of the only letterpress printers in the region, is the corporate and printing sponsor for this exhibition.

The lecture and exhibit are free and open to the public. For more information, call (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001 or visit [www.sf.edu/art](http://www.sf.edu/art).

## Holy Cross College named to military friendly schools list

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College joins the elite ranks of schools listed as a "Military Friendly School" by *G.I. Jobs*, the premier magazine for military personnel ready to transition into civilian life.

Being named to the 2012 Military Friendly School list ranks Holy Cross College in the top 20 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide.

"The competition for our 2012 Military Friendly Schools list was fierce, and as a result we raised the stringent criteria even higher," says Denise McNamara, government and community relations officer for *G.I. Jobs*.

The Military Friendly Schools list is determined through exhaustive research, which includes government agencies and private entities, which administer education benefits and a comprehensive survey administered by *G.I. Jobs*. Schools are awarded the Military Friendly distinction based on programs and policies that measure a school's non-financial efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students. This category includes things like VA-approval to accept the GI Bill, SOC membership, academic credit for CLEP and ACE, flexible learning programs and much more.

Holy Cross College appeals to

military veterans because they can incorporate their experience directly into their education. Holy Cross College requires all students to complete four experiential learning programs, involving service projects, global study and professional internships. The final program, The Capstone Presentation, allows students to explain how their experiences have changed them and in what direction they are headed.

## Brother Briscoe professes simple vows in the Dominican Order

CINCINNATI, Ohio — A native of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is one of 16 men that made simple profession in the Dominican Order on Aug. 15 at St. Gertrude Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Simple profession is the temporary taking of the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for a period of three years, after which the brother may take the same vows for life.

Dominican Father John Langlois, vicar provincial of the Province of St. Joseph received the profession of Brother Patrick Mary Briscoe and the others during a Mass in St. Gertrude Church.

A native of Fort Wayne, Brother Briscoe graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School in 2006, and from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in 2010. His home parish is St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne.

He entered the Dominican Order in August 2010 at St. Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati. He was assigned to the Dominican House of Studies in 2011 where he is currently pursuing studies for the priesthood.

## Poet reading works for USF Books and Coffee series

FORT WAYNE — Poet Sister Eva Hooker will conduct a poetry reading on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Brookside Ballroom as part of the Books and Coffee series at the University of Saint Francis.

The visiting writer has authored "Notes for Survival in the Wilderness (or, A Wild Rose Can Be Eaten Raw)" and other poetry collections. She was Regents Professor of Poetry at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn. and is now writer-in-residence and professor of English at Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame. She has published in *The Harvard Review*, *The Massachusetts Review* and *Shenandoah*, among other esteemed publications. "Notes for Survival" was published by Chapiteau Press this year.

The Books and Coffee series, presented by the Department of English and Foreign Languages and the School of Arts and Sciences, is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

## St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School takes 'Rachel's Challenge'

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School dedicated part of a school day and evening to "Rachel's Challenge," a program that promotes kindness, compassion and respect towards others.

Adam Northam of Rachel's Challenge made his presentation to two assemblies of students at both the St. Joseph and the St. Elizabeth campuses on Tuesday, Oct. 11. He spoke about Rachel Joy Scott, the first student killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999 in Littleton, Colo., during a school massacre that killed 12 students, one teacher and injured 24 others.

The Columbine High School tragedy is not what Rachel's Challenge is about, Northam pointed out. "We're not here to talk about how Rachel died. We're here to talk about how she lived," Northam said.

Rachel Scott's acts of kindness and compassion, coupled with the contents of her six diaries, have become the foundation for Rachel's Challenge, a program that has been presented to 1.5 million students annually since 2000. Rachel's Challenge was founded by Rachel's father, Darrell Scott.

Rachel Scott's ideas of dreaming big, writing down goals, keeping a journal and speaking with kindness are the simple yet effective steps of "Rachel's Challenge." Rachel Scott wrote in an essay shortly before her death, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same."



# Hispanic Catholic community still growing

BY LAURIE KIEFABER

FORT WAYNE — Just as Catholic priests traveled to serve rural Americans in pioneer days, diocesan priests and seminarians went to the Hispanic community at first to minister to their needs.

Holy Cross Father Thomas Lemos, now associate pastor of St. Adalbert Church in South Bend, first got involved with Hispanic ministry in South Bend while a third-year seminarian at Moreau Seminary in 1967.

"Father Peter Forrestal was a Holy Cross priest who taught Spanish in Texas and taught at Notre Dame," Father Lemos recalled. "I don't know all the details, but he went out on his own to the people living on the farms to minister to them. Joe Ruetz (father of Father Ed Ruetz) of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Father Forrestal were a team, and ministered to Hispanic families for their pastoral and social needs."

Father Lemos explained that Hispanics came from Texas in the 1940s, '50s and '60s to pick crops and work on farms. They stayed in camps on or near farms, working long hours for their pay. Many in the camps would not have made it to church due to limited transportation, so the priests went to them.

"Father Forrestal's friends in Texas gave him money for a bus," Father Lemos said. "Father Forrestal got (the seminarians) excited about Hispanic ministry and (those) who could drive drove the bus to the

farms."

The bus was used to transport the migrant workers to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in New Carlisle and then to Holy Family Church, he said. Hispanics could attend Mass and the children could attend religious-education classes. The seminarians would teach children to play the guitar and music for Mass, take groups on picnics and organize other activities.

Father Forrestal helped the women form the Guadalupana Society, an Hispanic prayer group.

"They prayed and worked for the day when they would have an Hispanic parish," Father Lemos said.

By 1968, Father Lemos said the Hispanic community was growing in the South Bend area and many were moving from the farms to live in South Bend.

"Father Forrestal knew he needed to get a home for the Hispanic community that was growing ...," Father Lemos said.

In April of 1968, members of the Guadalupana Society celebrated the community's first Mass at St. Stephen King of Hungary Parish.

Father Forrestal had also celebrated Mass in Spanish at St. Mary of the Assumption.

Many of the seminarians involved at the time either knew Spanish or were studying it and went on to become missionaries in Chile, South America. Father Lemos had an advantage in learning the language; having grown up in California, he started learning Spanish in seventh grade.

Still, working with the Hispanics

in South Bend "helped me learn my Spanish," he said.

At this point, Father Forrestal was aging, so some Spanish-speaking priests studying at Notre Dame helped out at Masses, Father Lemos said. Then with Vatican II, Mass went from being said in Latin to English and Spanish.

By 1972, Bishop Leo Pursley saw how the Hispanic community had grown and the diocese purchased a car service station in the Milford area, Father Lemos said. The site became the home of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish about a year later.

Holy Cross Father Bob Baker was hired by the diocese to be the vicar for the Hispanic community from Milford and Plymouth to South Bend in 1972, Father Lemos said. Hispanic ministry offices were opened in South Bend and Fort Wayne and Father Baker was considered the administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The pastoral team of the Spanish Speaking Ministry Office worked out of the South Bend Catholic Charities building, while Father Carlos Rozas worked as vicar for Hispanic Ministry at St. Paul's Parish in Fort Wayne.

In the meantime, Father Lemos, Holy Cross Father John Korcsmar, and Holy Cross Father John Phalen were moving into their second year of theology and continued to reach out to the Hispanic community in South Bend, Plymouth and the Goshen/Milford area.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis also got involved as part of the team.

By 1973, the need for youth ministry was becoming apparent, Father Lemos said. Father Phalen helped start a singing group with Benito and Berta Salazar and a youth group was started around singing called "La Vida" (the life). Later, a place was needed for the gathering youth so a house, which had been an old Polish neighborhood department store, became La Casa de Amistad, Father Lemos said. This grew into a youth center, which still exists but is no longer formally connected to the Church.

Father Lemos, Father Korcsmar and Father Phalen were ordained priests in 1974, and Father Lemos and Father Phalen worked to develop



FATHER THOMAS LEMOS, CSC

St. Stephen Parish as a home for Hispanics along with the Hungarian and Polish parishioners.

Later, Father Korcsmar went to serve as administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe and took care of the Goshen and Plymouth communities.

From 1977 to 1979, Father Lemos was pastor of the Milford church. By 1980, Bishop William McManus reinforced the idea of moving Hispanic ministry from an office directly to the parishes. Then Father Lemos was named pastor of St. Stephen, with Father Phalen as associate pastor.

In 1986, Father Lemos was reassigned to Phoenix, Ariz., and he stayed there eight years. Father Phalen was assigned to an Hispanic parish on the east coast.

Holy Cross Father Richard Laureck was pastor of St. Stephen Parish in South Bend for three years, followed by Holy Cross Father Tom McNally for five years. Father Lemos came back to the area as pastor at St. Stephen and St. Casimir, staying seven years.

Other priests serving the community included Holy Cross Father David Porterfield (July 2001), who moved with the parishioners of St. Stephen Parish to merge into St. Adalbert Parish in the summer of 2003, and Holy Cross Father Chris Cox, (July 2004), who helped to develop a community-organizing organization called TAP, that the Hispanics are very much involved in.

Holy Cross Father Peter Pacini became pastor of St. Adalbert in July of 2010. Father Lemos came back to the area to assist Father Pacini as associate pastor last December.

There are now two Spanish Masses at St. Adalbert Church at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday. St. Casimir offers a Spanish Mass at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday. Over the years a large charismatic prayer group developed at St. Stephen, but now meets at St. Casimir. A prayer and faith sharing group for married couples — Matrimonios — meets at St. Adalbert.

Traditional programs also have developed at St. Adalbert and St. Casimir including RCIA, St. Vincent de Paul, Christ Renews His Parish, and other programs "with an Hispanic twist," Father Lemos said.

Hispanics have continued to work in the community in factories, restaurants, grocery stores and as students at Saint Mary's College, Holy Cross College, Ivy Tech, the University of Notre Dame and Indiana University-South Bend.

"In the 1970s and '80s, it was hard to get them to think beyond high school (for education)," Father Lemos said. "A lot of their families worked in the fields. ... It's wonderful for me to come back here and see so many going to college."

"Again, when I returned from 10 years in Colorado, a third time to serve the Hispanics on South Bend's West Side in December 2010, I saw even more growth, such that now there are two Spanish Masses at Our Lady of Hungary Parish with their new bilingual pastor, Father Kevin Bauman," Father Lemos said.

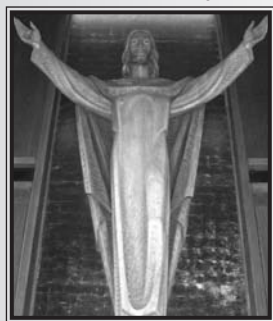
Hispanics are now working as lawyers and bankers as well, Father Lemos said.

"I thought I was going to be spending my life in Chile being a missionary," Father Lemos said, "but there was a mission right here in my back yard. ... I don't feel I do ministry by myself. The Holy Cross community made a commitment to the Hispanic community in the South Bend area. For me, Holy Cross is my family, and it is as the Holy Cross Religious Community that we are grateful to be able to serve."

Father Lemos also has enjoyed working in this ministry.

"I've learned to be a good priest because of the good people," he said. "It's a joy to see how important faith is in the life of Hispanics ... they live the Gospel and are taking ownership and responsibility for themselves."

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# Latinos renew faith at World Youth Day

BY KAY COZAD

Madrid, Spain, overflowed with Catholic youth and young adults from cultures all across the world during a week in mid August as an estimated 2 million pilgrims converged on the city to celebrate their faith. The Latino community of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was well represented when a group of several youth and young adults traveled to Spain to receive Pope Benedict XVI's blessing.

The youth were part of the group of 120 young pilgrims from throughout the diocese who boarded buses and planes to traverse the globe for spiritual renewal. Twenty-two-year-old Carolina Figueroa, of St. Michael Parish in Waterloo, speaks fluent Spanish and felt traveling with the group was a fulfilling experience. She said, "I honestly did not know what to expect, but being there with the group I was with really helped me feel comfortable."

The first stop on this expansive pilgrimage was Lourdes, France, where the pilgrims were touched and inspired by the sights and sounds of the grotto where St. Bernadette was visited by the Blessed Mother in the 1850s.

Figueroa was awe inspired to be at Lourdes. She said, "The experience was amazing, the town itself, Lourdes, was just so spiritual and we were very focused on learning about St.

Bernadette and the apparitions of the Immaculate Conception. ... The most memorable part of this trip was getting bathed in the holy waters."

Another member of the Latino group, 18-year-old Sarai Rodriguez, parishioner of St. Adalbert Parish in South Bend, was also touched by the beauty of Lourdes and said, "Lourdes was awesome, beautiful! To know that that was the spot where Our Mother appeared."

Ana Diaz-Aquilar, 20, also from St. Adalbert, enjoyed the torch-light ceremony at Lourdes. She said, "The singing and raising of candles — to look around and see the nighttime lit by candles and to see the pilgrims was really moving." A student at Saint Mary's College, Diaz-Aquilar was grateful that she was able to join the World Youth Day pilgrimage.

Following two days at Lourdes the pilgrims boarded more buses headed for a visit to Loyola where St. Ignatius experienced his profound conversion in the 1520s. More travel took them to Burgos, Spain, where they spent the night investigating the quaint village that boasts the 13th century gothic-style cathedral in which they celebrated Mass the next morning.

Their expedition through the landscape of Spain led the pilgrims to its capital of Madrid where they experienced six days of catechesis sessions, concerts, special Masses and reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration that culminated in an outdoor prayer vigil at Cuatro Vientos airfield where Pope



ENID ROMAN-DEJESUS

**At right in green shirts, Ana Díaz, Benjamin Figueroa and Sarai Rodríguez share with some of Italian, Portugese and Spanish pilgrims that were camped out in the Cuatro Vientos airfield in Madrid in anticipation of Pope Benedict XVI's arrival.**

Benedict consecrated the youth of the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Latino group members were able to battle the masses of pilgrims who rode the metro system to the airfield in hopes of finding their assigned area to camp.

Figueroa recalls, "Everyone was going to walk together from the Tryp Hotel to the vigil, but our small group did things a bit different. We decided to take the subway and the bus, because it was too hot to walk and it was a very far distance to walk."

Diaz-Aquilar remembers the 100 plus-degree temperatures and crowds of the metro ride to the airfield saying, "We were packed in there."

Upon arrival at the airfield, the

group made their way to their spot, which had already been invaded by pilgrims from Italy, Portugal and Spain. But they held their ground and made camp. Unfortunately, the others from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend were unable to gain entrance to the inner field leaving the Latino group to safeguard their space alone in the packed airfield.

Sarai Rodriguez said of the enormous gathering, "Being inside the airfield and actually seeing how many people were there was pretty awesome." She was thrilled to speak with some of the pilgrims from abroad.

Though the Saturday night vigil with Pope Benedict was temporarily halted by a thunderstorm that raged

through the area, the pilgrims were delighted by the pope's humor following the storm when he said that they had asked for water all day and finally got some.

The Latino group, along with millions of other pilgrims, watched in awe as the pope blessed the youth, most from big screens strategically placed around the airfield. Rodriguez was touched by the pope's visit and said, "He came all this way to speak to us!"

In the morning Pope Benedict celebrated Mass with dozens of priests and bishops from around the world and offered a special blessing for all items held by the pilgrims.

The group of pilgrims all felt a sense of deepening faith and change from World Youth Day experience. Of the trip Rodriguez said, "It strengthened my faith and everything I believe in." Diaz-Aquilar, who has since become more involved in campus ministry and her parish youth group agreed, saying, "I feel more committed to the pope and the Church, more dedicated to prayer."

Lourdes Silva, associate director of the diocesan Hispanic Ministry Office, who chaperoned the group along with director Enid Roman-DeJesus, throughout the World youth day pilgrimage, summed it up by saying, "The pilgrimage continues, in the Eucharistic celebrations and familiar faces of priests and laity throughout the various diocesan churches I've visited since."



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# Warriors for life must be unyielding, uncompromising, says keynote

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Tony Perkins, keynote speaker for the 14th annual Allen County Banquet for Life held recently at the Grand Wayne Center, sounded a clarion call for the more than 700 audience members to be steadfast, unyielding and uncompromising in the battle for life.

Perkins is president of the Washington, D.C.-based Family Research Council, which was founded by Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family in 1980. Perkins is a friend and counselor to senators, congressmen and policy makers and uses his influence to promote the pro-life agenda on the national stage.

“My friends, we know the truth,” he declared. “Every person is made in the image of God. In the words of Mother Teresa, ‘Human life is a gift of immeasurable worth and deserves to be treated with dignity.’”

President Barack Obama

insists that the 2012 election will be a contest of values, said Perkins. But the president once said, “If my daughters make a mistake, I don’t want them punished with a baby.”

Since nothing defines a person more than his stance on life, Perkins asked his listeners to consider whose values should lead us into the future.

He closed his remarks to the evening’s audience by saying, “Our heavenly Father is inviting us to join Him, unyielding, uncompromising, as we face the future.”

In an earlier interview, speaker Perkins was effusive in his praise for the “bold ... stand for life” being taken in the state of Indiana, especially the attempt to defund Planned Parenthood.

“It’s encouraging to see the leading role they’re taking” in this effort, he said.

Pro-life victories in the 2011 Indiana General Assembly include House Bill 1210, which opts out of the abortion provi-

sion of the federal Patient Safety Affordable Care Act, requires hospital admitting privileges for abortionists and removes state funding to any entity that performs abortions. Another piece of legislation, House Bill 1474, tightens reporting requirements on the termination of pregnancy form, making it more difficult to cover up child sexual molestation.

Nationally, Perkins supports the official inquiry by the U.S. Committee on Energy and Commerce into Planned Parenthood’s possible misuse of taxpayer funds to support abortion and their request for evidence that the organization properly reports cases of sexual abuse and sex trafficking. With other questionable government practices just now coming to light, this is certainly “worth looking into,” he asserted.

A highlight of the evening was the announcement of this year’s winner of the coveted Telemachus Award. It is named for a 4th-century monk who was

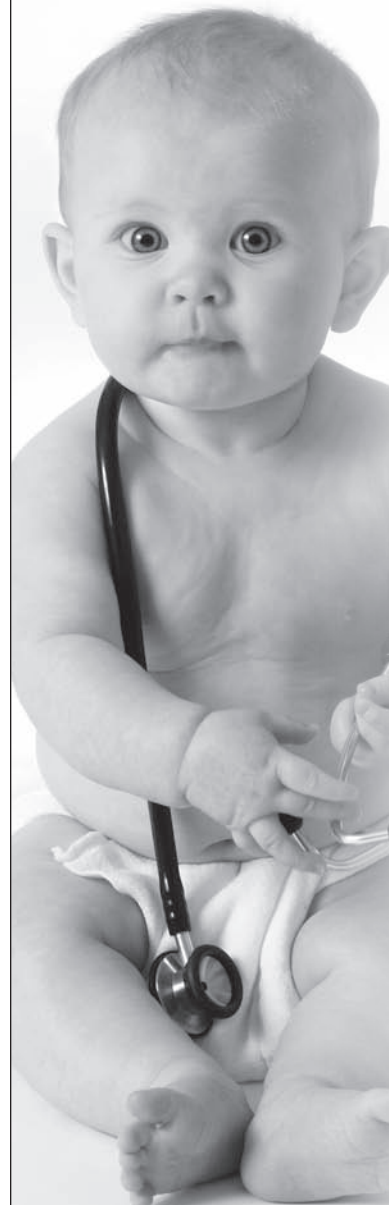


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Tony Perkins, right, President of the Family Research Council, stands with Pastor Steve Jones, left, president of Allen County Right to Life, and Cathie Humbarger, center, director of Allen County Right to Life. Perkins was the guest speaker at the 14th annual Banquet for Life held Monday, Oct. 10, at the Grand Wayne Center in downtown Fort Wayne.

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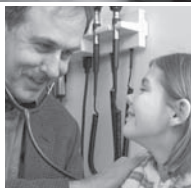
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killed protesting the senseless slaughter of gladiators in the Roman Forum and is bestowed annually on a person who contributes in a special way to the pro-life cause.

This year the award went to Dr. Dean Wenthe, former president of Concordia Theological Seminary and long-time proponent of the right to life movement. It was given to him by Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who said he was delighted to honor a dear friend in doing so.

“He has always supported the dignity of every person, especially the unborn,” said Bishop D’Arcy.

Another award, the Daniel Award for Excellence in Pro-Life Public Policy, went to

U.S. 6th District Congressman Mike Pence. Named for the Old Testament figure who followed God’s will in his role as the king’s counselor without regard for his personal safety, it recognizes a public official who invests his political influence for the cause of life.

New this year, a live auction of dinners for eight prepared and served by professional chefs and hosted by six Pastors for Life proved to be a crowd-pleaser and successful fundraiser, as the auction netted \$14,500 for Allen County Right to Life activities.

Hosts of this year’s banquet were Senator and Mrs. Jim Banks and Senator and Mrs. Dennis Kruse, the Three Rivers Educational Trust Fund and Allen County Right to Life.

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## Tim Tebow and Christophobia

Two weeks into the NFL season, ESPN ran a Sunday morning special exploring why the third-string quarterback of the Denver Broncos, Tim Tebow, had become the most polarizing figure in American sports — more polarizing than trash-talking NBA behemoths; more polarizing than foul-mouthed Serena Williams; more polarizing than NFL all-stars who father numerous children by numerous women, all out of wedlock. Why does Tebow, and Tebow alone, arouse such passions? Why is Tebow the one whom “comedians” say they would like to shoot?

A hint: it has nothing to do with Tebow’s prospects as a pro quarterback.

For readers who don’t follow the NFL, let me explain that Tebow is a Heisman trophy winner who led the University of Florida to two mythical national collegiate championships. Many

consider Tebow the greatest college football player ever, although there is a lot of skepticism about whether his skills will translate to the pro game. He is, by all accounts, a terrific teammate and a hard worker. Beyond these bare facts of his sporting life, however, lie the beginnings of an answer to the question of why so many people hate Tim Tebow with an irrational hatred.

Tebow is the son of an evangelical pastor and spends some of his vacation time working with his father’s mission in the Philippines. He famously wore eye-black with Bible verses inked on it in white during his Florida career, and he is not reluctant to share his Christian faith in other public ways. He visits sick kids in hospitals; he has said that he is a virgin who believes in saving himself for marriage; he and his mother taped a pro-life commercial that ran during the Super Bowl. There is not the slightest



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evidence that Tebow has ever forced himself and his convictions on his teammates or on an unsuspecting public.

And if Catholics would find his theology a little questionable at points, there is nothing of which I’m aware that would suggest that Tebow wouldn’t be interested in sitting down and having a serious conversation with knowledgeable Catholics about how God saves those who will be saved. A guy who can

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## True discipleship balanced in love



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 22:34-40

The Book of Exodus provides this weekend with its first reading. In ancient Jewish tradition, Moses wrote Exodus, in a most special way it was regarded as the very word of God. Moses represented God and was the link between God and the Chosen People. Through Moses, God gave directions for every aspect of life. This weekend’s reading from Exodus addresses certain very specific realities in life, such as the lending of money.

The details of course are important. However, also important is the underlying spirit. Not even aliens can be exploited or mistreated. Every person has the right to be respected and treated justly. To break this law, or any law of God, unleashes a flood of misfortune. Human sin brings about the consequences.

The lesson given here is neither rare in the Scriptures nor open to exceptions. Primary in the Hebrew religion from the beginning was a respect for each person, but a respect founded on the notion of God as Creator and final governor of human lives.

For the second reading, the Church presents a reading

from Paul’s First Epistle to the Thessalonians. Paul’s advice is firm. He offers his own devotion to the Lord as an example. Following Jesus brings joy, the Apostle insists. The epistle continues.

Bearing witness to Christ, evangelization to use a theological term often used in modern times, is an opportunity for Christians. Paul urged the Christian Thessalonians to be a model for all the people of Macedonia and Achaia. He tells the Thessalonians that their faith, their turning away from idols, was an inspiration to many.

St. Matthew’s Gospel once again this month supplies the last reading. It is a familiar, and beloved, text.

The question of the Pharisees in this story most likely was intended not to trick, but rather to discredit, Jesus. It was a test. Did the Lord know the teachings of Moses?

For the Pharisees, Jesus was a rival for the people’s confidence. The competition was all the more tense since Jesus often rebuked the Pharisees. For the Pharisees, all this was painfully unacceptable.

In responding, Jesus builds a case on the teaching of Moses itself, specifically referring to Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:8, both books of the Pentateuch, in Jewish parlance of the Torah. These verses, and the teachings conveyed, were from Moses himself.

The stress is on unconditional love, fundamental for the life and behavior of any true believer. Concentrating on love, to the exclusion of anything else, of any self-interest or “self-defense” even, was as difficult in the time of Jesus for humans as it would be at any time.

Jesus is God’s spokesman. He wisely interprets the law of Moses. The true disciple must balance every decision against the standard of love for God, uncompromised and absolute. True discipleship also means active respect for every other

person. Every human being is God’s treasured creation.

In the words of Jesus, love for the Father cannot be removed from love of others, and indeed all others.

### Reflection

The reading from Matthew’s Gospel, with the Lord’s response to the Pharisees, brings us into direct confrontation not just with the usual conventions of human conduct but, to a significant degree, with human nature itself.

Forgetting hurts and slights is hard. Instinctively, we defend ourselves against anyone or anything perceived to be a threat.

Jesus calls disciples to love everyone, deeply and profoundly. It presumes forgiveness. It presumes commitment to live in a way that often may seem difficult and even unnatural.

This reading also reminds us that true Christianity is more than an intellectual assent to certain theological propositions. Christianity means a way of life.

For this way of life, believers have God’s Revelation as guidance, and the Lord’s example as a model.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30 Ps 13:4-6 Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Eph 2:19-22 Ps 2-5 Lk 6:12-16

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 Lk 14:1, 7-11

## The penitential act in the new translation: Why change the Confiteor?

Finally, I was old enough to be an altar boy. The liturgy was still in Latin, and I worked hard to memorize those Latin prayers.

I have to admit, we altar boys would race to see who could rattle off the prayers faster. But one prayer forced us to put the brakes on for at least a minute.

Near the beginning of the Mass, we would slow down and dramatically say “mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa,” beating our breast with our fist at each repetition of the phrase, which meant in English: “through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.”

No sooner had my serving career begun and the rules changed. Due to something the priest called “Vatican II,” we began saying the Confiteor in English, but we were disappointed that the threefold “mea culpa” had disappeared.

In the upcoming changes in the English translation of the Mass, the threefold refrain is back again, and we are once again encouraged to symbolically strike our breasts each time we acknowledge our fault.

So why was this restored? And why will we, at the beginning of the prayer, not only admit that we have sinned, but that we have “greatly” sinned?

The first reason is that the Catholic Mass is thoroughly biblical. So let’s start by noting what a threefold repetition means in the Jewish mentality.

In Hebrew, you cannot add endings to words to express superlatives or emphasis. There is no “big, bigger, biggest” in the language of the Old Testament.

So how do you get the idea across that something is the best, worst or extremely important?

By repeating it three times!

When Isaiah had a vision of the Lord attended by angels (6:3), they cried out “Holy, holy, holy,” which we repeat at every Mass.

Peter denied Jesus three times. The Lord later asked Peter not once but three times: “Do you love me?” (Jn 21:16).

So, as we return to a threefold admission of our fault, it is a

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biblical way to emphasize what is said at the start of the prayer, that we have “greatly” sinned.

Sin is not just a casual affair, an inconsequential blunder like failing to dot an “i” or cross a “t.” Sin is a most serious matter.

God has given us everything and even sacrificed His only Son for us. He rightly commands all of our love, and we say that we will respond with total love in the act of contrition.

As we become aware of what we’ve done or failed to do, the proper response is contrition, the kind of sorrow that leads not to despair but to change.

So why the striking of our breasts as we recall our fault? Is being Catholic all about beating ourselves up?

For the answer, we again need to turn to Scripture.

In Luke 18, we meet a very pious Pharisee who congratulates God for having him as a most worthy servant. And then there is a publican, a tax collector, who strikes his breast as he comes before the Lord saying, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (18:13).

In striking our breast, we distance ourselves from the Pharisee and stand — or rather bow — with the publican, acknowledging our unworthiness before the awesome majesty and perfect holiness of the living God.

It is not about self-hatred but about humility. And to be humble means to get in touch with reality, to pause as we begin the liturgy to recall that we don’t deserve to be there.

We are all publicans and prodigals who are welcomed and embraced by our loving Father not because of our virtues but in spite of our sins.



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# Sports

**ICCL SOCCER SCORES** Inter-City Catholic League playoff soccer action on Oct. 16 produced the following results. In boys' varsity, St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, defeated St. Matthew, 4-1; St. Pius X, Granger, Green, beat Christ the King, 4-2; Holy Cross beat St. Anthony, 8-1; and St. Joseph, South Bend, defeated St. Pius X Gold, 3-2. In girls' varsity action, St. Joseph, South Bend, defeated St. Pius X, 4-0; Corpus Christi beat Holy Cross, 6-1; Mishawaka Catholic beat St. Jude, 4-3. Playoff games continue Sunday, Oct. 23, at Marian Field.

## After playoffs, ICCL Blazers look to semifinals

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — When on a brisk Sunday afternoon, the winter coats, scarves and hats are donned at Marian High School's Otolski Field, it can only mean one thing — Inter-City Catholic League football playoff time.

The first matchup of the post season saw a much-improved West Side Catholic (Holy Family/Corpus Christi/St. John) Cardinals squad facing probably one of the most dangerous teams in the league — the St. Matthew (Our Lady of Hungary/St. Jude) Blazers.

The Blazers owned the victory during the regular season, 36-24; the winner would have the privilege of playing against the undefeated regular-season champs next week in the semifinals.

The Blazers' opening drive started at their own 32-yard line, but runs of 11 and 25 by Davante Newbill had St. Matthew rolling. On the third play from scrimmage a Timmy Greci 31-yard jolt into the end zone bolted the Blazers into the lead, 6-0, with just 1:13 off the clock.

West Side Catholic tried to muster a drive against the big line of St. Matthew, but were turned away on downs giving the Blazers the ball at the 47.

Again more of the same high-powered running game with Newbill, Greci and Chris Scales chewing up yards until Newbill finished the task with a punishing 10-yard run to paydirt. Patrick Ernst's left foot found its mark, 14-0, still in the first.

After an incomplete pass, a quarterback sack by Greci for a loss, Blazer Kenny Derucki mercifully put an end to the West Side drive by intercepting Zach Stopczynski's pass and giving great field position again for the Blazers.

After picking up big chunks of yardage, Newbill again broke free. A crushing block by Justin DeClark sprung the big back 17 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the second quarter, 20-0, St. Matthew.

On the unseeing kickoff, Scales recovered the onside kick and the Newbill-Greci combination was at it again, this time punctuating the score on a 34-yard dash by the later. Ernst's kick was good, 28-0. The first half wouldn't get any better for the Cardinals as two fumbles and a Newbill 49-yard touchdown run would make the margin, 34-0, Blazers, going into intermission.



RAY DERUCKI

West Side Catholic's running back Courtney Rowell is shown in loss to St. Matthew.

West Side Catholic's "never say die" attitude would surface to start the second half as they deployed the swinging gate formation and promptly scored on a 70-yard pass play, Stopczynski to Lucas Veldman, breaking their scoring drought.

The Cardinal defense also found its groove shutting down the potent Blazer attack and giving their offense opportunities, one of them being in the legs of tailback Courtney Rowell, who broke through the line and dashed 45 yards for a touchdown making the score, 34-12, with 3:16 left in the contest.

All doubt was put to rest as on the last play of the game, St. Matthew's defensive back Robbie Sink intercepted a pass as the horn sounded securing the win for the black-and-orange clad victors.

"Coach Giles Horban and his assistants did a great job giving us different looks and keeping our defense on its toes," said Blazers' Coach Mike Ernst. "I'm so proud of our lineman — Ryan Quinn, Rogelio Rodela, Dillon Heimann, Patrick Ernst and Austin Szmanda

— for paving the road for our backs who ran with a purpose today."

"We will look forward for the challenge of facing the league champions, Holy Cross/Christ the King next Sunday," added Ernst. "They have a good team with skilled players that are well coached."

"Our hats go off to the St. Matthew squad. They played well, not taking anything away from our kids. They took advantage of the size and speed matchups and deserved the win," said Horban. "Our kids have a lot of heart and losing fumbles against this team isn't the way for success."

"We are in the middle of a building process that is starting at the lower levels," added Horban. "I believe that as a program we will get better and better and it will turn into wins in the future."

The semifinals will be Sunday at Otolski Field starting at 4 p.m. with the Blazers squaring off against the undefeated Crusaders and following that game the St. Anthony (St. Pius/St. Joseph, South Bend) Panthers will take on the Mishawaka Catholic Saints.

## St. Charles, Holy Cross to battle for championship

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Rookie season Coach Chris Tippmann, of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, may not have been on the winning side this season with just eight eighth-graders in a tough Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) league, but Coach Tippmann explained, "The boys played their guts out week after week and we saw a lot of improvement."

The Raiders were quarterbacked by seventh-grader Zach Vachon and had great leadership from their eighth graders — Danny TiChac, a lead blocker; Fabian Myles and Evan Schmucker, lead tacklers; Joe Kayser, leading rusher; Luke Reidy and Austin Pranger, leading receivers; Billy Ball, great runner both ways; and Josh Nagy, defensive corner.

The Raiders bowed out in first-round action to Holy Cross, the 2010 champs, who advanced to the 2011 championship game with a win over St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Holy Cross will face the undefeated St. Charles Cardinals, who

got by a tough group from St. Vincent in the semi-finals. The much-anticipated barn burner is slated for 2:30 p.m. at the University of Saint Francis on Sunday, Oct. 23, following the 1 p.m. junior varsity CYO title game.

In his 99th straight outing as head coach of the SJFW, Jim Carroll and his Eagles came up just short of a trip to the final contest.

Carroll explained, "It was a crazy game with a lot of effort but a few breakdowns that, unfortunately, kept us from the win."

Down, 20-6, late in the third quarter, SJFW never quit and battled back scoring twice in the fourth.

Missing both extra-point attempts, the Eagles were still down by two forcing Holy Cross to punt deep to their side. A punt block and safety later, the score was all knotted up at 20 making for a wild final minute of regulation that ended in the deadlock.

SJFW scored first on just two tries in the overtime ticks, but Holy Cross answered back on a completed pass and hit their kick. In the heartbreaker, the final score was 28-26, Holy Cross. In the loss, Seth Wyss and Jaquavious Williams each

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scored twice.

The Eagles will continue on as one of the CYO representatives in the diocesan showdown. Carroll detailed, "This is a special group of young Eagle men. It has been a pleasure to coach my son, Nick, and

all his tough buddies."

Over the years, Carroll has enjoyed watching the success of his players as they moved on to high school and even the college level. He has been very proud of the solid young men and football players his players have become.

"I love seeing them in the community, at church or receiving the many kind messages they have sent back after graduating," Carroll said.

Summarizing his career to date,

Carroll, who has compiled a 75-24 record over the last decade, added, "We have won a lot of close games and lost a few close ones as well. They have all been great because it is still football. We have preached about life — the importance of prayer and putting God first and foremost in their lives. We have prayed to both Jesus and Mary every practice for 10 years. Then we strapped it on, buckled up tight and hopefully, knocked you on the turf."

## Marian, Saint Joseph's capture regional soccer titles

**SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA** — Just 16 girls soccer teams remain in the Indiana state high school tournament, but two of them are Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan schools.

Saint Joseph's and Marian both captured regional titles Saturday, advancing to this weekend's semi-state round. Saint Joseph's defeated Penn, 4-1, in Class 2-A, while Marian moved forward with a 2-0 triumph over Westview in Class 1-A.

Defending state champion Saint Joseph's showed its poise to rally from an early deficit in the regional championship. Ryan Durham, Maddie Turner, Karoline

Langheinrich and Catherine Raster all scored goals for coach Johan Kuitse's Indians. Saint Joseph's will now face Crown Point in the Fort Wayne semistate, needing two wins on Saturday to return to the state finals.

Marian's stingy defense kept Westview locked up in its regional title tilt, but the Knights were kept scoreless themselves until the second half. That's when Madeline Ladue and Maggie Hartnagel scored goals six minutes apart to help coach Djamel Charnat's squad to its first regional crown since 2006. The Knights will meet Argos on the Dragons' home field Saturday at noon.

Because this is the initial year of the two-class system in Indiana, it marks the first time that both schools have reached the semistate in the same season.

—Chuck Freeby



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3:00 pm	<b>St. Joseph, St. Catherine</b> Fr. Ken Sarrazine	<b>Msgr. Bernie Galic</b> St. Aloysius and Vocations	<b>Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration – Mishawaka</b>
4:00 pm	<b>St. Mary – Avilla</b> Fr. Ed Erpelding	<b>Bishop Emeritus John D'Arcy</b> Christ Child Society	<b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b> Fr. Drew Curry
5:00 pm	<b>Youth and Campus Ministry</b> Fr. Jason Freiburger	<b>Franciscan Brothers Minor</b> Fr. David Mary Engo	<b>Man Alive!</b> Dr. Tom McGovern and Friends
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## FUND RAISERS

**Knights of Columbus host fish fry**  
Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will have a fish dinner on Friday, Oct. 28, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5-10 and children under 4 are free. The fish will be prepared by Tyner Oddfellows. Proceeds from the event will benefit local charities.

**Chili supper**  
Monroeville — St. Rose Parish will host a chili supper Saturday, Oct. 22, from 3-7 p.m. in the school basement. A children's carnival will also be offered from 3-4:30 p.m. with a cake walk.

## MISC. HAPPENINGS

**Memorial Mass offered**  
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish will offer a memorial Mass Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. for members who have died.

**Stage Door to be presented**  
South Bend — Saint Joseph's High School Players will present "Stage Door" Thursday, Oct. 20, and Friday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall on the campus of Notre Dame. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door.

## DCCW to meet in October

Fort Wayne — The Deanery Council of Catholic Women will have an October meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital. All women are invited. Sorting and packing new socks and underwear for distribution to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission and Charis House will

take place. A collection box is located at St. Joseph, Bluffton.

## Open house planned

South Bend — Saint Joseph's High School will have an open house Sunday, Nov. 13, from 1-3 p.m. Join the faculty and staff to discover the benefits of a Saint Joseph's High School education.

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**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades**  
in a Pro-life Mass and Rosary Rally



All are invited to join Bishop Rhoades  
and Franciscan Father David Mary  
in a Respect Life Mass at 8:30 a.m.,  
Thursday, October 27, 2011  
at St. Andrew Church  
2610 New Haven Avenue, Fort Wayne



After Mass, a Rosary Rally  
will be held at the abortion clinic at  
2210 Inwood Drive, Fort Wayne

## SAINTS AND CITIZENS

### *Catholic Sisters in American History*

Will be presented by *Kathleen Sprows Cummings, PhD* as the 2011 Hesburgh Lecture of the Notre Dame Clubs of St. Joseph Valley on Sunday, October 30 at the Center for History, 808 West Washington St., South Bend. The lecture is being held in conjunction with *Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters America*, a traveling national exhibit chronicling the 300-year history of Catholic sisters in America.

Doors will open for the event at 3:00 p.m. with self-guided tours of the exhibit. At 4:00 p.m., the Rev. Paul Doyle, CSC will offer a Mass, followed by the Hesburgh Lecture at 4:45 p.m. The afternoon will conclude with a reception and additional time for self-guided tours.

This event is free of charge and open to the public through sponsorship from the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, ND Women Connect, and the Center for History. Reservations are preferred. To RSVP or for additional information, contact Ryan Trzaskowski at rjtraz@alumni.nd.edu or (574) 850-1855.

Professor Cummings is the associate director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame. She is an assistant professor of American Studies and holds concurrent appointments in the departments of history and theology. Her teaching and research interests include the history of women and American religion and the study of U.S. Catholicism. Her first book, "New Women of the Old Faith: Gender and American Catholicism in the Progressive Era", appeared last year with the University of North Carolina Press. Cummings is also working on a new book, "Citizen Saints: Catholics and Canonization in American Culture".

## REST IN PEACE

<b>Angola</b> Yolanda L. Caccamo, 86, St. Anthony of Padua	Marie E. Gonzalez, 85, St. Patrick	Ronald A. Gerencher, 70, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
<b>Columbia City</b> Gordon H. Anspach, 75, St. Paul of the Cross	Barbara J. Shumm, 90, St. Therese	<b>South Bend</b> James Joseph McLaughlin, 88, St. Matthews Cathedral
<b>Decatur</b> Amy L. Bemus, 76, St. Mary of the Assumption	Gertrude E. Didion, 84, Most Precious Blood	Mary Lou Miller, 76, St. Matthews Cathedral
<b>Fort Wayne</b> Donna Jean Harris, 83, Sacred Heart	<b>Goshen</b> John Stack, 87, St. John the Evangelist	David L. Hurd Sr., 53, Little Flower
Rosemary P. Presswood, 69, Most Precious Blood	<b>Huntington</b> Shirley Marie Bradin, 83, Ss. Peter and Paul	Lawrence McGowan, 70, Holy Family
Rosemary A. Gaskill, 96, St. Charles Borromeo	Mary K. Hoch, 84, Ss. Peter and Paul	William J. Tschida, 89, St. Casimir
Mary Elizabeth Imler, 83, St. Peter	<b>Ligonier</b> Daniel Garza Jr., 21, St. Patrick	Eileen H. Rybicki, 89, Corpus Christi
Lynn E. Pequignot, 75, St. Vincent de Paul	<b>Notre Dame</b> Brother Frederick Tancred Choquette, CSC, 95, Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel	Doris H. Koloszar, 82, Our Lady of Hungary
		Sister Celine Clark, CSJ, 98, St. Joseph Center Chapel, Tipton. Sister served at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.

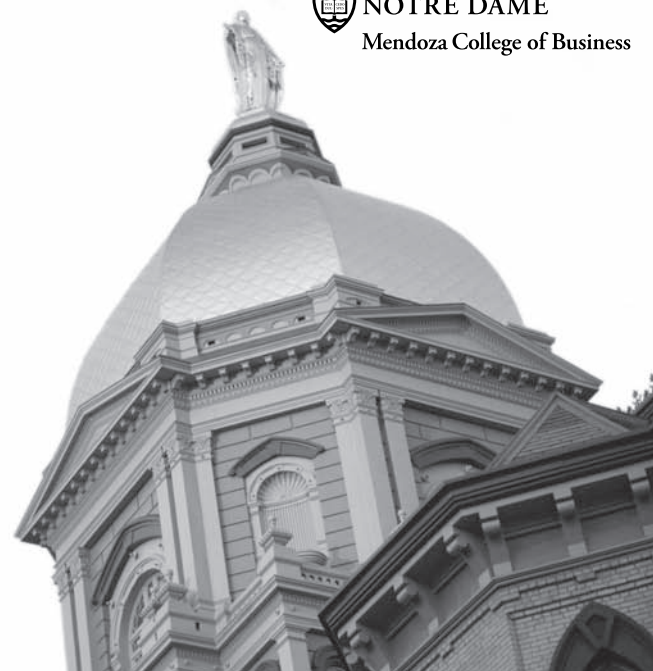


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# WEDDING

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of Marriage and the theology of Marriage. "His writings and insights continue to inspire couples," Bishop Rhoades said.

"(Marriage) is a holy journey because Jesus elevated this natural institution to the status of a sacrament, which means that through it God communicates His grace," Bishop Rhoades said. "It is a holy journey because the marital vocation is meant to be a means to growth in holiness. Holiness is at the very heart of the vocation of Marriage — it is a call to become holy and to help each other become holy, which means leading each other to heaven."

Bishop Rhoades said, St. Paul, in the letter to the Colossians, "calls the Christians 'God's chosen ones, holy and beloved' and then he exhorts them to live the Christian virtues, the virtues that are the mark of those who live the new life in Christ, a truly holy life."

Bishop Rhoades spoke of the many virtues of a holy Marriage: the unbreakable spousal love of Jesus Christ for His Church, being compassionate and kind to one another, being humble and gentle and patient, bearing with one another and forgiving one another and being thankful.

"Every husband and wife is called to be thankful for their spouse as a gift they have received. You are a gift to each other," Bishop Rhoades said. "And ultimately this gift of the other comes from God's awesome love for each of you. If you have been blessed with children, this is also a cause for thanksgiving."

Following the Mass at the cathedral, couples continued the celebration at the Grand Wayne Center. Some told *Today's Catholic* that their marriages are sustained by these virtues.

For Judy and Jack Diagostino of St. Peter Parish in Fort Wayne, they said kindness and patience ring true for their marriage of 50 years — and "patience tops all others." The couple has five children, who all live in Indianapolis, and 16 grandchildren.

Jim and Regina Bodette of St. Joseph Parish-Hessen Cassel felt respect for one another was the top virtue that sustained their Marriage of 50 years.

"I think patience and asking forgiveness" were also important, Regina and Jim noted.

"Basically, you need to keep God in the center, because when anything goes wrong, you always go back to God," Regina said. The couple said asking forgiveness and keeping God in the center of their marriage was important. The couple has four children and seven grandchildren.

"When you spend 50 years together, you have to have some compassion and love," Jim added.



JOE ROMIE

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the wedding anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 16. In his homily, he spoke how Marriage is a holy journey, a means in which couples lead one another to heaven.**

Clara and Norbert Sarrazine of St. Louis Parish-Besancon were celebrating 50 years of Marriage. Norbert is the brother of Father Ken Sarrazine, pastor of St. Joseph, Roanoke, and St. Catherine-Nix Settlement.

Clara remarked how prayers for support for each other sustained them through sickness

and the death of one of their nine children. They lost the son who was to take over the family farm business. Norbert, at one point in their marriage, lost his job at International Harvester.

"I remember that we are not alone in our struggles as a married couple," Clara told *Today's Catholic*, "God is in the center of our Marriage; and we rely on Him for help."

"I've told our married children not to believe that marriage is 50-50," Clara added. "It is 100-100. Both partners need to give their all. Sometimes one or the other feels like they are giving more, but other times, all you have to give isn't very much, and the spouse gives a little more."

The Sarrazines have 12 grandchildren.

Kay and Bob Schneider of St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke, are celebrating 50 years.

"Patience is the big one," said Kay, who has worked many years with the diocese as a teacher and principal. She is the religious education director at St. Joseph Parish.

Bob added, "When you're married so long, sometimes it's very difficult to think about the virtues the Lord has provided us. Because you are so busy with everyday family life and the days go by so fast, we don't even have time to argue. Here it is 50 years later and we're still wondering, where did the time go!"

"But it was certainly a great ceremony to remind us of how

the great virtues and holiness is provided to us," Bob added.

The Schneiders have four children and 18 grandchildren. "It's a full house at Thanksgiving," Kay noted. They feel blessed that their four children are practicing Catholics, Bob noted.

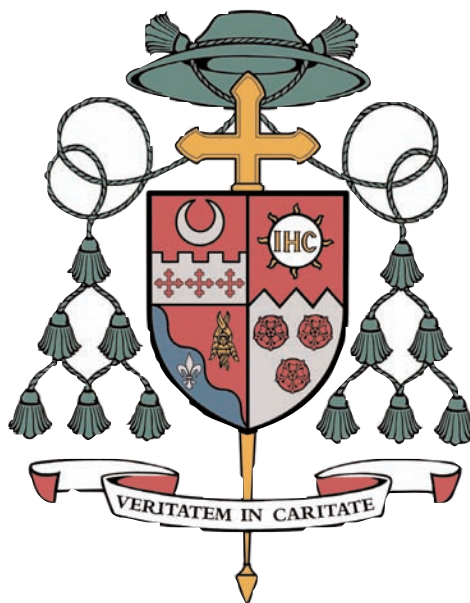
David and Peg Springer of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, were celebrating their 25th anniversary. "The virtue of patience is very important for me — something very important and learned," said Peg. "And I continue to work on patience and temperance."

The Springers' son, Brad, celebrated with his parents at the Mass while their daughter Katelyn is away at college.

David said compassion is the virtue that sustains their marriage and "love for each other even on the tough days. ... Patience again is important to both of us. In any marriage, you go through the tough times and you get through them having God number one and you as a couple as number two. You always keep God as number one in your life and in your marriage."

At the end of the homily, Bishop Rhoades said, "At every Mass, we celebrate the memorial of the love with which Christ loved us to the end, even to the giving of his life. In the Eucharist, you who are married meet the One who is the source of your marriage. You encounter the love that animates and sustains your marriage, the love of Christ for his Church."

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