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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Catechists embrace the Source and Summit of their faith

BY DENISE FEDOROW

SYRACUSE — Several hundred catechists from across the diocese attended the 21st annual Catechetical Institute Day held at Wawasee Middle School in Syracuse on November 5.

The theme this year was "The Eucharist — Embracing the Source and Summit of our Faith."

Dr. David Fagerberg, a professor in the theology department at the University of Notre Dame was the keynote speaker. Fagerberg spoke to the catechists about their role as educators.

"Education answers the question, 'What is real?' but maybe it's not enough for educators to teach us what a star is made of — having an understanding that stars are a gift of the Creator is equally important," Fagerberg said.

He said, "Despite what the new militant atheists believe, Catholics don't see friction between science and the Creator. Theology is a science. ... Theology tells us what a thing is on the way of becoming — only theology looks at the whole picture — the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Fagerberg quoted from the works of St. Augustine and the children's book, "Velveteen Rabbit." He told the audience, "The aim of catechists is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ."

"Do your catecheses find God bigger?" Fagerberg asked. "If so, they are growing."

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St. Mother Theodore Guérin Award recipient Mary Barnes is presented with her award by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the 21st annual Catechetical Institute Day in Syracuse on Nov. 5. The award is presented annually to directors of religious education or catechists who exemplify leadership and service. The other recipient this year was Franciscan Sister Marilyn Ellert.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY



MARK WEBER

Priests and deacons process to the crypt of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Nov. 7 to pray for two priests and five deacons at the annual Mass for deceased clergy. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the celebrant.

Life-giving power of Resurrection is not symbol, but reality

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christ's Resurrection is not a mere symbol of life and renewal but is the true source of a love that conquers the power of death, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"The abyss of death is filled by another abyss of even greater depth, that of God's love, so that death no longer has any power over Jesus Christ nor over those who, through their faith and baptism, are tied to him," he said during a memorial Mass Nov. 3.

The pope celebrated the memorial Mass in St. Peter's Basilica in memory of the 10 cardinals and 118 bishops who died in the past year.

The pope did not use a wheeled platform to arrive at the altar as he had done Oct. 16, the last time he celebrat-

ed Mass in the basilica. The Vatican had said the mobile platform was meant to reduce the physical toll on the 84-year-old pontiff. But since the pope walked from the sacristy, rather than down the entire length of the basilica, apparently it was not needed.

In his homily, Pope Benedict said, "New and eternal life is fruit of the tree of the cross, a tree that blossoms and makes fruit because of the light and the strength that comes from the sun of God."

To counteract the negative power of sin, an even greater power was needed, he said. The answer was the power of a love that comes straight from God's own heart, reveals the ultimate meaning of creation, and renews and guides his children along the right path, the pope said.

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Two weeks away



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

In just two weeks, we will begin using the beautiful new English translation of the Roman Missal. In last week's column, I began a reflection on the new translation of the Eucharistic Prayers. As I mentioned, "with the Eucharistic Prayer — the prayer of thanksgiving and consecration — we come to the heart and summit of the celebration" of Mass (CCC 1352).

I ended last week's column with a commentary on the new translation of the Institution Narrative (the consecration). I continue now with the words the priest says or chants immediately after the words of consecration: "The mystery of faith." The priest is inviting the people to affirm that the mystery of Christ's sacrifice is now present on the altar. The people (not the priest) then respond with one of the three acclamations (which cannot be substituted by any other song, acclamation, or response).

Here are the words of the three possible acclamations:

- 1) "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again."
- 2) "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again."
- 3) "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free."

In all three acclamations, the faithful are addressing the Lord and acclaiming the mystery of His saving action that has become present on the altar. Notice that the former acclamation: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again" may no longer be used.

After the Memorial Acclamation, the priest continues with the part of the Eucharistic Prayer called the "anamnesis," a Greek word meaning "memorial." At the end of the Institution Narrative, the priest had repeated the words of Jesus: "Do this in memory of me." "In the anamnesis ... the Church calls to mind the Passion, resurrection, and glorious return of Christ Jesus; she presents to the Father the offering of his Son which reconciles us with him" (CCC 1354). The prayer of anamnesis includes a prayer of oblation, the offering of ourselves together with the offering of Christ, the pure and holy victim of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Here is the new translation of the Anamnesis prayer from Eucharistic Prayer II:

"Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you."

After the anamnesis come the intercessions. "In the intercessions, the Church indicates that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church in heav-



CNS PHOTO/NANCY WIECHEC

A page from the new Roman Missal shows a change in the people's response when the priest says, "The Lord be with you." The congregation responds, "And with your spirit." New missals are on the way to parishes throughout the United States for use beginning the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27.

en and on earth, the living and the dead, and in communion with the pastors of the Church, the Pope, the diocesan bishop, his presbyterium and his deacons, and all the bishops of the whole world together with their Churches" (CCC 1354).

I find it very consoling and very important that at every Mass we pray for the faithful departed. At that moment of the Eucharistic Prayer, I always remember my own beloved loved ones who have died. We also pray for the living. At that moment, I often present to the Lord all the people who have asked for my prayers or whom I have promised to pray for.

The prayers of intercession for the living and the dead, the prayers for the Pope and bishops, as well as the recollection of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, remind us of our identity as the Mystical Body of Christ. We are all brothers and sisters united as members of Christ's Body, giving praise and thanks to God in the celebration of the Eucharist. The new translation of these prayers of intercession is very rich. Here follows the new translation from Eucharist Prayer II:

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Benedict our Pope and Kevin our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of

God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ."

It is important to be aware that the Eucharist is never celebrated in isolation. It is always celebrated "in communion with the whole Church, of both heaven and of earth, and that the oblation is made for her and for all her members, living and dead, who are called to participate in the redemption and the salvation purchased by the Body and Blood of Christ" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* #79).

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the Doxology, said or sung by the priest, followed by the people acclaiming "Amen." While announcing the Doxology, the priest lifts up the chalice and paten, a gesture of presenting the sacrifice of Christ and His Church to the Father.

Here is the new translation of the Doxology:

Through him, with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever."

When the people acclaim "Amen," they are giving their assent. As you may know, the word "Amen" is from the Hebrew and means "So be it!"

I encourage all to continue to prepare well for the use of the new English translation of the Roman Missal, which will begin in just two weeks, on the first Sunday of Advent. May God bless you!

Witnesses disagree about HHS rule's effect on conscience, access

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) —

Witnesses clashed at a House subcommittee hearing Nov. 2 over whether the Department of Health and Human Services' interim final rule requiring no-cost coverage of contraception and sterilization in most health plans violates conscience rights and threatens access to care.

Three of the five witnesses before the health subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce argued in the affirmative, while two others said it did not.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, also submitted written testimony at the hearing in the form of a Nov. 1 letter to Rep. Joe Pitts, R-Pa., the subcommittee chairman.

"A failure to respect conscience rights poses a serious threat to the goal we share of expanding access to health care," the cardinal wrote, adding that Catholic organizations "will have no choice but to stop providing health care and other services to the needy who are not Catholic, or to stop providing health coverage to their own employees."

"This is an intolerable dilemma, and either choice will mean reduced access to health care," Cardinal DiNardo added.

The cardinal urged passage of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, which would "provide that new nationwide mandates under the new health care reform law will not forbid the issuers, sponsors and beneficiaries of private health plans to negotiate health coverage that is consistent with their moral and religious convictions."

Pitts said in his opening statement at the hearing that when the health reform law was being debated in Congress, its "proponents adamantly refuted claims that this would be a federal government takeover of our health care system."

"Now, we have the federal Department of Health and Human Services forcing every single person in this country to pay for services that they may morally oppose," he said. "Whether one supports or opposes the health care law, we should universally support the notion that the federal government should be prohibited from taking coercive actions to force people to abandon their religious principles."

Jane G. Belford, chancellor and general counsel of the Archdiocese of Washington, outlined the variety of services offered by just one of the nation's 195 dioceses "through its schools, medical clinics, social service agencies, senior and low-income housing, job training programs and vast number of programs and services for persons in need, regardless of their faith or lack of faith."

"If not for these ministries and the services of religious organizations, more of the work of caring for the sick, the poor and the marginalized would fall to government, or simply



CNS PHOTO/NANCY WIECHEC

The headquarters of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is seen in Washington Nov. 4. A rule issued in August by the department mandates coverage of contraception and sterilization in most private health insurance plans. The U.S. bishops, saying the directive does not offer appropriate exclusions for religious institutions, view the mandate as an attack on religious liberty.

go undone," Belford said.

She said the Catholic Church would not abandon either its commitment to serve the needy nor its belief in the value and dignity of all human life.

"But I implore the committee to consider our nation's historical commitment to religious liberty and the value and importance of the Church's services to the poor and vulnerable, and to allow us to continue to observe our beliefs without interference by the law," Belford added.

William J. Cox, president and CEO of the Alliance of Catholic Health Care, based in Sacramento, Calif., said the "extremely narrow" religious exemption in the interim final rule "offers Catholic institutional ministries a Hobson's choice: cooperate under governmental compulsion with conduct that is inconsistent with their religious and moral beliefs, or cease functioning altogether."

Under the HHS rule, 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.

"It is particularly ironic that HHS is substantially burdening Catholic institutional ministries because they respectfully avoid inculcating religious beliefs, and compassionately serve persons of all faith traditions and those having no faith tradition at all," Cox added. "It is the latter population that will be the co-victim, along with Catholic ministries, if this rule is left unchanged."

Dr. David L. Stevens, CEO of the Christian Medical Association, said the more than 16,000 members of his organization are facing "an increas-

ingly hostile environment in which medical students, residents and graduate physicians face discrimination, job loss and ostracism for holding pro-life views on abortion, controversial contraceptives and other ethical issues."

The HHS rule could "trigger a decrease in access to health care by patients in medically underserved regions and populations" and could force pro-life employers not to provide health insurance for its own employees, he added.

Speaking in favor of the HHS rule and the present religious exemption were Dr. Mark Hathaway, director of obstetrics and gynecology outreach services at Washington Hospital Center, and Jon O'Brien, president of Catholics for Choice.

Hathaway said any moves to broaden the HHS religious exemption "would mean leaving in place insurmountable obstacles to contraceptive services for far too many women."

O'Brien called conscience protections in current law "refusal clauses" and said they threaten "the conscience rights of every patient seeking care for these restricted services and every provider who wishes to provide comprehensive care to their patients."

He said most "Catholics in the pews" support "the availability of comprehensive reproductive health care services for all those who choose to utilize them" and claimed the stand taken by the U.S. bishops is "the minority view" in the Catholic Church.

The U.S. bishops have said O'Brien's organization, formerly called Catholics for a Free Choice, "merits no recognition or support as a Catholic organization" and is mostly funded by "secular organizations supporting legal abortion in this country and abroad."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 13: 9 a.m. — Meeting of Doctrine Committee of USCCB, Baltimore, Md.
- Monday, Nov. 14 to Thursday, Nov. 17 — General Assembly Meeting of USCCB, Baltimore, Md.
- Friday, Nov. 18, to Saturday, Nov. 19 — National Catholic Youth Council Convention, Indianapolis
- Saturday, Nov. 19, 4 p.m. — Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Fort Wayne

Bishops urge Senate committee to uphold Defense of Marriage Act

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops have urged the Senate Judiciary Committee not to repeal the federal Defense of Marriage Act, known as DOMA, calling it important for human rights and the common good.

"DOMA advances the common good in a manner consistent with the human dignity of all persons," Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of Oakland, Calif., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, wrote in a Nov. 2 letter to committee members.

DOMA defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman and gives states the authority to reject same-sex marriages that may have been legally recognized in other states.

The Senate Judiciary Committee began debate Nov. 3 on legislation to repeal the law. Called the Respect for Marriage Act, the legislation would end what its supporters consider illegal discrimination against legally married same-sex couples.

However, advocates for traditional marriage said the Senate bill, S. 598, and an identical House bill, H.R. 1116, would open the door to redefining marriage and would eventually force states where same-sex marriage is illegal to recognize such unions.

"All persons have a rightful claim to our utmost respect," wrote Bishop Cordileone. "There is no corresponding duty, however, for society to disregard the meaning of sexual difference and its practical consequences for the common good; to override fundamental rights, such as religious liberty; and to re-define our most basic social institution."

He said DOMA's definition of marriage reflects a long-standing consensus based in reason that is "accessible to people of all faiths or none at all."

The repeal measure would allow legally married same-sex couples to take advantage of the same benefits married heterosexual couples receive under federal law. It was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and is

co-sponsored by 29 other Senators. All 10 Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee support the legislation. The House companion bill has 129 sponsors.

The Obama administration announced July 19 that it supported legislation to repeal DOMA, which passed with bipartisan support in 1996 and was signed into law by President Bill Clinton. The legislation defines marriage at the federal level as the union of one man and one woman and gives states the authority to reject same-sex marriages that may have been legally recognized in other states.

The bishop also pointed out that "millions of citizens have gone to the ballot in 30 states to ratify similar DOMA proposals by substantial majorities." He said 41 states have enacted legislation similar to DOMA.

Same-sex marriage is legal in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and the District of Columbia.

"Popularity alone does not determine what is right," he said, but noted that in the face of such broad support "repealing a measure that merely recognizes the truth of marriage is all the more improvident."

Bishop Cordileone also said that changing the definition of marriage would violate human rights, namely the rights of children to be cared for by both a mother and a father, and violate religious freedom.

"In places where marriage's core meaning has been altered through legal action, officials are beginning to target for punishment those believers and churches that refuse to adapt," he wrote.

"Any non-conforming conduct and even expressions of disagreement, based simply on support for marriage as understood since time immemorial, are wrongly being treated as if they harmed society, and somehow constituted a form of evil equal to racism."

"DOMA represents an essential protection against such threats to faith and conscience," he wrote.

Vincent House receives extreme makeover

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Vincent House, located at 2827 Holton Ave. in Fort Wayne, recently underwent an extreme makeover with renovations that made this community shelter for homeless families a place they can call home. The shelter opened its doors in 1989 and has been a starting point for over 700 homeless families.

At an open house held on Oct. 28 the community was invited to tour the newly remodeled facility that once served as a convent for the Sisters of St. Hyacinth. Ann Helmke, executive director of Vincent Village, Inc., says board members and staff were on hand to guide the near 50 visitors, including Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, through the facility.

Over the years, new paint and floor coverings have kept the interior of the shelter viable. The building had been sided in the past and wheelchair accessibility was added. But more was needed to provide a family-friendly space. So this year massive renovations, made possible by a grant from the city of Fort Wayne and the dedicated work of the Vincent Village maintenance crew, have modernized the facility.

The interior renovations include four completely remodeled bathrooms, all new doors and door frames, new paint throughout and all new flooring. Walls have been removed to create a great room effect with an all new kitchen-dining room.

The shelter provides temporary housing for families in need and has a waiting list of families needing shelter. Of those 33 currently housed, 21 are children. Helmke says, "The need is great. We're always full and two-thirds of the homeless we serve are children."

She adds that a typical family consists of a single mother with several children.

"But we never split up families," Helmke reports, "If the family has a dad, he comes too."

The Vincent Village organization was the brainchild of Bishop D'Arcy in the late 1980s, and was initially funded by a grant from the Bishop's Appeal and HUD. It has developed from a shelter into a village with several homes and supportive services offered to the families as stepping stones to independence.

For information on Vincent Village visit www.vincentvillage.org or call (260) 456-4172.



PROVIDED BY VINCENT VILLAGE

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, stands with Ann Helmke, director of Vincent House, a transitional shelter and affordable housing for homeless families in Fort Wayne. Bishop D'Arcy toured the former St. Hyacinth convent, now Vincent House, that was recently renovated, during an open house on Oct. 28.



JOE ROMIE

At an open house held on Oct. 28 the community was invited to tour the newly remodeled facility that once served as a convent for the Sisters of St. Hyacinth.



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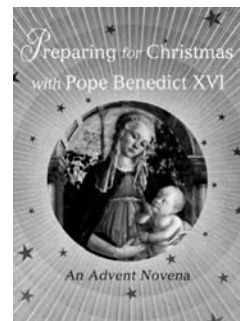
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Targeting Mormon faith should be off-limits in election, statement says

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Comments made recently about the religious affiliation of presidential candidates — notably the Mormon faith of former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney — have no place in American political campaigns, say several dozen academics, diplomats and other prominent Catholics.

In a statement released Nov. 2 at a Washington news conference led by former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican Thomas Melady, the statement says there is "significant danger to the goal of our forefathers; maintaining harmony and understanding among all faiths and rejecting bigoted questions and comments about personal religious beliefs."

Melady said the impetus to issue the statement arose from comments made in early October at the Values Voter Summit in Washington by the Rev. Robert Jeffress, senior pastor of a megachurch, First Baptist Church of Dallas. Rev. Jeffress told reporters that Mormonism is a "cult," and that Romney is not a Christian.

In their statement, the Catholic signers recalled the history of anti-Catholic rhetoric in elections, from the 1928 campaign of Al Smith through John F. Kennedy's 1960 race and the 2004 campaign of Sen. John Kerry. It noted that there has been less expression of religious bias or bigotry in recent elections, but that the comments at the Values Voter Summit "bring to the forefront the unfortunate prospect that the discussion of a man's particular religious belief may become a major divisive political issue."

It said that as Catholics of different political persuasions, they "wish to cite our concern and our determination to assure that not only civility be maintained in the public discourse but that all inclinations to raise the issue of personal religious affiliation be avoided."

"As Catholics we have felt the sting of bias in previous national elections. We share the concern of many of our citizens of all religious faiths that allowing the question of a candidate's religion to be subject to public ridicule is a grave regression from what we have accomplished in our forward movement as Americans since the establishment of our Republic."

Steve Schneck, director of the Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies at The Catholic University of America, one of the signers, said at the news conference that discussion about whether someone of a particular religion is suitable to be elected has never really gone away and that it's not only surfaced recently in relation to the Mormon faith of Romney and fellow candidate Jon Huntsman, the former governor of Utah.

Margaret Melady, former president of the American University of Rome and wife of the former ambassador, said she found particularly disturbing the subtext in Jeffress' comments that "there is only an interest in electing a Protestant Christian," and that "Protestant" would be narrowly defined. She said it was troubling during the 1960 election when Catholics were told by some people that they had a religious obligation to vote for Kennedy because he was Catholic.

Instead, she said, people should feel free to make their election choices on where candidates stand on the issues, based on the moral values one gets from the teachings of religion.

Coverage of the Jeffress comments has focused on the attack on Mormonism, she said, "but not on the other part of it."

Signers of the statement also included Alfred E. Smith IV, great-grandson of the 1928 presidential candidate; Raymond Flynn and Corinne "Lindy" Boggs, both former U.S. ambassadors to the Vatican; former ambassadors Paul Russo, Aldona Wos, Sally Novetzke and Douglas Kmiec; former U.S. Sen. Larry Pressler, from South Dakota; former chairman of the Republican National Committee Frank Fahrenkopf, university presidents Mary Meehan of Alverno College, Thomas Powell of Mount St. Mary's University, John J. Hurley of Canisius College, Brennan O'Donnell of Manhattan College and James Towey of Ave Maria University.

Other signers were former university presidents Daniel DeLuca of Alvernia University, James Gallagher of Philadelphia University; and Lawrence DeNardis of the University of New Haven, Conn., also a former congressman from Connecticut.

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Mass with the Bishop Rhoades

Bishop Kevin Rhoades celebrated Mass with the catechists, beginning by thanking them for their years of service to the Church. During the homily Bishop Rhoades said he was "happy that the Eucharist is the theme today. It is the greatest of all sacraments — 'the sacrament of sacraments.'"

Bishop Rhoades said the mystery of the Eucharist is lifelong catecheses. "We are called to recognize the greatness of the mystery entrusted to us. Pope John Paul II said the liturgy is never anyone's private property — it's not something we created, it's something we received."

"This is an awesome gift Jesus left us on the night before he died — there's no greater gift He could've left us," the bishop said. "He was giving to His Church for all ages His body broken for us, His blood poured out, leaving us the gift of Himself."

Bishop Rhoades said he wondered how many Catholics have a solid knowledge of the truth of the Eucharist.

"I'm convinced," he said, "we would not have so many non-practicing Catholics or Catholics leaving the Church if they truly understood the Eucharist."

The bishop also said he hoped all children and teens learned about and experienced the beautiful act of the Catholic faith which is Eucharistic Adoration. He said there was a time when it seemed to fall from use but has increased again over the last decade, probably thanks to Pope John Paul II.

"Of all the devotions, adoring the Eucharist is the most important after the sacraments," Bishop Rhoades said.

St. Mother Theodore Guérin Award

Each year as part of the Catechetical Institute Day, the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Award is presented to a director of religious education or catechist who exemplifies service and leadership. This year the award was given to two recipients.

The first award was presented



DENISE FEDOROW

Director of Religious Education at St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen, Darlene Leitz, was one of the many presenters at the Catechetical Institute Day on Nov. 5. Leitz led a workshop on how to keep youth involved in religious education between sacramental preparations.

prior to the event, as the recipient could not be present. Franciscan Sister Marilyn Ellert, director of religious education at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was given the award.

The second recipient was Mary Barnes, teacher at Bishop Dwenger and St. Jude in Fort Wayne. Bishop Rhoades presented the award to Barnes who later said she was "speechless."

"I think of all the wonderful people we've worked with who have given so much to the Church. I'm just grateful to all of them. They were all models to me," she said.

Workshop sessions

The catechists had several workshop topics to choose from that addressed working with catechumens of all ages. Topics like, "How to hold 'em — keeping youth in the game after first Communion."

Director of Religious Education at St. John the Evangelist in Goshen Darlene Leitz led the workshop and discussed ways to keep kids in religious education between the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation.

Leitz said it was a cooperative effort between the catechist, the parents and the pastor to support continuous religious education, but creating a desire in the student by focusing on their personal relationship, fun object lessons and catchy

titles to keep them engaged.

Informing the parents of the subjects covered each year between sacramental preparation is also important.

Deacon Jim Kitchens of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne led a workshop on "Teaching Adults the Fundamentals of the Faith." He cited a Georgetown University survey of Catholics about their faith and the practice of their faith and found many Catholics lacking in the fundamentals.

"I think we have much to do," Kitchens said.

He said the Church is competing with everything — sports, economy, etc. Kitchens believes one must reach people's hearts — one example is the Christ Renews His Parish program.

Kitchens shared an exchange between two priests about the program — one said, "That wasn't very theological" to which the other replied, "You're right but first you have to capture their hearts and then you can pour in the theology."

Adult converts going through the RCIA program will have a great understanding of the faith and the sacraments, he said.

"What separates the on fire Catholic Christian from the average Catholic in the pew is the personal belief that their faith is born of relationship," he said.

Kitchens shared some ideas that were put into practice at his parish — where two years ago they had four participants in the RCIA program and this year they have 33. Kitchens said they decided to do something each month for the parish, some very simple ideas that took off.

One idea that he said he thought was "incredibly silly," but that the parishioners loved, was the youth group and pastoral staff stood outside holding signs like "Honk if you love Jesus" and "Come on in and see."

"The people loved it; they went nuts," he said.

They also set up a welcome center with a TV monitor and some information and had it staffed, handed out holy cards after Mass, had T-shirts made up with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the name of the parish and gave those away, gave away Valentine cards and kisses, and had a parish monthly book club.

He said the CRHP men's retreat grew to 19 and outgrew the women's.

"Once you have their heart we have 2,000 years of great theology — they'd have to live two lifetimes to absorb it all," Kitchens said.

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Migration is challenge for new evangelization in Americas, Vatican says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Immigration is one of the most pressing challenges for the “new evangelization” in North and South America, said a note from the general secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. “The Church is involved in the promotion of social programs and religious assistance for immigrants with the aim of helping their cultural integration and social peace,” said a communique published Nov. 4. The statement reported on a meeting Oct. 27-28 by members of the special council charged with monitoring how Catholics in the region are implementing ideas that came out of the 1997 special Synod of Bishops for the Americas and Pope John Paul II’s 1997 apostolic exhortation about the synod’s discussions. The meeting looked both at topics discussed in the special synod and at the agenda for the next worldwide Synod of Bishops, scheduled for 2012, focusing on the new evangelization, which deals primarily with strengthening Catholics’ faith and bringing back those who have stopped practicing their faith. Surveying the situation of the Church in the Americas, the communique said migration — which tends to bring Catholics from Latin America to the North — is “one of the most pressing challenges for the new evangelization. If, on one hand, one must note the serious difficulties faced by immigrants in irregular situations, on the other hand, it is necessary to note the positive aspects of the migratory phenomenon,” which, the statement said, leads to a greater integration of the peoples of North and South as well as a greater understanding of the need for international cooperation and solidarity to solve global problems.

Birth of 7 billionth baby is challenge to help all, newspaper says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The challenge posed to the world by the birth of its 7 billionth inhabitant isn’t how to stop population growth, but to find ways to ensure the continued growth can benefit all humanity, said an article in the Vatican newspaper. According to the United Nations, the world’s population hit — and quickly exceeded — 7 billion Oct. 31. At a time when people are talking again about overpopulation, “it’s worth asking which overpopulation we’re talking about,” said Cristian Martini Grimaldi, writing on the front page of *L’Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper. The author said people talk as if population growth in some parts of the world or some individual countries is so exaggerated that it’s like an “abnormal growth” on part of a diseased body or a form of gigantism. “The problem is not demographic gigantism and never was, not even way back in 1968 when the bestseller, ‘The Population Bomb,’ disturbed the consciences of millions by predicting planetary catastrophe,” he wrote in *L’Osservatore* Nov. 2. “Perhaps the point isn’t to stop growth, but how to continue to

US BISHOPS ON ‘AD LIMINA’ VISITS ATTEND VATICAN MASS



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U.S. bishops on their “ad limina” visits to the Vatican walk across St. Peter’s Square Nov. 4. Bishops from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut were the first group of U.S. prelates to visit the Vatican to report on the state of their dioceses.

grow,” specifically by “emphasizing development that does not privilege only a few, but all,” he said. The author said that in discussions about excessive population growth, “the experts always and only indicate two places: sub-Saharan Africa and Asia,” particularly China and India.

Traditionalist says group rejects Vatican doctrinal conditions

ROME (CNS) — The consensus among leaders of the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X is that a “doctrinal preamble” presented by the Vatican is “clearly unacceptable,” according to the district superior of the society in Britain. The comments, made by Father Paul Morgan in an online newsletter in early November, appeared to dim prospects for a Vatican reconciliation with the society. The society’s headquarters, however, moved quickly to downplay the priest’s remarks, saying he was unauthorized to make a response to the Vatican. In mid-September, Vatican officials met with SSPX leaders and presented them with a doctrinal statement that listed several principles the society must agree with in order to move toward full reconciliation. In October, Bishop Bernard Fellay, the superior of the society, met with about 30 of the society’s officials in Albano, outside of Rome, to review the Vatican’s conditions. Reporting on that meeting in his newsletter, Father Morgan

said that, to the disappointment of the society, the Vatican’s doctrinal preamble “contained all those elements which the society has consistently rejected, including acceptance of the new Mass and of Vatican II as expressed in the new catechism. Indeed, the document itself conveys the impression that there is no crisis in the Church,” he said.

CCHD rebuts new charges that funded groups violate Catholic teaching

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Officials with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development rebutted a report that 55 agencies funded by the U.S. bishops’ anti-poverty program in 2010-11 were in conflict with Church teaching. Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, Calif., Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., and Ralph McCloud, CCHD executive director, said the charges leveled in an American Life League study against all but one of the agencies were unfounded. McCloud told Catholic News Service Nov. 4 that funding was withdrawn from one organization cited in the report. That case involved the immigrant rights group Centro Campesino in Owatonna, Minn., which was found to be distributing condoms. McCloud acknowledged the league’s role in pointing out the organization’s practice. McCloud also said the 54 remaining agencies were found in compliance after a follow-up investi-

gation by CCHD staff that involved contacting each named group. The 212-page report — completed in March but not made public until October when it was posted on the American Life League’s website, according to its primary researcher — accused the grass-roots organizations of promoting abortion, homosexuality and Marxist ideology contrary to Church doctrine. Michael Hitchborn, director of the league’s Defend the Faith project and the report’s author, said his research showed that the organizations violated Church doctrine either through specific activities or through coalitions addressing a broad array of social concerns. The agencies in question received nearly \$1.9 million in 2010-11, according to CCHD records. Overall, CCHD funded 229 organizations with national grants from a collection that netted about \$9.5 million for both national and local diocesan distribution during the period.

Bishops’ agenda more devoted to internal matters than societal ills

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops’ fall general assembly in Baltimore will be shorter than usual and focus primarily on the inner workings of the Church than on larger societal issues. The Nov. 14-16 meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, originally scheduled to last until

Nov. 17, will include a discussion on religious liberty that could touch on a wide range of topics. But the main business of the gathering will be on liturgical, financial and organizational matters. Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, elected to head the USCCB for a three-year term last November, will open the meeting with his first presidential address. If tradition holds, the talk will present a “state of the U.S. Church” message and a look at the challenges Archbishop Dolan foresees for the coming year. It could also be the first USCCB meeting for Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, recently appointed as the new apostolic nuncio to the United States, who has said he hoped to arrive in the U.S. in time for the assembly. Looking back on one of their biggest challenges of the past 18 months, the bishops will vote on whether to make their former Task Force on Health Care into a permanent Subcommittee on Health Care Issues under the Committee on Doctrine. The subcommittee would address such issues as “guidance in implementing the bishops’ ‘Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services,’ non-Catholic hospitals in Catholic health care systems, for-profit Catholic health care, canonical status of Catholic health care facilities, conscience protection and health care reform,” according to a USCCB news release. Members of the subcommittee would represent the committees on doctrine, canon law and Church governance, pro-life activities, and domestic justice and human development and could include other bishops or consultants, the release said. Also up for a vote at the meeting is a resolution to support yearly voluntary financial reporting by each diocesan bishop in the U.S. to the archbishop who heads his ecclesiastical province.

All Saints’ Day calls for focus on holy vocation of Church, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The feast of All Saints calls on Catholics to see the Church as the communion of saints — as Christ meant it to be — and not to focus on it as an earthly institution with members who sometimes sin, Pope Benedict XVI said. “We are called to see the Church, not in its temporal and human aspect, marked by fragility, but as Christ wanted it, that is, as the communion of saints,” the pope said Nov. 1 before reciting the Angelus for the feast of All Saints. The holy men and women who lived throughout history — whether or not they were canonized — demonstrate there are different paths to holiness, but they all have one thing in common: “following Christ and conforming oneself to him,” the pope said. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls Nov. 1 and 2 are annual reminders to Christians that God calls them to be holy and to be with Him in heaven along with their loved ones who have died, he said. The practice of visiting cemeteries Nov. 2 and bringing flowers to the graves of loved ones “preserves our bonds of affection with those who have loved us in this life,” but also is a reminder that earthly life leads to life beyond the grave, he said.

Hannah's House fundraiser set for Dec. 3

MISHAWAKA — Hannah's House, a nonprofit maternity home providing care, shelter and life skills training for homeless women, will give the community an inside look into its outreach as it host the 23rd Annual Holiday Happenings, a fundraiser dinner and auction event at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Hilton Garden Inn's Gillespie Center, located at 53995 Indiana State Route 933, South Bend.

The lineup for the Dec. 3 event will feature cocktails and a silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction. A door prize, donated by J.R. Fox Jewelers, valued at \$500, will be drawn at the end of the night for those present.

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time by calling Tamara Griffin at (574) 254-5309 with the cost of \$75 per ticket.

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Cellist to appear on NPR's 'From the Top'

SOUTH BEND — Austin Huntington, a 17 year-old cellist and Saint Joseph's High School student from South Bend, will appear on an upcoming episode of "From the Top," the hit NPR radio program featuring America's best young classical musicians and hosted by acclaimed pianist Christopher O'Riley. Broadcast from Ocean City, N.J., the show will air nationally and will be available at www.fromthetop.org the week of Nov. 14. The episode was taped before a live audience at the Ocean City Music Pier on Aug. 31.

Huntington attends Saint Joseph's High School. He has been playing the cello since he was four years old, and made his solo orchestral debut at age 10. He has performed as guest soloist with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, South Bend Symphony Orchestra, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, LaPorte Symphony, New World Youth Symphony, and the South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestra. Austin will make his solo debut with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, the Northwest Symphony Orchestra (Chicago), and the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Center, Orchestra Hall this season.

Riggs earns 'Realizing the Dream' scholarship at Holy Cross College

NOTRE DAME — Terry Riggs, a 2010 graduate of South Bend Adams High School, has been named the "Realizing a Dream" Outstanding First Generation Student at Holy Cross College.

To be eligible for the award, students must show outstanding work ethic and determination, and must be from a family whose par-

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MARY AREND

Benedictine Father Bernard Ramenaden, the pastor at St. Gaspar Church in Rome City, is pictured here second from left in back with a group of parishioners he recently took to Victory Noll in Huntington for a retreat day titled "Discipleship." He led the retreatants through reflection and prayer together, for a most inspiring day.

ents have not completed college degrees. A scholarship recipient is chosen by each of the 32 independent college campuses in Indiana. Additionally, award nominees are asked to nominate a mentor teacher who helped inspire them toward the dream of excelling college.

Riggs is the son of Jerry Riggs of South Bend, and Valerie Norman who died while Terry was still in high school.

He credits Adams football coach and history teacher, Robert Harvey, for inspiring and supporting him through that difficult time.

"He is the epitome of a mentor," says Riggs. "Whether it was a question over game film, school, or a personal matter, he was always there. He was the first person at school to offer his condolences for the loss of my mother and he did his best to help me through it, and I will never forget that."

In acknowledging the award, Riggs said, "They don't lie when they say 'hard work pays off.'" Being a first generation college student, I wanted to make going to college easy on my family, so I worked hard nonstop to get to this point. It sincerely means a lot to me to see the hard work pay off. I am honored to represent Holy Cross and my family in this way."

Made possible by a grant to the Independent Colleges of Indiana from the Lilly Endowment, "Realizing the Dream" recognizes the triumphs of first-generation

students in their first year of college. The program also celebrates the roles played by teachers and parents in shaping student aspirations for a college education. After being chosen by their college, the students then named the elementary or secondary teacher or counselor who most influenced them to attend college. These mentors will each receive a \$1,000 professional development award.

Riggs, who hopes to coach football and possibly attend graduate school, says Holy Cross College is preparing him well.

"My experience at Holy Cross has helped me mature because they make it feel like home, but in a college setting," explains Riggs. "I am comfortable meeting with professors when they give up their personal time just to help, so I thank them for that as well. Also, Holy Cross has helped me develop a voice that I can respectfully express, and I appreciate that as it is a necessity in today's world."

Attending the banquet in addition to the students, parents, and teachers will be special guests, presidents of the colleges, and the campus coordinators of the "Realizing the Dream" program.

Christmas craft show to raise money to buy gifts for families in need

NOTRE DAME — The Office

for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary's College will host its fifth annual Christmas Craft Show on Friday, Dec. 9, from 12-6 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge and Reignbeaux Lounge of Le Mans Hall. The show raises funds for OCSE's Twelve Days of Christmas program, a campus-wide effort that provides holiday gifts and necessities to area families and individuals in need.

The show features the talents of local, regional and even global crafters. In all, there will be at least 50 booths. Vendor fees are donated in support of the Twelve Days of Christmas program, and some vendors choose to donate all or part of their proceeds to the cause.

The more successful the craft show is, the more people OCSE can help this holiday season. Last year, 25 adults and 71 children benefited, and with the recession still affecting so many people, OCSE hopes to have an even bigger impact this time.

During each of the Twelve Days of Christmas, which begins on campus Dec. 1, there are different events focused on spirituality, service and fellowship. The Christmas Craft Show always falls on the second Friday and raises the largest portion of the funds for the gifts for area families. Additional money and gifts are provided through the generosity of Saint Mary's College students, faculty and staff, who in many cases "adopt" families.

For more information call (574) 284-5368.

PRAYING FOR POOR SOULS



JOE DEKEVER

The faithful gathered on Nov. 6 at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Mishawaka for the rosary for the poor souls.

Bishop Rhoades visits with many saints

BY BONNIE



Exterior shot of St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne.



Fourth-grade student Braeden Noll, a descendent nephew of Archbishop John F. Noll, greets Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at a school visit on Nov. 1. Noll discusses the life of Blessed Juan Diego with the bishop.

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Pastor: Msgr. John Kuzmich

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kindergarten through 8

Website: www.saintv.org/school

School mascot: Panther



Students show their artwork on the theme respect for life.

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visited St. Vincent de Paul School recently on All Saints' Day and, befitting the holy day, was greeted by fourth-grade students dressed as their favorite saints.

Bishop Rhoades appeared to be delighted at the variety of saints that were portrayed and especially at the large number of bishops represented. "That's a surprise. ... I thought I was going to be the only bishop here today," he said to laughter from the audience during the all-school Mass that opened the day's activities.

In recognition of the holy day, Bishop Rhoades spoke of his favorite saint, St. John the Apostle. John was Jesus' best friend who sat beside him at the Last Supper, stayed at the foot of the cross and took care of Mary after Jesus' death, he pointed out.

The bishop spoke reverently of his trip to Patmos, an island of southeast Greece, where he read the Book of Revelation in a cave on the exact spot where St. John originally wrote it.

Bishop Rhoades asked the children to love God and live the Beatitudes as the saints they honored did on earth so they, too, may be welcomed in heaven. The saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory and the pilgrim Church on earth are one body in Christ, he reminded them.

Following Mass, Principal Sandra Guffey, Superintendent Dr. Mark Myers, Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor, and Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar, accompanied the bishop on a tour of the school's facilities and several classrooms where he met and spoke personally to staff members and students.

Bishop Rhoades visited with second graders who are studying to receive the sacraments of first Reconciliation and first Holy Communion.

"I hope you pray and prepare well," he said.

Fifth graders were learning about the sacraments, so the bishop spoke to them about the matter and form of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

To sixth graders who were studying

the Holy Bible, he talked about Exodus. "Study Exodus," he told them. "That's on our way to the promised land."

When meeting with students preparing for Confirmation, he gave a question- and-answer session and a short tutorial on his responsibilities. His joy in helping and guiding the 16-year-olds of the Diocese of Fort Wayne was evident.

St. Vincent de Paul is one of the largest schools in the Diocese with students in kindergarten through eighth grade and 45 full-time teachers. And it has grown from a small school to a major building project in 1995. Though located in Fort Wayne, it draws students from outside district boundaries.

Principal Guffey noted the school's identity as St. Vincent de Paul, an asset, noting the weekly Mass where students, parents and staff worship as a community. Her mission of enabling students to live their Catholic faith and achieve success.

She said, "We focus on the fruits of the Holy Spirit and character development programs of 'community in Christ' which address bullying and violence in today's schools."

Students practice their faith in other ways as well. The year student council is a service organization to support the school. It celebrates We Care Week with activities and service projects, provides educational funds, provide educational materials and assist those who need them.

This year's projects include troops serving in the military. Projects have included the Ave Maria Care Center, the Ave Maria Children's Hospital and local assistance to the needy.

On the athletic front, the school has a Play Like a Champion program.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass at St. Vincent de Paul School. Budzinski, left, parochial vicar, Msgr. John Kuzmich, right of bishop.

at St. Vincent de Paul School

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duced two years ago to coaches, parents and students. It promotes coaching as a ministry and stresses the importance of fair play and sportsmanship in keeping with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Msgr. Kuzmich had determined that the program fit closely with St. Vincent's vision and mission in meeting students' spiritual, physical, emotional and mental needs and was pleased to bring it to the school.

Educationally, Principal Guffey notes that St. Vincent's strives to meet all students' requirements at each student's level. That includes a special needs department with two full-time special education teachers, two academic interventionists, a talent development teacher and two resource room para-professionals. It also includes interventions for all students in specific skills like reading and mathematics, and additional challenges for those who excel through enrichment programs and extra-curricular activities and clubs.

Development Director Linda McCarthy is busy scheduling an annual dinner event, which celebrates St. Vincent's accomplishments. She also works with donors and business partners like Dupont Hospital to help preserve Catholic education for future generations. A major emphasis is on building endowments to provide student scholarships.

Guffey was effusive in her praise of the students' parents, who are "the backbone for our school" through their extensive support in all areas. Recently a parent committee organized a Forty Days for Life campaign, and they plan to present student retreats, she noted.

It seems clear that St. Vincent de Paul School is truly a community in Christ, a place where students learn and live their Catholic faith on a daily basis. Bishop Rhoades may have said it best. "I always love coming to St. Vincent's," he declared.

More photos are available at www.diocesefwsb.org



Fourth-grade students walk from the school to the church in their saint attire.



Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor, poses with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.



Bishop Rhoades talks with Principal Sandra Guffey and Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar.



School on Nov. 1. With Bishop Rhoades is Father Andrew Budzinski, pastor, and Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick.



St. Vincent de Paul School promotes an anti-bullying campaign. Students and the school social worker are shown with the poster that outlines the program's responsibilities.

PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

Despite poverty, people of East Africa are happy

Smiths visit Holy Cross missions in East Africa

GRANGER — For Jerry and Lillian Smith of Granger, a recent September visit to see Jerry's brother, Holy Cross Father Tom Smith, in East Africa, is something they will not soon forget.

Father Smith is a missionary priest living in Kitete, Tanzania. The Smiths, parishioners of Sacred Heart Crypt Parish, Notre Dame, also visited Uganda and Kenya.

"Much poverty exists in East Africa," said Jerry Smith in an email to *Today's Catholic*. "Missionaries there work with poverty-stricken families and are truly performing a wonderful service for these children of God."

Despite the problems, however, the Smiths observed that those in poverty seem to be very happy people.

Smith said the prominent religion among the Christians is Catholicism.

"Churches are often full on Sundays and feast days with women and children and a few men," Smith noted. "Many of the men do not attend liturgies, which usually last for around two hours on Sundays."

When describing the Masses, Smith said, "The people love music, and Church liturgies on Sundays and feast days include much singing and dancing, more often by the children but occasionally by the women."

"Generally, many are uneducated, without electricity, without vehicles or other means of transportation, and without home phone service," Smith said. "The cell phone business really prospers."

Smith said most homes of the impoverished are with thatch or tin roofs with walls made of manure and sticks — the better ones — with mud and sticks. Some of the homes also have an

outer coating of cement.

Some of those living in various degrees of poverty, according to Smith, have shops along the roads, usually quite a few next to each other, most of which are without lighting, appear to be quite dilapidated, dark and unclean, without flooring of any kind and with dirt or extremely dusty clay as their base.

"Generally all side roads and many of the main roads are very difficult to travel on," Smith said. "It is virtually impossible to explain how bad the roads actually are."

There is nothing that he is aware of in the United States, which can even come close to comparing how bad the dirt- and clay-based roads in East Africa actually are.

Traffic, especially in the cities, can be horrendous. "There are vehicles, motor bikes, bicycles, animals and people all competing for space on many of the roads," Smith added. "Virtually all of those in severe poverty walk everywhere as they have no money to purchase other means of transportation."

Smith said most of the impoverished live off of the land and their animals.

"You see cattle, sheep and chickens everywhere, with many families owning one or a few cows or sheep, often tied down on the side of the roads," he said. "They try to fatten the cattle and sheep up and then sell them. They cannot eat them as they have no means of refrigeration."

He added, "Very often you also see young boys or men shepherding flocks of cattle and/or sheep, which they are moving along the roadsides and pastures, trying to find grass for them to eat. Driving around them can be very tricky as they often make



PROVIDED BY JERRY SMITH

Jerry and Lillian Smith receive a gift of a goat from Kitete parishioners.

their way on the roads."

Farming is another business frequently labored by those in poverty, Smith noted. Banana groves, charcoal, coffee, tea, chickpea, corn, wheat and various other grains are raised in several of the countries wherever conditions are favorable for growing. Water can be extremely scarce and is a real concern for many who are attempting to farm and grow crops during the dry seasons.

Smith, who has been speaking to members of the Serra Club and religious within the Congregation of Holy Cross, offered the following recommendation: "All who can afford to travel to impoverished areas in East Africa should do so, especially those of us who have been given much in material gifts by Our Lord."

"It is so moving to experience the life styles of those living in poverty in Africa, to see how happy these people appear to be and how warm and loving they are," Smith said. "They have so little in material things and yet seem to be so much at peace with their life's burdens. One has to wonder whether in the whole scheme of life they really are the more fortunate children of God."



Holy Cross Fathers Andrew Massawe, the Dandora pastor, David Burrell and Pat Neary, along with Lillian and Jerry Smith, dance in a circle at the feast day celebration for Dandora Parish.



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ALL SOULS REMEMBERED



MARK WEBER

An overflow crowd gathered in the Resurrection Mausoleum Chapel at the Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne for an All Souls Day Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who reminded those present that our lives on earth are profoundly linked with our brothers and sisters in heaven and in purgatory. In our prayers for the dead, we trust that we can contribute to their entry into the holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Right to Life cheese balls are ready

BY IDA CHIPMAN

PLYMOUTH — For over 15 years the Marshall County chapter of Right To Life has been making cheese balls as its major fundraiser.

The project started originally in someone's kitchen with a group of like-minded people making their favorite cheese ball and bringing it and the recipe to the meeting.

The group members tasted the different flavors and chose the cheese balls they liked the best.

More than 4,000 cheese balls later the selection has boiled down to six flavors: mild, mild without onion, mild low fat, bacon and onion, sharp and bleu cheese.

The 12-ounce balls sell for \$7 apiece.

Dr. Tom Miller, D.C., and his wife, Laurie, have chaired the production of the delicacy almost from the start.

They order the ingredients, mix the recipes and follow through with the molding, marking and getting the balls ready for sale.

Laurie fries 12 pounds of bacon for the bacon-cheese cheese balls. Tom Keb, the Earthworks baker, in addition to his bakery duties for Earthworks, has been helping with the cheese balls for the past seven years.

At least 20 volunteers, in two assembly lines, form and weigh the product, roll them in chopped pecans, wrap, tie, and label and freeze them. It takes about two long days to complete the process.

At first, they were made in different homes. They then moved



IDA CHIPMAN

Tom Keh and Dr. Tom Miller mix the cream cheese base for the Right To Life cheese balls to be sold for holiday enjoyment. The pair will mix over 950 cheese balls of six different flavors.

to St. Michael School's kitchen. As the numbers increased, an 80-quart mixer was needed so the operation was moved to the Ancilla convent kitchen where it was housed for many years.

Each batch of the cream cheese base mixes 65 to 70 pounds of cheese at a time.

Marilyn Fortin, one of the dedicated workers, said, "That was a great facility, and we had wonderful cooperation from the sisters."

In 2003, Ancilla remodeled their kitchen and the cheese ball project needed to find a new location. Martin's Supermarket allowed them to use its bakery for the last eight years.

This year Martin's moved their huge mixer to its Warsaw store.

Sister Sue at Earthworks

offered their new spaces on Jefferson Street and this year more than 950 cheese balls have been mixed there.

The cheese balls are sold to people in Culver, Argos, Walkerton, Bourbon, Bremen, Grovertown and Warsaw, as well as Plymouth.

To order, call Marilyn Fortin at (574) 936-9582 or Darlene Edgecomb (574) 935-5783.

"They are easy to defrost and refreeze," Marilyn said. "They last a long time in the freezer and we encourage people to buy extra to have some throughout the year."

The cheese balls have been known to sell out in less than two weeks.

"We sell them," Marilyn said, "until they are all gone."

Sosinskis passionate about Kenyan orphanage

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — Holy Cross grade school teacher Jennifer Sosinski and her husband Joe have found a new passion in life that doesn't include golfing or hiking. They give their summer vacation to orphans at the By Grace Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya.

This special crusade started with an Eli Lilly for Indiana grant project that Jennifer started back in 2006. Upon winning this unique grant she fulfilled a life-long dream of going on a safari and working with orphans.

"My first trip in 2007 I traveled by myself, then in 2008 I returned using the left over grant money," Jennifer said. "After my first trip and my husband saw the pictures and heard the stories I came home with, he wanted to go."

"He fell in love with the kids the minute he saw my pictures," said Jennifer. "After a year off to raise money, my husband was blessed enough to go with me. Now he is really addicted to these kids and helping/teaching at the center."

"Spiritually it has totally enhanced our lives and has brought us closer to Christ," Jennifer said. "Now we find that we do more in our community to help others as well as getting more involved in our church. We feel that we have a mission that has been given by God and we are doing His work at the orphanage and by raising awareness and sharing information about the children."

The couple, active members at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in New Carlisle, is holding a chicken dinner/dance fundraiser on Nov. 13 at the church's hall. The fundraiser includes a Polish style dinner, raffles, a cash bar and music.

"This fundraiser is bigger than any other I (we) have attempted,"

Polish style chicken dinner and dance

Sunday, Nov. 13

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church/Hall

\$15 per person

\$5 for kids ages 5-12

Children under age 5

Free

Dinner from

12:30 - 2 p.m.

Music by Kenny

Bartkowiak and the

Soundsations

from 2-5 p.m.

Jennifer said. "We hope to raise enough money to pay for airfare, which is the most expensive part of the trip. (One ticket round-trip from Chicago to Nairobi can run from \$1,800 to over \$3,000)."

"We also will use this fundraiser to raise awareness of the living conditions in a Third World country, specifically in the orphanage in a slum of Nairobi," said Jennifer.

For more information on tickets to the event, contact the parish office at (574) 654-3781 or Jennifer at sosjen43@aol.com

"If you can't make it to this fundraiser then it is possible to make donations to the cause. By contacting me, I can let you know of future fundraisers and how to find out more about the By Grace Disabled and Orphan Center. If this fundraiser is a success we are looking toward the spring to host another dinner/dance," said Jennifer.

St. Vincent Parish hosts Hispanic youth retreat

ELKHART — The St. Vincent de Paul Parish priests and laity held a Hispanic Youth Retreat at their Elkhart gym facilities on Oct. 22.

One hundred fifty youth attended. Throughout the day, there were talks by the priests and laity, music, video and Stations of the Cross. The retreat concluded with the celebration of Mass.

Father Matthew Coonan, Father Glenn Kohrman, Dagoberto Hernandez, María Santoyo and others sponsored the retreat and kept the participants in action, warm and well fed.

Father Coonan offered dynamics of which the youth freely volunteered and enjoyed.

Father Kohrman presented a testimonial about his vocation to the priesthood and held a question-and-answer segment.

Questions ranged from "Why did you become a priest?" and "Is it hard?" to "How much did you pay for your motorcycle?"

Father Kohrman reminded the youth to "never let anyone try to



PROVIDED BY LOURDES SILVA

Father Glenn Kohrman answers questions about the priesthood and motorcycles at the Hispanic Youth Retreat at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart on Oct. 22.

divide them from others," explaining "under our skin we are all the same — all children of God," he said.

He shared his love for the Sacred

Heart of Jesus with the youth and said, "Jesus is the true friend who will never let you down."

Lourdes Silva, from the Diocesan Office for Hispanic Ministry, animated the participants by sharing about Blessed John Paul II's "Ecclesia en America" in which his exhortation is one to serve the needs of diverse cultures, taking into consideration their language and traditions.

Silva, also told the youth, "God made different colors and diversity for a reason. He wanted us to be this way. Be who God made you to be. Keep both languages. Practice your cultural traditions and learn those in the United States as well. It will help you all the more in what God has in store for your lives."

The teens expressed joy throughout the full-day retreat.

The retreat organizers from the Hispanic Ministry expressed their thanks to all those who cooked, those who kept the music interesting for the youth, the sponsors, and all who made this retreat a reality. ¡Que Viva Cristo Rey!

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Our many losses

When asked to reflect on the losses we have experienced, many of us think of the deaths of people we love. It is true that the death of someone close to us is a major loss, but there are other losses we may not even think about that need to be grieved.

This topic of loss is very real to me these days. In 2003 I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and fortunately it affected my life very little until recently. After shoulder surgery last spring I began to have new symptoms. Things I took for granted, like walking and singing, etc., became difficult. I felt as if I had aged 20 years. I lost the ability to do things that were ordinarily easy for me. I had one loss after another and became so sick that I would not have minded if the Lord had taken me. Luckily, with the many prayers of community and friends, the grace of

God and a good physician, I have improved a great deal but need to accept that I will experience many more losses in the future.

This experience reminded me of an excellent book by Judith Voigt titled "Necessary Losses." She focuses on the human need to grieve the losses we experience in our lives in order to become whole persons. In her book she points out the tendency of many people not to reflect on how these experiences have affected their lives. Many of us live in the fast lane and rarely stop long enough to grieve and work through the pain these losses often cause.

Losses can be large or small. Death, divorce, moving, losing a job, breaking off with someone we love are obvious losses. Even changing schools or parishes or the death of a pet are losses. So too is not being able to do things we once did because of poor health or aging.



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THE CUTTING EDGE

Some smaller, but not insignificant, losses might be not getting picked for the sports team or the school play or not being asked to the prom or to someone's birthday party. All of these things can cause pain in varying degrees.

As happy as graduation is for most students, it is also a loss. It means letting go of the familiar and facing a new situation, whether it is a new school or a new job. High school is different from elementary school, college

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In Jesus we are redeemed



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 25:14-30

The Book of Proverbs is the source of this weekend's first reading. A major figure in the development of Western civilization was Alexander the Great, the young Greek king whose conquest of the eastern Mediterranean world left effects still visible.

Among these effects was the insertion of Greek thinking into Judaism and then into Christianity. This insertion largely was accomplished either by reacting to Greek philosophy or by using Greek philosophy to understand and explain Christian thought.

The Book of Proverbs came as a result of the need perceived by pious Jews to react to Greek philosophy and culture. In the Greek culture, human logic was supreme. In the Greek culture also the prevailing religion saw many gods and goddesses, and a structure of values and assumptions that very often was quite opposite the Revelation of the one God of Israel to the chosen people.

Proverbs then, along with other books in the Bible, was an attempt to say that the ancient ideals of Judaism were not contrary to, but in fact expressive of,

the greatest human wisdom.

In hearing this weekend's reading from Proverbs, it helps to remember that marriages under the Greek arrangement usually were contrived. Wives were not much better than servants or even slaves. The concept of love, freely and gladly exchanged between spouses, hardly characterized Greek marriages.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians supplies the second reading. In the early days of the Church, the general presumption was that Jesus momentarily would return to earth to vanquish the evil and vindicate the good. Paul had to remind the Christians of Thessalonica that following the Gospel might be a long, tiring and difficult process, as Christ might not appear as quickly as they would wish.

For its third and last reading, the Church this weekend presents St. Matthew's Gospel. The story in essence also appears in Mark.

The story builds on the same theme as that given in First Thessalonians. The present order will end one day. Life changes for individual persons as well as for societies. Change well may be sudden and often unwelcome.

This parable refers to talents not to cash. Most commentators see in this a reference to personal, positive traits. God endows us all with good. Each person is different, but all are gifted with something, and all can be constructive in their lives.

God has entrusted to us all the task of protecting the true wealth, namely a knowledge of God's Revelation and a yearning to uplift all others.

How well does each of us succeed in this task? God has revealed to them the way to live. He has sent us Jesus as Redeemer. Do we waste time? Are we hesitant and insecure? Do

we ignore our gifts? Being good disciples is up to us.

Reflection

In just two weeks, the Church will conclude its year of 2011. Its great celebration, and final message, will be the feast of Christ the King. Jesus is the only answer, the answer to every question, worry and need.

One day, at a time none of us can predict, life will change for us individually. It will change for our societies.

Jesus has promised one day to return in glory. How and when this return will occur is not known. But, the Lord will return.

As we approach the end of the year, the Church impresses upon us the reality that life is impermanent. Everything can, and will, change. We will die.

In the meantime, we possess God's gifts. In Jesus we have the lesson of how to live. In Jesus, we are redeemed, heirs to heaven. We must respond by Christian living. We must trust in the Lord. We must yearn for the salvation of all.

READINGS

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-8 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48 Acts 28:11-16, 30-31 Mt 14:22-33

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 Lk 20:27-40

Giving thanks for 'all things in good plenty'

When Mary Chilton first spotted the New World in November 1620, the 13-year-old had been aboard the Mayflower for 10 weeks, stuck in the same clothes and cramped in dark, damp quarters among seasick passengers and dying goats. Each family was allotted one storage trunk for all their possessions.

Imagine the terror and thrill of squinting at Cape Cod's thickets.

Mary earned the distinction of being the first European woman to set foot on Plymouth Rock.

The week before Christmas, her father died. Three weeks after Christmas, the illness they called the "general sickness" had claimed her mother. Only half of the Mayflower's 102 passengers lived to see spring in Massachusetts.

Mary marked her 14th birthday as an orphan, grasping the ways of a foreign land, where the Wampanoag Indians offered guideposts: how to grow corn, catch fish, extract maple sap and identify poisonous plants.

She was present at what we consider the first Thanksgiving, a three-day feast called for by Gov. William Bradford to celebrate a successful corn harvest. The Plymouth colonists were joined by their teachers, the Wampanoag, who arrived with five deer. They cooked wild duck over an open flame, feasted on seasoned corn and gave thanks: for their harvest, for their friendship, and ultimately, for their survival.

Gov. Bradford chronicled it all, writing: "Thus they found the Lord to be with them in all their ways and to bless their outgoings and incomings, for which let his holy name have the praise forever to all posterity. They began now to gather in the small harvest they had and to fit up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength and had all things in good plenty..."

The general sickness had ceased. Their food was hot, their faith, intact. It was hard for him to fathom what more they could possibly want. It was, to him, "all things in good plenty."



CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

TWENTY SOMETHING

It takes an awful lot to make 21st-century Americans decide we have "all things in good plenty." We haven't really got there. We're still upgrading our vehicles, filling our basements and then paying to store the overflow.

It's hard to see much of the first Thanksgiving in our 390th, with stuffing and pie and football on big-screen TVs.

But I'm trying to look back. I have such awe for the pioneers who paved the way — saints and settlers, miners and mothers.

I'm praying with St. Francis de Sales, who said: "Give me one more thing, O Lord: a grateful heart." I know that can cover and cure every matter, turning my portion into "all things in good plenty."

I'm giving thanks while hoping for a life as full and rich as Mary Chilton's, who married and delivered 10 children. She died an old lady who had raised a family, welcomed grandkids and written a will. In it, she accounted for six white aprons, three pocket handkerchiefs, two leather chairs and a brass candlestick.

Mary understood what really counted. "Knowing the uncertainty of this present life and being desirous to settle that outward estate the Lord hath lent me, I do make this my last will and testament," she wrote. "First and principally, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my Creator."

Here's to putting first things first.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



Blessed John Duns Scotus

c. 1265-1308
November 8

This doctor of the church was one of the greatest English-speaking philosophers and theologians of his time. Born in Scotland and possibly educated by a Franciscan uncle, he became a Franciscan at 15 and studied at Oxford University. He was ordained in 1291, studied and taught at the University of Paris, and taught at the University of Cologne, Germany, where he died. His writings and teachings influenced many scholars who came after him. He publicly defended the then-controversial doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The better angels of our nature

Steven Pinker, a psychology professor at Harvard, recently published a book entitled “The Better Angels of Our Nature,” which argues that the age that we live in is less violent than any other period in history.

Archeological studies of pre-state societies suggest that as many as 15 percent of the population met violent deaths. (They seem to confirm Hobbes’ claim that life in the state of nature was solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short.) Murder rates in Europe today are 10 to 50 times lower than they were in the Middle Ages.

Pinker attributes this “civilizing process” to a number of causes — the increasing power of the state, the growth of commerce, improvements in the status of women and even progress in our moral reasoning.

Whether we actually do get better at moral reasoning is a very complicated question. It may be that we reach different conclusions when we apply the same principles in different social situations.

Take the issue of capital punishment. The Church has long taught that the state can take a criminal’s life if that is the only way to defend human life. Some of the early Church fathers tolerated and even approved of the practice.

Augustine mentions capital punishment as an exception to the commandment against killing. Aquinas argues for the execution of men dangerous to the community “in order to preserve the common good.”

In recent years, though, the Catholic Church has been increasingly insistent in its condemnation of executions. In his 1995 encyclical “Evangelium Vitae,” Blessed Pope John Paul II noted the growing demand, both in the Church

and in civil society, that we restrict or abolish the death penalty.

The catechism, quoting Blessed John Paul, notes the traditional teaching about the state’s authority to defend human life. It then goes on to say that, in the modern world, “as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for ... (securely incarcerating the criminal) without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself — the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity ‘are very rare, if not practically nonexistent.’”

I have been thinking about Pinker and the pope the last few weeks, when our attention has been fixed on two prominent death penalty cases. One involved Lawrence Brewer, a white supremacist convicted of the brutal 1998 Texas dragging murder of a black man named James Byrd. Brewer was executed by lethal injection on Sept. 21. The


day before his execution, Brewer reportedly said, “I have no regrets. No, I’d do it all over again.”

The other was Troy Davis, convicted of shooting a police officer in Georgia. Unlike Brewer, Davis maintained his innocence and became a focal point for the anti-death penalty movement. His case drew pleas for clemency from Pope Benedict XVI, among others. He was executed the same day as Brewer.

Was it right to execute Brewer and Davis?

The Church’s clear contemporary teaching is that Texas and Georgia should do so only if it was necessary to protect their people from further attacks. Given the quality of the state prison systems, it’s hard to make that claim.

Many folks would say that the punishments were justified because



INTELLECT
AND
VIRTUE

JOHN GARVEY

Brewer and Davis were bad men who, as they say in the South, needed killing.

Let us assume the truth of the evidence against Davis, as we might do after 20 years of legal review. He was, on that account, a bad man; or at least a man who did some very bad things. He was convicted of shooting another man and was executed.

Davis was in the act of pistol-whipping a homeless man when he was approached by the doomed officer.

As for Brewer, he was a cruel, sadistic racist who tortured and eventually beheaded his victim. Sometimes society simply demands revenge for crimes that are genuinely heinous, twisted and evil.

This is, however, an urge that the Church calls on us to resist, no matter how difficult that may be.

The reason isn’t just that we might make a mistake, though we might. (We have executed almost 5,000 people since 1930; 46 just last year. Sooner or later the system is bound to slip up.)

The reason is that human life is sacred because it results from the creative action of God. It is not our place to destroy it, though that might satisfy our desire for revenge.

It is right to punish criminals to redress the harm that they have caused. But the better understanding of the Gospel is that we should stop short of killing.

If Pinker is right, it’s nice to know that we are moving in that direction. Though as last month’s cases show, we are not there yet.

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is different from high school and life in the workplace is not like that of a college student.

Transition takes energy and is not always easy — actually, it never is. Letting go is hard. It just doesn’t happen overnight. It is a process that takes time and can be very stressful. Ignoring our losses can wear us down. If we don’t grieve well we can never really let go and enter fully into the new phase of our lives.

When we do not grieve our

losses we can get stuck in the past and never move ahead. An example would be the first-year student in college who always talks about what she used to do in her high school or the new employee who is always comparing his new job with the one he just left. This is normal when someone is in transition, but it can be unhealthy when it goes on and on because the person can never enter fully into the present. When people neglect their losses and refuse to give up the past they can’t move on with their lives.

Sister Joyce Rupp wrote a book entitled, “Praying Our Goodbyes.” It always reminds me about how important it is to ritualize our losses and to bring

God into these situations. In fact, we don’t have to bring God into any part of our lives; we just have to remember that God is already with us in all of our losses and transitions and will continue to be with us, loving us at every moment, in whatever new situation we find ourselves.

As I deal with the progressive nature of Parkinson’s and the resulting losses, especially my independence and having to give up some of my favorite activities, I pray that I continue to trust in the Lord and my faith will remain strong.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 13, 2011
Matthew 25:14-30

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: the story of using the talents given to us. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JOURNEY	ENTRUSTED	TALENTS
ABILITY	WENT AWAY	TRADED
DUG A HOLE	GROUND	MASTER
FIVE	GOOD	FORWARD
LAZY	INTEREST	TEN
MORE	GIVEN	TAKEN AWAY
THROW	DARKNESS	TEETH

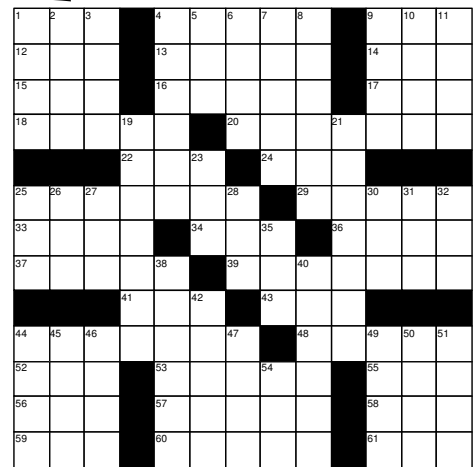
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The CrossWord

November 6 and 13, 2011



Based on these Scripture Readings: 1Thess 4:13-18 and Mt 25:1-13 and Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

- ACROSS
- 1 Nursing degree

4 Path cut through grass

9 Compass point

12 Downwind

13 Coffee

14 Government agency

15 Rowing device

16 To that time

17 purchase oil

18 Followed Jesus

20 Oil merchants

22 Easter symbol

24 Rival

25 _____ Mozart

29 Blow

33 Cheeky

34 Month of saints

36 Lunge with sword

37 Parted

39 Bridegroom was late

41 Negative

43 Label

44 Become larger than

48 Gnashed

52 Not amateur

53 Treasure

55 Thai

56 Adam’s wife

57 Desert pond

58 Naught
- DOWN
- 1 Soviet group

2 Char

3 Christian persecutor

4 Ashes mark on forehead

5 Aced

6 Book of apostles

7 Comes at night

8 All _____’s Eve

9 Southeast by east

10 Goad

11 “My _____ are not your _____”

19 Marriage feast

21 Foliage

23 Bullet shooter

25 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)

26 Wipe

27 God is _____-powerful

28 Grass

30 Chinese sauce

31 Bind

32 Prepare for _____ times

35 Animal doctor

38 Lethargy

40 New

42 Jewish scripture

44 Oil countries

45 Mongoose

46 touched line

47 Virgins with extra oil

49 Gas burner

50 Devil has pointed one

51 Handle

54 Blemish

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

NO. 11 COUGARS TAKE CHARGE IN 2ND HALF After University of Saint Francis football Coach Kevin Donley and his Cougars had a good laugh about one of the wackiest quarters in USF history, the visitors out-scored Taylor University, 32-0, in the second half and won, 46-14, at Don Wheeler Memorial Stadium on Nov. 6. The win gave USF a 3-2 Mid-States Football Association Mideast League record and a 7-2 overall record. USF will celebrate 'Senior Day' next Nov. 12 before taking on Central State (OH) at noon.

Eagles, Saints win diocesan football showdown games

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — It is always a thrill for any football team to still be playing the game in November, and Sunday, Nov. 6, was no exception at Bishop Luers High School when the top dogs from the Catholic Youth League (CYO) hosted the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) champs in the annual Diocesan Showdown.

The weather could not have been more cooperative as the two leagues split the day when St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) beat Holy Cross/Christ the King, 13-8, and then Mishawaka Catholic downed St. Charles, 18-6.

In the first outing, the SJFW Eagles were victorious in a match-up that came down to the wire as they clung to a lead they captured only late in the fourth quarter.

The talented Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders scored first when Brendan Chappell-Cromartie, wearing No. 3, got into the end zone.

But it was the Eagles own No. 3, Seth Wyss, who claimed the rest of the touchdowns for the contest scoring both for SJFW.

His first came late in the second quarter when, on the goal line after a penalty, the Eagles had a fourth and long. Nick Carroll snagged a low catch to get the first down, and then Wyss bulled his way in on the next play from a yard out. This put the Eagles within striking distance at the half.

Trailing 6-8, quarterback Jack Johnston orchestrated a long drive that ate precious minutes off the clock in the third quarter.

Wyss' second score materialized with less than four minutes in the final quarter and Noah Hoeffel added a good PAT.

"SJFW did a nice job of making adjustments and we just ran out of time," explained Crusader Coach John Krzyzewski.

The veteran added, "Getting on the bus and coming to Fort Wayne is always something to look forward to. We stop to eat on the way back. It is a great experience for the boys and fun to play the Fort Wayne teams."

Eagles' Coach Jim Carroll was pleased with his "D" but admitted, "The last minute of the game felt like an hour when they had the ball."

He summed up another season, "It is a great joy to compete and coach in the CYO. You remem-

ber the greenhorns when you turn on Notre Dame football and see an ex-CYO guy scoring or watch one defending for a Big 10 team."

Mishawaka Catholic's phenomenal postseason run culminated with an 18-6 win over Fort Wayne's CYO league champs, the mighty St. Charles Cardinals.

After a 2-2 regular season finish, the Saints went on to avenge both of their losses during the season, win their league championship and win the diocesan title.

"Our defense made the difference in the post season. We gave up only 12 points in our last three games and finished, 5-2," claimed Mishawaka's coach, Tony Violi.

In the first half, the Cardinals got on the board first when their successful air game, led by the arm of quarterback Joe Steigmeyer, flexed its muscle finding his target, Andrew Davis, for about 40 yards, which set up Zach Norton to punch it in on the next play.

Cardinal Coach Jason Garrett summarized, "I could not be more humbled and inspired to have been the coach of these young men — especially the eighth graders, who over the course of the past three

months have led this team with the utmost integrity, dedication and hard work. They have truly exemplified to the St. Charles teams of the future what it means to be always faithful and always better — both on and off the field."

The Saints, carried on the big shoulders of Jacob Whitfield, got their points in the game on Whitfield's 40-yard run to leave things knotted up, 6-6, at the half. In the third quarter, Mishawaka just happened to recover the opening kick off,

which turned out to be a key drive in the game when they completed 55-yards and Whitfield scored again, putting them up to stay, 12-6.

Then Noah Sizemore's second pick of the fourth quarter resulted in yet another Whitfield touchdown to seal the win for the Saints. Violi was quick to point out that his team ran behind linemen Patrick Coulter, Nate Thomas and Christian Dennis all year long, and that great plays by their other corner, Gavin Verslip, and Joe Ravotto's leading the offense were instrumental in the Saints' string of victories as well.

"Back when Coulter told me he wanted this team to be remembered as champions, I knew right then the outcome of this game," explained Violi.

He was sure to add, "I was very impressed with everyone from Fort Wayne — from the great officiating crew to Coach Jason Garrett and Coach Matt Lindsay. They could not have been a better group of people. It was a great experience for our kids."



ST. VINCENT PANTHERS WIN LARGE-SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

The St. Vincent Lady Panthers capped off their impressive volleyball careers with a first-place medal in the Catholic Youth League (CYO) White League (large school) tournament on Saturday, Oct. 22. In the championship, the No. 2 seed, St. Charles, put up a good fight as well, 25-21, 25-18. Coach Julie Lukemire's Panthers' record was left unblemished for the second year in a row when they repeated their title run and tallied up a 13-0 season.

Cardegles finish cross-country season on positive note

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In cross-country action, the Cardegles of St. Jude and St. Charles finished their 2011 season on a very positive note.

Overall, the boys finished 66-39 while the girls had an outstanding 82 wins and 22 losses — the best record in Cardegles history. Coach Dan Kaufman reported that both teams finished in first place at the LutherRUN Invite and beat Memorial Park and Jefferson Middle School in a three-way meet.

In addition, both the boys and the girls took the top spot in the Blackhawk Christian Invitational and their own Cardegles Invitational to cap off a great season.

Top performances for 2011 came from Blake Malone (10:33) and Bryson Tretter (10:38)

both making the all-time top 15 runner list in Cardegles history claiming the third and sixth spots.

Abby Brelage (12:09), Megan Brelage (12:25) and Caroline McMasters (12:39) made the girls' list at fourth, 10th and 11th place, respectively.

Kaufman said, "The all-time runner list goes back 15 years now and includes some very successful athletes."

At the annual awards banquet held Oct. 24, Kaufman recognized the following top seven girls — Abby Brelage, Megan Brelage, Caroline McMasters, Marie Lothamer, April Attebury, Rachel Gibson and Eden Nitza.

Named for the boys were Tretter, Malone, Patrick Rorick, Jack Stefanek, Anthony Lorenger, Nick Kacprowicz and Tom Lonsway.

Abby Brelage and Bryson Tretter were named "Most Valuable Runners," while the

"Most Improved Runner" recipients were Jack Stefanek and Caroline McMasters. Those grabbing "Mental Attitude" kudos were Tom Lonsway and Marie Lothamer. Finally, the Cardegles Award was honored to Megan Brelage.

Coach Dan Kaufman described that the Cardegles Award depicts what a cross-country runner should truly represent. The winner is the athlete who displays a great attitude, hard work at practice, excellent attendance, dedication to the team and dedication to the sport.

"This person runs because they want to, not because they have to," explained Kaufman.

Guest speaker this year was St. Jude parishioner Judge Craig Bobay who spoke on how running has influenced his life.

Kaufman was assisted by his sons, Chris and Brian, Scott Reiling, Tim O'Connell, Dan and Steve Leffers.

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Bishop Luers Performing Arts Department presents, "Godspell"

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers will present "Godspell" Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. in the school café. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling (260) 456-1261.

Manage holiday stress

South Bend — Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame will present a program for seniors on Managing Holiday Stress, in cooperation with New Avenues Counseling Service Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. at Andre Place's Brother Geenan Hall. A non-perishable food item for the Northern Indiana Food Bank is requested. Call (574) 251-2235 for reservations as seating is limited.

Annual fall festival

South Bend — St. Casimir Parish, 1308 W. Dunham St., will have a fall festival Sunday, Nov. 13. Chicken Dinner served from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children 5-10 \$4, and children under 5 eat Free. Contact the parish office at (574) 287-9551 for tickets. Music beginning at 2 p.m. provided by the Tim Deka Trio. Games of chance, raffles and a pastry booth will be offered.

Knights plan Sunday breakfast at Queen of Angels

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 11043 will have a breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Faber Activities Center at Queen of Angels, 1500 W. State Blvd. Adults \$6, children 6-12 \$3, family (4 or more members) \$20.

Theology on Tap

Fort Wayne — The diocesan office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry will present Theology on Tap for young adults ages 21-39, Thursday, Nov. 17, from 7-9 p.m. at Calhoun Street Soups, Salads, & Spirits, 1915 S. Calhoun St. The new Roman Missal will be discussed with Brian MacMichael, director of the Office of Worship.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Carry-out available.

Volunteers needed

South Bend — The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of volunteers for the following: • Pack Christmas toy baskets through Nov. 21. Days and times needed are Monday and Wednesday from 3-6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 5-8 p.m., and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Individuals, families and businesses are needed for the "Adopt A Family" program. Contact denise.blanche@saintvincent-in.org or (574) 234-6000 ext. 12105 for more information or to volunteer.

Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club hosts Beatles tribute band, 'American English'

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club and the Performing Arts Department will host "American English," on Nov. 26 in the school gymnasium. This national tribute band will perform at Bishop Luers High School as the main event to the Annual Turkey Trot. Doors open at 6 p.m. The "American English" concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The event will include a cash bar. Pre-sale tickets are available at \$20 per person, or \$30 the day of the show. Tickets may be purchased by calling (260) 456-1261, extension 3114. The event is casual attire and open to the public. Those attending must be 21 to enter.

A morning for minors

Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Sisters Minor will hold a morning of activities for girls ages 4-18, every second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish. Activities include Mass, rosary, church cleaning, talking and playing with the sisters, followed by a potluck lunch. For information leave message at (260) 744-4393.

CRAFT SHOWS

Craft bazaar at Bishop Dwenger

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters will

have a craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym. For information call (260) 489-4709.

Holiday bazaar

Bristol — St. Mary Parish, 411 W. Vistula St., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Christmas bazaar

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish, 2801 Corpus Christi Dr., will have a Christmas bazaar Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 50 arts and craft vendors, baked goods and a raffle will be available. Lunch will be sponsored by the eighth-grade class. Admission is free.

Winter bazaar

South Bend — The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Augustine Parish, 1501 Washington St., will have a winter bazaar Saturday, Nov. 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. BBQ chicken,

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James Mitchell, 70, St. Vincent de Paul

P. Richard Fowerbaugh, 81, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Alfred E. Quinn, 82, St. Jude

Gary Walter Jacob, 61, St. Charles Borromeo

Kevin C. Weber, 55, St. Jude

Theresa L. Weisman, 94, Our Lady of Good Hope

New Carlisle

Elizabeth A. Miller, 77, St. Stanislaus Kostka

Lawrence P. Szilazyi, 89, St. Stanislaus Kostka

New Haven

Mary Ann McClellan, St. John the Baptist

Dennis S. DeCoursey, 70, St. John the Baptist

Piercetown

Patricia Orbik, 76, St. Francis Xavier

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Kenneth Bruce Parmelee, 63, Christ the King

Cajetan E. Andrysiak, 91, St. Adalbert

Elizabeth Frey Maffitt, St. Joseph

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Susan R. Hooley-Campbell, 56, Christ the King

Mary K. Rappelli, 86, Little Flower

Deidra Ann White, 66, St. Augustine

Christmas items and white elephant table will be offered.

St. Jude plans Christmas boutique

Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will have a Christmas boutique Saturday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All crafts handmade and lunch will be available.

Christmas bazaar

South Bend — A Christmas bazaar will be held at Holy Cross Parish, 1020 Wilber St. Saturday Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Homemade crafts and foods, raffles and lunch available.

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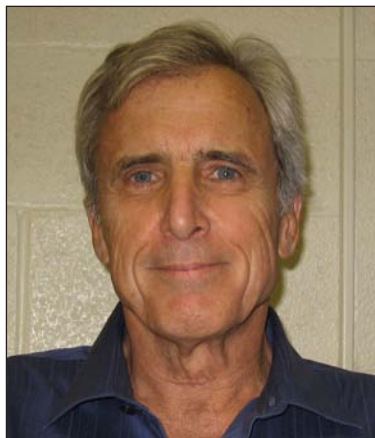
Coach Gaughan taught more than football

BY MARK WEBER

SARASOTA, Fla. — Mike Burns, a 1962 graduate of Bishop Luers High School, now a lawyer in Sarasota, Fla., recently shared his thoughts with *Today's Catholic* on the ancillary results of his association with John Gaughan, football coach of Luers 1961 city championship team and first winners of the Bell Trophy.

"Well, luck came to Bishop Luers the day John Gaughan became the football coach," Burns wrote in an email to *Today's Catholic*. "It was certainly lucky for me to have had a mentor who could inspire me to play above myself, on and off the field."

"With football season fast approaching," Burns said, "I went to the athletic office to meet the new coach and hopefully to get on the football team. Earlier, my dad wouldn't let me play high school football. He said, those big guys will



MIKE BURNS

kill you. I whined and begged until he finally gave his consent."

"Not being very thick or muscular, I worried that the new coach might not think I had enough size to play," Burns said. "That worry vanished when I met Coach Gaughan. Among other things, he said, I measure players by the size of their hearts. I knew then there was hope

for me."

"Somewhere along the way at Bishop Luers, Coach Gaughan gave me a copy of the poem by Robert Service titled, 'Carry On! Carry On!' The words of that poem spoke to me and I committed it to memory, not knowing how well its message would serve me," he noted.

"It was a few years later, that I was shot down on my 18th mission over North Vietnam, captured and spent 56 months as a POW, sitting in a bleak nine by 10 foot cell, with

a black bucket in the corner for a bathroom," Burns wrote.

The words of that poem came back to him: "Carry on! Carry On! ... Brace for another attack. ... It's looking like hell, but — you never can tell. ... Carry on, old man! Carry on!"

Burns said, "At times, things seemed hopeless. Despairing, I thought I might be there for many more years. Then I made the decision that no matter how long it took, I would never give up. If it took 20

more years, I was going to walk out of there with my heart intact. Time would never wear me down. Nothing would. I would carry on to the end. I did just that."

"I believe 'Carry on! Carry On!' personifies Coach Gaughan," Burns told *Today's Catholic*. "The way he lives, the way he is unafraid to fight to heaven's own height, the way he coached, his optimism toward life, his devotion to prayer and his faith. These are the things he gives to those lucky enough to know him."



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