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Cultivate the attitude of the Magi says bishop at Epiphany Mass

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — Three Wise Men from the east followed a star to the newborn King of the Jews long ago with the words, "we have come to worship Him," as their reason for traveling such a long distance. These words are what Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades challenged the congregation of St. Matthew Cathedral to think about in their daily life at the Jan. 8 Epiphany Mass.

Bishop Rhoades celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord with the parish community at 11 a.m. Mass. He entered the celebration with the three wise men, followed by a fanfare of trumpets, music and the scent of incense filling the air.

"A blessed Epiphany to all," proclaimed Bishop Rhoades to the congregation at the beginning of Mass. He told the crowd that his visit to St. Matthew Cathedral was extra special with a unique gift of a crozier presented to him by Msgr. Michael Heintz. One side of the crozier has an image of St. Matthew and the other side has an image of the diocesan coat of arms.

"Thank you for this very special gift," Bishop Rhoades said.

Epiphany is a celebration of the Magi and their quest to pay homage to the newborn King. This quest is a great example of true faith and devotion to God and something Bishop Rhoades spoke of in great detail with the faithful.

During the Mass, Father Jacob Runyon, parochial vicar at St. Matthew Church, sang a special liturgical-season proclamation.

"The Magi represent all the people of the world and reveal that Jesus has come not only as the Messiah of the Jewish people, but as the Savior of the whole world. As St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: 'the

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KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Children from St. Matthew Cathedral Church, dressed as the Wise Men, visit with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades after he celebrated the Epiphany Mass on Jan. 8. Bishop Rhoades is holding a crozier presented at the Mass.

Pope names 22 new cardinals, three North Americans

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named 22 new cardinals, including two from the United States, and announced a consistory for their formal induction into the College of Cardinals Feb. 18.

Among those named were Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York; Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, pro-grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem who still is administering the Archdiocese of Baltimore; and Archbishop Thomas C. Collins of Toronto.

The pope announced the nominations to the faithful in St. Peter's Square at noon Jan. 6, before praying the Angelus.

Cardinal-designate O'Brien, who was in St.

Peter's Square when his name was announced, said his priestly life has been "a surprise at every step. I thought being appointed archbishop of Baltimore would be the last surprise, but I was wrong."

He told Catholic News Service that the ministries he had been appointed to, and now his elevation to cardinal, were not things he could "anticipate, navigate or engineer. It's just a matter of being open and in the right place at the right time and good things happen."

In separate statements, the North American cardinals were quick to stress the collective rather than the personal nature of the honor.

"This is not about Timothy Dolan," the New York cardinal-designate said. "This is an honor from the Holy Father to the Archdiocese of New York. ... It's as if Pope Benedict is putting the red hat on top of the Empire State Building, or

the Statue of Liberty, or on home plate at Yankee Stadium."

Cardinal-designate O'Brien said his nomination reflected the "zealous faith" of Catholics in Baltimore, and Cardinal-designate Collins attributed his elevation to the pope's "esteem for the role of Canada and of the Archdiocese of Toronto in the universal Church."

The latest additions will bring the United States and Canada's share of the College of Cardinals to 22. The U.S., which is home to about 5.5 percent of the world's Catholics, will provide almost 10 percent of the 125 cardinals under the age of 80, who are the only cardinals eligible to vote in a conclave for a future pope.

By contrast, only one of those named, Cardinal-designate Joao Braz de Aviz, comes

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Praying for the unity of Christians



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Next week begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an annual observance in which Catholics, Orthodox, and Protestants, all of us brothers and sisters in Christ through our common baptism, pray for the restoration of perfect unity among Christians. We pray, in the power of the Holy Spirit, that divisions among Christians will be overcome.

This Week of Prayer, which begins on January 18th and ends on January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul), reminds us, as the Second Vatican Council taught, that prayer is "the soul of the ecumenical movement." It reminds us of the priority of prayer in all our endeavors, including in ecumenical activities since ultimately the full visible communion of all Christians is a gift of God's grace.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity used to be called the Church Unity Octave when it began in 1908. It was founded by Reverend Paul Wattson, an American Episcopal priest, and Mother Lurana White. These co-founders of the Society of the Atonement, with thirteen lay associates, entered the Catholic Church in 1909. Thereafter, Pope Saint Pius X gave his official blessing to the Octave.

In 1916, Pope Benedict XV encouraged the observance of the Church Unity Octave throughout the Catholic Church. Now, 96 years later, I wish to encourage the fervent observance of this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity throughout our diocese. Among the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions in the Roman Missal are Masses "For the Unity of Christians." I

encourage their use in our parishes during weekday Masses between January 18 and 25. The Week is also a good time for ecumenical prayer services. Excellent materials and resources are available, prepared collaboratively by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches.

Why is ecumenism important? The answer is simple: Jesus Christ wills the unity of his disciples. He prayed "that all may be one" (John 17:21). The Catholic Church's commitment to this task is, therefore, irrevocable, despite what often seem to be insuperable obstacles in ecumenical endeavors.

The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is: "We will all be changed by the Victory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15: 51-58). Christ's victory over sin and death enables us to persevere with patience in the quest for Christian unity and to look to the future with hope. As Catholic Chair of the International Theological Catholic-Reformed Dialogue, I am involved in an important ecumenical effort, a difficult one to be sure, but one which continues because of our faith in the power of God's grace and in Christ's victory.

One reason for hope is that there is already a unity, though imperfect, among Christians. While we naturally regret our divisions and separations, we should also be keenly aware of the elements of unity we share with our separated brothers. Examples include the gift of the sacrament of Baptism, the Sacred Scriptures, and the common beliefs we profess in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. We should acknowledge this common ground with gratitude, recognizing that there is more that unites us than divides us.

Last year, during his apostolic visit

to Germany, our Holy Father visited the Augustinian convent in Erfurt where Martin Luther studied and was ordained a priest. While there, Pope Benedict spoke to various representatives of German Protestant communities about the unity we share. He said:

"Our fundamental unity comes from the fact that we believe in God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth.

And that we confess that he is the triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The highest unity is not the solitude of a monad, but rather a unity born of love. We believe in God — the real God. We believe that God spoke to us and became one of us. To bear witness to this living God is our common task at the present time."

I was moved by the

Holy Father's deep concern about the secularism of today's culture, what he called "the withdrawal from God." All Christians should be concerned about this cultural challenge. Pope Benedict said that "our primary ecumenical service at this hour must be to bear common witness to the presence of the living God and in this way to give the world the answer which it needs." This means living by God's word. It means a commitment to love. It means service of others. This is how the Christian faith becomes more credible to others.

As Catholics, we must know our faith and live it afresh. Genuine ecumenism does not mean that we water down the truths of the faith. Genuine ecumenism happens when we live our faith deeply and with conviction in an increasingly secularized culture.

May the Holy Spirit inspire us and all Christians to grow in faith, hope, and charity, and to bear faithful witness to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Victory over sin and death!

"We will all be changed by
the Victory of
our Lord Jesus Christ"

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 51-58

Pope baptizes 16 infants, says sacraments help parents

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI baptized 16 infants and told their parents and godparents that prayer and the sacraments will give them the strength and guidance they need to promote a child's true well-being.

Presiding over the annual liturgy in the Sistine Chapel Jan. 8, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the pope said the sacraments and putting one's trust in God through prayer offer "that light of truth" that illuminates the right path to take in their child's education and upbringing.

The Holy Spirit "enlightens the mind, warms the heart of the educator so that he will know how to pass on an awareness of Jesus and his love," he said in his homily.

Grounded in faith and in communion with God, parents and teachers will know how to be both "tender and strong, gentle and firm, be silent and speak at the right time, to scold and correct in the right way," he said.

The infants, 10 boys and six girls including a set of twins, were baptized by the pope over a font that was supported by an ornately



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO VIA REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI baptizes one of 16 infants during a Mass in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican Jan. 8.

detailed bronze olive tree. One by one the parents suspended their babies over the font as the pope poured water from a gilded shell.

The pope recalled St. John the Baptist's baptism of the Lord in his homily and said a true teacher, like the saint, leads people to the truth — to Christ — and does not try to establish loyalty to himself.

"Parents are not the source, like we priests are also not the source" of salvation and the truth, he said. The sacraments and the word of God are the source of salvation and "we are rather like channels through which the life-blood of God's love must pass," he said.

"Parents must give a lot" when raising their children, so if parents don't receive strength, support and knowledge from the true sources of salvation then they will be left empty and all dried up inside and no longer able to teach others, he said.

One of the intentions read during the prayers of the faithful was "for children who suffer from mistreatment, hunger and disease: May the Lord always call forth men and women able to kneel before them with tireless charity and tenacious hope."

Franciscan Father David Mary Engo calls men to holiness at Diocesan Men's Conference

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The second annual Diocesan Men's Conference, to be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, has slated a dynamic trio of speakers for the faithful men of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Director of Apologetics and Evangelization at Catholic Answers Tim Staples, author and inspirational speaker Robert Rogers and Fort Wayne's own Franciscan Father David Mary Engo will each offer their own brand of insight on "A Call to Lead."

The conference, sponsored by Rekindle the Fire and the diocesan Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization, will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Expo Center, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805, and open with prayer and a blessing followed by a discussion on Confessions. The speakers will inspire those in attendance throughout the grace-filled day until 4 p.m. when they will gather for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Keynote speaker Father Engo has a long, illustrious history of inspiring deepening or rediscovering faith in audiences across the country. His own powerful experience of rediscovering his faith as a senior in a New York high school led him to join the Franciscan order in 1986. Eleven years later he was ordained into the Franciscan priesthood.

Father Engo, who founded and is superior of the Franciscan Brothers Minor community under the authority of Bishop Rhoades, speaks highly of the diocesan-wide conference that is a ministerial outreach of Rekindle the Fire — a program that began at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne as a men's prayer group with the mission of calling men back to their faith.

"Rekindle the Fire has grown, and now they are offering this day as a ministry to the diocese to call men together to rediscover and enliven their faith, so they can live it out in radical ways," says Father Engo.

Father Engo's message to the men of the diocese will be simple but profound.

"I'll focus on fatherhood," says Father Engo. "And leadership in the family and the culture. John Paul II said in his address in Central Park, specifically addressing men, that they are to lead their families in holiness and prayer."

Another key component of Father Engo's encouraging message will be to inspire the courage it requires to pray with one's spouse. "The most intimate thing is to pray together," notes Father Engo. "Praying together creates real intimacy, and then the relationship is bound in unity with God." This message will call the men in attendance to build a family of prayer,



KAY COZAD

Franciscan Father David Mary Engo will be one of the keynote speakers at the second annual Diocesan Men's Conference held on Feb. 25 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Expo Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

REGISTER SOON

Registration fee, that includes lunch, is \$35 for adults, \$25 for seniors or students of high school or college age. Parking at the coliseum is \$4 per car. Deadline for registration is Feb. 18, on-line at www.RekindleTheFire.net or by check mailed to "Rekindle the Fire" Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization, attn.: Natalie Kohrman, 915 S. Clinton, Fort Wayne, IN, 46802.

For information call Joe Witulski at (260) 452-6875.

virtue and holiness.

Father Engo will also rally the men to defend their homes against the evils of the current culture.

"It's a manly virtue ... to need to defend their families from the culture that's quickly turning from the values that we hold dear in our faith," he says.

The current culture, he notes, has stripped men of fatherhood, their role in the family and their place in the Church.

"There's this whole confusion about masculine spirituality," says Father Engo.

It's time, says Father Engo, for men to "step up and witness to the faith," by bringing justice to the workplace, charity to the poor, and making sound decisions based on clear Catholic principles.

Father Engo hopes to see "every single man in the diocese there with their friends who are not Catholic."

And he adds, "It's very important for men to bring their sons, to see men on fire with faith and all gathered together."

Young men of high school and college age are encouraged to attend the promising conference.

What does Father Engo hope the men of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will take from the conference? "True manliness is found in true virtue — in living a virtuous life. ... I want them to know that Christ is the model for normal. Don't measure yourself by what other men are saying. Rather ask, 'am I as good as Christ.'"

For more information on Father Engo and the Franciscan Brothers Minor community visit www.FranciscanBrothersMonir.com.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Tuesday, Jan. 17, 9 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Jan. 20, 7 a.m. — Mass at Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio
- Friday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m. — Sanctity of Life Mass for Order of Malta, Lancaster, Pa.



Priest, deacon assignments announced

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has announced the following changes in priestly assignments, effective Jan. 14, 2012:

- Reverend John Klymczyk, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion, has been granted a leave of absence for health reasons.
- Deacon Stanley LeMieux is entrusted with the administration of the pastoral care of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion, Indiana; and Reverend John A. Steele, CSC, is appointed to direct the pastoral care and is provided with the powers and faculties of a pastor.

Day of reflection to focus on Black faith and culture

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — The Secretariat for Special Ministries and Evangelization of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is planning a special Day of Reflection for the faithful from across the diocese on Feb. 4, when the community will join at St. Augustine Church in South Bend for SANKOFA — Celebration of Black Catholic Faith and Culture.

Dominican Sister Dr. Jamie T. Phelps, director emeritus of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of New Orleans, will be the keynote speaker.

The day will consist of breakout sessions, parish histories, personal time for prayer and reflection, and music performed by the Notre Dame Gospel Choir, as well as the St. Augustine Gospel Choir and teen African Drum group.

Deacon Melvin Tardy of St. Augustine Parish said, "This will be the first significant gathering and community dialogue involving a broad representation of Black Catholics from our diocese, and those who minister to Blacks."

He added, "The program will look at the past, present and future of Black Catholics in our diocese. ... My hope is that the historical uniqueness of this event will draw the critical mass needed to comfortably share and discuss these common experiences and issues, while also celebrating the rich diversity of our faith."

Deacon Tardy reported that some of the issues facing Black Catholics today include keeping the younger

generation involved in their faith and racism in Catholic schools.

Deacon Tardy noted that the reason for the program is to create awareness and interest across the diocese for attending the upcoming National Black Catholic Congress in Indianapolis to be held July 19-21. The theme for the congress, which is held every five years, is "Faith Engaged: Empower, Equip, Evangelize." Information on how to become a delegate for the event will be available at the day of reflection.

Barbara Joseph, a member of St. Augustine Parish, feels the day of reflection can benefit not only Black Catholics, but all those interested in Black faith and culture.

She said, "I hope we have a big crowd. It would be great for us to come together and learn

through our common and not so common experiences. We hope people just come to reflect and perhaps learn something about the Black Catholic experiences."

The day of reflection will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Augustine Church, located at 1501 W. Washington St., South Bend, 46628.

Cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch. For further information or to register contact the Secretariat for Special Ministries and Evangelization of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at (260) 399-1437 or email nkohrman@diocesefwsb.org.

Look for the registration form on page 8.

New US-born cardinal used to new and varied assignments

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The priestly ministry of Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, named a cardinal Jan. 6 by Pope Benedict XVI, has been marked by frequent assignments, so that he rarely stays in one place very long. And even when he is ensconced somewhere for a while, he gets to moving.

Appointed last August as pro-grand master of the Equestrian Order (Knights) of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, based in Rome, he is serving simultaneously in his previous post as archbishop of Baltimore until a successor is named.

Born April 8, 1939, in New York, Edwin Frederick O'Brien and his family were members of Our Lady of Solace Parish in the Bronx. He attended St. Joseph's Seminary outside New York, where he received a bachelor's degree in 1961 and master's degrees in 1964 and 1965. In 1965, he was ordained to the priesthood, setting off a string of appointments.

For his first five years as a priest, he was a civilian chaplain at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He became an Army chaplain in 1970 and over the next three years rose to the rank of captain while ministering to the 82nd Airborne.

He served a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1971 to 1972 with the 173rd Airborne Brigade and then 1st Cavalry Brigade. From a base of operations in the middle of a jungle, he and a Protestant minister flew by helicopter to defensive outposts, where they would provide for the spiritual needs of soldiers.

From 1973 to 1976, he studied at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, earning a doctorate in theology. On his return to New York, he was named archdiocesan vice chancellor and assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Appointed archdiocesan director of communications in 1981, he helped launch *Catholic New York*, the archdiocesan newspaper. Two years later, he was named secretary to New York Cardinal Terence Cooke and later to Cardinal John J. O'Connor, his successor in New York.

Then-Msgr. O'Brien was made rector of St. Joseph's Seminary in



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

U.S. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien distributes Communion during an Ash Wednesday service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington in February 2007. Among his many priestly assignments, Cardinal-designate O'Brien served as a chaplain in the U. S. Army, including in Vietnam in the early 1970s. He had led the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services and the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He is now pro-grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

1985 and rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome in 1989. On his return to New York in 1994, he was again made rector of St. Joseph's.

He was named an auxiliary bishop of New York Feb. 6, 1996, and ordained a bishop March 25. He was named coadjutor archbishop of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services in April 1997. He took up the post in May and became head of the archdiocese in August when Archbishop Joseph T. Dimino resigned for health reasons. It was the cardinal-designate's longest single appointment, but he made a point of getting out of the office to visit chaplains at bases, including a two-month tour in 2007.

As military archbishop, he had to deal with dwindling numbers of Catholic chaplains. In 2003, there were 367 chaplains for 1.5 million Catholics in all branches of the military.

In 2005-06, Cardinal-designate O'Brien served as the papally appointed coordinator for the visitation of U.S. seminaries and houses of priestly formation.

As the visitation began, he said there was no room in seminaries for men with strong homosexual inclinations even if they have been celibate for a decade or more. "I think anyone

who has engaged in homosexual activity, or has strong homosexual inclinations, would be best not to apply to a seminary and not to be accepted into a seminary," he said, later adding that he was speaking for himself based on his prior stints as a seminary rector, not for the U.S. bishops or the Vatican.

In 2009, as Baltimore archbishop, he told an audience of 500 people gathered for a military-sponsored symposium in Omaha, Neb., that the abolition of nuclear weapons was an issue of "fundamental moral values that should unite people across national and ideological boundaries."

The following year, in Paris, he said the path to the elimination of nuclear weapons will be "long and treacherous," but humanity "must walk this path with both care and courage in order to build a future free of the nuclear threat."

Last summer, he had an exchange of letters urging Maryland Gov. Martin J. O'Malley, a Catholic, not to sponsor legislation legalizing same-sex marriage. "As advocates for the truths we are compelled to uphold," the future cardinal wrote, "we speak with equal intensity and urgency in opposition to your promoting a goal that so deeply conflicts with your faith, not to mention the best interests of our society."

Twenty-two US bishops could retire for age reasons in 2012

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two U.S. cardinals and 20 other U.S. bishops could retire because of age this year.

There are eight active U.S. bishops, including a cardinal, who have already turned 75. Another cardinal and 13 other bishops will celebrate their 75th birthday in 2012.

At age 75, bishops are required by canon law to submit their resignation to the pope.

With the retirements in 2011 of Cardinals Bernard F. Law, Justin Rigali and Roger M. Mahony and the death of Cardinal John P. Foley, Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, was the only U.S. cardinal still active over age 75 at the start of the year.

The former archbishop of San Francisco and Portland, Ore., and former auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles turned 75 on June 15, 2011, but is expected to remain in the Vatican post until Pope Benedict XVI names his successor. He took the job at the Vatican in 2005 and became a cardinal in 2006.

Turning 75 on Jan. 16, 2012, is Cardinal Francis E. George, who has served as archbishop of Chicago since 1997 and was named a cardinal in 1998. He previously served as archbishop of Portland and bishop of Yakima, Wash.

Pope Benedict often has asked cardinals to stay on the job after they reached the age of 75. Even when a cardinal retires in his 70s, he remains an active member of the College of Cardinals, eligible to enter a conclave and vote for a new pope, until age 80.

In addition to Cardinal Levada, the seven other active U.S. bish-

ops who are already 75 and the dates of their 75th birthday are:

- Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 6, 2010.
- Bishop Thomas G. Doran of Rockford, Ill., Feb. 20, 2011.
- Bishop Edward U. Kmiec of Buffalo, N.Y., June 4, 2011.
- Archbishop George H. Niederauer of San Francisco, June 14, 2011.
- Bishop Donald W. Trautman of Erie, Pa., June 24, 2011.
- Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M., Sept. 12, 2011.
- Bishop Tod D. Brown of Orange, Calif., Nov. 15, 2011.

In addition to Cardinal George, the 13 bishops turning 75 in 2012 and the dates of their 75th birthday are:

- Archbishop John G. Vlazny of Portland, Feb. 22.
- Auxiliary Bishop Roger W. Gries of Cleveland, March 26.
- Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer of San Angelo, Texas, May 18.
- Bishop Walter A. Hurley of Grand Rapids, Mich., May 30.
- Bishop Robert J. Shaheen of the Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, June 3.
- Bishop John F. Kinney of St. Cloud, Minn., June 11.
- Bishop Matthew H. Clark of Rochester, N.Y., July 15.
- Auxiliary Bishop Paul H. Walsh of Rockville Centre, N.Y., Aug. 17.
- Bishop Ibrahim N. Ibrahim of the Chaldean Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle, Oct. 1.
- Archbishop Henry J. Mansell of Hartford, Conn., Oct. 10.
- Bishop Joseph N. Latino of Jackson, Miss., Oct. 21.
- Auxiliary Bishop John C. Dunne of Rockville Centre, Oct. 30.
- Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell of Springfield, Mass., Dec. 23.

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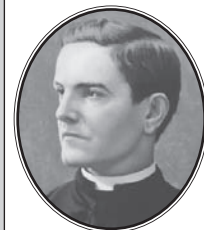
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Cardinals attend Pope Benedict XVI's celebration of Mass marking the feast of the Epiphany in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Jan. 6. At his Angelus following the Mass, the pope named 22 new cardinals.

CARDINALS

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from the country with the most Catholics, Brazil. When the cardinals are inducted in February, only seven of the 22 cardinal electors from Latin America will have been appointed by Pope Benedict.

With his latest appointments, Pope Benedict will have named more than 50 percent of the current cardinal electors, with the rest having been named by Blessed John Paul II.

The pope's latest nominations included 16 Europeans, continuing a trend in his cardinal appointments since his election in 2005.

Seven of the new appointments are Italians, which will bring that nation's total of cardinal electors to 30 — or 24 percent — more than any other country.

None of the new cardinals are from Africa, the region where the Church is experiencing its fastest growth, or Oceania.

Ten of the new cardinals are officials of the Roman Curia, whose offices by tradition often entail membership in the college. Pope Benedict, when he was known as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, spent more than 23 years in the curia as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, though he had been elevated to cardinal in his previous role as archbishop of Munich-Freising, Germany.

Four of the new cardinals are already over the age of 80 and, therefore, ineligible to vote in a conclave. The pope uses such nominations to honor churchmen for their scholarship or other service to the Church. Among the new so-called honorary cardinals is Cardinal-designate Karl Becker, a Jesuit and former theology professor at Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University.

The Jesuits remain the religious order with the highest representation in the college, with eight cardinals, followed by the Salesians with six, including the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone. There are seven Franciscan cardinals, divided between the Order of Friars Minor and the Capuchins, with the latter represented by Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston.

Here is the list of the new cardinals:

- Italian Archbishop Fernando Filoni, prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, 65.

- Portuguese Archbishop Manuel Monteiro de Castro, major penitentiary of the Apostolic Penitentiary, 73.

- Spanish Archbishop Santos Abril Castello, archpriest of Basilica of St. Mary Major, 76

- Italian Archbishop Antonio Maria Veglio, president Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers, who turns 74 Feb. 3.

- Italian Archbishop Giuseppe Bertello, president of the commission governing Vatican City State, 69.

- Italian Archbishop Francesco Coccopalmerio, president of the Pontifical Council for Interpreting Legislative Texts, 73.

- Brazilian Archbishop Joao Braz de Aviz, prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, 64.

- U.S. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, 72.

- Italian Archbishop Domenico Calcagno, president of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See, who turns 69 Feb. 3.

- Italian Archbishop Giuseppe Versaldi, president of Prefecture of the Economic Affairs of the Holy See, 68.

- Syro-Malabar Archbishop George Alencherry of India, 66.

- Canadian Archbishop Thomas C. Collins of Toronto, who will be 65 Jan. 16.

- Czech Archbishop Dominik Duka of Prague, 68.

- Dutch Archbishop Willem J. Eijk of Utrecht, 58.

- Italian Archbishop Giuseppe Betori of Florence, 64.

- U.S. Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, who will turn 62 Feb. 6.

- German Archbishop Rainer Maria Woelki of Berlin, 55.

- Chinese Bishop John Tong Hon of Hong Kong, 72.

- Romanian Archbishop Lucian Muresan of Fagaras and Alba Julia, 80.

- Belgian Father Julien Ries, expert on history of religions, 91.

- Maltese Augustinian Father Prosper Grech, biblical scholar, 86.

- German Jesuit Father Karl Josef Becker, theologian, 83.

New York prelate a vigorous defender and booster of the faith

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, who was appointed Jan. 6 to the College of Cardinals by Pope Benedict XVI, has used his pulpit, be it in New York or Milwaukee, to promote and defend the Catholic faith.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1976, Cardinal-designate Dolan was secretary to the apostolic nunciature in Washington for five years before serving as rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome. In 2001, then-Msgr. Dolan was ordained to the episcopate when he was appointed auxiliary bishop in his native St. Louis. One year and five days later, he was appointed archbishop of Milwaukee.

He was one of 10 U.S. bishops appointed by the Vatican to be catechetical leaders during the 2005 World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany. He reprised the role in 2011 in Madrid, telling pilgrims to admit their faith is weak and shaky. "Something tells me that's why we're (at World Youth Day)," he said. "We want to be with a million other young people from around the world who love their faith and are trying to make it strong."

In a 2007 lecture at North American College, Cardinal-designate Dolan said Catholics need solid preaching about Jesus, the cross and the Church, and not "feel-good" spiritual advice that demands no sacrifice. Preaching well, he added, means challenging people's complacency and, like Christ, occasionally "shaking things up."

In 2007, Cardinal-designate Dolan, now 61, was appointed to the board of directors of Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international aid agency. He became chairman of the board by the end of that year and served in that capacity for three years. He stepped down from the post reluctantly when his election as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops required it.

He was a member of the USCCB Committee on Budget and Finance and the Subcommittee on the Church in Africa and a consultant to the Committee on International Justice and Peace.

As a panelist for a 2004 EWTN-sponsored "town hall" meeting, Cardinal-designate Dolan said the clergy sex abuse crisis was "a societal problem, not a Catholic problem." At the time, he was chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry.

The Milwaukee Archdiocese



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Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York is among 22 new cardinals named Jan. 6 by Pope Benedict XVI. Cardinal-designate Dolan is pictured in New York in a 2010 file photo.

in 2006 reached an out-of-court, \$16.9 million settlement with victims of clerical sexual abuse. Then-Archbishop Dolan said the payout would mean "sacrifices in operations and ministries" but going to trial could have been worse in terms of archdiocesan financial liability, "to say nothing about the bad PR." The archdiocese in 2011 filed for bankruptcy protection due to unresolved abuse claims, the largest U.S. diocese to have done so.

Cardinal-designate Dolan was appointed to the Archdiocese of New York in 2009 to succeed Cardinal Edward M. Egan, who retired. When cardinals were previously named in October 2010, Cardinal Egan was

not yet 80 years old, and Vatican custom has been to avoid having two voting-age cardinals from the same diocese. Cardinal Egan turns 80 April 2.

Shortly after becoming archbishop, Cardinal-designate Dolan suggested his style would be different, but not the substance. "The 'what' won't change, but the 'how' might," he said. "Our goal is to change our lives to be in conformity with Jesus and his Church and

not to change the teachings of Jesus and the Church to be in conformity with what we want."

In his first pastoral letter as archbishop, Cardinal-designate Dolan called on Catholics to "keep the Lord's day holy" and reminded them that it is in receiving the Eucharist on Sunday that they sustain their faith.

In a break with precedent, in 2010, Cardinal-designate Dolan won election as president of the U.S. bishops. It was the first time in the history of the bishops' conference that a sitting vice president who was eligible for the presidency did not win the election.

In his first presidential address, Cardinal-designate Dolan told his fellow bishops in November 2011, "Love for Jesus and His Church must be the passion of our lives." Describing the Church as a spiritual family that "to use the talk show vocabulary ... has some 'dysfunction,'" he said the bishops' "most pressing pastoral challenge today is to reclaim that truth, to restore the luster, the credibility, the beauty of the Church."

But he cited "chilling statistics we cannot ignore" that "fewer and fewer of our beloved people — to say nothing about those outside the household of the faith — are convinced that Jesus and His Church are one." As a result, he added, "they drift from her, get mad at the Church, grow lax, join another or just give it all up. If this does not cause us pastors to shudder, I do not know what will."

One year to the day before he was named a cardinal, the New York archbishop reiterated the pledge of his predecessors to help any pregnant woman in need. "Through Catholic Charities, adoption services, lobbying on behalf of pregnant women, mothers and infants, support of life-giving alternatives, health care and education of youth for healthy, responsible, virtuous sexual behavior, we've done our best to keep that promise and these haunting statistics only prod us to keep at it," he said.

During a December address at the University of Notre Dame, he called the dignity of the human person "a primary doctrine" of the Catholic Church, adding that it must prompt Catholics "to treat ourselves and others only with respect, love, honor and care." That doctrine also means people must not be identified "with our urges, our flaws, our status, our possessions, our utility," but each seen as "a child of God, his creation, modeled in his own image, destined for eternity," he said.

In 2011, he was named a member of the new Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. On Dec. 29, just a week before his appointment to the College of Cardinals, he was appointed by Pope Benedict to help advise the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

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CARDINAL-DESIGNATE TIMOTHY M. DOLAN

Haitian quake survivors leaving camps for a place they can call home

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It took almost two years, but Haitian earthquake survivor Sonya Mallebranche has a place she can call home again. It's only three rooms, making it less than perfect, Mallebranche admits, especially for four adults and three toddler grandchildren. But Mallebranche, 51, finds it far better than living in a tattered tent in the fetid, dusty camp known as Petite Place Cazeau alongside hundreds of others displaced by the powerful Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake that leveled much of the region around Port-au-Prince. "I'm so much more comfortable. Now I can sleep peacefully. Now I have my family with me," Mallebranche told Catholic News Service Jan. 5 via cell phone from her new home. "I am really happy to have that house," she said through a translator. Mallebranche's family was among 460 families that have moved from the camp into long-term housing since November under a pilot program initiated by Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency. Called Ann Ale Lakay, Creole for Let's Go Home, the program is designed to address a variety of needs in addition to long-term housing by preparing camp dwellers frustrated by months of living in squalid conditions for a return to some sense of normalcy. The program incorporates two professional psychologists and 12 social workers to guide earthquake survivors in resolving conflict, managing money and overcoming the sense of loss that lingers two years after disaster disrupted their lives. "We realized there was a lot of fear about moving out of the camps, about restarting their lives after the earthquake," explained Luke King, CRS country director in Haiti. "People were concerned about how to go about returning to a normal life."

Peoria bishop warns on secularism, chides some Catholic politicians

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) — Steps toward "radical secularization" taking place in Illinois pose growing threats to the religious freedom of Catholics, Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria warned in a letter designed to "raise an alarm among the faithful" at the beginning of 2012. Bishop Jenky also said he was "especially scandalized" by Catholic politicians who willingly collaborate with efforts to exclude God and faith from the public forum. "Many of those in office who were taught to read and write in Catholic schools now seem entirely indifferent to the consciences of those Catholics who live their faith," wrote Bishop Jenky in a teaching document titled "Secularism." The text was published in the Jan. 8 issue of *The Catholic Post*, the newspaper

POPE GREETS ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J. BROWN DURING THE CELEBRATION OF EPIPHANY MASS AT VATICAN



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Pope Benedict XVI greets U.S. Archbishop Charles J. Brown, the new apostolic nuncio to Ireland, during the sign of peace at Mass marking the feast of the Epiphany in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Jan. 6. The pope ordained to the episcopate Archbishop Brown and Polish Archbishop Marek Solczynski, the new nuncio to Georgia and Armenia. After the Mass, Archbishop Brown told Catholic News Service, "The entire experience was one of great joy and consolation for me. I was certainly aware of my unworthiness for the episcopate and my limitations, but especially when the pope laid his hands on my head, I had a tremendous sense of the strength of the Holy Spirit and the presence of the saints."

of the Diocese of Peoria, which was mailed to all 60,000 diocesan households. Calling to mind civil union legislation and court rulings that in 2011 led Catholic Charities agencies throughout the state to dismantle their adoption and foster care programs, Bishop Jenky expressed concerns about possible future actions against Catholic health care, schools and other public ministries. "There are certainly some in our state whose commitment to aesthetic secularism is so intense that they may well try to restrict the Church's role only to the sacristy and the sanctuary," he wrote.

Philadelphia archbishop's residence, dating to 1882, to be sold

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — The home of Philadelphia's Catholic archbishops since the 1930s will soon be sold, archdiocesan officials confirmed Dec. 31. The 10,000-square-foot mansion located on more than eight acres at 5700 City Avenue next to St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia was purchased by Cardinal Dennis Dougherty in 1935. It has been

used as the home of every archbishop of Philadelphia ever since, including Cardinals John O'Hara, John Krol, Anthony Bevilacqua and Justin Rigali. Prominent visitors of the archbishops' residence over the years have included Pope John Paul II in 1979 and President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan. While Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput did not comment on the impending sale of the house, archdiocesan officials indicated that proceeds from the sale would go to help struggling inner-city parishes in the archdiocese and that the archbishop may reside in the cathedral rectory, which had been built originally as the residence of the archbishop. According to a 1982 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission report, Philadelphia real estate records and contemporary news accounts, the stone house was built in 1882 in the Victorian Gothic style by one of Philadelphia's leading architects, a Quaker, Addison Hutton, for the prominent Scull family. They lived in the home and named it Egerton House, along with a home on an adjoining property, which is now the convent of the contemplative Sisters of the Visitation.

Guanajuato, site of papal visit, is state filled with Catholic history

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — In 1941, the Mexican government — under the control of a predecessor to the once-dominant and anti-clerical Institutional Revolutionary Party — and the Catholic Church made peace, sealing their pact in the state of Guanajuato. Seven decades later, with the Institutional Revolutionary Party favored to regain the presidency in elections later this year, Church and government leaders will meet again in Guanajuato, where Pope Benedict XVI will visit March 23-26 — at a time Church-state relations have decidedly improved. "It's a very emblematic state, where ... there have been the biggest conflicts ... and the biggest pacts between Church and state," Ilan Semo, political historian at the Jesuit-run Iberoamerican University, said of Guanajuato. The 1940s pact ended a quarter-century of strife marked by the Cristero Rebellion — when fighting flared and churches closed for three years in the late 1920s. But Church and state remained estranged for much of

the last century, and the Vatican and Mexico only established diplomatic relations 20 years ago. Relations, however, have warmed to the point that President Felipe Calderon — whose Catholic-friendly National Action Party has governed since 2000 and draws strong support in Guanajuato — will personally welcome Pope Benedict March 23 for a four-day visit to a region known for the Cristero Rebellion and conservative Catholic politics. For Church observers such as Semo, the setting and timing speak volumes, especially as Mexico moves into an era of improved Church-state relations that promises to lift lingering restrictions on Church-sponsored speech and potentially promises to provide prelates with a voice in the nation's political and public-policy arenas. But Church officials publicly caution against reading any symbolism into the papal visit. The visit is scheduled barely three months before state and federal elections — a time previously unthinkable for a papal tour of Mexico, where references to Our Lady of Guadalupe during campaigns have been enough to annul elections.

Bishop Zavala resigns after disclosing he is father of two children

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Gabino Zavala has resigned after disclosing to superiors that he is the father of two children. The Vatican announced the bishop's resignation Jan. 4 in a one-line statement that cited Church law on resignation for illness or other serious reasons. Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez announced the "sad and difficult" news in a letter to Catholics in the archdiocese. He said Bishop Zavala, who was auxiliary bishop for the San Gabriel pastoral region, had informed him in early December that he is the father of two minor teenage children who live with their mother in another state. Archbishop Gomez announced early Jan. 4 that Msgr. James Loughnane, a native of Ireland, was appointed episcopal vicar for the pastoral region. Bishop Zavala told Archbishop Gomez that he had submitted his resignation to Pope Benedict XVI. Since that time, Bishop Zavala has not been in ministry and "will be living privately," Archbishop Gomez said. "The archdiocese has reached out to the mother and children to provide spiritual care as well as funding to assist the children with college costs. The family's identity is not known to the public, and I wish to respect their right to privacy," Archbishop Gomez said. He asked prayers for all those affected by the situation. Bishop Zavala's resignation leaves a vacancy in the chairman's position of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Communications. Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, director of media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, had no immediate announcement about who would assume the chairmanship. "There won't be anything here for a day or two," she said.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Jude parishes explore transitions in life

SOUTH BEND — For those in transition or facing major changes in life, the Catholic community of Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Jude parishes will host "Transitions and Discerning a New Direction" from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, at St. Jude Church, located at 19704 Johnson Rd. in South Bend.

Facilitator Sister Mary Jo Nelson of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, currently a consultant and facilitator for religious communities and leadership teams throughout the United States, will discuss discernment and decision-making, with several takeaway tools for participants.

Program cost is \$25 if registered by Jan. 20 or \$35 after Jan. 20, or on the day of the retreat. Lunch will be provided by Macri's Italian Kitchen, 315 W. Ireland Rd., South Bend, and is included in the fee.

For more information about the program, contact St. Jude Parish at (574) 291-0570 or email faith@stjudeparish.net. Visit www.stjudeparish.net to download the registration form.

First executive director named to run PHJC Foundation

DONALDSON — Terry Sanders, of Griffith, was recently named as the first executive director of the newly established Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC) Foundation.

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, an international congregation of women religious, has established many community-based ministries to assist people in need of shelter, education, and physical and spiritual nourishment. The PHJC foundation was created for donor flexibility in supporting its many worthwhile causes.

Donaldson, home of the Poor Handmaids, includes such ministries as Ancilla College, Ancilla Beef and Grain Farm, Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, Catherine Kasper Life Center for elder care, Earthworks environmental education center, and MoonTree Community art studios.

Sanders, based at the Ancilla Systems office in Hobart, served as the national walk director for the Lupus Foundation of America in Washington, D.C., and executive director of the American Heart Association in Chicago.

"I'm very excited to introduce donors to the PHJC Foundation. It is a unique opportunity to offer donors the ability to support health care, education or community building programs with one charitable gift," said Sanders of her new role.

For more information: info@phjcfoundation.org, or call the PHJC Foundation at (219) 947-8565.

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VOCATION COMMITTEE HOSTS PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS



DAVE STEVENS

Msgr. John Suelzer, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne, speaks to a group of St. Charles seminarians, their families and guests as they attended a dinner to honor sons of the parish who are studying for the priesthood. The first-time dinner was held Jan. 5 at St. Charles Parish. Over 30 attended the dinner including five priests, two religious sisters, seminarian families, St. Charles staff members, their spouses and members of the St. Charles Vocation Committee. Currently three sons of St. Charles Parish are studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and three seminarians are studying for orders or another diocese.

Saint Mary's College announces 2012 Aquinas Symposium speaker

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College has announced that Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be the speaker for the 15th Annual Symposium on St. Thomas Aquinas. The talk, which is open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, in the Student Center Lounge. A campus map can be found at www3.saintmarys.edu/campus-map.

Bishop Rhoades' lecture is titled "The Contemplation of Truth by Faith and Reason: St. Thomas Aquinas, Blessed John Paul II, and Pope Benedict XVI." As the title of his lecture suggests, Bishop Rhoades will examine the great synthesis of St. Thomas Aquinas, which has informed Catholic teaching on the compatibility of faith and reason as well as the insights of other great Catholic thinkers, including Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

In the words of Blessed John Paul II, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." Bishop Rhoades will reflect on this as he looks at the relationship of faith and reason in the face of contemporary doubt and skepti-

cism concerning ultimate truths.

"We are honored to welcome Bishop Rhoades to Saint Mary's so that he can participate in the vibrant theological community we have here. We're especially pleased that he'll be speaking with us on the subject of faith and reason, which is integral to the mission of any Catholic college and of crucial importance in the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas," said Joseph Incandela, the Joyce McMahon Hank Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology at Saint Mary's College.

For more information on this year's event, call Barb Westra, staff assistant in religious studies, at (574) 284-4534 or go to saintmarys.edu/AquinasTheology.

USF hosting state's only AMC test in February

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host the state's only American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 10/12, sponsored by the Blue Bell Group, on Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the Pope John Paul II Center.

First administered in 1950, the AMC's purpose is increasing interest in mathematics and developing problem-solving ability through a series of friendly mathematics competitions for junior (grades 8 and

below) and senior (grades 9-12) high school students. USF is hosting the AMC 10 for students below age 17 ½ and not a junior or senior, and the AMC 12 for students between ages 16-19 ½ and a student in high school.

Activities will begin at 6 p.m. with food and refreshments, and the 75-minute tests will follow. A program will be available to parents during the test, and the event will wrap up with awards. All students who take the AMC 12 and achieve a score of 100 or more out of a possible 150 or are in the top 5 percent are invited to take the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME). All students who take the AMC 10 and have a score of 120 or more out of a possible 150, or score in the top 2.5 percent also qualify for the AIME. For the 2011-2012 school year the date for the AIME I is Thursday, March 15, and the AIME II is Wednesday, March 28.

The university will offer optional two-hour AMC preparatory sessions on campus in the Pope John Paul II Center on Jan. 25, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. For additional practice materials go to <http://amc.maa.org>. To register for the competition, contact Carolyn Exner at cexner@sf.edu or (260) 399-8067.

Academically qualified students

who participate in the competition and apply to one of the University of Saint Francis math programs may be eligible for up to \$9,000 per year in scholarships. Contact USF Department of Mathematics for information.

Bishop Rhoades Scholarship offered by Holy Cross College

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College is looking for more than a few Rhoades scholars, as in Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who wish to experience a strong liberal arts college education.

The newly-established Bishop Rhoades Scholarship will provide \$3,500 annually to one student graduating from a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who is accepted to Holy Cross College. Students from area public high schools are also eligible for the scholarship by simply submitting a letter of recommendation from their pastor. The scholarship, which will be offered to new students entering in the fall of 2012, is renewable each year as long as the student maintains a certain grade point average. Over the course of a four-year college career, the benefit could total up to \$14,000.

"I am grateful for the strong and close collaboration between Holy Cross College and our diocese," wrote Bishop Rhoades after he gave the college his blessing at the inauguration Mass of college president, Holy Cross Brother John Paige, Ph.D.

As part of its mission to prepare students for work and for life, Catholic identity is a priority at Holy Cross. At the same inauguration Mass last fall, Brother Paige made an Oath of Fidelity and the entire Holy Cross theology faculty made a Profession of Faith in front of the bishop.

"We value our relationship with the diocese," says Robert Kloska, St. Matthew Cathedral parishioner and vice president of Mission Advancement at Holy Cross College. "We know we provide an excellent return on investment for families and we'd like to help our local families in a very deliberate way."

Faculty and staff members of Holy Cross College are active within many area parishes, and Kloska says the scholarship program is another way to connect and share the Holy Cross College mission.

"The Rhoades Scholarship exemplifies our commitment to Catholic students in our local area," adds Marie Bensman, St. Pius X parishioner and dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management. "We care deeply about local communities. The churches and the neighborhoods in our diocese have many needs. The young people on the campus of Holy Cross have many talents. We link these two in a variety of wonderful social outreach programs."

"This is a way for families who are active in our diocese to really benefit," says Kloska.

The application process is free and may be downloaded at www.hcc.nd.edu/apply. For more information on the Bishop Rhoades Scholarship, contact Holy Cross College at (574) 239-8400.

Religious sisters shine spotlight on sex trafficking during Super Bowl

BY AMY H. SMESSAERT

INDIANAPOLIS — A group of 11 orders of Catholic women religious in Indiana and Michigan who invest in hotel chains to affect social change is collaborating with state and local officials to curb human trafficking during festivities leading up to the Feb. 5 Super Bowl in Indianapolis. Incidents of human trafficking — or modern-day slavery — tend to spike alongside major sporting events like the Olympics, the World Cup and the Super Bowl to meet the high demand for commercial sex.

The U.S. State Department estimates that between 14,500 and 18,000 persons — many of them women and children — are trafficked into the country each year. The National Human Trafficking Resource Center reported that over 11,800 calls were made to its hotline regarding sex trafficking in 2010, including calls from the state of Indiana.

“No one wants human trafficking in their town,” said Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Ann Oestreich, who is coordinating the Super Bowl 2012 Anti-Trafficking Initiative for the Coalition for Corporate Responsibility for Indiana and Michigan (CCRIM). “These activities happen in the dark. What we are attempting to do is to shine a light on sex trafficking and reduce opportunities for it to happen.”

CCRIM, whose members include the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Notre Dame, has been working

with a task force comprising the Indiana Attorney General's Office, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and other nonprofit organizations to raise awareness about human trafficking and to take steps to prevent it. Since early January, CCRIM has been contacting the managers of 220 hotels within a 50-mile radius of Indianapolis to ask four questions:

- Have employees received training to recognize potential occurrences of human trafficking in their

hotels?

- Is there a protocol in place for hotel employees to document and report possible incidences of trafficking?

- Are hotel employees/managers aware of the local groups working to end trafficking?

- Is the hotel willing to make anti-trafficking information available to guests?

Follow-up plans will be developed based on the response to the four questions. The goal of this initiative is to raise awareness, assure that hotel staff receive appropriate training, and distribute educational materials to hotels willing to make

them available in lobbies and guest rooms prior to the Super Bowl. Ultimately, CCRIM seeks to have area hotels sign on to the Code of Conduct developed by Ending Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT-USA) to deter child sexual exploitation.

“Human trafficking is a tragic violation of human rights that devastates its victims, strips away their dignity and security, and tears at the fabric of our global society,” said Holy Cross Sister Joan Marie Steadman, president of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. “It is a form of imprisonment and oppression, which



Prayer to end human trafficking

Creator of us all, our words cannot express what our minds can barely comprehend and our hearts feel when we hear of children and adults deceived and transported to unknown places for purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labour because of human greed.

Our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are being transgressed through threats, deception and force. We cry out against the degrading practice of trafficking and seek ways for it to end.

Strengthen the fragile-spirited and broken-hearted. Make real your promises to fill these our sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good and send the exploiters away empty-handed. Give us the wisdom and courage to stand in solidarity with them, that together we will find ways to the freedom that is your gift to all of us. Amen.

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demands both a compassionate response to the cries of victims and action for justice for those who long for a future with hope. Compassion and justice are at the heart of the CCRIM Super Bowl 2012 Anti-Trafficking Initiative.”

“Human trafficking” is an umbrella term for activities in which one person obtains or holds another in compelled service through threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability. Forms of human trafficking include the prostitution of others, sexual exploitation, forced labor, slavery or similar practices, and the removal of organs.

Often described as a modern form of slavery, human trafficking occurs across borders or domestically. The United Nations estimates that 700,000 to 4 million women and children are trafficked around the world for purposes of forced prostitution, labor and other forms of exploitation every year. Trafficking is estimated to be a \$15.5 billion annual business in the United States alone, according to the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking.

CCRIM members are the Congregation of Saint Joseph; Grand Rapids Dominican Sisters; Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, Huntington; Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson; Servants of Jesus; Sisters of Mary Reparatrix; Sisters of Mercy, West Midwest Community; Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods; Sisters of Saint Francis, Oldenburg; Sisters of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame; and Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, Mich.

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Greg Erlandson, archbishops named to Vatican communications council

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — U.S. Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, Australian Archbishop Mark B. Coleridge of Canberra and Goulburn, and Greg Erlandson, president of the Catholic Press Association and president and publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor* in Huntington, were named by Pope Benedict XVI to help advise the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

The Vatican released the names of the new appointments Dec. 29.

Ten bishops were named new members of the council; among them are Archbishop Dolan, who is president of the U.S. bishops' conference and a member of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, and Archbishop Coleridge, who is a member of the Synod of Bishops and Pontifical Council for Culture.

Among the 11 new consultors or advisers to the communications council are: Erlandson, Giovanni Maria Vian, editor of the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*; Jesuit Father Antonio Spadaro, the editor of the influential Jesuit journal *La Civiltà Cattolica*; and Dominican Sister Dominica Dipio, who is a filmmaker and head of the department of literature at Makerere University in Uganda.

In an e-mail interview with



GREG ERLANDSON

Erlandson, he told *Today's Catholic*, "The appointment is a great honor, and most unexpected."

"I am impressed by the other consultors who have been appointed, and I hope I can make some sort of contribution to the work of the council," Erlandson said. "I am particularly aware that the United States has been in the forefront of so many recent developments in communications and mass media. We are in many ways at the epicenter of the great changes taking place worldwide in the realm of social communications."

"Because the Church has as its mission the communication of the Gospel, this pontifical council has great significance for the overall mission of the Church in terms of the New Evangelization in the 21st century," he added. "It will be a privilege to make some small contribution to this effort."

The Pontifical Council for Social Communications has its roots in the 1948 establishment of the Pontifical Commission for the Study and Ecclesiastical Evaluation of Films on Religious or Moral Subjects, renamed later that year as the Pontifical Commission for Educational and Religious Films.

Headed by Italian Archbishop Claudio Celli, the council now deals with a wide variety of topics, including advertising, the Internet, pornography and violence, and communications ethics.

Erlandson said the duty of the consultor "is that we assist the Pontifical Council in addressing issues of particular interest in the fields of social communications and mass media. The council has been very involved in social media and Internet communications, including sponsoring a 'bloggers summit' in Rome last year."

Msgr. Owen Campion, associate publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor*, served a five-year term as consultor. His term expired in October.

Erlandson said, "I follow in illustrious footsteps. Msgr. Campion has long served the council well."

"It is also a tribute to *Our Sunday Visitor*, which is dedicated to serving the Church in northeast Indiana and worldwide, and which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year," Erlandson added. "I think that the appointment recognizes that *Our Sunday Visitor* is dedicated to the mission of print and electronic communication of the news of our Church and the teachings of our faith. As Archbishop (John F.) Noll often said, 'we serve the Church by helping Catholics see their world through the eyes of faith.'"

Kathy Denice accepts position at Catholic Charities

BY KAY COZAD



KATHY DENICE

she finds a hidden blessing. "Working for the paper has strengthened my faith. I've learned so much more about the faith and have more understanding," she says.

FORT WAYNE — With the coming of the New Year *Today's Catholic* newspaper will bid a fond farewell to Business Manager Kathy Denice, who has resigned her position effective Jan. 12. Denice has been with the paper since June of 2003.

Though this chapter of her career is closing, Denice is excited about the new chapter she is soon to write. On Jan. 17, Denice will assume the duties of development director for Catholic Charities.

"It'll be a challenge, but I love this diocese. I've felt very privileged to have worked for the diocese for eight-and-a-half years. . . . I feel this has been a good experience and I will continue this experience in a different department of this diocese," she says.

During her tenure as business manager at *Today's Catholic*, Denice was responsible for subscriptions, budgeting, advertising and the day-to-day business activities of the newspaper.

As she looks back at the important work she was involved in,

In her new role at Catholic Charities Denice will be involved in increasing awareness of the organization and the charitable programs it offers to the community.

"It's become a passion of mine. I see a need there and I think I can fulfill that need," she says.

"I'm excited about going to Catholic Charities and for the new challenge. There are very few people who get to work in a field they are passionate about. God has blessed me with this opportunity," she says.

Denice is an active member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne. She has four children and 10 grandchildren, and has served in the Christ Child Society and on the Community Harvest Food Bank board.



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Right-to-work dominating initial stages of 2012 session

INDIANAPOLIS — What's the "right-to-work" debate all about? Is it freedom for Hoosier workers, an opportunity for economic growth, and a chance to create jobs or is a way to reduce the strength of unions and the "right-to-work for less" that critics claim? The answer is not clear. What is clear is the issue has dominated the initial stages of the 2012 legislative session.

Gov. Mitch Daniels, Speaker of the House Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, and Senate President Pro Tem David C. Long, R-Fort Wayne, have made passing a "right-to-work" bill a priority. Republicans have tied its passage to the economic well-being of the state. The Democrats, with strong labor union sympathies, have repeated last year's strategy of not showing up to halt the process last week.

So significant are some of the moral stakes of the bill regarding the right to a just wage, free association and matters of conscience, that even the five Indiana bishops have weighed-in by issuing a two-page statement last month on "right-to-work" detailing the Church's concerns and offering guidance.

The bishops' statement reiterates the intrinsic value and respect for the human person as the core value of Catholic social

teaching.

It states, "This dignity (of the human person) grounds certain rights including (but not limited to) the right to a just wage; the right to a working environment that is not harmful to the workers' physical health or to their moral integrity; and the right to assembly and form associations."

While the Church will remain neutral on the specific "right-to-work" legislation under consideration, Church leaders recognize the important moral issues affecting those on both sides of the "right-to-work" debate.

In their statement, the Indiana bishops recognize both the importance of workers' rights to receive a just wage and to form unions. At the same time, the bishops also support the right of individuals to be free from being forced to pay representation fees to the union particularly if the union supports organizations or candidates that support abortion or same-sex marriage.

The bishops state, "Workers must be paid a wage that allows them to live a truly human life and to fulfill their family obligation. The Church supports the right of groups of employees to freely associate and to form unions."

On the flip side, the bishops address concerns with certain unions' activities. "Of particular

concern are unions that use their resources to support politicians or political parties that clearly devalue the sanctity of human life or the institution of marriage. The protection of human life, and the integrity of any marriage as the union of one man and one woman, are foundational elements to the common good."

The bishops strongly defend the rights of individuals to follow their moral conscience and condemn practices, which may require individuals to support causes in which they are morally opposed. "The Church has a sacred reverence for the dignity of conscience and for the right to act in freedom to make moral

decisions. In keeping with this, any form of coercion on the part of ownership, management or a union is to be condemned."

Currently under Indiana law, employees who choose to work for an employer that has a union, while not required to join the union, are required to pay a representation fee to the union since they receive union representation. The "right-to-work" proposal would ban companies or unions from negotiating contracts that require nonmembers to pay representation fees.

Supporters pushing to pass the "right to work" legislation like Rep. Bosma say the issue is a simple matter of freedom for the employee who should not have to pay the union a dime if not a member.

"Right-to-work isn't about unions," said Bosma. "It is about freedom and economic opportunity. It is about giving all Hoosiers the freedom to choose a job, decide how their hard-earned money is spent and bring more employment opportunities to Indiana."

Critics of the bill including Indiana State AFL-CIO President Nancy Guyott said, "If passed, this will have a wide ranging and overwhelmingly negative impact on workers' wages, safety conditions and rights."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that 11 per-

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BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

cent of Indiana workers are unionized. Currently 22 states have "right-to-work" laws. Federal law requires unions to represent all employees, even non-union employees, regardless if they pay a representation fee or not.

Industries affected by the law include workers in the building trades, industrial sector, some secretarial and administrative personnel, hotel workers, bakers, firefighters and home health care workers.

Indiana Economic Development Corporation recently issued a report that ranked Indiana sixth nationally as a good place for new businesses.

A joint committee meeting of the House and Senate labor committees was held Jan. 6, to review the right-to-work proposal HB 1001, and SB 269, identical bills. Following the five-hour hearing, SB 269 passed the Senate committee, 6-4.

Right to work — Resources

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Catholic school affordability: Progress made but still a long way to go

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When educational leaders look at ways to make Catholic schools more affordable, they are happy about some of the positive steps that have been made but fully aware that there is still a lot to do.

During a recent conference at The Catholic University of America, a group of panelists focused particularly on the status of tuition tax credits and how they have enabled students who would normally not be able to afford Catholic schools to attend them.

Currently, there are less than a dozen school voucher programs and scholarship tax-credit programs in the United States. Some states have more than one program.

Catholic elementary schools in Indiana experienced increased enrollment in the fall of 2011

because the state's new school voucher program enabled more than 3,200 students to attend religious or private schools. The educational scholarship program, described as the nation's broadest, has been supported by the Indiana Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's bishops.

School voucher programs in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Utah and the District of Columbia offer private school vouchers to low-income students, students with special needs or children in failing schools.

The scholarship tax-credit programs in Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island also are primarily for students from low-income families or those with special needs.

Tuition vouchers are funds

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CAROL ZIMMERMANN

awarded by a government agency to a low-income family to spend at any school of their choice. Tuition tax credits generate scholarships for Catholic schools by allowing individuals and businesses to deduct a portion of their income taxes to donate to education. These donations can go to public or private schools. Donations to public schools

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Resolve to write in the new year

Benjamin Franklin was 27 when he dipped his pen in red ink, drew a seven-column, 13-row chart and resolved to master all the moral virtues.

It was Sunday and the first day of July. The last of the 13 British colonies to be founded, Georgia, was being settled, and each colony was working out its own system of self government.

Young Franklin was ready to look within and devise his own self governance. He broke down his day — eight hours of work, seven hours of sleep, a two-hour lunch break — and dedicated one week to each of the 13 virtues he had identified, beginning with temperance.

"I was surprised to find myself so much fuller of faults than I had imagined," he wrote in his autobiography, "but I had the satisfaction of seeing them diminish."

It is an impulse that returns each January: to systematically detect and diminish one's faults, day by day, row by row, like yanking weeds or drilling cavities.

This month we adjust to a new year and celebrate the patron saint of writers, St. Francis de Sales, and whether the prospect of 2012 has you feeling ambitious or overwhelmed, I can think of no better response than writing.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian David McCullough owes part of his career to the fact that founding fathers like Franklin wrote prolifically.

"The loss of people writing — writing a composition, a letter or a report — is not just the loss for the record," he told *Time* magazine last year. "It's the loss of the process of working your thoughts out on paper, of having an idea that you would never have had if you weren't (writing) ... People (I research) were writing letters every day. That was calisthenics for the brain."

McCullough uses a 60-year-old Royal typewriter to pound out his thoughts on the page.

"I've written everything I've



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CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

ever had published on it," he said. "It's a superb example of American manufacturing."

But writing is not just an intellectual exercise. It can also be a religious one.

I recently interviewed Mitch Albom, author of "Tuesdays With Morrie," the best selling memoir in history. The Detroit journalist told me that writing is an inherently spiritual endeavor.

"You need to be infused with a certain spirit in order to be able to create," he said, "and I believe all our talents come from God."

We write to make sense of our lives and our world, to examine who we have been and who we hope to become.

That's what Anne Bradstreet did. Among the British colonists settling in America, she was the first to have a book of poetry published. She chronicled her first impressions, having found "a new world and new manners, at which (her) heart rose."

She wrote about her pregnancy, her granddaughter's death and the burning of her home. In a poem honoring Queen Elizabeth, written 13 years after Bradstreet had arrived in Massachusetts, she wrote of "terra incognita" — Latin for "unknown territory," "unexplored land."

Stepping into 2012 with our private struggles and secret hopes, our Catholic faith and our piecemeal education, each of us faces terra incognita, and we owe it to ourselves to process it on paper. Every journey requires a journal.

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Follow Christ for true life and peace



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

reading for this weekend. Many of the Pauline writings have their luster in their clear revelation of the bond between true believers and Jesus. Jesus was the Son of God, but also human, in a mystery theologians call the Incarnation.

Truly committed Christians, in faith and baptism, are inseparably bound to Jesus, both in a shared human nature, but also in the divine life given believers by Christ.

This supernatural bond, the very keystone of personal salvation, requires Christians not only to be of spiritual faithfulness, but bodily faithfulness as well. They must not allow themselves to fall into carnal sin.

Instructing the Christian Corinthians in this fact seems for some to be excessive for Paul. However, it should be remembered, Corinth was known near and far as a virtual capital of lewdity and vice.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a story about the decision to follow Jesus by Simon, later known as Peter, and Simon's brother, Andrew. In the story, Jesus intrigues Andrew and Simon. They follow Jesus. Yet, the Lord invites them to be apostles.

They recognize Jesus as Messiah. Jesus calls Peter to a new life, even giving him a new name, Cephas — that is often translated as Peter.

Reflection

The Church, in the majesty and glory of its liturgy, in a profound gaze into the reality of Jesus, born in Bethlehem, given by the Gospels, called us all to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas.

On Christmas, the Church revealed to us that Jesus was the son of Mary, therefore a human, as she was only human despite

her unique holiness and singular place in the divine plan of redemption.

Two weeks later, it celebrated for us the feast of the Epiphany, revealing then to us the fact that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, was divine, the Son of God, and that redemption is God's gift for all people.

So, these past several weeks have been times in which the Church, with the greatest joy and hope, has told us about the Lord. He is the Savior of the world!

Now, the Church asks us in the readings this weekend to consider how personally we shall respond to these marvelous facts. By the mere fact we are of the Church, or at least interested in God, we are being touched by God's grace. God calls us. He offers us eternal life in Christ.

How should we respond? St. Paul gives very concrete advice. Samuel, Peter and Andrew are examples. We must follow Christ. There is no other way to true life and peace.

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-14 Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 SM 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 PS 80:2-3, 5-7 MK 3:20-21

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jn 1:35-42

The First Book of Samuel is the source of the first reading for this weekend.

Originally, First and Second Samuel were one volume. At some point in history, an editor divided them into the two volumes, and two volumes appear in Bible translations today.

As the title of these books implies, the central figure is Samuel, a prophet active centuries before Christ.

Prophets were highly revered throughout the history of the chosen people. They were seen as God's special representatives, but also personally very holy and devoted to God. At times, prophets resisted their calling initially. Such was the case of the great prophets, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah. However, after all was said and done, they accommodated themselves to God's will and accepted the call to be prophets.

These figures were admired because the call to be a prophet was seen precisely as a call, as a call from God.

In this weekend's reading, God calls Samuel. This occurs according to God's plan. Samuel is open to hearing God, indeed ready to hear God, but Samuel cannot hurry the divine plan.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians supplies the second

Saint of the Week

Anthony Mary Pucci

1819-1892
January 12



Christened Eustacchio by his peasant family, this Italian wanted to enter religious life, a move opposed by his father, the sacristan of the local church. But in 1837 he was able to join the Servite Fathers in Florence, taking the name Antony Mary. After his 1843 ordination, he was sent to a new seaside parish in Viareggio; four years later he was made pastor, at age 28, and would remain there for the rest of his life, ministering to parishioners and seeing them through two bad epidemics. The entire town mourned his passing. He was canonized in 1962.

Where have all the heroes gone?

Tim Tebow is living a life that most young boys only dream about. He played football for four years at the University of Florida, winning a Heisman Trophy his sophomore year. He led the Gators to two national championships. After college, he was drafted by the Denver Broncos as a backup quarterback.

When Denver began the year 1-4, Tebow became the starter. He came from behind in his first game (the score was 15-0 with three minutes left) to beat the Miami Dolphins. Since taking the reins, he has led Denver to a 7-2 record and a real shot at winning the AFC West.

The home-schooled son of American Baptist missionaries, Tebow was born after a medically difficult pregnancy. He survived a doctor's recommendation that he be aborted.

Today, he is outspokenly pro-life and a devout Christian. He has a habit of kneeling and praying after his team wins games. (In pop culture it's called "Tebowing.") When he was a college player, he would write Bible verses (John 3:16) on his eye black, a practice the NCAA has since forbidden (the "Tebow Rule").

In a different era, Tebow would be admired, even envied. Instead, he is a controversial figure. Some sportscasters criticize him. Some players disdain him. Sports agents warn that his flamboyant Christianity will cause him to lose endorsements.

I was tempted to see this as just another example of how the culture looks down its nose at believing Christians. But I think that there is a deeper lesson, though, and a sadder one, in Tebow's mixed reviews: We just don't want to believe in heroes

anymore.

My father's generation admired Jesse Owens. My boyhood idol was Roberto Clemente. They were great athletes. They were also admirable people, and that was an important part of the package.

A hero is someone who you want to be able to identify with through and through.

This natural human desire for someone to look up to finds a more sublime outlet in the veneration of the saints.

When our children were young, I would read the lives of the saints at breakfast. The accounts were not always first-rate history. Some veered off into Christian mythology and romance. They rarely mentioned the saints' character flaws, though they certainly had them. But the stories are no less valuable for all that. The lives of the saints are, as Christopher Dawson observed, an expression of our spiritual ideals.

There is a risk in equating sports stars with saints. Most of them, like most of us, won't bear close scrutiny.

Think about Tiger Woods, someone I used to admire until the details of his extramarital escapades came out.

The press seems to revel in exposing the tawdry side of celebrities. The very word "hagiography" (literally "writing about saints") has a negative connotation. It refers to unduly flattering, even sycophantic, media coverage of public figures. The implication is, that's something we shouldn't do.

I think that the explanation for all of this is that we no longer share a common conviction about what counts as a good life.

It's hard to be a hero in this kind of culture.

In this world, the only moral



JOHN GARVEY

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quality that we can insist on is a thin sort of integrity, a requirement that we own up to who we really are.

And the only moral failing that we can accuse someone of is hypocrisy — hence the Tiger Woods scandal. His unforgivable sin was not adultery; it was that he presented himself (or at least his sponsors did) as a family man who liked to kick back with his beautiful wife and kids after winning the U.S. Open on a bad knee. But he wasn't.

And, in this world, the media play the watchdog role of holding people to the only moral standard that still counts. They root out hypocrisy wherever it occurs.

Woe betide Tim Tebow if he harbors some secret vice or took a false step while he was winning those championships at Florida.

I find it all kind of sad. Boys and girls need heroes. It would be great if they picked saints, but there is no harm in admiring athletes, too, if those athletes live virtuous lives.

And if it turns out that they have feet of clay, let's not give up on the idea that we really can, with God's grace, live lives that are worth celebrating.

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

antee similar actions in other states.

To keep these programs going and see similar legislation passed, they said, Catholic leaders need to garner a lot more support for tuition tax credits from leaders of both parties, the general public and even the wider Catholic community.

In a question-and-answer session, Michael Guerra, former National Catholic Educational Association president, asked: "Why do we want tax credits? Is it just to keep Catholic schools alive?"

In response to his own question, he said that approach "won't fly" and the real reason to make Catholic schools an option for more students is "because they're good for families and kids."

Similarly, Frank Butler, president of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities, or FADICA, said: "We have to do a better job of making our case that we contribute to the common good through our schools."

Butler asked what's holding Catholics back from "a more robust and unified effort to enlist the public's support for more choice

in education" and speculated that Catholics tend to think locally and look to their parish and diocese for initiative on schools. He also said there has not been a lot of national leadership on this topic and "in many ways we have ceded the issue of tax credits to libertarian and conservative think tanks."

He also said there has been a "hospice mentality" when it comes to Catholic schools as a result of recent closings and wondered if people lacked "confidence in the long-term survival of schools" coupled with a "passive disposition among Catholic laity when it comes to taking responsibility for the church's mission."

The Nov. 30 conference, organized by Catholic University's Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies and co-sponsored by the Catholic Association of Latino Leaders in San Antonio, urged educational and state Catholic conference leaders to essentially get back to basics: recognizing the good that Catholic schools do and promoting that.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for January 15, 2012

John 1:35-42

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B, Andrew and Simon follow Jesus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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St. John warns Laodiceans of lukewarm spirituality

Where is the church of Laodicea to whom St. John wrote a letter?



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St. John the Apostle wrote a letter to the church of Laodicea in ancient Asia Minor (modern Turkey) that is found in the New Testament Book of Revelation. St. John complains that the Laodiceans are neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm in their spiritual life. St. John is probably referring to the famous hot springs at the city of Hierapolis near Laodicea. I visited these hot springs and there are lots of people bathing in these same hot springs today.

St. John further complains that the Laodiceans think they are so rich and secure, but they are really spiritually poor. Ancient Laodicea was a wealthy commercial center.

Today Laodicea is an extensive archaeological site. A. Edmonds says that today in Laodicea you find a large area littered with broken marble, tops of stone masonry walls and here and there public buildings: two theaters, a large stadium, nearby it a water tower, an Odeon or roofed building for musical performances and a nymphaeum. In the side of the hill approaching Laodicea you can see the truncated conduits that were part of the water supply system for the city.

The famous Roman orator Cicero lived in Laodicea in 50 B.C. Laodicea endured a destructive

earthquake in A.D. 60, but this very wealthy city rebuilt itself without any outside help.

There was a prosperous Jewish colony in Laodicea well before the Christian era. The city's reputation was for its money transactions and the good quality of raven-black wool grown in the area. Many of the coins were stamped with the image of Zeus, the main god of the city. Originally a medicinal aromatic plant for strengthening the ears was only made in Laodicea, but eventually it flourished elsewhere. Christianity was introduced at Laodicea by Epaphras, a companion of St. Paul. Laodicea was a bishopric of some importance for several centuries.

In the New Testament there is a mention of an epistle to the Laodiceans by St. Paul. Some authors think this epistle may be the same as St. Paul's epistle to the Ephesians.

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typically help pay for after-school programs, school trips or supplies.

Last April, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the practice of allowing Arizona residents to take a tax credit for their donations to school tuition organizations. During the 2008 fiscal year more than \$54 million in scholarship money was awarded to students through the tax credit program.

"We have made a good deal of progress in the past 15 years," said John Schilling, chief operating officer of the American Federation for Children, a school choice advocacy group. In fact, he noted that "it's as good as it's ever been" as far as choice initiatives.

But panel members were not about to rest on these laurels and almost all of them at the conference pointed out that the successes were not easy and certainly did not guar-

Sports

BISHOP LUERS TO HOST WINTER HOMECOMING Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne will host its Winter Homecoming on Friday, Jan. 13. At half-time of the boys' basketball game against Northrop, the school will recognize the first four years of Bishop Luers boys' basketball from 1958-1962, including team members, cheerleaders and coaches, and announce the initiation of a scholarship honoring Coach John F. Gaughan, the 2011 Distinguished Knights and Bishop Luers grandparents. Adult alumni and all friends of Luers are welcome to gather in the café after the game for a reception.

St. Charles hosts four-team tournament

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Charles Lady Cardinals are off to a good start compiling a 16-2 (1-0 conference) record thus far in their 2011-2012 season.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, they hosted their long-standing, annual four-team tournament and won beating both Angola, 26-15, and Blackhawk Christian, 39-24. Their team is led with balanced scoring and had four girls in double digits on the day.

Kristina Burkhardt and Haley Nellum were tops with a dozen each.

Coach Kurt Patterson details, "We have preached three things all season: defense, rebounding and holding our turnovers down, and our defense has been winning games for us."

St. Charles' losses came from East Noble — their first game of the season by one point and St. Jude. The Cardinals lost to the Eagles over the Christmas break in a holiday tournament, but turned around and beat them twice, 28-13 and 33-17, to win it all after climbing their way out of the consolation bracket playing five games in 26 hours.

"We were well conditioned and handled it pretty well," explained Patterson. St. Charles also beat St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 33-18, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, 33-17, and Canterbury, 51-16, in the holiday extravaganza.

The Cardinals are looking forward to a tournament at Maplecreek, a team they beat by just two points earlier in the season, this weekend before returning to the Catholic Youth League (CYO) circuit later in the month.

Top division teams pair up for ICCL basketball action

BY MATT SOBIERALSKI

SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA — The Inter-City Catholic League resumed its regular-season schedule this past weekend after the holiday break with games at Mishawaka Marian High School and Saint Joseph's High School. This week saw two of the top teams in the league paired up with Mishawaka Catholic Saints taking on the Holy Cross Crusaders. Not only was this a match-up of division first-place teams, but also a rematch from last weekend's thrilling holiday tournament.

Both teams came out of the gate struggling to control the basketball. The full-court pressure from the Saints was giving the Crusaders fits. Unfortunately for the purple-and-yellow clad, they could not take advantage of turnovers. The Crusader man-to-man ball pressure gave the Saints fits of their own as neither team could find a rhythm as the first quarter came to a close with the black and blue of Holy Cross leading, 5-3.

The second quarter proved to give both teams more of a positive outlook. The Saints went to the bench and forward Nate Thomas would go on his own 5-0 run to put Mishawaka Catholic on top for the first time in the contest. The Crusaders would keep fighting on the defensive end, however, and used one of Peter Wiegand's team-high of four steals to recapture the lead with a Mark Madden bucket. Jake Whitfield closed the half

with a lay up to give the Saints of Mishawaka Catholic a 13-11 half-time advantage.

Both teams would come out of the halftime break with a new sense of urgency as offensive became a premium. Mishawaka Catholic's Patrick Coulter dominated the third quarter scoring 10 of this game high 14 points in the period as the Saints would extend their lead to seven points.

Madden and his Crusaders refused to go down lightly. His ball pressure led to several turnovers in the backcourt. Those turnovers ultimately led to easy baskets for Brendan Chappell and Gabe Brooks, as the black-and-blue-clad Crusaders cut the lead down to five heading into a thrilling final quarter.

In the final quarter the Saints went back to Coulter to help secure the lead. The Holy Cross Crusaders would fight until the very end though and would use Madden's athleticism to get them back into the game. Madden drove the ball from the left elbow, missed a fade away jumper but gathered his own rebound to score and cut the deficit to three.

After a made free throw by Brooks to cut the lead back down to four, an errant pass by the Mishawaka Catholic inboulder led to a steal by Brooks and an impressive drive and scoop lay up to the lead down to two with 1:02 left in the game. After a Saints' time out, they called upon crunch-time player Jake Whitfield to sink a free throw to push the lead back up to two.

Holy Cross came down the

court with 20 seconds left looking for the win. They found shooter Connor Gentry open in the corner with four seconds left, but the shot and the Crusaders' chance at revenge rimmed out ending the game with the Saints edging out the Crusaders, 37-35.

Madden led the charge for the Crusaders with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Chappell contributed eight points as well. Whitfield finished with nine points and six assists for the Saints.

Other action at Marian saw the Lions of St. Pius X cruise by the Queen of Peace Pumas, 44-25. The Lions were led by John Bickey's 16 points.

The Christ the King Kings used Joe Stands' eight points to push past the Our Lady of Hungary Bulldogs, 36-12.

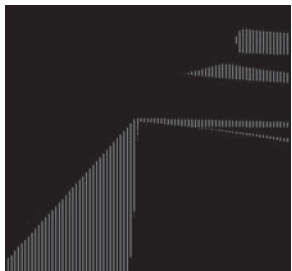
Games at Saint Joseph's High School saw the Eagles of St. Joseph, South Bend, top the St. Thomas Spartans, 40-19.

Justin DeClark poured in 20 points for the Blazers of St. Matthew. They were triumphant over the Holy Family Trojans. Isaiah Henry netted 17 for the Trojans. Zach Stopczynski also threw in 11 for the Trojans.

The St. Anthony Panthers used Evan Drinkall's 15 points and Ricky Vogel's 10 to down the Corpus Christi Cougars. Dominic Ferro fired in 14 for the Cougars.

Action in the ICCL continues next weekend at both Marian High School and Saint Joseph's High School as division play begins for all teams in the Martin De Porres and John Bosco divisions.

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The University of Saint Francis equestrian team completed its first season this past fall, and the eight members plan to up their competitiveness in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Zone 7, Region 1, after the first of the year. Members are, from left, front, Hannah Nickeson and Kathryn and Elizabeth Peters; back row, Amanda Bowser, Elise Elder, Brittany King, Sara Wagner and Ali Gouloff.

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More 'Angels' in Roma Downey's future

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Just when you might have forgotten about the family-friendly television series "Touched by an Angel," series star Roma Downey is tweaking the concept.

Downey, a Catholic, has created a DVD animated series called "Little Angels." The premise is that twin siblings are visited by eight child-size angels who are ordinarily stuck on the walls of their bedroom but who come to life after the twins' mother tucks the kids in for the night. The angels take the children on life-lesson-learning adventures. Downey provides the voice of the children's mother.

"Having played an angel so long on 'Touched by an Angel,' I shouldn't be surprised" about being involved in a new angel-themed project, Downey said in a telephone interview with Catholic News Service from her home in Southern California. "It's always been about God's love. It beats at the center of my own heart."

The adventures the Little Angels take twins Alex and Zoe on link the problems that we encounter with Bible stories. Downey said one such story involves a boy frustrated at not being able to tie his shoes, but the angels take him back to the time of Noah to learn a lesson in how to persevere.

When she was a working mother, Downey said, "I was able to sit them (the children) down in front of a DVD because I had to deal with a plumber or a gardener or something. Wouldn't you rather they were sitting down in front of something that feeds not only their mind but their heart, and for a loving God?"

Currently, there are two DVDs and two companion CDs avail-



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY LITTLE ANGELS

Roma Downey, a Catholic actress who starred in the family-friendly television series "Touched by an Angel," has created an animated DVD series called "Little Angels." The adventures the Little Angels take twins Alex and Zoe on link the problems we encounter with Bible stories.

able on the Little Angels website, www.littleangels.com. Downey said she expects to expand those offerings in 2012.

"Little Angels" is just the first offering of Downey's own production company, Light Works. The next effort is decidedly more ambitious: a 10-hour miniseries on the Bible.

"We have only 10 hours. I wish we had ten hundred hours," Downey told CNS, noting that the miniseries will cover from "Genesis through Revelation." Although she is still looking at scripts, she said plans call for the miniseries' debut on

Easter in 2013 on the History cable channel, with future episodes on successive Sundays. "It's a herculean task, which is thrilling — thrilling and terrifying and humbling, so keep us in your prayers," she said.

Downey has a brother, John, who is a priest in her native Northern Ireland. "We call him Father Brother," she said, add-

ing that her 15-year-old daughter, Riley, is preparing for her Confirmation in 2012. The teen's godfather, Downey said, is another priest, Father Paddy Kane, who also hails from Northern Ireland, and who recently paid a visit to Downey and her family.

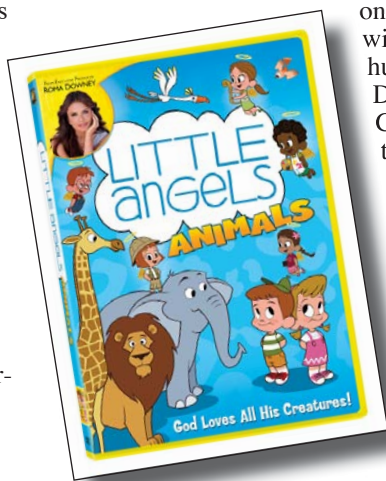
Downey said her first name is a combination of "Rose" and "Mary," the names of her grandmothers. She said her parents wanted to have her baptized as Roma, but the priest would not permit it since there was no saint named Roma. "I'll christen her Rose Mary and you can call her whatever you like," the priest said. "And they did," she added.

When Downey decided to become an American citizen, she took advantage of a line on one of the forms she had to fill out that allowed her to legally change her first name.

A man working at "the government building in Los Angeles" summoned her to his desk after he reviewed the form, she recalled.

"He looks at my form. 'It looks like you're going to change your name, is that right?' 'Yes.' 'Isn't there an actress by the same name.' 'Yes, there is.' 'What are you, a big fan of hers?' 'Well, actually, I am her.'"

"He just about fell off his chair."



Catholic CEO goes undercover for CBS reality series

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Dina Dwyer-Owens, CEO of the Dwyer Group, a collection of home service franchises, donned a wig, pearls and blue jeans to check in on her employees for an upcoming episode of the CBS reality series "Undercover Boss." And, by and large, she liked what she saw.

"To see how much our employees and our franchisees care is really awesome," Dwyer-Owens said in a Dec. 15 telephone interview with Catholic News Service from Dwyer Group headquarters in Waco, Texas.

"Being out there in the van with the service professionals and the franchisees for a day or half a day really doing the work that they do, I have a whole new appreciation and respect for these professionals," she said. "I look at myself and think, 'I wonder what their day's going to be like today.' Their work is hard. It's hard work. It was hot when I was out there with them, and they were doing it every day."

When the "Undercover Boss" production team met with Dwyer-Owens before arranging her visits, they asked her what she did in a typical day. One part of her answer was making pancakes for breakfast. Another part was going to Mass.

"My goal is to go to Mass three to four times a week. During the seasons of Advent and Lent, I try to go five days a week," Dwyer-Owens told CNS. "It just keeps me grounded in doing the right things instead of all the other stuff that creeps into your life."

Dwyer-Owens said the routine of near-daily Mass came early in her tenure as CEO after she succeeded her father, who founded the company 30 years ago. The Dwyer Group had bought a company that was bigger than the original Dwyer business, and with the purchase came a seemingly endless string of things to do.

"I found I was getting very caught up in the activities on the to-do list," she said. "I was finding that I was letting negativity seep into my day."



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY THE DWYER GROUP

Dina Dwyer-Owens, CEO of the Dwyer Group, a collection of home service franchises.

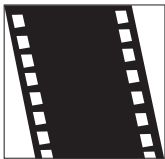
I was getting bogged down by the to-do's instead of the to-be's. I found that going to Mass was the best way to keep me grounded and focused on what I needed to do in life."

Even the undercover name she chose, Faith Brown, has its roots in, well, her faith.

"Everything became faith. I drove by a church and the billboard said, 'Is faith important?' I said to myself, 'You better believe it!'" Later on, as she was driving past the campus of Baylor University in Waco, she saw a banner that read, "Baylor University. Encouraging Baylor, Encouraging Faith." "It's a sign — a sign to me," Dwyer-Owens said.

Even when reading *The Catholic Spirit*, Austin's diocesan newspaper, she noticed that Pope Benedict XVI "announced that this is going to be the Year of Faith," she said, adding that her supervisor, Wayne, while she was undercover working for Mr. Rooter, would sing a George Michael oldie: "You gotta have faith, faith, faith."

This episode of "Undercover Boss" is scheduled to air Sunday, Jan. 22, 8-9 p.m. EST, but it could start later if there is an NFL playoff football game overrun.



MOVIE CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) — Following are capsule reviews by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"The Adventures of Tintin" (Paramount/Columbia)

Visually sumptuous animated adaptation of Belgian cartoonist Herge's famed comic books in which the curiously coiffed

young reporter of the title (voiced by Jamie Bell) finds himself drawn into a centuries-old mystery via the purchase of a model ship. His efforts to solve the puzzle are aided by a good-hearted but excessively tippling sea captain (voice of Andy Serkis) and opposed by a deliciously wicked Russian villain (voiced by Daniel Craig). Director Steven Spielberg's globetrotting quest spans vibrantly portrayed environments from Tintin's native Belgium to the deserts of North Africa. Themes congruent with Judeo-Christian values, including the vital role of companionship in overcoming one's individual weaknesses and the need for fortitude in the face of difficulty, are

advanced through sympathetic main characters, a screenplay faithful to its classic source material and envelope-pushing 3-D technology. The generally family-friendly result will not only afford vigilant moms and dads a chance to relax, but the opportunity to be entertained as well. Occasional stylized violence. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

"War Horse" (Disney)

Epic screen version of Michael Morpurgo's 1982 novel, previ-

ously made into a successful stage play, about an English farmer's son (newcomer Jeremy Irvine) who trains and cares for a thoroughbred horse that his father (Peter Mullan) misguidedly buys just to thwart the local squire (David Thewlis). Despite the animal's successful adaptation to farm work, and the lad's emotional bond with him, at the start of World War I, the tiller sells him to an army officer (Tom Hiddleston) bound for the Western Front, thus initiating a series of adventures and trials that are, by turns, touching and harrowing. While the intensity of the drama, the level of violence and some of the vocabulary used make director Steven Spielberg's

vast canvas unsuitable viewing for kids, mature audience members will encounter a stirring affirmation of human solidarity amid the tragedy of the trenches — a realization of shared values brought about, ironically, by the heroism and endurance of the nonhuman protagonist. Considerable combat and other violence, including an execution; about a half-dozen uses of crass language; and a few vague sexual references. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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Holy Name Society fish fry

New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Jan. 13, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children 5-12 \$4 and children under 5 free.

Fish fry in Warsaw

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will have a fish fry on Friday, Jan. 13, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the council hall. Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12.

Breakfast benefits drama club

South Bend — Knights of Columbus Council 5570 will have a breakfast for the benefit of the Holy Family School Drama Club Sunday, Jan. 15, from 7:30-11 a.m. in the Holy Family Parish Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6-12.

Trivia night planned

South Bend — Corpus Christi School will have an adult trivia night on Saturday, Jan. 21. All

proceeds from this event will benefit the eighth-grade class trip. Tailgating begins at 6 p.m. and gameplay at 7 p.m. \$10 per person to play with a maximum 12 players per table. Cash bar, silent auction, door prizes. For information, contact Christine Zmyslo at (574) 273-2931.

Knights plan Sunday breakfast at Queen of Angels

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus council 11043 will have a breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 22, 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.

New Bible study offered

South Bend — "Pondering Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission the Church: Understanding the Mission of the Church from the New Testament to Today," will begin Monday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. or Tuesday, Jan.

24, at 9 a.m. The last sessions are April 23 and 24. Contact (574) 273-9722 or lfcoutreach@sbc-global.net for information. Books needed will be discussed at the first sessions.

Catholic conference announced

Notre Dame — A "Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me" conference will be held at McKenna Hall Jan. 21-22. Father Les Valerio and Father Kevin Joyce from the Archdiocese in Omaha will be presenters. They will focus on how the Holy Spirit continues to make us into "living stones" through our baptismal graces. There will be five talks: The Prophet Awakened in Me, Prophetic Surrender, Prophetic Prayer, Prophetic Worship, and Prophetic Witness. The cost for the weekend is \$100 with lunches included, college students \$50 and priests, seminarians and religious are invited at no cost. Mass will be offered on Saturday morning at Dillon Hall. The priests will concelebrate with the

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Holy Cross priests at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Brochures are available. Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 16. For information, contact Dave and Jan Torma at fisherofmendjt@msn.com or call (574) 291-3381.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Meeting Mystery." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by

Jan. 20 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Theology on Tap

Fort Wayne — The Theology on Tap series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married, will be held at Soups Salad and Spirits, 1915 S. Calhoun St., Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. on the topic "Catholic say YES to sex — Theology of the Body" with Cindy Black, director of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries. This event is hosted by the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org or call (260) 422-4611 for information.



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Young people dressed as the Wise Men process up the aisle of St. Matthew Cathedral on Jan. 8.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord on Jan. 8 at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.



KINGS

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Gentiles are coheirs ... and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel," Bishop Rhoades said in his homily.

Bishop Rhoades spoke of how the Magi were confronted by Herod, who wanted to find out the reason for their journey. When told about their goal to pay homage to the King, Herod became inflamed with rage.

"Herod's pride created within him contempt for the Lord," Bishop Rhoades said. "He not only refused to worship Him; he actively sought to destroy Him. Early in the life of Jesus we see the great struggle between good and evil."

In the end, "Herod could not thwart the saving plan of God," Bishop Rhoades said.

He discussed the great strides that the Catholics Come Home campaign is making in the diocese, bringing people back to the Church and God.

Bishop Rhoades said he is overwhelmed with joy when he hears about Catholics returning to Mass after many years away from the Church. He pointed out to the crowd that people use excuses like they don't like certain parts of the Mass or celebration as their reason

for not coming to Church; but he told the people that a beautiful church, harmonious music and an amazing priest should not be the reason for coming to church — it should simply be about coming to worship God the Creator.

"I invite everyone here to reflect on these words spoken by pagan astrologers ... these are words that should be on our lips," Bishop Rhoades said. "You come here to worship and give homage to Jesus Christ, don't come for the beautiful choir, the pretty decorations or great priests."

Bishop Rhoades discussed how Blessed John Paul II, not long before he died, spoke of the secularized culture of today as characterized by a forgetfulness of God and a vain pursuit of human self-sufficiency. Pope Benedict XVI has also spoken of this quite often. It is good to remember the words of the Second Vatican Council: "Without God the Creator, the creature would disappear."

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