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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## HHS birth control mandate is 'attack on our religious freedom'

BY DIANE FREEBY



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is seated next to Albert Gutierrez, president and CEO of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center at a press conference on Jan. 26 concerning the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announcement Jan. 20 that nonprofit groups that do not provide contraceptive coverage because of their religious beliefs will get an additional year "to adapt to this new rule."

MISHAWAKA — "We can't violate our conscience and therefore, we will fight it."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was adamant when asked if the Catholic Church will comply with a federal mandate forcing many church-affiliated institutions to cover free birth control for employees. That announcement, made by the Department of Health and Human Services earlier this month, both surprised and upset religious groups, while fueling a national debate about the reach of government.

"The decision by the Obama administration last Friday (Jan. 20) to go ahead with this mandate is a decision that is really unconscionable," Bishop Rhoades said, seated next to the president and CEO of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Albert Gutierrez, during a Jan. 26 press conference. "It is an attack on our religious freedom, attempting to force us to violate our conscience."

In what she describes as a concession, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has said nonprofit institutions such as Church-affiliated hospitals, colleges and social service agencies will have one additional year to comply with the requirement, issued in regulations under President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Gutierrez said Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, in concert with Catholic Health Association is "disappointed" the definition of religious employer was not broadened in the Jan. 20 decision by HHS.

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## Diocese to offer 'ARISE Together in Christ' process for parish renewal

BY KAY COZAD

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, with the approval of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, has joined forces with RENEW International to introduce a new initiative — ARISE Together in Christ — focused on spiritual renewal and evangelization for faith seekers in the diocese.

ARISE Together in Christ offers a "three-year parish centered process of spiritual renewal, evangelization and adult formation that enables members to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community and reach out in service to others."

Natalie Kohrman, director of the Office of Evangelization, says the process will focus on establishing small Christian communities of eight to 12 members each who will meet regularly to read and reflect on Scripture and Church teaching, share how it relates in their

personal lives and encourage active service and discipleship. The effort she hopes will stimulate "active and continual parish renewal."

The difference the Catholic community will see in comparison to other faith-sharing programs, such as Disciples in Mission, she says, is "that ARISE will focus on topics of five seasons."

The seasons Kohrman refers to indicate the five distinct six-week sessions that the process offers. They include "Encountering Christ Today," "Change Our Hearts," "In the Footsteps of Christ," "New Hearts, New Spirit," and "We Are the Good News!" The first of the five seasons will begin in September of this year, following information gathering meetings already underway and training for facilitators of the small Christian communities to be developed. Each season offers materials that will guide the faith-sharing group through

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Kay Faulstich shows off her choice of the grand prize-trip she and her husband, Larry, won at the "Night in Italy" fundraiser held at St. Michael School in Plymouth on Saturday, Jan. 21.

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# Unprecedented attack on our religious liberty



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

**O**n Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include those "services" in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

This alarming mandate not only negatively impacts the Catholic Church in the United States directly, it also strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty of all citizens of any faith.

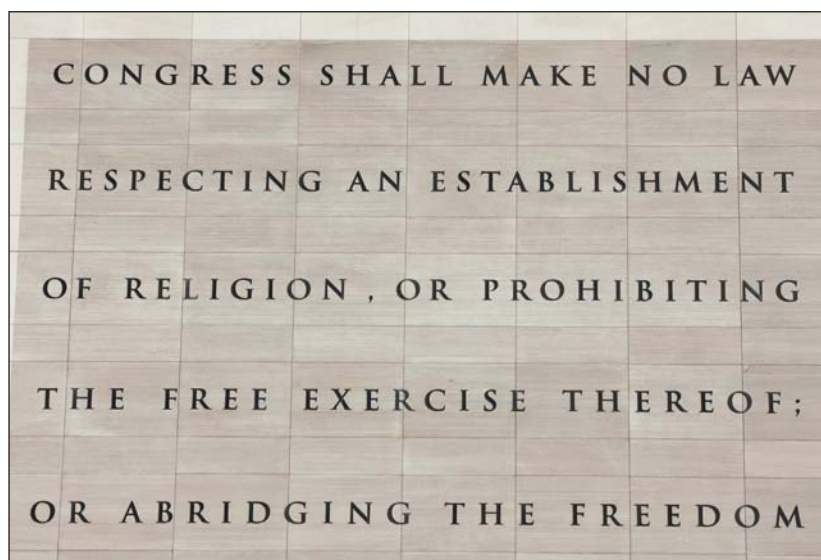
Our Founding Fathers recognized the innate right to religious liberty when they enshrined this right as our first freedom in the Bill of Rights. The author of the First Amendment, James Madison, wrote: "Conscience is the most sacred of all property." Thomas Jefferson wrote: "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of the civil authority."

We as Americans cherish our religious liberty, which includes freedom of conscience. The mandate from HHS is an unprecedented attack on this liberty since it coerces religious institutions and citizens to pay for actions that violate our moral teachings and religious beliefs.

We cannot and we will not comply with this unjust federal order. We cannot and we will not accept this egregious affront to our religious liberty.

For institutions and individuals that have on moral grounds not provided these illicit "services" before, HHS extended the deadline for compliance with its mandate to August 1, 2013, in effect, giving us one year to prepare to violate our consciences, which we cannot and will not do. Instead, we need to do all we can in the coming months to correct this terrible wrong. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is actively exploring options for litigation and legislative proposals to remedy this injustice.

The implications of this mandate for the Catholic Church in the United States, including our diocese, our Catholic health care institutions, our Catholic colleges and universities, and our Catholic Charities are grave. This injustice also negatively affects other religious institutions and people of faith who share our moral beliefs on these issues. Many who do not share our beliefs also object to the HHS rules, recognizing that they are a violation of religious freedom and the rights of conscience.



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The first 20 words of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution are etched into a wall outside the Newseum in Washington Jan. 30. The establishment clause prevents the formation of a national religion. The free exercise clause prohibits religious persecution and discrimination.

Some have noted that HHS included a religious exemption in the new mandate. But to be eligible for this exemption, an organization must meet four strict criteria, including the requirement that it both hire and serve primarily people of its own faith. Catholic schools and hospitals would have to eject their non-Catholic employees, students and patients to qualify for the exemption. Catholic Charities and other Catholic social service agencies would have to eject their non-Catholic employees and provide help primarily to Catholics. As some have noted, Jesus and his apostles would not have been "religious enough" for this exemption, since they healed and served people of different faiths.

In the aftermath of the HHS ruling on January 20<sup>th</sup>, I and many of my brother bishops have spoken out forcefully against the unjust mandate, against this unconscionable decision of the Obama Administration. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, Cardinal Roger Mahoney, the retired Archbishop of Los Angeles, wrote:

"I cannot imagine a more direct and frontal attack on freedom of conscience than this ruling today. This decision must be fought against with all the energies the Catholic community can muster. For me there is no other fundamental issue as important as this one as we enter into the Presidential and Congressional campaigns. Every candidate must be pressed to declare his-her position on all of the fundamental life issues, especially the role of government to determine what conscience decision must be followed: either the person's own moral and conscience decision, or that dictated/enforced by the Federal government."

Indeed, we must focus our energies in the coming months on fighting this unjust mandate and defending our religious liberty. I exhort all, our priests, deacons, religious, and laity to be engaged on this issue. We need to defend our cherished rights and resist violations of our first freedom. We must hold firm and be courageous in this matter. I am indeed grateful for the strong public stance taken by the presidents of the Catholic colleges and universities in our diocese as well as that taken by our Catholic health care leaders. We must be united in our defense of the religious liberty

granted us by God and protected in our nation's Constitution.

Just a couple days before the announcement of the HHS decision, Pope Benedict XVI, in an *ad limina* address to Bishops of the United States, spoke about his worry that religious liberty in the United States is being weakened. He called it the "most cherished of American freedoms." The Holy Father said:

"Of particular concern are certain attempts being made to limit that most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion. Many of you have pointed out that concerted efforts have been made to deny the right of conscientious objection on the part of Catholic individuals and institutions with regard to cooperation in intrinsically evil practices. Others have spoken to me of a worrying tendency to reduce religious freedom to mere freedom of worship without guarantees of respect for freedom of conscience. Here once more we see the need for an engaged, articulate and well-formed Catholic laity endowed with a strong critical sense vis-à-vis the dominant culture and with the courage to counter a reductive secularism which would delegitimize the Church's participation in public debate about the issues which are determining the future of American society."

As a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and sacrifice so that truth and justice may prevail and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing. With God, nothing is impossible. I also recommend visiting [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience) to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration's decision.

May the Holy Spirit guide us and strengthen us in this battle!

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

# Robert Rogers encourages men to 'live a life of no regrets'

Rogers will speak at Rekindle the Fire men's conference Feb. 25

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Registrations are now being taken for the second annual Diocesan Men's Conference, to be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Expo Center, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Sponsored by Rekindle the Fire and the diocesan Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization, the conference promises a day of inspiration and faith formation for the 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 invigorating day will 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.

Robert Rogers, in full-time faith ministry for over eight years, hopes to inspire the men of the diocese with his powerful life story of tragedy and restorative faith. A native of Cincinnati, one of eight children, where the faith of his devout family was built on a foundation of prayer and service, Rogers will share in his witness that as a teen his faith became real to him and he became familiar with the Scriptures.

He says, "I stopped just 'going to church' merely to 'fulfill my obligation' and instead actively engaged in the liturgy and Eucharist so that I might fully know Christ in a personal and profound way. An amazing transformation took place from the inside out."

His ever-growing personal relationship with Christ sustained him, he says, in the challenges he faced as his life unfolded. "After I married Melissa at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Cincinnati on New Year's Eve 1991, amidst the joys of marriage, we also experienced two traumatic miscarriages, a son with Down syndrome, and a special-needs adoption of our daughter from China. We clutched our faith closely as we traversed each uniquely challenging trial along the way."

The men in attendance will learn that his faith was the only thing that saved him after the tragic death of his wife and all four children, who were drowned in a flashflood in Kansas on Labor Day weekend in 2003.

He says, "I can't survive life without my faith. It's the essence of who I am. Faith is vital to me, vital to the men attending, and central to my talk. ... I'm alive today to share my story only by the grace of God



PROVIDED BY ROBERT ROGERS

Robert Rogers 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](http://www.RekindleTheFire.net) or by check mailed to "Rekindle the Fire" Office of Evangelization, attn.: Natalie Kohrman, 915 S. Clinton, Fort Wayne, IN, 46802. For information call Joe Witulski at (260) 452-6875. See registration form on back page.

and the power of prayer."

Rogers, an active parishioner of St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne, hopes all men of the diocese who have a desire to know Christ more deeply will attend the conference.

He says, "They (the conferences) are a catalyst for our faith — to activate, awaken, engage and energize it. Conferences like these can serve as a 'stake in the ground' to declare, 'on this day at this place, I made a decision to change the way I live my life ... to be a better husband, father and child of God.' Hearing the witness and testimonies of other men challenge and encourage our faith immensely."

His message to the men is simple but profound: "Live a life of no regrets starting today — with God and one another. If we first get right with God, we have a chance to get right with one another. Know God — no regrets. Don't waste another moment. Get to know God now in a deeply profound

and powerful way. There are so many means offered through the Church: Adoration, prayer, the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, the Eucharist, the Holy Scriptures, the sacraments, the saints. ... We must actively engage it. God is a God of restoration. That's the essence of the cross, the empty grave, and the Resurrection. If God can restore my soul, He can restore anyone."

Rogers hope for the men of the diocese? "To know God and live a life of no regrets — with God and with their families," he says. "I'll outline seven steps to no regrets at the conference that I pray will make an indelible difference in their personal lives."

**To learn more about Robert Rogers' Mighty in the Land ministry or his orphanage fund Mighty in the Land Foundation visit [www.IntoTheDeep.org](http://www.IntoTheDeep.org).**



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Thursday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Saint Joseph's School, South Bend
- Sunday, Feb. 5, 7:15 p.m. — Mass at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
- Tuesday, Feb. 7, to Saturday, Feb. 18 — "Ad Limina" visit, Rome, Italy

## Dolan: Natural law, not religious preference, dictates all life sacred

BY BETH GRIFFIN

NEW YORK (CNS) — Natural law is a concept of objective truth, not religious preference, and reliance on natural law and human rights will move the culture and its laws in the direction of authentic respect for human life, Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan of New York said in an address Jan. 24.

Cardinal-designate Dolan, speaking on "Law & the Gospel of Life," gave the inaugural talk in a lecture series sponsored by the Institute on Religion, Law and Lawyers' Work at Jesuit-run Fordham University School of Law.

"Our society has caricatured natural law as some medieval tool the Church is using to justify its own unique and antiquated system of teaching. Of course, the opposite is true," he said. "Natural law theory is not uniquely Catholic, it's human."

"Some of the greatest exponents of the natural law, like Aristotle and Cicero, never heard of the Catholic Church. These things we teach are not true because they happen to be taught by the Church. We teach them because they happen to be true. Their truth antedates the Church."

According to Cardinal-designate Dolan, the most effective way to engage in conversations about human life with people who disagree with the Church's position is to "untether" discussions of natural law "from what might be thought of as unique Catholic confessionality" and reference the writings of non-Catholic authors. "It's not a Catholic thing. It's a natural thing. It's a human thing."

Cardinal-designate Dolan said Blessed John Paul II's encyclical "Evangelium Vitae," described the culture of death as one that denies the basic solidarity inherent in the human person, is obsessed with efficiency and convenience, and wages a war of the powerful against the weak.

"Can sustained human rights, girded by law, survive in such a culture?" Cardinal-designate Dolan asked. "The pragmatic, utilitarian

world view depends upon sand to construct a system of laws protecting human rights, particularly that of life itself, since everything is constantly being re-negotiated, based on drifting dunes of utility, convenience, privacy, and self-interest."

Cardinal-designate Dolan said, "It is a bedrock feature of modern political and legal theory that only neutral, utilitarian principles can provide a basis for public policy discussions and law, and that appeals to transcendent values, such as religion, cannot legitimately be presented."

"The Gospel of life proposes an alternative vision of law and culture, one that provides an antidote to the pragmatic nihilism that produces a culture of death. It seeks to recapture the essential relationship between the civil law and the moral law, and to foster a culture in which all human life is valued and authentic human development is possible."

Cardinal-designate Dolan said, "The Gospel of life calls us specifically to offer a clear, faith-based view of humanity as a basis for human law. As Christians, we propose that truth can only be known and freedom truly exercised by recognizing that they are a gift from God."

He said an important proposition of the Gospel of life is "that the dignity of the human person and respect for inviolable human rights are not just based on divine revelation, but on 'an objective moral law which, as the 'natural law' written in the human heart, is the obligatory point of reference for civil law itself.'"

Cardinal-designate Dolan said, "A reliance on the natural law, and human rights, will enable us to move the culture, and thus our laws, in the direction of authentic respect for human life. It will be a gradual, incremental process ... and require compromise and acceptance of intermediary steps."

He described pragmatism, utilitarianism and consumerism as a trinity of related culprits that chisel away at the culture of life and "seem to be ascendant in culture and normative in making laws."

# HHS move amounts to 'to hell with you,' bishop says as protests mount

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A week after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services told individuals and institutions who oppose contraception “to hell with you,” as one bishop put it, members of the U.S. Catholic hierarchy were mobilizing their followers to fight.

Bishops across the country — including Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of Atlanta, Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans and Bishop Robert N. Lynch of St. Petersburg, Fla. — were preparing letters to be read at all Masses during the Jan. 28-29 weekend.

But one of the most strongly worded reactions to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' Jan. 20 announcement that religious organizations could delay but not opt out of a requirement that all health plans cover contraception and sterilization at no cost came from Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh, in a column titled “To hell with you.”

Sebelius and the Obama administration “have said ‘To hell with you’ to the Catholic faithful of the United States,” Bishop Zubik wrote. “To hell with your religious beliefs. To hell with your religious liberty. To hell with your freedom of conscience. We'll give you a year, they are saying, and then you have to knuckle under.”

He called on Catholics in the Pittsburgh Diocese to “do all possible to rescind” the contraceptive mandate by writing to President Barack Obama, Sebelius and their members of Congress about this “unprecedented federal interference in the right of Catholics to serve their community without violating their fundamental moral beliefs.”

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., enlisted the aid of St. Michael the Archangel in fighting “this unprecedented governmental assault upon the moral convictions of our faith.”

In a Jan. 24 letter to Peoria Catholics, he directed that the prayer of St. Michael be recited “for the freedom of the Catholic Church in America” during Sunday Masses at every parish, school, hospital, Newman center and religious house in the diocese.

The prayer reads in part: “Be our protection against the wickedness

and snares of the devil” and “cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.”

“I am honestly horrified that the nation I have always loved has come to this hateful and radical step in religious intolerance,” Bishop Jenky said in the letter.

“While it is primarily the laity who should take the leading role in political and legal action, as your bishop it is my clear responsibility to summon our local Church into spiritual and temporal combat in defense of Catholic Christianity,” he added. “I strongly urge you not to be intimidated by extremist politicians or the malice of the cultural secularists arrayed against us.”

“We cannot — we will not — comply with this unjust law,” declared Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix in a Jan. 25 letter.

“Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America's cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God-given rights,” Bishop Olmsted said. “In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same.”

The Catholic bishops of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, said in a joint statement that they “cannot stand by silently” in light of what they called “an unprecedented and untenable abrogation of religious freedom in the United States.”

“This is part of a pattern in the United States that has degenerated from the recognition of religion as good and salutary in our society to religion being subjected to punitive discrimination,” said the statement signed by Bishops Kevin J. Farrell of Dallas and Kevin W. Vann of Fort Worth and Dallas Auxiliary Bishops J. Douglas Deshotel and Mark J. Seitz.

They urged the nearly 2 million Catholics in North Texas, along with “other people of good will,” to join them “by speaking out for the protection of conscience rights and religious liberty that are essential to the common good of our nation and in keeping with the basic human rights enshrined in our American way of life.”

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron

of Detroit, in a Jan. 21 statement, called on lawmakers in Washington to “step up, step in, and protect the rights of their fellow citizens from a government mandate that is truly unconscionable.”

Archbishop Aymond, who was in Rome for his “ad limina” visit to Pope Benedict XVI, said Jan. 26 that he had already sent a letter to members of Congress protesting the HHS decision and now expected the Catholic faithful to take action.

“This is a critical time and one that will call for us to engage in public dialogue,” he said. “We cannot stand by and allow this to move forward without speaking out.”

Archbishop Aymond said Catholics “must be able to live the message of Christ in the U.S. and follow our conscience.”

“We are not demanding that others live our Christian values, but we should have the right to do so,” he added.

Although both Archbishop Gregory and Bishop Lynch had announced that they would write letters to be read at weekend Masses, the texts of those letters had not been made public as of the afternoon of Jan. 26.

Writing in *The Wall Street Journal* Jan. 25, Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the HHS decision rejected the “loud and strong appeals” by “hundreds of religious institutions and hundreds of thousands of individual citizens” since the comment period began last August.

Speaking that evening at Fordham University in New York, the archbishop told reporters that Obama had called him the morning of Jan. 20 “to tell me the somber news” before the HHS decision was announced publicly.

He said he felt “terribly let down, disappointed and disturbed” and found it difficult to reconcile the decision with what the president had told him during a meeting in November — “that he considered the protection of conscience sacred, that he didn't want anything his administration would do to impede the work of the Church that he claimed he held in high regard, particularly in the area of health care, education, works of charity and justice.”

## Pope warns of threat to freedom of religion, conscience in US

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA AND SARAH DELANEY

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI warned visiting U.S. bishops that “radical secularism” threatens the core values of American culture, and he called on the Church in America, including politicians and other laypeople, to render “public moral witness” on crucial social issues.

The pope spoke Jan. 19 to a group of U.S. bishops who were in Rome for their periodic “ad limina” visits, which included meetings with the pope and Vatican officials, covering a wide range of pastoral matters.

Opening with a dire assessment of the state of American society, the pope told the bishops that “powerful new cultural currents” have worn away the country's traditional moral consensus, which was originally based on religious faith as well as ethical principles derived from natural law.

Whether they claim the authority of science or democracy, the pope said, militant secularists seek to stifle the Church's proclamation of these “unchanging moral truths.” Such a movement inevitably leads to the prevalence of “reductionist and totalitarian readings of the human person and the nature of society.”

The pope drew an opposition between current “notions of freedom detached from moral truth” and Catholicism's “rational perspective” on morality, founded on the conviction that the “cosmos is possessed of an inner logic accessible to human reasoning.” Using the

“language” of natural law, he said, the Church should promote social justice by “proposing rational arguments in public square.”

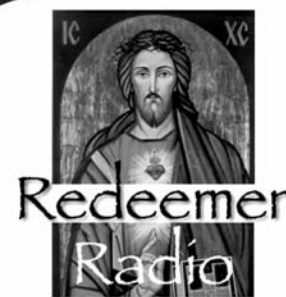
Coming at the start of an election year, Pope Benedict's words were clearly relevant to American politics, a connection he made explicit by mentioning threats to “that most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion.”

The pope said that many of the visiting bishops had told him of “concerted efforts” against the “right of conscientious objection ... to cooperation in intrinsically evil practices” — an apparent reference to proposals by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, opposed by the U.S. bishops, that all private health insurance plans cover surgical sterilization procedures and artificial birth control.

In response to such threats, Pope Benedict said, the Church requires an “engaged, articulate and well-formed Catholic laity” with the courage and critical skills to articulate the “Christian vision of man and society.” He said that the education of Catholic laypeople is essential to the “new evangelization,” an initiative that he has made a priority of his pontificate.

Touching on one of most controversial areas of church-state relations in recent years, the pope spoke of Catholic politicians' “personal responsibility to offer public witness to their faith, especially with regard to the great moral issues of our time,” which he identified as “respect for God's gift of life, the protection of human dignity and the promotion of authentic human rights.”

## Father John Riccardo



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Thank you.

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# Bill to regulate chemical abortion advances

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill to regulate chemical abortions moves one step closer to becoming law. The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) supports the legislation.

Glenn Tebbe, ICC executive director, who testified before the Senate Health committee in support of the bill, said, "We believe all life is sacred, and believe those women considering abortion should be fully informed. This bill would provide for informed consent for chemical abortion and proper follow-up care."

The proposal, Senate Bill 72 (SB 72) authored by Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, would recognize abortion-inducing drugs and require regulation of them under the category of abortion. It also enhances Indiana's informed consent law for chemical abortion by requiring women seeking chemical abortion to be informed in the same manner that is required for surgical abortion.

Holdman said, "Chemical abortion is unregulated in Indiana, as it is in many states, as an abortion. Yet, chemical abortion can be very traumatic to the patient, very painful to the patient, and may have lifelong side effects."

"The bill requires an in-person exam, which would put an end to telmed practice," said Holdman. "It also requires informed consent, which is currently not required for chemical abortion," he said. "And it would require the doctors to schedule or offer a 14-day option for a follow-up examination of the patient to make sure the abortion has been completed. The reason for the 14-day follow-up is to make sure there are no blood clots or mass that remains, which could cause infection."

"We know from what we've read and research shows that in many cases a chemical abortion is much more traumatic than surgical abortion," said Holdman.

"The woman is sent home. She will experience excruciating pain and the doctor testified that it's much more common for excessive bleeding and cramping to occur."

"We know anecdotally that some woman have actually seen body parts or the entire fetus. This is much more traumatic to a young woman than a surgical abortion would be where the fetus would not be seen," he said. "It's hard for us to imagine that we are saying that surgical abortion is less complicated or more pleasant than a chemical abortion, but that's the honest truth."

Sue Swayze, legislative director for Indiana Right to Life, who testified in support of SB 72, said, "All of our abortion-related laws are related to surgical abortion. As chemical or medical abortions take hold, our laws are not keeping up with the latest medical science."

Swayze said, "SB 72 defines what an abortion-inducing drug is for the first time in Indiana law. It also seeks to regulate what we feel are misuses that we are hearing from in other states."

"We hear about telmed abortions where doctors are using Skype rather than being in person to examine the patient," said Swayze. "But because the risk factors are so much greater for a medical (chemical) abortion rather than for a surgical abortion, and can have devastating consequences, we believe a doctor exam is crucial as is follow-up care."

Swayze said, "Using this drug after the manufacturers guidelines of 49 days, the complications go way up, and we wanted to provide for proper follow-up care. We know Planned Parenthood prescribes this up to 63 days as it is advertised on their web page."

Testimony before the Senate Health Committee indicated that when a failed chemical abortion occurs, it must be followed by a



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BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

surgical abortion, meaning the woman would then need to return to a clinic for a second procedure — a surgical abortion.

Kathleen O'Connor, public policy director for Planned Parenthood of Indiana opposed the bill saying, "SB 72 prohibits our ability to provide the highest quality care for those patients who seek a medical abortion" by limiting the way the doctor can treat patients. "We think it's inappropriate for government to legislate the care a doctor must provide to his or her patient," O'Connor said.

John Stutsman, MD, assistant professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology for the Indiana University School of Medicine, who serves as medical director for Planned Parenthood, testified in opposition to the bill saying that he felt it infringed upon the doctor-patient relationship, and to "please leave the practice of medicine to the physicians as the FDA does."

"I don't believe there is any-

thing in this bill that is extreme or over the edge," said Holdman, "We want to make sure women know in advance what's going to happen to them in the next few days or weeks ahead and the trauma they may experience. And with informed consent, we want to remind them that there's a human life there. It's something that needs to be told. Some folks want to keep it hidden, and in the dark, but I think it needs to have some light shed on it."

SB 72 passed the Senate Health Committee, 5-4. Following passage in the Senate, SB 72 will move to the House for further consideration.

### Chemical abortion facts

The Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that promotes reproductive rights internationally, reports that 25 percent of all abortions nationwide are chemical abortions.

The Indiana Department of Health reported that in their 2007-

2008 termination of pregnancy report that there was a 16 percent increase in chemically-induced abortions in Indiana.

Four states maintain comprehensive regulations of abortion-inducing drugs and/or prohibit telmed abortions. They are Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Tennessee. Five states specifically impose minimal administrative regulations on the dispensation of abortion-inducing drugs:

### Indiana's Abortion Statistics

To view detailed information on the state's abortions see the Indiana Department of Health's abortion publication called "Indiana Induced Termination of Pregnancy Report" at [www.in.gov/isdh/reports/itp/2007/index.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/reports/itp/2007/index.htm)

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## Way disabled treated shows belief about human dignity, says archbishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Every child and adult with special needs, every unwanted unborn child and every person who is “poor, weak, abandoned or homeless” is “an icon of God’s face and a vessel of his love,” said Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput. “How we treat these persons — whether we revere them and welcome them, or throw them away in distaste — shows what we really believe about human dignity, both as individuals and as a nation,” he said Jan. 22 in a keynote address at a pro-life conference in Washington. He was the keynote speaker at the 13th annual Cardinal O’Connor Conference on Life at Georgetown University. It is named for the late Cardinal John O’Connor, archbishop of New York from 1984 to 2000. The student-run conference drew more than 700 young people and adults. The agenda included sessions on topics such as the international abortion situation; media and the pro-life movement; abortion and natural law; adoption’s role in the pro-life movement; and ethical controversies in evolving medical technologies. The day ended with a discussion on pro-life legislation with members of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. In his keynote, Archbishop Chaput talked about “the kind of people we’re becoming and what we can do about it,” illustrating his theme by outlining the current situation facing unborn babies shown by genetic testing to have Down syndrome. He said he has friends who have children with disabilities, in particular Down syndrome. He noted that about 5,000 children with the genetic disorder are born in the U.S. each year, and currently there are about 400,000 people in the country with Down syndrome. But that population “may soon dwindle,” he said. “And the reason why it may decline illustrates, in a vivid way, a struggle with the American soul. That struggle will shape the character of our society in the decades to come.”

## Poll indicates strong majority of Americans OK abortion restrictions

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A poll taken for the Knights of Columbus and Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., indicates a strong majority of Americans continue to want restrictions on abortion. According to the poll, 79 percent of those surveyed said they would not allow abortion after the first three months of pregnancy. And 51 percent said they would allow abortion only in cases of rape, incest or to save the mother’s life — or not at all. The poll’s numbers are almost unchanged from a similar poll taken two years ago. The survey responses were released in Washington Jan. 23, the date of this year’s March for Life. According to the poll results, 84 percent said they believe that laws can protect both the life of the unborn and the health and well-being of women. This is up

## POPE AND CHILDREN WATCH AFTER RELEASING DOVE



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Pope Benedict XVI and two Italian schoolchildren watch after releasing a dove from the window of the pope’s apartment overlooking St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican Jan. 29. After praying the Angelus, the pope and the children released doves as a symbol of peace. The pope and representatives of the Italian Catholic Action children’s section release doves during the Sunday Angelus address in late January each year. And, almost every year, at least one of the birds flies back into the papal apartment. Some 2,000 children between the ages of 4 and 14 walked in procession down the boulevard leading to St. Peter’s Square carrying homemade banners calling for peace in the world and peace within their families and schools.

from 81 percent from the 2010 survey. “Almost four decades after the Supreme Court’s decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, which resulted in the almost totally unrestricted abortion regime of today, these decisions continue to be out of step with the vast majority of Americans,” said a Jan. 23 statement by Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus. “Far from being settled law, the inadequacy of the court’s reasoning on abortion in *Roe* and *Doe* is readily apparent to most Americans. Once a survey moves beyond the labels of pro-life and pro-choice, we see a fundamental unity among Americans in favor of significant abortion restrictions,” Anderson said.

## Summit brings pro-life lawyers, members of advocacy groups together

WASHINGTON (CNS) — If the argument against abortion is “grounded in the concept of human equality, you kind of catch people off guard” because “it’s not a religious argument,” a University of Notre Dame law professor told a pro-life crowd gathered at the National Press

Club in Washington. “Biology and modern science have confirmed that the unborn child is as much one of us as anyone in this room, from the moment of conception, a fully integrated self-directed human life, so the question isn’t when life begins, but when moral and legal protection can be ascribed to that life,” said O.C. Snead. He was among several speakers at “The Law of Life Summit” sponsored by the Ave Maria University School of Law Jan. 21. It was one of several events planned to coincide with the 39th annual March for Life marking the Supreme Court’s 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion. The summit drew a number of speakers from pro-life law firms, advocacy groups and other organizations who gave an overview of their work. Snead has been on the faculty of Notre Dame’s Law School since 2005. His principal area of expertise is public bioethics — the governance of science, medicine and biotechnology “in the name of ethical goods.” He said he has found the argument that abortion is about human rights to be effective when he has spoken at law schools, the United Nations and UNESCO “to people who are not religious people,

who are not in the habit of thinking about pro-life principles but are in the habit of thinking about equality and human rights.”

## Christianity, religion risk oblivion in many parts of world, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christianity and even religious belief are in grave danger across the globe, risking oblivion, Pope Benedict XVI said. “Across vast areas of the earth, faith runs the danger of extinguishing like a flame that runs out of fuel,” he said. The world faces “a profound crisis of faith, and a loss of a sense of religion constitutes the biggest challenge for the Church today,” he said. The pope said the renewal of faith has to be a priority for all members of the Church and said he hoped the upcoming Year of Faith, starting in October, would further such effort. Pope Benedict met Jan. 27 with about 70 officials, members and consultants of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the office he led for more than 20 years before being elected pope. He said integral to helping the Gospel message seem more cred-

ible in today’s world was Christian unity — a theme that members of the congregation discussed during their four-day plenary meeting. Pope Benedict said the search for Christian unity requires a solid foundation in truth and Scripture, not the establishment of rules and agreements that are mutually beneficial. “Rather, the heart of true ecumenism is faith, where people encounter the truth that is revealed in the word of God,” he said. “Without faith, the whole ecumenical movement would be reduced to a form of ‘social contract’ that’s adhered to out of common interest,” the pope said.

## Vatican downplays charges of financial ‘corruption’

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Insisting on the Holy See’s continuing commitment to transparency and rectitude in economic affairs, the Vatican’s spokesman downplayed references to “corruption” in a letter apparently sent to Pope Benedict XVI by a Vatican official who is now apostolic nuncio to the United States. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Vatican Press Office, criticized as “partisan,” “partial and banal,” an Italian television news program, which, on Jan. 25, broadcast portions of letters addressed to Pope Benedict and Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican Secretary of State. The letters were apparently signed by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano and written when he was the secretary general of the commission governing Vatican City. One of the letters, dated April 4, 2011, said that when Archbishop Vigano took office almost two years earlier, he discovered a “disastrous situation” of “chaotic management” and overspending on contracts. The letter also complained of a “media campaign” launched by opponents of the archbishop’s efforts at reform, and implored the pope not to remove him from his job, “even for promotion to a more important post.” The pope named Archbishop Vigano as nuncio to the U.S. in October 2011.

## Consecrated life means living for God, others, pope says at audience

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Consecrated life entails giving oneself completely to God and living for others, Pope Benedict XVI said. Speaking at his weekly general audience Jan. 25, the pope continued his catechesis on Christian prayer, looking at the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood. The pope said Jesus prayed for God’s intercession for his disciples, who, like himself, “do not belong to the world.” Consecration also entails going on missions, the pope said, as Jesus told God, “As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. The consecrated person exists for others, is given to others,” and no longer lives for oneself, the pope said. “For the disciples it will be to continue Jesus’ mission, to be given to God in order to be in mission for everyone,” said the pope.

## David Kauffman at St. Vincent de Paul

FORT WAYNE — Catholic composer David Kauffman will present a concert at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne, on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 6:15 p.m. The concert is free.

Kauffman is a well-known singer, songwriter and musician. His music includes "Behold," "Be Still," "Out of Darkness," "Come to Me" and "Purify My Heart."

Kauffman will also participate in many of the liturgies of the weekend.

Kauffman's music will be available for purchase.

## Central Catholic class of 1951 gathered for 60th reunion

FORT WAYNE — The Central Catholic High School class of 1951 held its 60th reunion in October at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Reed Road.

More than 80 members of the class of 270 attended, including Mort Henry, who traveled from Florida. Classmate Father Larry Tippmann celebrated Mass. Jack Zoch read the names of the deceased members. Class president and basketball star Max Roesler spoke, while quarterback Tony Martone was the master of ceremonies.

The football team was mythical state champions in 1951, before playoffs were introduced, and John Becker, captain of the team, was present. Paul Arnold led a rousing rendition of the school song, adapted from the Notre Dame Victory March, and Don Luther and his staff provided the meal.

## St. Vincent de Paul students make African connection

FORT WAYNE — The students of St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne are reaching out to the students of Bendel Memorial Secondary School, a Catholic high school in Moshi, Tanzania, operated by the Apostolic Life Community of Priests. Students in religion classes at St. Vincent raised \$475 to donate to the Bendel School by making and selling rosary bracelets.

In her official letter atop the package of rosary bracelets and treats, the St. Vincent de Paul religion teacher in charge of the project, Cyndi Wolf, wrote: "Our classes have prayed numerous rosaries for you and your school. We hope our gift will benefit the education of your students so that they may bring Christ to the world."

Additional rosary bracelets were made for the students in Tanzania, and shipped in a large package that included other items donated by the entire student body. All grades worked to gather gifts of stickers, pencils, prayer cards, religious medals and pins, sweetened by the addition of a large supply of candy. The students also provided photos and letters to encourage a dialogue about the Catholic school experience and life in Tanzania.

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## SPAGHETTI DINNER YIELDS DONATION FOR JESTERS



JIM ALWINE

The Knights of Columbus Council 451 in Fort Wayne sponsored their monthly spaghetti dinner for charity on Jan. 25. Pictured holding a check for \$800 are members of the Jesters of the University of Saint Francis. The Feb. 29 recipient will be the Downs Syndrome Association of Fort Wayne.

St. Vincent de Paul Principal Sandra Guffey presented a check for \$475 to John Becker, president of Worldwide Seminarian Support, a foundation based in the U.S. that raises funds to help pay for the education of priests in Africa and India, and to finance the construction of seminaries and Catholic schools.

## Diocese offers evenings of adult faith formation

FORT WAYNE — The Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne will host three evenings with Sister M. Anita Holzmer, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, titled, "Meet St. Clare of Assisi," on Thursday evenings, March 1, 8 and 15 from 7-9 p.m.

Participants will be introduced to the medieval context in which Clare lived, discover why she accompanied Francis in a life of poverty and humility and learn about her courageous innovations for women religious.

The evenings are free to attend, however, registration is required by contacting Janice Martin at (260) 399-1411 or emailing, jmartin@diocesefwsb.org.

## Christ the King science teacher selected for fellowship program

INDIANAPOLIS — Nicole Dainty, Christ the King School, South Bend, was one of the six sci-

ence teachers in the state of Indiana chosen as fellows in the 2011-2012 National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), New Science Teacher Academy.

The National Science Teachers Association is the largest professional organization in the world promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all, and works in collaboration with the Dow Chemical Company Foundation, Amgen Foundation, Astellas Pharma US, Inc., and the American Honda Foundation.

Selected from hundreds of applicants nationwide, the fellows will participate in a year-long professional development program designed to help promote quality science teaching, enhance teacher confidence and classroom excellence and improve teacher content knowledge.

The 2011-2012 fellows were selected on the basis of several criteria, including showing evidence of a solid science background and displaying a strong interest in growing as a professional science educator. Each fellow will receive a comprehensive NSTA membership package, online mentoring with trained mentors who teach in the same discipline, and the opportunity to participate in a variety of web-based professional development activities, including web seminars. In addition, each fellow will receive financial support to attend and participate in NSTA's 2012 National Conference on Science Education in Indianapolis.

## Saint Joseph's High School students earn Scholastic Writing Awards

SOUTH BEND — Six Gold Key Awards, three Silver Key Awards and two honorable mentions were awarded to students in Jessica Bundy and Amy O'Brien's classes at Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend.

The Gold Key Award winners, who will continue in national competition, are Liam Maher, sophomore, for his short story "The Fall of Man"; Anna Boll, sophomore, for her flash fiction "In an Instant"; Anna Bradley, sophomore, for her short story "Just Desert"; Grace Watkins, junior, for her poetry "Who are the good guys?" and "A Vase Full of Cut White Roses"; Mary Clark, freshman, for her humor "Basketball Career"; and Nora Kelly, freshman, for her short story "A Dog in the Life." The Silver Key Award winners are Rowan Hornbeck, sophomore, for her flash fiction "The Seven Chairs"; Margaret Fangman, sophomore, for her short story "How Far?"; and Emily Sullivan, junior, for her poetry "Walls, Hi Daddy," "Constrictor" and "The Composer." Honorable mention went to Sean McFadden, freshman, for his humor "Drill My Hamster" and Nora McGreevy, freshman, for her humor "Iron Chef South Bend."

## The St. Vincent de Paul Society holds Mardi Gras

SOUTH BEND — The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County will be holding its fourth annual Mardi Gras party on Feb. 21, from 6-10 p.m. at Club Landing on Lincoln Way East in South Bend. The band Blammo will be performing.

Tickets are \$10 and include light hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds directly benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County.

Purchase tickets by contacting Anne at (574) 234-6000 ext. 12128.

## Conference covers practical holiness

NOTRE DAME — The Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame is co-sponsoring Stories of Practical Holiness: an Exercise in Interreligious Understanding, a conference to be held at McKenna Hall on the Notre Dame campus, Feb. 5-8. The conference aims to bring together Buddhist, Sikh, Muslim, Jewish and Catholic perspectives and share stories of holiness across faith traditions in order to promote interreligious understanding and admiration.

Dr. John C. Cavadini, McGrath-Cavadini director of the Institute for Church Life, conceived the conference with his colleagues on the World Religions and Spiritualities Advisory Council of the Fetzer Institute as a way to lift up concrete examples of holiness from different faith traditions in order to remove negative stereotypes and to foster a deeper understanding of and solidarity with those of different religious backgrounds.

Featured speakers include the following: Dharma Master Hsin Tao; Bhai Sahib (Dr.) Bhai Mohinder Singh Ahluwalia; Trappist Father Armand Veilleux; Abdolrahim Gavahi, Ph.D.; Dalia Landau; Khader Al-Kalak; and Yehezkel Landau.

In addition to sharing stories as part of the conference, speakers will visit various classrooms in the theology department at the University of Notre Dame and attend a prayer breakfast on Tuesday morning, which will include local religious leaders and members of the university community.

Stories of Practical Holiness offers a glimpse into the lives of exemplary witnesses among diverse religions so as to engender a deeper capacity for solidarity and unity — without reducing religion to a least common denominator.

## Correction

The photo of students praying at St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington featured on page 24 of the Jan. 29, 2012 issue of *Today's Catholic* were Marian High School in Mishawaka students. They are Sarah Earley, Madeline Pingel, Melanie Williams and Jenny Seng.

# Fort Wayne pro-life rally speaker calls abortions 'American Holocaust'

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Allen County Right to Life speaker Peter Heck pulled no punches in his description of the 50 million abortions that have been performed in this country since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized the procedure 39 years ago. He called the atrocity an "American Holocaust."

Heck, who lives in Kokomo, is a nationally published columnist and radio talk show host heard on more than 200 stations around the country. He is also a passionate orator who makes a compelling case for life in many venues. He was keynote speaker for the local rally held recently before a full house at USF Performing Arts Center (formerly the Scottish Rite Center) in downtown Fort Wayne.

Heck spoke directly to the men in his audience and called on them to assume responsibility, to lead the fight for life. Stop being content to merely "be on the right side of life," he said. "Be an extremist. Embrace the label. We have been passive for far too long ... we must go on the offensive."

Refusing to take a stand for life is mere cowardice, he added. President Barack Obama displayed such cowardice in 2008 when he called a question about when a child is entitled to



Over 1,000 participants in the Allen County March for Life filled the streets in downtown Fort Wayne before arriving at the front of the E. Ross Adair Federal Building.

human rights as "above my pay grade." Heck had harsh words in response. "If an elected official can't see that a human being is conceived in the womb, he's not smart enough or moral enough to be our leader."

Theoretically, Heck pointed out, the argument for life should not focus on what each human being who reaches his full potential might contribute to society, but only on the importance of the human being himself.

"Life is not valuable for what it does for us," Heck said. "Life is valuable for what it is."

Heck closed his remarks with

a powerful observation: "We stand for God, therefore we stand for life. On this issue there can be no compromise."

Allen County Right to Life Executive Director Cathie Humbarger welcomed those in attendance and introduced the many political officeholders and candidates in the audience.

The pro-life audience encouraged many speakers with applause and seemed especially eager to "hit the pavement" on the annual March for Life through downtown Fort Wayne. This year's event drew more than 1,000 participants.



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## Pro-life rally speaker addresses contraception coverage mandate

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — "You're not saying it's demonic are you?" Holy Cross Father John Patrick Riley said he is sometimes asked that when he delivers a pro-life message.

"Yes I am," he replies, "but not completely." Referencing John 8:44, Father Riley said, "It is not the mother or father, the families involved in the decision or society who benefit from abortion, but the devil whom Jesus proclaimed 'a liar, the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning.'"

Father Riley gave the homily at the prayer service that was part of the Knights of Columbus' Walk the Talk for Life pro-life march held Jan. 29 in South Bend. About 95 marchers processed from Knights of Columbus Council 553 hall to nearby St. Joseph Church to hear the Word of God and pray together.

Father Riley said that besides Satan, individuals and society are responsible for the great evil of abortion. He emphasized our need for God's help and the critical role of prayer, but that "we still need to do all the hard work of trying to change hearts and minds."

Back at the council hall, Carter Snead, a University of Notre Dame law professor and director of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture, spoke on the Obama

administration's decision to stand by the narrow religious exemption to a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate that requires employers to provide insurance coverage for contraception, certain abortion-inducing drugs and sterilization. The mandate does not exempt Catholic schools, hospitals or social services.

Despite concerted protests by Catholic and non-Catholic religious leaders and citizens objecting to the mandate as a violation of the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion, President Obama telephoned Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan of New York Jan. 20 to tell him that the mandate will not change.

Snead emphasized that this decision was not an isolated incident but part of a disturbing pattern that indicates the Obama administration considers religious freedom to mean private doctrine and worship but not a right extending to having a legitimate role in establishing public policy.

As evidence, he cited a number of actions taken by the president or his administration gravely offensive to the conscience of millions of Americans — rescinding the "Mexico City Policy," which prevented taxpayer dollars from going to organizations overseas involved in abortion; restoring funding to the United Nations Population Fund, which was found by a federal court



TOM UEBBING

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration lead the rosary as they follow the Knights of Columbus color guard.

to be involved in China's one child coerced abortion policy; suing Catholic Belmont Abbey College because they would not provide contraception insurance for non-Catholic employees; stripping away clarifying definitions of conscience protection for medical workers, leaving behind a vague patchwork of interpretations; threatening to cut off federal Medicaid funding unless Indiana repeals its law prohibiting any state Medicaid funding going to organizations that provide abortions; and failing to renew a contract for a Catholic Church social

services program aiding victims of human trafficking because under new government regulations providers must make abortion referrals and provide contraception.

Snead said the consequences of the Obamacare anti-life insurance mandate are draconian. It forces the Church to choose between carrying out its mission to aid and educate the poor and violating its own deeply held faith. He quoted Cardinal Keeler as saying, "We don't educate kids in the inner city of Baltimore because they are Catholic, but because we are."

Snead pointed out that even if a broad religious exemption were enacted the fundamental problem would remain — contraception is not health care and should not be covered by Obamacare insurance because pregnancy is not a disease that needs to be prevented. He did not hold out much hope that the Supreme Court will rule Obamacare unconstitutional.

Snead stated that the argument made in a guest editorial published in the *South Bend Tribune* — that the University of Notre Dame is imposing its values on its non-Catholic employees by not providing insurance coverage for contraception — is a fundamental misunderstanding of coercion because Notre Dame is not preventing such employees from obtaining contraception. They are simply not paying for it. However, if Notre Dame refuses to comply with the new Health and Human Services mandate they will be fined \$100 a day per employee or about \$900,000 a day.

Council 553 Grand Knight Bernie Taylor asked attendees to invoke the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, write letters to the editor and to the representatives in Congress, educate others on the Church's teaching on sexuality and witness to the truth at every opportunity.



# Bishop Rhoades speaks at Saint Mary's College Aquinas Symposium

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the invited speaker at the annual Saint Mary's College Aquinas Symposium Jan. 26. He spoke on "The contemplation of truth by faith and reason: St. Thomas Aquinas, Blessed John Paul II, and Pope Benedict XVI."

In his address to students, faculty and friends of Saint Mary's, Bishop Rhoades talked about how relevant the philosophy of Aquinas is to the modern world, and how the two popes have applied that philosophy to modern culture.

"The philosophy that developed in the Christian tradition reached its apex in the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas," Bishop Rhoades said, explaining that Aquinas recognized the independence of faith and reason, but also their reciprocal relationship.

Bishop Rhoades said that Catholic teaching on faith and reason avoids the pitfalls of such errors as relativism, fideism, rationalism and fundamentalism. And he reflected on how both Benedict XVI and Blessed John Paul II "highlight the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas that faith and reason share the same origin in God and thus are necessarily compatible, and that faith builds upon and perfects reason."

Faith stimulates reason to be open to ever broader horizons, keeps alive in reason the search for foundations, and enriches reason's

work, he explained. And reason helps faith by demonstrating truths that are preambles of the faith; giving clearer explanation of the truth of the faith; and resisting those who speak against the faith.

Every person has a "natural and innate desire" to know the truth about life and its meanings, Bishop Rhoades said, but "We live in an age and a culture in which there has developed a certain skepticism about our ability to know the truth."

Such skepticism is not new, and in fact has been present throughout human history and thrives on "the bombardment of a multitude of currents of ideological thought," he said.

"There is no question that recent decades have seen an explosion of human knowledge in many areas, especially in the natural sciences and technology," Bishop Rhoades said, noting that both John Paul II and Benedict XVI praised this progress.

"Yet, at the same time," he continued, "both pontiffs have been critical of the concurrent neglect of the search for the higher truths and ultimate values, what we call 'the neglect of the transcendent.'"

He cited the homily then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger preached to the conclave that went on to elect him Pope Benedict XVI. In that homily, Cardinal Ratzinger warned that the modern world was moving toward what he called a "dictatorship of relativism," a culture "that does not recognize anything as certain and



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, center, meets with Saint Mary's College religious studies students Francesca Gifford '13, front left, Stephanie Cherpak '12, and Rebecca Marie Jones '12, right. The students greeted Bishop Rhoades when he arrived on campus Thursday afternoon. He was on campus as the featured speaker at the 15th Annual Symposium on St. Thomas Aquinas.

has as its highest goal one's own ego and one's own desires."

He also cited the 1998 encyclical of John Paul II, "Fides et Ratio" ("Faith and Reason"), in which the pope wrote about a "crisis of meaning" in the contemporary culture and called for philosophy to recover its trust in the human capacity to know the truth. And the pope named the philosophy developed in the Christian tradition as the best way to avert current philosophical dangers.

Bishop Rhoades explained: "In the face of moral relativism today,

St. Thomas' principle that divine grace presupposes and perfects human nature is quite important. Reason is capable of discerning natural moral law. Such knowledge gives ground and foundation for the defense of universal human rights and the fundamental value of the dignity of the human person."

However, if reason means thinking only about material things or realities that can be proven only by the scientific method, "We become closed to the great questions about life, about the human person, and

about God," Bishop Rhoades continued. Such "reductionism" causes many errors, he said, including materialism and a sense that technology is more important than persons.

Bishop Rhoades praised the curriculum at colleges like Saint Mary's that gives students the opportunity to examine "the ultimate questions" by contemplating truth with both faith and reason. He noted that John Paul II's 1990 apostolic constitution "Ex corde ecclesiae" ("From the Heart of the Church") defined the promotion of dialogue between faith and reason as a specific part of a Catholic university's task.

Bishop Rhoades took questions from the audience after his talk, and when a student mentioned that she was doing field work for Catholic Charities, he took the opportunity to reiterate what he had said in a press conference earlier in the day at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka.

In that press conference, Bishop Rhoades had expressed strong objection to the federal mandate that religiously affiliated nonprofit employers must provide coverage for immoral services such as sterilization and contraception. That mandate affects Catholic institutions that serve not only Catholics, but non-Catholics as well.

Bishop Rhoades received spontaneous applause from the audience for his comments on the federal mandate.

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# Hotels respond to nuns' initiative to raise awareness about sex trafficking

INDIANAPOLIS — Hotels in the Indianapolis area are better equipped to recognize and help victims of human trafficking — thanks to an initiative launched before the Feb. 5 Super Bowl by a group of 11 orders of Catholic women religious in Indiana and Michigan in collaboration with state and local officials and organizations.

The goal of the initiative is to raise awareness about human trafficking, assure that hotel staff receive appropriate training, and distribute educational materials to hotels willing to make them available in lobbies and guest rooms.

As a result of phone calls made by the orders to 220 hotel managers, seven hotels requested training prior to the Super Bowl to help their employees recognize trafficking situations and how to assist victims. In addition, 99 hotels asked for materials that include:

- Brochures about human trafficking for staff and guests;
- Copies of the ECPAT

(Ending Child Prostitution and Trafficking) Code of Conduct developed by the hospitality industry to deter child sexual exploitation;

- And local anti-trafficking contact information, such as a 24-hour victim assistance hotline, safe houses and police and law enforcement officials.

"We are very gratified by the responses from hotel managers and pleased that they made time to talk and work with us in this very busy season," said Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Ann Oestreich, co-chair of the Coalition for Corporate Responsibility for Indiana and Michigan (CCRIM), which is coordinating the Super Bowl 2012 Anti-Trafficking Initiative. "From the phone calls we also learned that 45 hotels previously had conducted human trafficking awareness training for their employees, so they are well along the path of socially responsible business practice."

The 11 orders of women

religious who are members of CCRIM, including the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Notre Dame, have invested in hotel chains to address the issue of human trafficking in the hospitality industry. Since June 2011 they have been collaborating with state and local officials to curb human trafficking during festivities leading up to the Super Bowl. Incidents of human trafficking — or modern-day slavery — tend to spike alongside major sporting events to meet the high demand for commercial sex.

"We may never know how many people may be helped as a result of this initiative," said Holy Cross Sister Joan Marie Steadman, president of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. "If even one person is freed from this kind of slavery or one trained hotel employee recognizes a trafficking situation or one guest knowledgeable about trafficking reports a concern to the front desk, then we are

that much closer to ending the exploitation of vulnerable people, particularly women and girls."

Sister Ann, who also is congregation justice coordinator for the Sisters of the Holy Cross added, "The positive results from this initiative could only be accomplished by many groups working together against trafficking. We are deeply grateful for the collaboration by all the orders of women religious and their associates, college students

and especially the IPATH Task Force that has worked so hard in Indianapolis to raise awareness, provide needed services and coordinate training."

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

TIM JOHNSON, EDITOR

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The ministry of evangelization extends to our readers. How

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# We can fly

My 21-year-old daughter, a college student studying abroad called from her destination, and shared her first view and impression of Europe.

"I was sipping my coffee and eating a croissant as the plane approached London," she whispered to me over the phone quickly, "we were not allowed to land right away so we were circling the city. The sun was just coming up over Big Ben and London Bridge in a slight fog. I felt like I was in Peter Pan!"

Peter Pan. Wasn't I just reading "Peter Pan" to this precious girl? Wasn't she, just a moment ago, snuggled up by my side in her Pooh Bear pajamas and looking at the Walt Disney Golden Book as I shared about Wendy and Michael and John Darling? My darling. My sweet, sweet girl. Think of a wonderful thought ... any merry little thought ... off you go ... you can fly. And — sniff — she did.

Caroline didn't leave home to go to school like many children do at age 5 to investigate kindergarten. She stayed at home eight years past five as we explored homeschooling and she burst into a studious little pupil. She taught herself to read when she was three and threw herself into every book she could find. She was my kitchen buddy, my reading buddy, my planting-flowers-along-the-front-walkway buddy. She was interested in anything and everything and was my happy little shadow. It seemed like Caroline's childhood would go on forever. And now — just like that — she was all grown up and on the other side of the world.

When Caroline boarded the plane last weekend she had been fighting a virus. She sounded sniffly, and I was nervous with her traveling so far for the very first time since she was feeling so under the weather. But she insisted on keeping her plane date, seeing as doing otherwise would have necessitated that she travel alone instead of with her college group.

And so, I prayed and waited for that "S" sign for Skype at the bottom of my computer tab to signal to me that a message was waiting, and that she had made it to London, and then Ireland safely. As I waited, and checked ... and rechecked, I poured my own coffee and piddled about the kitchen.

My thoughts turned to her high school years, which, I reminded myself, were not unlike the present, when I waited for her to phone or text to let me know she had safely made it across town. And now she was across the world.

Finally, the "S" sign with the red "1," signifying one message, danced on my computer screen. Caroline had arrived. Not just in London, but in Ireland, which was her final destination for study. I could breathe again.

It hit me then, this whole "life is a journey" thing.

Figuratively and sometimes, quite literally, life is definitely a journey and a bittersweet one, as we say goodbye, say hello and say goodbye, over and over. Sometimes we plan these journeys — like Caroline did.



Theresa A. Thomas

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And sometimes — let's face it — they simply come upon us.

In 2005 I found myself on a journey I did not want. I was diagnosed with cancer, Hodgkins lymphoma to be exact. It was just two weeks after the birth of my ninth baby when I discovered the hard lump on my collarbone — and days after my youngest brother was killed in a car accident.

At the moment my surgeon brother-in-law handed me a bag of bagels, hugged me and said, "I'm sorry it's cancer," not only did I fully and totally understand Jonah not wanting to go to Ninevah, but I would have run away myself if I'd have had a place to go. The belly of a whale didn't even sound so bad.

And yet, through the journey of cancer, one I might even characterize as traveling "through the valley of death," I learned so much. I learned how to trust. I was forced to strip myself of pride. I found a faith deeper than the theoretical one I had before and thought was real. I learned how to receive instead of give, which is harder than one might think. And, I basically, through suffering, found God.

Trips tend to do that — show us things we never have seen before then wonder where they were all along. They open our eyes.

Caroline is learning a new culture, new people, new food and new ideas. I learned a new culture, new people, even new food, and yes, new ideas from my unwanted journey as well.

These journeys of life, good or bad, planned or not, are always opportunities for this, and for finding truth, beauty, goodness and God.

We all have to let go — it is the nature of life. Can we reach heaven unless we die? Can a plant grow unless there is demise of a seed? Can we really move forward if we refuse to move our feet and stay firmly where we are?

How frequently have we, in our lives, lamented the ending of one thing, only to see that it is the beautiful beginning of another?

Today, I just want to encourage you to look at the changes occurring in your own life, good or bad, chosen or unchosen, and to watch very carefully for God's hand in those things. Be open. Trust. Have faith.

Please, please, don't be afraid to move forward. Life may not be a Disney story where we can travel to Never Never Land and stay young forever. But with God's help, we can learn to embrace every single journey. We can fly. Now be off!

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# Serve as Jesus serves



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mk 1:29-39

The Book of Job is the source of this weekend's first reading. This book furnishes few details about the identity of Job.

It nonetheless is one of the great literary works in the Old Testament, and one of the best remembered if not always exactly remembered.

Misreading Job has led to a phrase that has gone into English common speech, the "patience of Job." Clearly, Job was not always so patient with God.

For instance, in this weekend's reading, Job vents his impatience. He asks if life on earth is not in reality drudgery. Each human being, Job writes, is a slave. Personally, Job says he has been assigned "months of misery." "I shall not see happiness again," he writes drearily.

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians provides the second reading.

The same source has given earlier weekend liturgies this winter their second readings. In this passage from First Corinthians, Paul insists that he was free to accept the call to be an Apostle or to spurn the call. He chose to accept the call.

So, he proclaims the Good News. He explains the identity, and mission, of Jesus. It is an act of service, and of love, given for people who otherwise would not know Jesus. Paul sees nothing as more important than bringing people to the knowledge of Christ and to loving Christ.

For its final reading, the Church offers us, from St. Mark's Gospel, the story of the Lord's curing of Peter's mother-in-law.

The story's point is clear. Merely by touching her hand, Jesus cured the woman. She was so fully cured, in fact, that she immediately rose from her sickbed and began to wait on Jesus and the disciples. She was healthy again, but she used her health to care for others.

Lest it appear that this woman simply resumed routine domestic chores, it should be noted that the verb used by Mark in this reference is the same verb used to describe the ministry of the angels while Jesus was in the desert, an event soon to be told. For Christians, serving others, even in their physical needs, is holy and a product of union with Christ.

(This miracle long has fascinated Christians. Indeed, in the ruins of Capernaum is a site pious pilgrims identified many centuries ago as the place where the house of Peter's mother-in-law stood.)

The story continues. Jesus heals the sick and drives demons away. Then, alone, Jesus went to a distant place to pray. Simon and the others pursue Jesus, longing to be near the Lord, needing the Lord.

When at last they find Jesus, the Lord reminds them that the messianic role is to reach all people.

## Reflection

The Church continues to introduce us to Jesus, the Lord, the Son of God, with all the power thus implied. In this Liturgy of the Word further puts before us the images of Job, the Apostle Paul, Peter's mother-in-law and the Apostles accompanying Jesus.

Paul very obviously gave his life to the vocation to which Jesus called him, that of being an Apostle, of being the bearer to people of the Lord's message and mercy. It was the mission of all the Apostles, as Jesus told them. It is the mission of Christians.

Peter's mother-in-law, cured by Jesus, did not simply return to life as usual, but, as Mark's use of a particular verb shows, she served others, as Jesus served.

Job brings to mind who and what we are, limited human beings, whose limitations at times may test our best intentions. Amid this reality, the Lord is our strength and our model. The Apostles knew that there is no other model and none with greater strength and power than the Lord.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106: 6-7, 19-22 Mk 8:1-10

# Child sacrifice in 21st-century America

The Hebrew Bible is not for the squeamish. And its harshest maledictions are called down upon those who practiced the abomination of child-sacrifice.

Thus the Psalmist: "They sacrificed their sons and daughters to the demons/they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood./Thus they became unclean by their acts, and played the harlot in their doings./ Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people, and he abhorred his heritage./... they were rebellious in their purposes, and were brought low because of their iniquity." — Ps 106:38-40, 43.

And the prophet Ezekiel, delivering the word of the Lord:

"And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your harlotries so small a matter that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them? ... Behold, therefore, I stretched out my hand against you, and diminished your allotted portion, and delivered you to the greed of your enemies. ..." — Ez 16:20-21, 27.

Thirty-nine years after Roe v. Wade created an unrestricted abortion license in the United States, and during the week when hundreds of thousands of Americans pray and march for life, all Americans ought to ponder these words — and the kind of country to which Roe v. Wade led.

It was supposed to be a country

in which women were liberated; it became a country in which women were ever more the victims of predatory and sexually irresponsible men, left alone with their "rights" to find a technological "fix" to the dilemma of unwanted pregnancy. It was supposed to become a more humane country; it became a country in which morally coarsened pundits can describe as "extreme" and "weird" the faith-filled response of the Santorum family to the loss of a newborn shortly after birth. It was supposed to be a country of greater equality; it became a country in which the fantasies of those who believed that America was for white Anglo-Saxon

Protestants only, with emphasis on "white," were realized beyond the wildest imaginings of the most crazed racists and eugenicists of the 1920s.

These hard truths have too often been hidden, especially where abortion is widely prevalent. Thus it is to the immense credit of the New York-based Chiaroscuro Foundation that it has compelled

the New York City Department of Health to itemize separately abortion and pregnancy statistics in its annual reports. The 2010 numbers, just released, would make both the Psalmist and Ezekiel blanch:

Of the 208,541 pregnancies in New York City in 2010, 83,750 were terminated by abortion: four in 10. Among non-Hispanic blacks, there were 38,574 abortions and 26,635 live births: thus for every 1,000 African-American babies born, 1,448 were aborted. Those numbers were even more chilling among non-Hispanic black teenagers: for every 1,000 African-American babies born to

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GEORGE WEIGEL

teenagers, 2,630 were aborted. The overall teenage abortion rate was 63 percent in a city where 16 percent of all pregnancies were teen pregnancies.

New York City is not America, of course. And there is encouragement on various fronts in the battle for life. The national abortion rate is down over the past several decades. Science has vindicated the pro-life position. The pro-life/pro-choice opinion balance has tilted, if slightly, in favor of the pro-life cause. Younger people are more likely to be pro-life than aging baby-boomers. Legislated regulation of the abortion industry has driven abortuaries out of business in many places.

Yet the fact remains that America is a country in which almost one in four pregnancies ends in the willful, violent death of the unborn child. And this slaughter of the innocents has been going on, often in higher percentages, for almost four decades.

As the Psalmist and Ezekiel might have told us, feeding the demons inevitably leads to a terrible hardening of sensibilities. The warnings from ancient Israel about where that hardening leads are worth pondering in this election year, and indeed in every year.

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Tim Johnson is the editor of *Today's Catholic* newspaper.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for February, 5, 2012

Mark 1:29-39

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the story of cures in Peter's hometown. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| SYNAGOGUE | SIMON     | ANDREW        |
| A FEVER   | HAND      | HELPED HER UP |
| LEFT HER  | EVENING   | SICK          |
| POSSESSED | THE DOOR  | VARIOUS       |
| DISEASES  | DROVE OUT | DEMONS        |
| SPEAK     | EARLY     | PRAYED        |
| LET US GO | VILLAGES  | PREACH        |

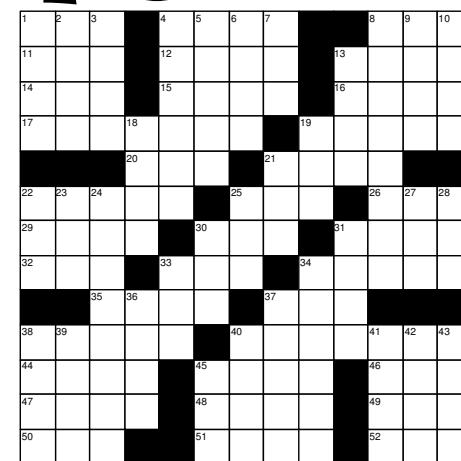
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# The CrossWord

February 5 and 12, 2012



Based on these Scripture Readings: Job 7:1-4; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39 and Lev 13:1-2, 44-48; 1Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

- ACROSS**
- 1 Type of partnership
  - 4 Baptismal pool
  - 8 Descend
  - 11 Expression of surprise
  - 12 Realm
  - 13 Ocean movement
  - 14 Inexperienced
  - 15 Speed
  - 16 Afloat
  - 17 Kin
  - 19 Jesus wouldn't let them \_\_\_\_
  - 20 Early Russian people
  - 21 Permission to enter a foreign country
  - 22 Church ceiling vaults
  - 25 Christus \_\_\_\_
  - 26 Eye infection
  - 29 Yawn
  - 30 Write quickly
  - 31 Heredity component
  - 32 To be in debt
  - 33 East of Eden
  - 34 Foxes have dens, birds have \_\_\_\_
  - 35 Small fresh water fish
  - 37 Be victorious
  - 38 Imbecile
  - 40 Long-tailed bird
  - 44 Lepers kept outside of
  - 45 At hand
- DOWN**
- 1 Oriole
  - 2 Central Thai
  - 3 very early
  - 4 Well-known
  - 5 Verbal tests
  - 6 Where a scarf goes
  - 7 \_\_\_\_-dah!
  - 8 Jesus cured
  - 9 Belief
  - 10 Summit
  - 13 Knocks (2 wds)
  - 18 no charge
  - 19 # of sins against Holy Spirit
  - 21 Animal doctor
  - 22 Past
  - 23 Jerome took thorn from lion's \_\_\_\_.
  - 24 Example
  - 25 Rule with an iron \_\_\_\_.
  - 27 Trinitrotoluene
  - 28 Okay
  - 30 Sad man in Bible
  - 31 Lad
  - 33 Eccentric
  - 34 Job had troubled ones
  - 36 Job had none
  - 37 Hiring waits for
  - 38 Yucky
  - 39 Citizen of Denmark
  - 40 Telegram
  - 41 Wager
  - 42 Wading bird
  - 43 Trim on surplice
  - 45 Football assoc.

Answer Key can be found on page 15

# GUEST

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often do colleagues and coworkers, neighbors or friends ask you questions about the faith, or about issues of the day? *Today's Catholic* can be a resource to help you answer those questions and share your faith — thus, you are evangelizing. We are dedicated to sharing with you the teachings of the diocesan bishop, the pope and the U.S. bishops to help you understand the issues from which these questions may arise.

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# Sports

**USF MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM CLIMBS IN NAIA RANKINGS** The University of Saint Francis men's basketball team has climbed to No. 18 in first NAIA Division II Coaches Top 25 from a tie for 40<sup>th</sup> in received votes with one vote in the Dec. 12 top 25. For the University of Saint Francis, it is the biggest jump in poll history. USF has been ranked in top 25 in 25 of the last 27 Top 25 polls. The winning streak ties two other USF teams for the second longest win streak in USF men's basketball history. USF is 3-3 vs. NAIA Top 25 members.

## CYO Lady Squires place hopes to repeat a title run

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In her first year at the helm of the St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel girls' basketball program, Maria Parsenow has coached her team to a perfect Blue League record (3-0) and just two losses overall so far this season.

Her Squires list 10 players on their combined seventh- and eighth-grade team. With just two eighth graders, Hessen Cassel is young, but mighty.

Kayla Knapke leads the group in scoring as well as on the court. "Kayla makes things happen for us offensively and does a great job leading on team," praised Parsenow. Haleigh Devido is an aggressive post player for the

Squires, while three talented seventh graders round out the starting line up — Lexi Sweeney, Monica Scott and Bria Muldoon. Abby Ulman adds strength from the bench as do Katie Bauer, Tessa Miller, Rosie Hoskins and Isabelle Tobe.

Rachel Merz assists Parsenow.

Hessen Cassel won the pre-season tournament over the Thanksgiving break and had a strong showing in the Christmas holiday show down. The Squires have just a few non-conference games left before they start the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) tournament in mid-February. They plan to continue working on their tough zone defense and impressive full court as they prepare to repeat their title run.

## ICCL division becomes three-horse race at the top of the hardwoods

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA — As one basketball championship was decided, another was just starting to become interesting as the St. John Bosco Division of the Inter-City Catholic League remained a three-horse race at the top.

Going into the weekend's battles, Christ the King held a narrow one-game lead over the charging Holy Cross Crusaders and the St. Joseph Eagles, all needing wins to stay within striking distance entering the final week of play.

The Kings easily dispatched the Trojans of Holy Family, 42-20, behind double-digit per-

formances of Joe Staud and Riley Stejiak, to maintain their slim margin in the race for the crown.

The Eagles of St. Joseph had all they wanted from the Corpus Christi Cougars, outlasting the red-and-blue-clad squad, 35-30, as Dominic Ferro's 13 was not enough to overtake Reece Happ's 12 for the victors.

St. Pius X also had a chance to stay with the leaders but fell to the Crusaders, 46-40, as the trio of Mark Madden, Brendan Chappell and Peter Wiegand dispelled Sam Quinn's 11 and hopes for a shot at the title.

The St. Martin DePorres Championship was decided as the 8-1 Saints of Mishawaka Catholic were victorious over the Bulldogs of Our Lady of Hungary, 45-18,

behind the 10-point effort of Patrick Coulter.

The Panthers of St. Anthony defeated the Spartans of St. Thomas preserving their second-place finish by a score of 41-27 as Max Otiato lead all scorers with 14 points.

Despite double-digit efforts by both Dylan Heimann and Nathan Marino, the Blazers of St. Matthew succumbed to the diligent Pumas of Queen of Peace, 47-31, as Luke Kasznia tossed in 11.

The final week of the regular season will be played on Sunday at Marian and Saint Joseph's high schools. A complete schedule can be found on [www.icclsports.org](http://www.icclsports.org).

## Elkhart Knights' food drive feeds 600 families

ELKHART — The Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council 1043 in Elkhart completed its 25th annual Winter Food Basket Drive on Dec. 9-10.

The food drive started as a one-man operation with then-Grand Knight Arthur "Benny" Wierchoch giving food to two families. Wierchoch, who is a celebrated 4th Degree Knight and a revered leader in Council 1043, was not able to assist the council for the first time of the food drive

due to poor health, but his spirit of love and charity for his fellow man did remain the influence to make this year's food drive a success.

Under Wierchoch's strong influence the food drive grew, and the drive has expanded with hundreds of volunteers including donations from several local businesses who have come together to provide food for 600 needy families in Elkhart County, which still remains hard hit from the recent

recession.

Each food basket was designed to feed a family for several weeks and included a 5 pound ham (purchased from monetary donations) and a mix of canned and nonperishable foods to make it as balanced nutritionally as possible.

The food, amounting to over 10 tons, was either donated or purchased from cash donations that the St. Jude Council received

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The Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council 1043 in Elkhart completed its 25th Winter Food Basket Drive Dec. 9-19. The Knights fed 600 families, 50 more families than in 2010.



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from brother Knights and the community.

There were nearly 200 volunteers to sort the food into the 600 individual food baskets each getting two boxes of food with a ham on Dec. 9. And on Dec. 10,

there were more people coming to load vehicles with well over 50 drivers who picked up the 600 food baskets and delivered them to the 600 homes on one of the coldest mornings of the winter.

This included a \$500 donation from the Knights in Goshen Council 7541, who assisted the St. Jude Council financially, but also delivered food baskets in the Goshen area.

Overall, over 1,200 volunteer hours were tallied, which includ-

ed a core group of 20 Knights, spouses and families who met for about three months to organize the event.

This year's Winter Food Basket's Drive was the most successful and organized due to its chairman 4th Degree Knight, Jim Gallagher and his co-chairman, 4th Degree Knight Dick Scheve, who will be taking over the food drive efforts next year after five years of Gallagher's chairmanship.



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## FUNDRAISERS

### Fish fry planned

South Bend — St. John the Baptist will hold an AYCE Tyner IOOF fish fry on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Holy Family Parish Center from 4-7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$8 and children tickets are \$5 and available at the door.

### Christ the King fundraiser

South Bend — Christ the King Parish will have a casino night and auction on Saturday, Feb. 11, in the church basement. Catered dinner from Papa Vino's will be served from 6-8 p.m. There will be silent and live auction items, and casino-style games in the school gym. Tickets can be purchased through the school office, the rectory or at the door the night of the event. Tickets are \$25 and includes dinner, two drink tickets and entry in the drawing for a \$1,500 cash prize.

### Fish fry and food drive planned

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will be hosting a fish fry and food drive on Friday, Feb. 10, from 4:30-7

p.m. at the council hall. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Bring two or more non-perishable food items and save \$1 off your dinner. All collected food items will be given to Our Father's House.

## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Franciscan Father David Mary Engo, will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations.

### Catholic Business Network plans new meetings

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Feb. 3, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the Cathedral Center by guest speakers, Kathleen and Dan Fogarty, who will be speaking on their vocations as faithful Catholic parents and the raising of their eight children. Refreshments will be provided by "Rekindle the Fire."

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# ARISE

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various styles of prayer, Scripture reading, reflection, faith sharing, creative action and socialization.

The dynamic process is designed to begin in the fall with session one, followed by session two that will lead the participants through Lent. Each of the two subsequent years will follow the same time sequence, with sessions three and four the second year, and session five completed in the fall of the third year. (Calendar year: Season I — fall 2012, Seasons 2 and 3 — Lent and fall 2013, Seasons 4 and 5 — Lent and fall 2014.)

Kohrman says ARISE is designed to appeal to “various people and ages,” and adds, “It is available in Spanish and Vietnamese” and in several other languages with a large-print edition for the visually impaired.

ARISE small Christian communities will meet regularly in homes, parishes, youth groups and on college campuses, says Kohrman. Facilitators will be provided with seasonal information to prepare for each session utilizing the well-organized materials and available training. In addition to ongoing support and online resources, the RENEW International organization will provide specific training workshops for facilitators and parish leaders for each season. “Renew,”

says Kohrman, “is with us every step of the way.”

According to the RENEW website, “RENEW International is a canonically-recognized Catholic organization based in Plainfield, N.J., in the Archdiocese of Newark. RENEW International has more than 30 years of experience revitalizing parish life and fosters spiritual renewal in the Catholic tradition by empowering individuals and communities to encounter God in everyday life, deepen and share faith, and connect faith with action.”

The establishment of the small Christian communities of ARISE appropriately follows on the heels of the diocesan-wide Catholic Come Home campaign, which has brought many non-practicing Catholics back into the Church family.

“It’s a logical conclusion to invite people to be part of ARISE and to continue their own faith formation,” says Kohrman.

Though the diocese is aware that there exists previously established, year-round small Christian commu-

nities, the ARISE process has been adopted not to dissolve those existing communities but to ensure that all parishes, particularly the smaller ones, have an equal opportunity to establish their own small Christian communities.

“It will be a more concerted effort across parishes,” says Kohrman.

In addition to the intriguing opportunity to grow deeper in faith, ARISE is designed to benefit all who participate.

Kohrman reports, “This is a regular parish initiative, but you can invite non-Catholics too. The catechetical elements are Catholic, but the faith-sharing aspect can be beneficial to anyone. It would be a great way to evangelize in a non-threatening way.”

**For information on RENEW International** visit [www.renewintl.org](http://www.renewintl.org). For more information on ARISE contact Natalie Kohrman at (260) 399-1437 or email [nkohrman@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:nkohrman@diocesefwsb.org).



# ARISE

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“This was a missed opportunity to be clear on appropriate conscience protection,” Gutierrez said, adding, it is “important to have clarified by the president and the secretary of Health and Human Services that this decision will not undermine the current conscience protections in laws, which are so very necessary for all of our ministries.”

Asked how the Church can ignore a federal mandate, Bishop Rhoades was unequivocal.

“We will not comply with this. We will not violate our conscience,” he said. “The U.S. Bishops are united in this, and I think that this refusal to exempt religious institutions that serve the common good, which we are doing, is really an unprecedented decision.”

Bishop Rhoades said despite the so-called exemption, all Catholic institutions are affected.

“The religious exemption they have is so narrow; it’s ridiculous,” added Bishop Rhoades. “The only way we could be exempt from this is if we only hired Catholics, if we only served Catholics. Our calling, our Catholic hospitals like Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center here, our Catholic colleges and universities, our Catholic Charities that serves thousands of needy people in Indiana — South Bend, Fort Wayne and in between — we don’t ask

people when they come to our hospitals or to our universities or to our Catholic Charities what their religion is. We serve everyone. That’s our calling, our mission. In a sense we’re being penalized, and we’re serving the common good, we’re serving all of society.”

“This is really an unprecedented rule from the federal government,” continued Bishop Rhoades, “attempting to force religious institutions — and others, not just institutions but also individuals — to do things that we consider immoral; things that we consider sinful. In this case, that’s providing, through our healthcare for our employees, contraception, sterilization and even drugs that cause early abortion.”

How will the Catholic Church handle such governmental intrusion?

“We have one year,” replied Bishop Rhoades. “This is an order from one branch of government, the executive branch ... actually, the Department of Health and Human Services. There are two other branches of government, the legislative and the judicial. We have recourse in both of those branches.”

Asked what Catholics can do, Bishop Rhoades was direct.

“I think we all need to pray hard,” he said. “Everyone needs to get involved. We’re in an election season. This is an issue I think our people — Catholics, and others who are concerned about religious liberty — need to ask candidates who are running about their positions on this, and their position on religious liberty in general and conscience protection.”



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