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'Unified, focused' bishops pledge to continue religious liberty defense

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN



A depiction of the Statue of Liberty appears in mosaic, part of a larger piece in a side chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Declaring themselves “strongly unified and intensely focused,” the nation’s top Catholic bishops vowed to continue their multipronged defense of religious liberty in the courts, Congress and the White House.

The five-page statement titled “United for Religious Freedom” was approved March 14 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Administrative Committee, made up of the USCCB officers and committee chairmen and an elected bishop representative from each of the geographic regions of the USCCB.

The bishops opened their statement with thanks for “all who have stood firmly with us in our vigorous opposition to this unjust and illegal mandate,” referring to the Department of Health and Human Services’ requirement that nearly all employers must provide free coverage of contraceptives and sterilization to their employees through health insurance plans.

“This is not about the Church wanting to force anybody to do anything; it is instead about the federal government forcing the Church — consisting of its faithful and all but a few of its institutions — to act against Church teachings,” they said. “This is not a fight we want or asked for, but one forced upon us by government on its own timing.”

The debate over the contraceptive mandate is “not a Republican or Democratic, a conservative or liberal issue; it is an American issue,” the bishops added.

Nor is the issue about access to contraception or

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Enthusiasm soars with coming of ARISE

BY KAY COZAD

Earlier this winter the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, with the approval of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, joined forces with RENEW International to introduce a new initiative — ARISE Together in Christ — which 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 program 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.”

As the ARISE Together in Christ process gears up, parish teams are forming across the diocese. Parishioners who have signed up as team members have attended recent information gathering meetings in specified areas in the diocese and the unbridled enthusiasm speaks volumes for the future of this unique formation process.

In South Bend, Dave Torma and wife Jan, members of St. Jude Parish since 1993, were drawn to participate in ARISE Together in Christ so that parish life may have a more community nature to it. Dave says learning about the process “was powerful from the aspect of faith sharing, which allows our hearts to be united under Christ as fellow Catholics.”

The Tormas look forward to supporting the ARISE effort and say they “know that the Holy Spirit will form us more deeply as Catholics and as a result, our parish community will grow and become more closely knit together.”

The ARISE process involves five seasons over a three-year period. Each season offers six-weeks of sessions with specific topics including, “Encountering Christ Today,”

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Saints are role models for religious freedom and caring for sick

BY MARK ZIMMERMANN

BETHESDA, Md. — Today's Catholics can look to the saints as role models as they stand up for religious freedom, and as they care for the poor and sick in the healing professions, participants at the Archdiocese of Washington's March 18 Rose Mass were told. The annual Mass — held to seek God's blessings on those in the health professions — and the luncheon that followed were sponsored by the John Carroll Society, and held at the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md. Washington Cardinal Donald Wuerl was the principal celebrant of the Mass and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was the homilist.

At the luncheon Cardinal Wuerl asked attendees who they would choose to be the patron saint of religious freedom. After mentioning several possible candidates throughout history, the cardinal asked consideration of St. Patrick, the 5th-century bishop and apostle of Ireland whose feast day was celebrated the day before the Rose Mass.

"The faith proclaimed by Patrick is the faith that comes to us from the Apostles," said Cardinal Wuerl. "He's one choice (as the patron saint for religious freedom) because of his courage to speak the truth, his fidelity to the Gospel, to the Church and to the pope," in the face of what today would be described as an indication in the polls that he would not be successful. "His vision was, we can get beyond this political expediency (of this time) and build the kingdom of God."

Cardinal Wuerl in his remarks alluded to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' mandate, which would redefine what it means to be a religious organization and what constitutes ministry. While most houses of worship would qualify for a religious exemption, institutions such as Catholic hospitals, universities and social services would be forced to provide employee health plans that would pay for sterilizations, abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives.

The nation's Catholic bishops have strongly opposed the mandate, saying it threatens the religious freedom of Catholic institutions by forcing them to violate Church teaching.

Cardinal Wuerl noted that the nation's Catholic bishops would be issuing a major document on religious freedom.

The cardinal praised the witness of St. Patrick, who brought Christ and His teaching to the people of Ireland, enduring hardships over four decades, but ultimately converting them to the faith. The cardinal said St. Patrick's example of living for Jesus and sharing the faith with others epitomized what it takes today to stand for religious freedom: "Don't be afraid. Proclaim the Word (of God). Stand up for the truth. Be my (Jesus's) disciple, even if it is not popular."

The archdiocese's 21st annual Rose Mass was held on the fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, when the vestments worn by the celebrant are rose colored. After Communion, the cardinal thanked the health workers for bringing Christ's love and healing to those whom they serve.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades noted that Laetare comes from the Latin word for "rejoice," and Christians today should find joy in God's love for them, a love reflected in Jesus' death and resurrection. "How should we respond to this radical love of the Lord?" Bishop Rhoades asked. "A new way of thinking and acting should result from our personal encounter with the crucified and risen Christ."

Those who work in the health professions today can look to a saint canonized 25 years ago — St. Giuseppe Moscati, a devout Catholic and early 20th century Italian doctor, medical school professor and pioneer researcher in the field of biochemistry — as a special patron saint.

"From his personal encounter with the Lord, St.



CATHOLIC STANDARD PHOTOS BY RAFAEL CRISOSTOMO

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gives the homily at the Archdiocese of Washington's 21st annual Rose Mass, held March 18 at the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md. The annual Mass seeks God's blessings on those who work in health care.



At left, Washington Cardinal Donald Wuerl presents the John Carroll Society Medal to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who was the homilist at the Mass. The medal is the highest honor bestowed by the John Carroll Society, a lay Catholic group of the Archdiocese of Washington that sponsored the Mass. The society of Catholic professionals and business men and women is named for Archbishop John Carroll, who in 1789 became the first Catholic bishop of the new United States, heading the Diocese of Baltimore, which at that time included all 13 original states.

Giuseppe Moscati was able to witness to the love of God, to live the truth of his faith every day in his care of the sick. His works manifested to all the light of Jesus Christ," the bishop said.

Bishop Rhoades noted how the doctor, during his years in medical school and later as a teacher, kept his faith in an antagonistic environment, and he said that today's Catholic medical students can draw strength from his example as they bear witness to their faith and stand up for the dignity of human life in all its stages and oppose abortion and euthanasia, as they defend the truth about human sexuality and as they study and defend Church-approved natural methods of regulating fertility.

Dr. Moscati "saw his patients as persons with a God-given dignity... In a word, he loved his patients, including the difficult ones. He saw Christ in the face of the sick and suffering," the bishop said. He noted how the doctor regarded the poor and homeless as "his favorite patients. He would never accept any fee from them. Often when he would write a prescription for a poor person, he would put the prescription in a sealed envelope and secretly enclose money for the poor person to pay the prescription."

Bishop Rhoades praised the Archdiocese of Washington's Archdiocesan Health Care Network founded in 1984, in which participating health care workers offer their specialties in service to the poor and uninsured. He said that service, like that of St. Giuseppe Moscati, "is a witness to the Gospel, a witness to the love of Jesus for the poor and suffering."

In concluding his homily, Bishop Rhoades

noted how Dr. Moscati regarded his work as a vocation, a calling from God, and he said the future saint's work was strengthened by his deep prayer life. The saint went to Mass every day and prayed before he cared for each patient, before he taught each class, and before he did his research. Bishop Rhoades encouraged the health care workers to weave their faith into their work.

"Your work in health care is indeed a vocation of dedication to and love of neighbor. ... You are called to be living images of Christ and His Church in your loving care of the sick and suffering," the bishop said.

At the Rose Mass luncheon, the John Carroll Society — a group of Catholic business men and women and professionals — presented Pro Bono Health Awards to three health care workers for their service to the Archdiocesan Health Care Network, which is administered by Catholic Charities and provides millions of dollars in free outpatient care to thousands of people in need through the generosity of volunteer nurses, doctors, dentists, podiatrists and area hospitals.

Also at the luncheon, Bishop Rhoades received the John Carroll Society Medal, the group's highest honor. The society is named for Archbishop John Carroll, the nation's first Catholic bishop, who was appointed in 1789 to head the Diocese of Baltimore, which at that time included all 13 original states.

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, March 25, 11:45 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Monday, March 26, 2:30 p.m. — “Pueri Cantores” Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. — Mass for Patronal Feast, Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish, Bristol
- Wednesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Lenten Day of Recollection for Priests, Saint Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse
- Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Jude Church, Fort Wayne



Priest appointment announced

The Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced the following priest assignment:

- **Reverend Jan Klimczyk**, from pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion, to parochial vicar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, effective March 24, 2012.

US bishops stand in solidarity with people facing Middle East violence

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Citing continuing conflict in the Middle East, the U.S. bishops' Administrative Committee reiterated its support for the region's bishops and all people of faith, urging them to stand against violence even in the face of hostility and aggression.

A statement from the committee, which concluded a two-day meeting in Washington March 14, called for a “change of heart and mind on the part of all those who sow division and hatred.”

Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., a member of the bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, told Catholic News Service the statement calls upon Christians especially to respond to violence in a nonviolent manner.

“As the statement says, violence begets violence,” Bishop Murphy said. “Pope John Paul II said that many years ago, and it remains true. When one person has his or her dignity violated, then there are three possibilities: They can run away; they can turn around and respond with violence; or they can learn how to stand their ground without being violent.

“The third is the one that the Lord imposes upon us. That takes restraint. It takes suffering. But it needs to be supported. That third choice, which is the true choice, needs to be supported by Catholic bishops,” he said.

Bishop Murphy explained that the statement refers to all forms of violence in the entire region rather than specific incidents.

The four-paragraph statement was adopted unanimously, he said.

“I do know from my personal



CNS PHOTO/ZOHRA BENSEMRA, REUTERS

A house damaged after heavy shelling by government forces is pictured in Sermeen, Syria, in this Feb. 28 photo. The U.S. bishops' Administrative Committee, meeting in Washington on March 13-14, expressed solidarity with people facing Middle East violence and calling for a “change of heart and mind on the part of all those who sow division and hatred.”

relations with a number of bishops in the Middle East, that they take our words to heart and that they find a great deal of comfort in the solidarity that we offer to them,” Bishop Murphy added.

The statement acknowledged the difficult circumstances that Catholic bishops face as they guide the Church and its members in the face of conflict.

“We insist that peace, which is ultimately a gift of God, must be made the goal of every nation not only internally but in consort with all the nations and peoples of the region,” the statement said.

“When innocent women and children are slaughtered, when journalists are killed pursuing their profession, when the defenseless are cut down on their way to work or even in their homes, then those responsible must be brought to reasonable justice. Violence so often leads to more violence. War is always

a loss for humanity whether it be civil and internal or nation to nation,” it said.

The administrative committee also urged “our brothers and sisters in the Christian churches as well as all our brothers and sisters and the religious leaders of all faiths to renew their commitment to work together, to pray and to use all their good offices to offer an alternative to division, conflict and violence.”

Bishop Murphy also called for prayers for the people in the region.

“I have trust in the Lord and I have trust his power is stronger than our words,” he said.

Editor's Note: The full text of the bishops' statement can be found online at www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-047.cfm.

Father Dan Leeuw dies

FORT WAYNE — Father Daniel R. Leeuw died at home on Saturday, March 17. He was 83.

Born in Fort Wayne in 1928, one of three sons of Edward A. and Madonna C. Leeuw, Father Leeuw attended Precious Blood School and Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne. Following graduation he attended St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana University and earned a bachelors of arts degree from University of Dayton in Ohio. He later attended University of Notre Dame where he earned a master of arts degree.

Father Leeuw entered St. Charles Seminary in Ohio and later attended St. Meinrad Seminary. He was ordained into the priesthood on May 25, 1957 by Bishop Leo A. Pursley at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, after which he was appointed assistant at St. Matthew Church in South Bend. During his service there he also taught at Saint Joseph's High School and was South Bend Deanery Moderator of Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine as well.

In 1960 he was assigned to St. Stephen Church in South Bend as assistant. Three years later Father Leeuw was assigned as assistant at St. Peter and Paul Church in Huntington as well as principal of Huntington Catholic High School. He then served at St. John the Baptist Church in New Haven as assistant in 1965 and taught as professor of theology, philosophy and social service at St. Francis College from 1965-1970. He also taught at Ancilla College in Donaldson and St. Joseph School of Nursing in Fort Wayne from 1969 to 1982.

In 1972 Father Leeuw became the pastor of St. Aloysius Church in Yoder as well as the diocesan director of continuing education for clergy. He served as chaplain of Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla and Canterbury Rehabilitation Center and Nursing Home, from 1985 to 2011. He served as chaplain and staff employee of the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne since 1991.

Special apostolates Father Leeuw was involved in include Knights of Columbus Chaplain, Council 1790, Garrett, Faithful Friar, and Knights of Columbus, Mother Teresa Assembly 2581.

Father Leeuw retired in July of 2009 but remained a chaplain of the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System and active in service to the diocese until his death.

In his over 50 years of priestly service to the diocese Father Leeuw was instrumental in keeping the Latin Mass alive in Fort Wayne, says Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter Father George Gabet, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne.

“Twenty years ago when Bishop (John M.) D'Arcy allowed the Latin Mass, Father Seculoff celebrated the first one. Soon Father Leeuw went into it and celebrated twice a month for the last 20 years. He always loved the Latin Mass,” he recalls.

Father Gabet remembers his priestly brother, Father Leeuw, as a man “very giving of his time, very



FATHER DANIEL LEEUW

charitable.” He was known to visit veterans in their rural homes outside of the regular work he did as chaplain at the VA center. Father Gabet says, “He did a lot no one knew about. People loved him so dearly for all he did.”

Even with his diminutive stature, Father Leeuw had a presence that was holy and charitable. “Parishioners at Sacred Heart would ask me who that little priest with the big voice was,” says Father Gabet. “His voice was so magnificent.”

Father Gabet continued, “He lived a full life. He was a priest who lived his faith and was so Christ-like. So he will be sorely missed at Sacred Heart Parish.”

Retired Father Adam Schmitt was a seminary classmate with Father Leeuw who was ordained the same day in 1957. For years the two would join two other priests from their seminary days to share ordination anniversary dinners together. Father Schmitt also joined Father Leeuw on several retreats throughout the years. Of his friend's priestly service Father Schmitt says, “If he could help he would. He has helped in an awful lot of places. ... He was kind to a lot of people. He was kind to me.”

Father Gabet agrees and adds, “He was a great priest. ... He was a good friend to me. We're hoping that he'll be looking down from heaven ... helping us. His charity will never stop.”

Father Leeuw is survived by brother Edward, sister-in-law Rita Leeuw and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents, Edward A. and Madonna C. Leeuw, brother, Richard Leeuw, Sr., sister-in-law, Lois Leeuw, niece, Donita, and nephew, David.

Mass of Christian Burial for Father Leeuw was held at Queen of Angels Church, Fort Wayne, where he celebrated his first Mass and where members of his family are parishioners. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was celebrant. Burial was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Ken Hackett, former CRS president, to receive 2012 Laetare Medal

NOTRE DAME — Ken Hackett, former president of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), will receive the University of Notre Dame's 2012 Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, at Notre Dame's 167th University Commencement ceremony May 20.

"Ken Hackett has responded to a Gospel imperative with his entire career," said Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins. "His direction of the Catholic Church's outreach to the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and unsheltered of the world has blended administrative acumen with genuine compassion in a unique and exemplary way."

A native of West Roxbury, Mass., Hackett graduated from Boston College in 1968, enrolling in the Peace Corps the same year because, as he has said, "it seemed like an interesting thing to do."

Assigned to rural Ghana, living in a Catholic mission in the Volta Lake region and working in an agricultural cooperative project, Hackett underwent what he recently described as "my first experience in warehouse management" as well as of the "actual impact of American food aid on the health and well-being of very poor kids in a very isolated part of a West African country."

The experiences were formative. Following his completion of his Peace Corps assignment, Hackett joined CRS in 1972, starting his career in Sierra Leone, where he managed both



KEN HACKETT

a nationwide leprosy control and a maternal and child health program. He has since served in CRS posts throughout Africa and Asia, as well

as in administrative positions at the CRS Baltimore headquarters. As the CRS regional director for Africa, he managed the agency's response to the Ethiopian famine of 1984-85. He also supervised CRS operations in East Africa during the 1990s crisis in Somalia.

Appointed president of CRS in 1993, Hackett served in that position for 18 years, retiring last December. He was succeeded as CRS president by Carolyn Woo, former dean of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

During Hackett's tenure as the sixth president of CRS, the agency redoubled its effort to engage the Catholic community of the United States in its worldwide work, by establishing a division that would focus on reaching out to dioceses, parishes, Catholic organizations, colleges and universities and for the first time adding lay people to its board of directors. Now among the world's most effective and efficient relief and development agencies, it operates in more than 100 countries, with a global staff of nearly 5,000.

Former North America president of Caritas Internationalis,

the confederation of humanitarian agencies of the Catholic Church, Hackett continues to serve on the board of the Vatican Pontifical Commission Cor Unum and as an adviser to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In addition to an honorary degree received from Notre Dame in 2007, he also holds honorary degrees from Boston College, Cabrini College, University of Great Falls, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Mount St. Mary's University, New York Medical College, Siena College, University of San Diego, Santa Clara University, Villanova University and Walsh University.

The Laetare Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent on the Church calendar. "Laetare," the Latin word for "rejoice," is the first word in the entrance antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which ritually anticipates the celebration of Easter. The medal bears the Latin inscription "Magna est veritas et prevalebit" ("Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail").

Established at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal was conceived as an American counterpart of the Golden Rose, a papal honor which antedates the 11th century. The medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

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"Change Our Hearts," "In the Footsteps of Christ," "New Hearts, New Spirit," and "We Are the Good News!"

Ann Unger, St. Bernard, Wabash, parishioner, believes in the importance of ongoing parish renewal after being involved with a "Christ Renews His Parish" team in the late 1990s. She had been wanting to start a Women's Bible Study at St. Bernard's and was inspired when she learned about ARISE.

She says, "I feel that it's a wonderful opportunity for a parish to take advantage of — a diocesan-wide Scripture-based weekly program to be presented in our homes or other meeting places to help us grow in our love of God and in our knowledge of Scripture."

Unger's hope for the faith formation process is "that we will grow in understanding more fully the richness of Scripture and become more active in our parish and community. And in this process individually become more spiritually renewed."

Fran Lortie, parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albion for 29 years, couldn't agree more. She says, "I am very excited about how the program will work overall. Because the program coordinates with the same Sunday morning Gospel readings for each season within the liturgical year, we then can further focus, study and meditate on those same readings in our small groups. I think that the institution of small groups within our parish is a great way for our parishioners to form a bond and get to know one another better. I think

it is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to become more comfortable and confident when sharing and evangelizing with others the Scriptures, teachings and traditions of our Catholic faith."

She adds, "It is our team's desire here at Blessed Sacrament to strengthen our Christian community by building upon that strong spiritual foundation that Christ himself has laid for us."

George Kalil, a lifelong member of St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart, says being involved in past parish renewal programs has been beneficial to his spiritual formation and looks forward to the ARISE process. His wife Vicki volunteered to be the ARISE parish coordinator.

During the informational meeting the Kalils learned that the

process is available in Spanish, Vietnamese and several other languages with a large-print edition for the visually impaired, and that it appeals to a variety of people and ages.

George reports, "Arise is for everyone from around age 16 to — you

fill in the blank. None of us is too young or too old to participate."

The Kalils feel that the process will not only help deepen understanding of the faith but bond the members of the parish in a positive way. George says, "Once we can make that faith connection, participation in the parish will increase."

For all who are interested in growing in faith, George encourages, "We have all been called to the New Evangelization and Arise will help prepare us to answer that call each in our own way. The commitment of just six weeks for five times over three years makes it very easy to fit into anyone's busy schedule. ... Who knows you may help someone understand a part of their faith they have been struggling with or you may just learn something new."

'None of us is too young or too old to participate.'

GEORGE KALIL

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Cuban Church has become more public in a rapidly changing culture

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

HAVANA (CNS) — The Catholic Church that Pope Benedict XVI will visit March 26-28 is, to put it simply, more. Since Pope John Paul II's visit in 1998, the Church is more unified, more public, more likely to work with the government in accomplishing specific goals, more involved in providing assistance to the Cuban people, more comfortable in its place in society. Its bishops, priests and laypeople, while still wary of pushing official tolerance too far, are more confident in teaching the faith in a way they believe can help shape the future of all of Cuba.

Above all, it is more hopeful. In interviews and casual conversations with Catholic News Service in mid-February, just about everyone — including nonbelievers — in the places Pope Benedict will visit expressed hope for what his trip might trigger. People said they saw important changes the last time a pope visited Cuba, and they have hopes for what this trip might bring.

They spoke of a Cuban people around the world unified by the Virgin of Charity of El Cobre — La Caridad as she is affectionately called. Pope Benedict's stop in Cuba has been described by the Cuban bishops as a personal pilgrimage to share in this year's celebrations of the 400th anniversary of La Caridad.

"It is a blessing for all Cubans," said Juan Alberto Alba, whose infant godson was one of 33 children baptized Feb. 11 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, where the pope will visit March 27. "In the past it was bad to be Catholic, but the faith has grown."

"The Cuban Church is a Church with hope in Christ," said Msgr. Ramon Suarez Polcari, chancellor of the Havana Archdiocese. That sense of hope has become more obvious in the past few years.

It has happened in low-profile ways such as in the growth of thriving home-based missions and the



CNS PHOTO/NANCY PHELAN WIECHEC

Women light candles inside the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in El Cobre, Cuba, Feb. 11. Pope Benedict XVI will visit the shrine during his March 26-28 trip to Cuba.

expanded presence of Caritas, the Church's development and relief agency. Among higher-profile events, a new seminary opened outside Havana in 2010; Havana Cardinal Jaime Ortega Alamino mediated the release of more than 50 political prisoners; and processions and prayer services across the country drew thousands of people to pay homage to a statue of the nation's patroness.

New Church efforts include the country's first MBA program, just one offering at the not-quite-open Father Felix Varela Cultural Center. It fills an education gap in a country where only in the last few months have individuals been allowed to own businesses, and few people have the necessary background to run one.

Roberto Veiga Gonzalez, editor of *Espacio Laical*, a widely respected magazine for the laity published under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Havana, said that "every day the Church is more integrated into society."

Catholicism is "a moral, religious reference point for many sectors of Cuba, even when they are not Catholic. Catholicism is a part of Cuban culture," he said.

Veiga explained that in 19th-century gatherings, "the Cuban nation began to be dreamed of at the Catholic seminary." So it is natural that the Church is playing a

role in helping bring about change now, by creating a climate for dialogue. That seminary now houses the Varela Cultural Center, a program of the Church intended to be a place for all Cubans to share culture and dialogue.

While optimism is palpable, the picture is not uniformly rosy.

Everyday life in Cuba is a struggle for most people. Salaries are low; the base wage is about \$20 a month. Food and other resources are often in short supply and expensive. Few people have access to costly — and bad — Internet and cell phone service. The government controls what news gets in and who can leave the country. Plenty of people spend time in Cuban prisons for criticizing the government.

Though the Church estimates 60-70 percent of Cubans are Catholic, attendance at weekly Mass remains low, in single digits as a percentage of the population. A majority of children are baptized, but far fewer receive other sacraments. Catholic funerals are popular, however.

So much has changed about the attitude toward Catholicism since 1992, when the government dropped its official designation as atheist, that even the biography of President Raul Castro on Wikipedia lists his religion as "Roman Catholic (formerly atheist)."

But a series of polls done for the Church in 2002-2003 as part of preparations for a pastoral plan found that 75 percent of practicing Catholics were unfamiliar with the national ecclesial "encuentro" of 1986 that is considered a turning point for the Cuban Church's pastoral style.

Gustavo Andujar, cultural director of the Varela Cultural Center, set to fully open next year, said that means three-quarters of practicing Catholics "were not 'historic' Catholics, but late-comers, with little if any formation and without a deeply rooted sense of belonging to the Church."

It has been an uphill climb for the Church since soon after Fidel Castro took power in 1959. Church properties were confiscated, many clergy and religious activists were jailed or expelled and religious schools closed.

Veiga said state policies against religion put the Church "very, very low on the social hierarchy. In my opinion that helped the Church, because it had to learn to become more integrated into society, to reconnect with its base."

For more than four years, Archbishop Dionisio Garcia Ibanez of Santiago de Cuba, president of the Cuban bishops' conference, has been planning for a 400th anniversary of La Caridad, hoping to unite Cubans on the island and those

around the world.

"A Jesus por Maria, La Caridad nos une," or "To Jesus through Mary, La Caridad unites us," is the theme of the anniversary. Cubans are taking it to heart. Crowds larger than anyone hoped for gathered last year as a statue of La Caridad traveled through Cuba for prayer services, Masses and processions.

That would have been unheard of before Pope John Paul visited. Only after his trip did the government allow Easter services outdoors, for example. Since then, the Church has pressed, slowly and steadily, for more space in society.

With Pope Benedict's arrival people have high hopes for changes — more individual freedoms, more openness to the world, perhaps.

There are, of course, fierce differences of opinion about what Cuba's direction should be. Cubans here and abroad argue about the merits of the 50-year-old U.S. trade embargo; about whether protests and dissent are productive steps toward change; about whether it does more harm or good for U.S. citizens to visit under new provisions for cultural exchanges; and about whether Cuba's bishops have taken the right path by entering into dialogue with the Castro government.

Pope Benedict's visit in this environment, Veiga said, is about demonstrating the closeness of the Cuban people to the pope and to the universal Church.

He said it will be a time to show that the Catholic Church "is not looking for power, but to be with its own people, side by side with those who are suffering, and to be side by side with those who can change the situation so fewer people suffer."

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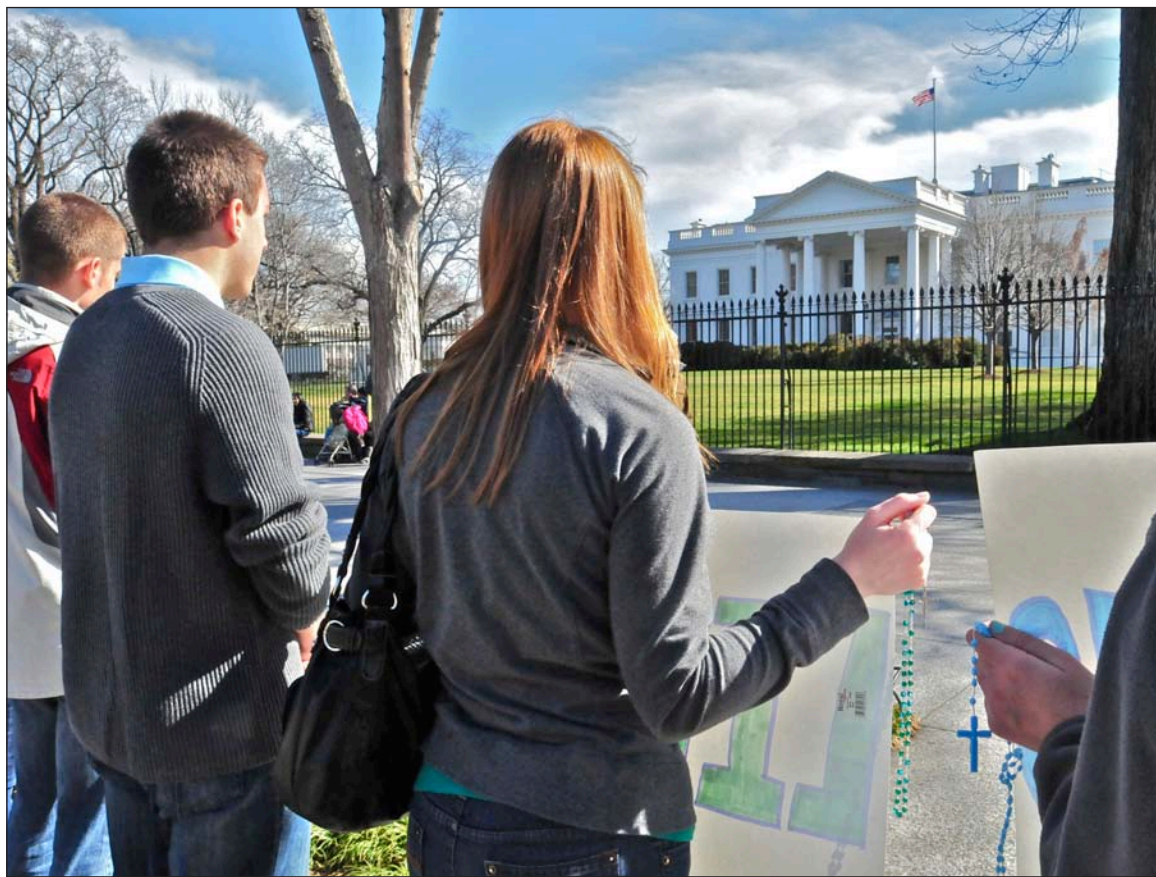
Another Catholic 'swing vote': Supreme Court gets health reform law

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although there are no specifically Catholic issues under consideration when the U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments March 26-28 on various aspects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Catholics will play some key roles. With six of the nine current Supreme Court justices being Catholics, it is almost inevitable that a Catholic justice will be a "swing vote" determining the outcome in at least one of the cases. And Catholic groups and individuals have not been shy about filing friend-of-the-court briefs seeking to sway the justices toward their hoped-for outcome. The lawsuits before the court have nothing to do with the contraceptive mandate set by the Department of Health and Human Services — and the First Amendment religious freedom questions raised by it — which has been the subject of a number of other suits in lower courts. There will be four questions argued before the high court in three cases, with five-and-a-half hours of arguments scheduled over the three days. The questions include whether Congress has the power to require Americans to buy health insurance and if that individual mandate is overturned as unconstitutional, can other parts of the health care reform law remain in effect. Dozens of organizations and individuals have filed friend-of-the-court briefs in the cases, including a number of Catholics.

SSPX response to basic doctrinal principles 'insufficient' says Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of Pope Benedict XVI, has defined as "insufficient" the position of the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X on certain basic doctrinal principles and criteria for interpreting Church teaching. U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the doctrinal congregation, met for two hours March 16 with Bishop Bernard Fellay, superior of the society, to explain the Vatican's evaluation of the position of the SSPX, said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman. In a formal communique published after the meeting, the Vatican said it wanted to "avoid an ecclesial rupture with painful and incalculable consequences," so Bishop Fellay and leaders of the society were asked to further clarify their response to a "doctrinal preamble" the Vatican asked them to study last September. The text of the preamble was not made public, but the Vatican had said it "states some doctrinal principles and criteria for the interpretation of Catholic doctrine necessary to guarantee fidelity" to the formal teaching of the Church, including the teaching of the Second Vatican Council. Bishop Fellay delivered the society's official response in January, the Vatican said, and it was "placed under the examination of

STUDENTS PRAY ROSARY IN FRONT OF WHITE HOUSE



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Catholic students from George Washington University lead the rosary outside the White House to show support for religious freedom that they say is threatened by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandates on contraception.

the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and successively under the judgment of the Holy Father." "In compliance with the decision of Pope Benedict XVI," the communique said, Bishop Fellay was given a letter signed by Cardinal Levada explaining that "the position he had expressed is not sufficient to overcome the doctrinal problems that are at the basis of the fracture between the Holy See and the society."

Rise in tech use by congregations mirrors that in society

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The rise in congregations' use of technology over the past decade mirrors its use in the wider society, according to the results of a survey released March 14. Email usage by congregations, gauged at 22 percent in 1998, had soared to 90 percent by 2010, according to the study, "Virtually Religious: Technology and Internet Use in American Congregations." In 2010, only 7 percent of congregations surveyed used neither email nor the World Wide Web, but two-thirds used both, the study said. "If you put all the technology that we asked about together, you'd find that a quarter (of all congregations) are major users of technology, one-third are modest

users, and 42 percent are marginal users," said the study's author, Scott Thumma, during a March 13 teleconference tied to the study's release. Thumma, a professor of the sociology of religion and director of distance education for the Hartford Institute for Religion Research at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, defined "major" as using seven or more computer applications, "modest" as three to six applications, and "marginal" as two applications or fewer. The study did not look solely at Catholic parishes, but both Christian and non-Christian congregations. But "Virtually Religious" did examine tech usage by congregation size. And of those congregations that had 250 or more members — the vast majority of Catholic parishes are of this size — 46 percent were major users of technology, 35 percent modest users, and 20 percent marginal users. "It's the chicken-and-egg question: If you have size, you need technology," Thumma said. In the study, the only feature that found less favor this time around than in an earlier study was maintenance of a congregation website. In a similar study conducted 2007-08, congregations running their own site peaked at 77 percent, but this figure dipped to 69 percent in 2010. However, 41 percent of congregations have a page on the ultra-popular Facebook social networking site, which was not even asked about in the earlier survey.

Pope rings bell as a call to turn out for Eucharistic Congress

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI blessed and rang the official International Eucharistic Congress bell, which has been on tour across Ireland for nearly a year, in preparation for the world meeting in June. An Irish delegation, led by the 2012 congress president Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin, presented the pope with the small brass bell before the start of his weekly general audience March 14. Before the pope was driven into St. Peter's Square, he met with the delegation and rang the bell. Congress organizers said a quarter of a million Irish pilgrims have rung the bell since the start of its pilgrimage March 17, 2011. The bell has been brought to parishes, schools, nursing homes and hospitals throughout Ireland to raise awareness about the Eucharistic Congress and to call people to attend the event. According to tradition, St. Patrick left a bell in every church he consecrated as a way to call people to the Eucharist, congress organizers said. The delegation also presented the pope with a medal commemorating the congress, and a bowl of Irish shamrock to mark the March 17 feast of St. Patrick. The 50th International Eucharistic

Congress is in Dublin June 10-17 with the theme: "The Eucharist: Communion With Christ and With One Another." Pope Benedict will not be attending the congress. During his general audience with about 10,000 pilgrims from all over the world, the pope continued his cycle of talks on prayer and started a new chapter looking at prayer depicted in the Acts of the Apostles and the Letters of St. Paul.

Bishop in Kuwait criticizes legislation restricting Christian churches

OXFORD, England (CNS) — The bishop who administers the Church in Kuwait criticized legislation that would restrict Christian places of worship in the country. "There'll be problems if the government adopts this proposal; it's out of step with the traditions of Kuwait, which seeks to be an open, tolerant country welcoming other religions besides Islam," said Italian-born Bishop Camillo Ballin, apostolic administrator of Kuwait. Such proposals come "from ideologies which want to divide the world between Muslims and non-Muslims," he told Catholic News Service March 12. In February, the newly formed al-Adala (Justice) Bloc introduced legislation to remove Christian churches from Kuwait and impose Islamic law, or Shariah. Party officials said later the legislation would not remove the churches but prohibit further construction of Christian churches and non-Muslim places of worship in the country. It also introduces Islam-inspired measures to fight corruption and "strengthen national unity." Bishop Ballin told CNS that al-Adala's claims that there were more churches in Kuwait than needed by its Christian minority were untrue and took account only of the small number of Christians who were ethnic Kuwaitis. He said the Church needs at least 36,000 square yards of additional space to accommodate practicing Catholics.

Bishop Lori named to Baltimore; new bishops named in Illinois, Florida

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., to be the new archbishop of Baltimore, and he also named new bishops for the dioceses of Rockford, Ill., and Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fla. The Vatican announced the appointments March 20. Msgr. David Malloy, 56, who was general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2006 to 2011, has been named bishop of Rockford. He is currently pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Lake Geneva, Wis. Father Gregory L. Parkes, vicar general of the Diocese of Orlando, Fla., and pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Celebration, Fla., was named bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee. He will turn 48 April 2. Bishop Lori, 60, has been the bishop of Bridgeport since March 2001. He is chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty.

Diocesan Pueri Cantores to broadcast on CatholicTV, EWTN

NOTRE DAME — Over 400 youth singers from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will participate in a special choral Mass for the liturgical celebration of the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. The Mass will be in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame on Monday, March 26, at 2:30 p.m.

Due to capacity constraints, attendance at the Mass is by invitation only, for selected guests of the singers. However, a live broadcast of the Mass will be done by Boston-based CatholicTV, and can be watched online locally at www.catholicTV.com, as well as on Sky Angel IPTV and Roku.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the Mass. Conducting the choir will be Paul French, music director of the esteemed William Ferris Chorale, and also music director at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Chicago.

Ranging from age 10 through high school, all the singers are students who attend Catholic schools or who are homeschooled in the diocese. Participants gain an appreciation for a classical repertoire of sacred music spanning 1,500 years — from Gregorian chant, to the Renaissance, to masterworks of the 20th century.

This event is sponsored by The American Federation Pueri Cantores. Pueri Cantores (which is Latin for “young choristers” or “young singers”) is the official children’s choral organization of the Catholic Church, founded internationally in 1944 and started in the United States in 1953. Currently, there are 150 U.S. choirs with membership from 72 Catholic dioceses. This year, Pueri Cantores will host 13 regional student choral festivals across the country for Catholic parish and school choirs.

In addition to CatholicTV’s live online broadcast, a recording of the Mass will be televised in its entirety by Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10. DVD recordings of the Mass will also be made available by the diocese after the event.

USF hosting evening with historical impersonator

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) will host “An Evening with G.K. Chesterton” by nationally renowned impersonator Dr. John “Chuck” Chalberg on Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium at 2702 Spring St.

Chalberg, a professor of history at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minn.,



G.K. CHESTERTON

AROUND THE DIOCESE

TEEN WITH DOWN SYNDROME ACTIVE AT ST. JUDE



PROVIDED BY THE FLOYD FAMILY

Sam Floyd is shown serving at a recent Mass with celebrant Father Tom Shoemaker at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne. Sam, 17, has Down syndrome and has had a deep personal interest in his Catholic religion and Mass since childhood, says his father Bob. “Sam is really into Mass. ... And he has always loved our priests,” he says. Following training with St. Jude’s pastoral associate Mary Pohlman, Sam began serving at Saturday morning Mass. Father Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Parish is supportive of Sam’s participation and encourages others with disabilities to serve as well. March is Down syndrome Awareness Month and Bob’s firm, Floyd & Partners, is creating a website for the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, a Washington, D.C.-based organization whose mission is to increase the presence of people with disabilities in the life of the Church.

will appear as British writer Gilbert Keith (G.K.) Chesterton in his USF performance. He will examine a number of topics, including many “isms” of today and Chesterton’s times, and some theological subjects, in an engaging and comic manner.

Chesterton (1874-1936) was a literary and social critic, historian, novelist, Catholic apologist, debater and mystery writer. The author of around 80 books, several hundred poems, some 200 short stories, 4,000 essays, and several plays, he has been called the “prince of paradox” for taking a truism or allegory and turning it inside out to make a point.

Chalberg delights many audiences throughout the United States with his historical impersonations of American and British characters. He impersonates a cadre of figures, including well-known Americans President Theodore Roosevelt, journalist, essayist and satirist H.L. Mencken, major league baseball executive Branch Rickey, amateur golfer Bobby Jones and Founding Father Patrick Henry, along with British novelist

and journalist George Orwell and Chesterton.

He has performed for state Chautauqua events and many colleges and business groups. He was highlighted as the featured resource in the fall 2006 edition of *Cross Ties*, a publication of The Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities.

He has also written and copyrighted a parody of the original preamble of the U.S. Constitution, “The Lost Preamble,” which reflects the thinking of two of his intellectual heroes, Chesterton and Irish writer C.S. Lewis, as well as his own thoughts on recent Supreme Court decisions.

The program is co-sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Theology and the InterFaith Center at USF. It is free and open to the public. To assure a seat, RSVP to Angie Springer at (260) 399-8066 or aspringer@sf.edu.

‘Catch the Spirit’ Gala honors business owners

PLYMOUTH — Tickets are now available for Saint Joseph

Regional Medical Center’s 15th Annual Catch the Spirit Gala, which will be held on Friday, April 20, at the Swan Lake Golf Resort in Plymouth.

This year’s gala will honor long-time residents and business owners, Ajean and Budd Treat with the Community Spirit Award, which is given to Marshall County residents who exemplify the spirit of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center: passionate giving, enthusiastic service and compassionate care.

Proceeds from the Catch the Spirit Gala will benefit SJRMC’s Community Health Services for the poor and underserved in Marshall County. These many programs provide free medical care and prescription medication assistance to patients in need, as well as mobile health screenings and health fairs. The most commonly known community health program in Marshall County is the Saint Joseph Health Center on Washington Street, which provides primary health services to the local community.

The gala begins with a recep-

tion at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 7 p.m. For questions, to purchase tickets or for information on underwriting opportunities, contact Kristin Michel at (574) 472-6368, or online at www.sjmed.com/ways-to-give.

USF Formula for Life scheduled to benefit Haitian orphans

FORT WAYNE — The fourth annual Formula for Life, a University of Saint Francis 5k run/walk and silent auction, will take place on Sunday, April 15, beginning at 1 p.m. at Hutzell Athletic Center. The event generates funds to purchase baby formula and other food for Haitian orphans. Access to Hutzell Athletic Center is off Leesburg Road bordering the east side of the south campus.

Founded in 2009 by then-USF student Cortney Shepard, the service-based, student-led campaign is a yearlong student effort. Last year’s event drew over 300 people and garnered over \$8,000 to send to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Orphanage, providing a year of food for the orphans. This year, the students hope to again fund a year of food, provide vitamins and toddler protein packs for this and other Haitian orphanages and pay for the drilling of a well to provide safe drinking water.

In May, Formula for Life student leader Amanda Pedro will join faculty event adviser Dr. Amy Obringer in visiting Haitian orphanages to again determine any unmet needs and assess continued funding to the most critical areas.

Runners/walkers will register beginning at 12:30 p.m., when the music and silent auction bids will begin and continue throughout the end of the run/walk. When all participants have finished the course, lunch will be served.

The cost to participate is \$15 per person or \$12 per person for families of three or more, which includes lunch. The first 200 runners/walkers to register will receive free event T-shirts.

Contact Pedro at pedroak@cougars.sf.edu or Dr. Amy Obringer at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8210 to find out more about the Formula for Life mission.

Saint Mary’s College announces co-valedictorians for class of 2012

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College has announced that mathematics major Annie Bulger and Krystal Holtcamp, a biology major with a concentration in cellular/molecular biology, are the co-valedictorians for the class of 2012. Both students earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

The class of 2012 will graduate at noon on Saturday, May 19 on Le Mans Green. The class is made up of approximately 420 students from 37 states.

'POPEMOBILE' TAKES HONORS AT ST. JUDE PINEWOOD DERBY



PAUL GIBSON

Cub Scout Troop 3451 at St. Jude Catholic School in Fort Wayne recently hosted the Annual Pinewood Derby Race 2012. Cub Scout Jack Gibson's latest entry, the "Popemobile," placed third fastest in the Webelos 1 Den and first place trophy for the "Best Design."

USF workshop focusing on care of elderly

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host a Proactive Elder Care Workshop on Friday, April 20, at the North Campus from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop will provide valuable information for caregivers, elderly people, employed caregivers and employers with lives impacted by the care of elderly loved ones.

The Proactive Elder Care Workshop is free with a suggested donation of \$20 per person, which can be mailed directly to Council on Senior Services, 709 Clay Street, Suite 300, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Lunch will be provided. For workshop registration, visit www.proactiveeldercareinc.com. Contact Mary Jo Bland at mbland@proactiveeldercareinc.com or (260) 672-3987 for more information.

The workshop runs concurrently with the university's Focus on Health, beginning at the North Campus at 7:30 a.m. The fair provides health information and wellness tips to community, faculty and staff members, and can be attended before the workshop. For more information on Focus on Health at the University of Saint Francis, contact event chair Diane Martin at dmartin@sf.edu.

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St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School girls who are members of the Girl Scouts gathered March 12 to say "Happy 100th Birthday" to the Girl Scouts. Daisies, Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts from grades kindergarten through fourth grade gathered at the St. Elizabeth campus in Fort Wayne in honor of the Girl Scouts' 100th birthday. Founder Juliette Gordon Low began the Girl Scouts on March 12, 1912. Today Girl Scouts earn badges in a large variety of activities, and to support their activities, sell the famous Girl Scout cookies.



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Understanding Tax Credit Scholarships and Indiana School Vouchers

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- A student who is entering Kindergarten or 1st grade, AND/OR
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Why should I apply now?

If your family qualifies for assistance, but you do not apply when your child first enters school, you may lose the opportunity for a Voucher or Tax Credit Scholarship for the next 13 years. Kindergarten and 1st grade students CAN receive a Tax Credit Scholarship, making them eligible for a Voucher the following year.

How do I apply for a Tax Credit Scholarship?

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Corpus Christi School (574) 272-9868
2817 Corpus Christi Dr., South Bend, IN 46628
Principal: Maggie Mackowiak
280 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.corpuschristisb.org

Holy Cross School (574) 234-3422
1020 North Wilber St., South Bend, IN 46628
Principal: Angela Budzinski
330 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.holycrosscrusaders.org

Holy Family School (574) 289-7375
56407 Mayflower Rd., South Bend, IN 46619
Principal: Sr. Joan Marie Shillinger, C.S.S.F.
300 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.holyfamilyschool.catholicweb.com

Our Lady of Hungary School (574) 289-3272
735 W. Calvert St., South Bend, IN 46613
Principal: Melissa Wroblewski-Jay
124 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.ourladyofhungary.org

St. Adalbert School (574) 288-6645
519 S. Olive St., South Bend, IN 46619-3396
Principal: Mary Ann Bachman
180 students / grades preK-8

St. Anthony de Padua School (574) 233-7169
2310 E. Jefferson, South Bend, IN 46615
Principal: Chad Barwick
350 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stanthonysb.org

St. John the Baptist School (574) 232-9849
3616 St. Johns Way, South Bend, IN 46628
Principal: Janet Wroblewski
125 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjohnthebaptistcatholicsschool.com

St. Joseph School (574) 234-0451
216 N. Hill St., South Bend, IN 46617
Principal: Suzanne Wiwi
Assistant Principal: Maureen Hamel
450 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stjosephgradeschool.com

St. Jude School (574) 291-3820
19657 Hildebrand St., South Bend, IN 46614
Principal: Stephen Donndelinger
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Web site: www.stjudeschool.net

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St. Mary of the Assumption School (260) 897-3481
232 N. Main St., P.O. Box 109, Avilla, IN 46710-0109
Principal: Jeffrey Kieffer
145 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.avilla.org/stmaryschool.html

DECATUR
St. Joseph School (260) 724-2765
127 N. Fourth St., Decatur, IN 46733
Principal: Karla J. Hormann
346 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjosephdecatur.org

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St. Thomas the Apostle School (574) 264-4855
1331 N. Main St., Elkhart, IN 46514
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372 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stselkhart.com

St. Vincent de Paul School (574) 293-8451
1114 S. Main St., Elkhart, IN 46516
Principal: Tom Gropp
135 students / grades preK-6
Web site: www.svcelkhart.org

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Principal: Kristine Call
124 students / grades preK-6
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GOSHEN
St. John the Evangelist School (574) 533-9480
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Principal: Amy Weidner
154 students / grades preK-5
Web site: www.stjohncatholic.com

GRANGER
St. Pius X School (574) 272-4935
52553 Fir Rd., Granger, IN 46530
Principal: Elaine Holmes
630 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stpius.net

HUNTINGTON
Huntington Catholic School (260) 356-1926
960 Warren St., Huntington, IN 46750
Principal: Jason Woolard
Primary Grades Campus: 820 Cherry St. (260) 356-2320
Middle Grades Campus: 960 Warren St. (260) 356-1926
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Web site: www.huntingtoncatholic.org

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Mishawaka Catholic School
Principal: Vikki Wojcik
St. Bavo Campus (574) 259-4214
524 W. 8th St., Mishawaka, IN 46544
105 students / grades preK-2

St. Joseph Campus (574) 255-5554
230 S. Spring St., Mishawaka, IN 46544
135 students / grades 3-5

St. Monica Campus (574) 255-0709
223 West Grove St., Mishawaka, IN 46545
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Web site: www.mishawakacatholicsschool.org

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 Web site: www.saintrosechurch.com

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 325 students / grades preK-8
 Web site: www.stjohnraiders.org

St. Louis Academy (260) 749-5815
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 Principal: Cheryl Klinker
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 Web site: www.academy.stlouisbesancon.org

PLYMOUTH

St. Michael School (574) 936-4329
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 Principal: Trudy Nawara
 171 students / grades preK-8
 Web site: www.saintmichaelschool.org

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St. Bernard School (260) 563-5746
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 80 students / grades preK-6
 Web site: www.stbcatholic.org

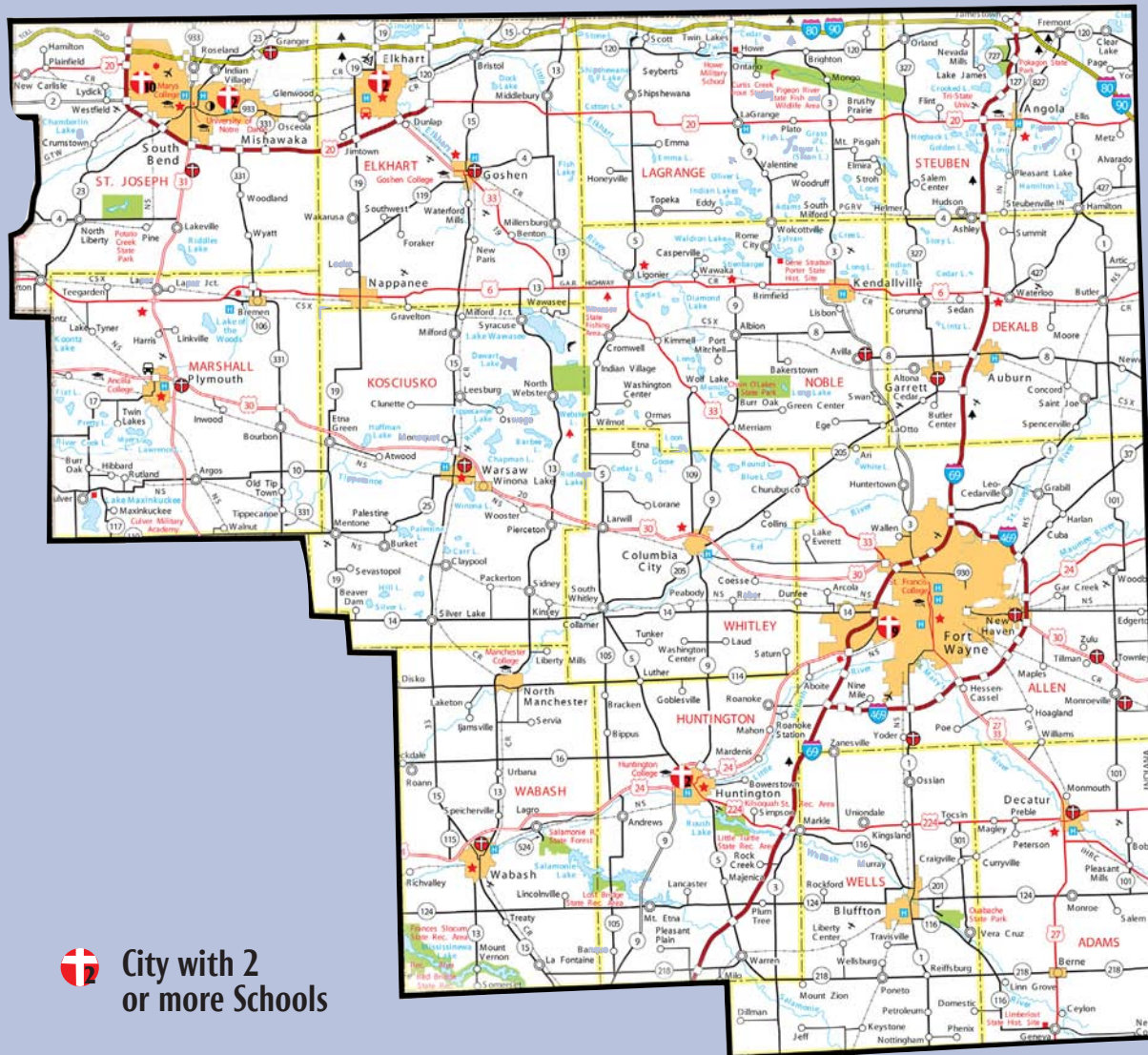
WARSAW

Sacred Heart School (574) 267-5874
 135 N. Harrison, Warsaw, IN 46580
 Principal: James L. Faroh Sr.
 202 students / grades preK-6
 Web site: www.sacredheart-warsaw.org

YODER

St. Aloysius School (260) 622-7151
 14607 Bluffton Rd., Yoder, IN 46798
 Principal: Tina Voors
 85 students / grades preK-8
 Web site: www.saintalloysiusyoder.info/school

School Locations within the diocese



HIGH SCHOOLS

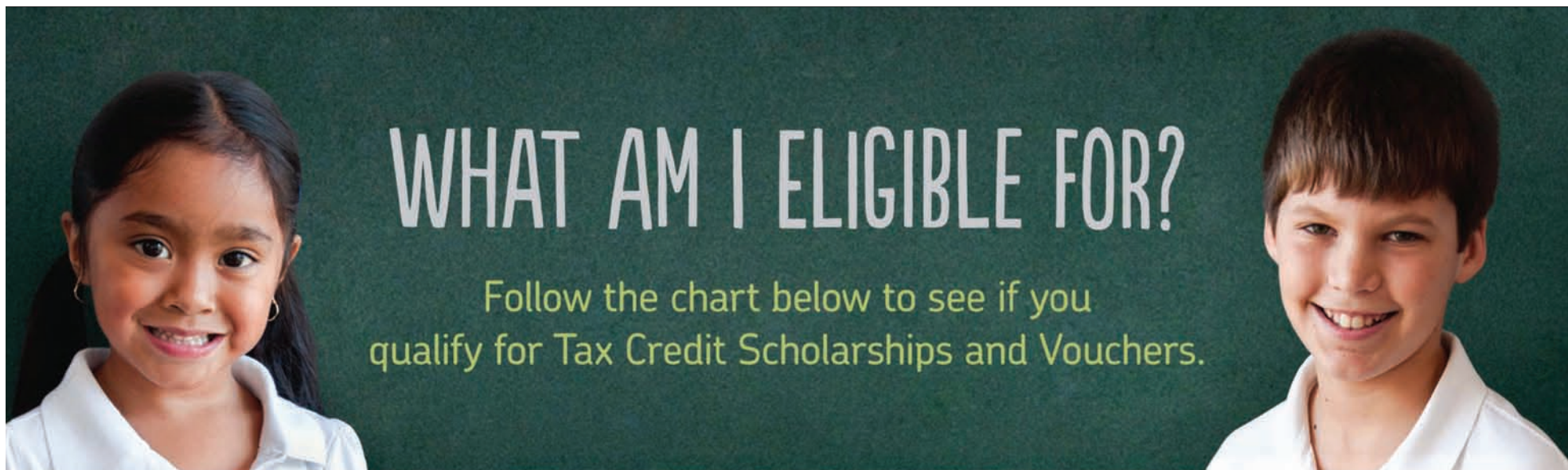
FORT WAYNE
 Bishop Dwenger High School (260) 496-4700
 1300 E. Washington Ctr. Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825
 Principal: Jason Schiffl
 Assistant Principals: Amy Johns, Chris Svarczkopf
 55 Full-time Lay Instructors/3 Part-time Lay Instructors
 1,040 students
 Web site: www.bishopdwenger.com

Bishop Luers High School (260) 456-1261
 333 E. Paulding Rd. Fort Wayne, IN 46816-3599
 Principal: Mary Keefer
 Assistant Principal: Tiffany Albertson
 36 Lay Instructors
 546 students
 Web site: www.bishopluers.org

SOUTH BEND
 Saint Joseph's High School (574) 233-6137
 1441 N. Michigan St. South Bend, IN 46617-1198
 Principal: Susan Richter
 Assistant Principals: Marilyn Gibbs, Marty Harshman
 64 Lay Instructors
 821 students
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MISHAWAKA
 Marian High School (574) 259-5257
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 Assistant Principal: James Kryder
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- Indiana resident
- My family is at or below 200% of the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Income Level (see chart below)

I meet these eligibility requirements

- Indiana resident
- My child attended public school the previous year (two semesters) OR received a Tax Credit Scholarship, or Voucher, the previous school year.

AND one of the following:

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

My family is between 150% and 200% of the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Income Level (see chart).

My family is at 150%, or below, the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Income Level (see chart).

INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS

Household Size	Full Voucher 100% FR Lunch	Half Voucher 150% FR Lunch	Tax Credit 200% FR Lunch
2	\$27,991	\$41,986	\$55,982
3	\$35,317	\$52,975	\$70,634
4	\$42,643	\$63,964	\$85,286
5	\$49,969	\$74,953	\$99,938
6	\$57,295	\$85,942	\$114,590

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Remnants of a bishop

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Four months after Bishop Leo A. Pursley was installed in February of 1957 as the sixth bishop of Fort Wayne, he began living in a 13-room, fashionable brick and stone Tudor home built in 1927 on amble property at 4101 Taylor Rd. Perhaps its great mix of trees, grassy areas and rolling topography was the reason he named the property “Maryoaks.”

At the time of Bishop Pursley’s installation, the diocese observed its 100th anniversary. Three years later the local diocese was renamed the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend after four northwestern counties of Indiana were removed from the diocese to form the Diocese of Gary.

When Bishop William E. McManus was installed in October 1976 as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, he thought the mansion too large for his needs. In addition, the home needed many costly repairs. He moved to a modest ranch-style home in the Woodhurst subdivision, donated to the diocese, now occupied by Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus.

Since that time Bishop Pursley’s Tudor Revival has been remodeled extensively and now consists of 5,518 square feet of living space above ground with another 2,878 square feet below ground, of which 1,250 square feet are finished. There are six bedrooms — one of which is the master suite with a sitting-dressing room — five full baths and two half-baths.

In addition to spacious living and dining rooms, the residence includes a kitchen and breakfast room, two foyers, a solarium, butler’s pantry, a formal office/library, several sitting areas, a den, both game and billiard rooms, a wet bar, wine closet, walk-in safe, three staircases, five fireplaces and two, two-car garages, one attached. The architectural details have been preserved, placing this magnificent mansion on the National Register of Historic Places. The home recently was on the market with a listing price of about \$1 million.

Even though the mansion has grown to be a bit too ostentatious for a bishop’s residence, three religious stained-glass windows remain in the home from the time Bishop Pursley



lived there. And they blend beautifully with the many leaded-glass windows seen throughout the two-story abode. One window appears to contain an image of Bishop Pursley, while another depicts his coat of arms.

This incredible mansion sits high on 9.218 acres with a recently added pool, pergola and bathhouse. A small, private path from the landscaped backyard leads to Towpath Trail, connecting the property to the Fort Wayne/Aboite Trail systems. Also, Noll Park is close by, offering more than nine acres of wooded grounds and undeveloped area near the home.

Incidentally, Noll Park is named after Archbishop John F. Noll, the fifth bishop

of Fort Wayne, who along with his predecessor, Bishop Herman J. Alerding, established residency in the general area from 1925 to 1956 at 1415 W. Washington Blvd. in the West Central Neighborhood. The renovated 104-year-old home is known locally as “the bishop’s house” and it, too, contains remnants of the ordinaries that lived there. The Noll Mansion, as it’s also called, still houses stained-glass images of saints, Bishop Noll’s coat of arms and his sister, Sisters of Providence Sister Rose Beatrice.

Five stained-glass windows with images of former bishops of the diocese were removed a few years ago and are displayed in the Cathedral Museum in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center downtown. In addition, there are Italian murals depicting the Stations of the Cross and silk embroidery of the Madonna and Child over the entry door. Finally, there is an ornate chapel on the second floor with a cross on the roof.

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The present remodeled Tudor Revival mansion, former residence of Bishop Leo A. Pursley from 1957-1976.

Families and businesses work together in Parish Rewards program

FORT WAYNE — With a community of over 3,000 families, St. Vincent de Paul Parish on the north side of Fort Wayne has a parish grade school with over 750 students and the support and involvement of local businesses. Parishioners, along with alumni-owned and managed local businesses, have partnered in the Parish Rewards program.

This mutual effort involves the school's marketing of these businesses. In the program, each business offers "big ticket" products or services. Vendors in home improvement, car dealers, real estate and mortgage companies, orthodontic services, and a variety of other businesses participate.

The Parish Rewards program is growing and involves over 20 businesses because of the benefits to families. When purchasing from participating businesses, families

receive a "reward" or tuition credit. "It's a great motivator because it reduces a family's tuition at St. Vincent's, Bishop Dwenger High School or for a student attending a college," says Linda McCarthy, the program director at St. Vincent.

Some parents use it frequently for orthodontic care and even when purchasing a new home. Several parents have purchased a new home from local builder, Bob Buescher Homes, and each received a \$1,250 tuition credit.

The program continues to get stronger and will reach \$20,000 in income this year, the biggest ever.

"The potential is there and excellent opportunity to help businesses in our community generate new customers," McCarthy stated.

Many original vendors continue to renew their annual \$100 memberships, a low advertising cost for the

value.

Families are encouraged to patronize these businesses through aggressive advertising and marketing by the Development Office. Ads, booklets, direct mail, church and school announcements and a special website are all part of the promotion of the program.

"It's simple, easy to use and there is a good variety of vendors. Once a purchase is made, a percentage of the purchase price or a flat fee is given to St. Vincent's and 50 percent of the money goes to the parishioner," says McCarthy.

Usually, this money is used as a tuition credit, but some families designate a gift to the church or use it to pay for religious education fees for their children. A purchaser has the option of giving the credit to a grandchild, friend or another student.



"Since we don't have kids in the school yet, we donated our reward

to friends with several kids at St. Vincent's. They really appreciated the \$500 tuition credit, and we loved being able to help someone else," says a rewards parent.

The program provides a way to bring money into the school for essential technology resources without exhausting parents with different fund raising efforts. It's optional, yet motivating because families are making these purchases anyway and can see a reduction in tuition costs. Both Parish Rewards and SCRIP are the school's top producing programs supported by families at St. Vincent. New business partners are welcome this spring when vendors can join the program.

For more information on the Parish Rewards Program, contact Linda McCarthy at (260) 489-3537, ext. 247.

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Troy Gill and his wife Becky have been married for nineteen years and have five children ranging in age from sixteen to two. They belong to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mishawaka. Troy has been a member of Mishawaka Council 1878 since 2007. He is the servicing agent for Mishawaka, Osceola, Walkerton, Plymouth, Rochester, Culver and Knox. "As an agent I only want to do what is in the best interest of my clients" said Troy. "I am trustworthy, dedicated and hope to build lasting, open relationships with everyone I meet. To know that we are continuing the work of Fr. McGinvey and fulfilling his vision is very humbling. God has truly blessed me with faith, family and the opportunity to work for a unique and wonderful organization." You can contact Troy Gill at (574) 360-0791 or troy.gill@kofc.org.

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Our spiritual journey to the empty tomb

Almsgiving

Our 40-day spiritual journey toward Calvary is quickly coming to an end. With the anticipation of Eastertide joy, I hope that by using the three pillars of Lent — prayer, fasting and almsgiving — as guidelines, we have managed to ground ourselves in self-discipline and purge ourselves of the sinfulness that has kept us distracted from God. As we empty ourselves we consciously make more room in our hearts and lives for the living Spirit of Christ.

Now after weeks of daily prayer, in its many forms, and Lenten fasting, not only from food but from bad habits and sinful behavior as well, we have entered into a renewed relationship with our Savior. Combined with those first two pillars of Lent, the third — almsgiving — can assist us in rounding out our Lenten practice.

Almsgiving by definition is the

giving of money, food, clothing and other necessities to the poor or less fortunate — a deed of mercy. Jesus exhorts us throughout the Bible to share our blessings with others. It is the giving that is an expression of the care we have for those in need and demonstrates the gratitude we feel for God's gift of abundance in our lives.

Almsgiving forms a natural link to fasting and makes an ideally matched practice for Lent. Fasting from a specific meal or food leads to an expression of our solidarity with those who are less fortunate. We in turn can offer that meal or the cost saved by fasting, to an area service agency.

I know a gentleman who not only fasts from his lunch meal twice each week during Lent, he also donates the money he saves by the fasting along with his volunteer service to his local soup kitchen. His is a conscious effort to be a witness to Christ.

OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

KAY COZAD

Actions speak louder than words, and almsgiving can extend into many forms of caring deeds. Do you have a pleasant smile? Use it to brighten a stranger's day. Do you have extra time? Spend it visiting the sick or comforting the bereaved. Do you have special gifts, like art, or song? Use them to lift up the people of God in your own unique way.

I suspect we all know someone who exemplifies works of charity. As I recall my faith-filled mother,

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Personal redemption found in obedience



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

5th Sunday of Lent Jn 12:20-33

The Book of Jeremiah provides this weekend's first reading. A common theme runs through all the written prophecies of ancient Israel. It is that despite human sinfulness and treachery, God always is merciful. He also forgives. He never forsakes the people.

Jeremiah constantly wrote with this theme in the back of his mind. In his estimate, the people had gravely sinned. Consequently, they had brought chaos and misery into their lives. God, however, saves sinners from their plight.

This weekend's reading speaks of a new Covenant. The old Covenant, given to the people through Moses, and then to David and his dynasty, had been severely stressed by the people's sins. God would offer a new way to life, peace and joy.

The Epistle to the Hebrews supplies the second reading. This epistle is rich in Jewish symbolism, and it abundantly proclaims the most profound of Jewish beliefs, namely that God will never fail in mercy and forgiveness if the people reform.

This reading underscores the role of Jesus, the Son of God, in the divine plan to redeem the lost. His suffering on the cross affirmed and verified perfect obedience to the Father. In this

obedience was eternal salvation for all who also obey.

St. John's Gospel supplies the last reading. Greeks who are visiting Jerusalem seek Jesus. They approach Philip, an apostle. Philip went to Andrew, another of the Twelve.

An interesting incidental here is that contact with Jesus is initiated through the Apostles. In the early Church, when this Gospel was written, the Apostles were very, very important. They literally had known the Lord. They were the Lord's special students. They were chosen to be the Lord's representatives. They acted and spoke with the very authority of, and upon explicit commission of, Jesus.

Jesus brings an ominous over-tone to this reading. He predicts death. He then implies that the crucifixion will result in life for all. He speaks of a grain of wheat falling to the ground, lifeless and tiny. However, the Lord notes, from this small piece of reality, the mustard seed, new life springs. Finally, Jesus speaks of giving so total that it is the gift of a person's life.

The Gospel reveals the intimacy between Jesus and God the Father, and between the Lord and disciples. In this intimacy between the Lord and disciples must be a disciple's will to follow the Lord despite the costs. Discipleship well may not be easy.

Reflection

Next weekend, the Church will celebrate Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday. In not too many days, the Church will call us to mark this year's Holy Week with its magnificent, compelling Triduum.

Two consoling lessons emerge from this weekend's Gospel reading. One is about the intimacy

between the Lord and God the Father. The Lord declares that the Father will bless true disciples, true servants of Jesus. The Lord is the perfect teacher. He is the bearer of Redemption.

Then, Jesus prays to the Father and is answered. Jesus is the supreme figure in the outpouring of divine everlasting love. The self-sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary is the perfect act of divine love.

God's love is never restricted or limited. In the first verse of this Gospel reading, Greeks wished to see Jesus. New life awaits all who simply turn to the Lord.

The key, of course, is wholeheartedly to turn to the Lord. Obedience is a vitally important part of each of the lessons this weekend. Jeremiah called the people to obedience. Hebrews and Mark extoll the obedience of Christ, our only model and Lord.

Such unqualified obedience is demanding, to say the least, but nothing else will suffice. We must obey God, as Jesus obeyed God. In our absolute, uncompromised obedience to the Father is our personal redemption.

READINGS

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15
Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Is 7:10-14 8:10 Ps 40:7-11
Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3,
16-21 Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn
8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn
10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-
13 Jn 11:45-56

Mandates and freedoms

On Jan 20, 2012, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a mandate placing first amendment rights and religious freedom in the crosshairs.

The mandate, as a provision of ObamaCare, requires "preventive health services" to be covered by all health insurance issuers and all group health plans. Those insurance plans must provide (with no co-pay) the full range of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive methods for women. These include not only surgical sterilizations, but also potential abortion-causing agents such as Plan B (the morning-after pill), intrauterine devices (IUDs) and another form of "emergency contraception" known as Ella. This drug, which the FDA acknowledges may also work against the life of the embryo "by preventing attachment (implantation) to the uterus," can be taken up to five days after "unprotected" sex.

Essentially all employers would thus be forced — and therefore complicit in — financially subsidizing pharmaceutical abortions, contraception and sterilization procedures for their employees. All these procedures represent sinful and damaging human choices, as the Catholic Church has never ceased to point out.

The mandate constitutes a direct intrusion into the religious works and governance of the Church and represents a federally sponsored violation of her members' consciences. The Church, as the largest provider of not-for-profit health care in the U.S., operates roughly 600 hospitals and employs three quarters of a million people, in addition to employing hundreds of thousands of others in her educational and social service ministries.

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago aptly described the authoritarian environment being created by the HHS mandate in one of his recent newspaper columns: "The bishops would love to have the separation between Church and state we thought we enjoyed just a few months ago, when we were free to run Catholic institutions in conformity with the demands of the Catholic faith, when the government couldn't tell us which of our ministries are Catholic and which not, when the law protected rather than crushed conscience. The state is making itself into a church."

In the words of another commentator, "As is more and more obvious, ObamaCare has nothing to do with controlling healthcare costs. It has everything to do with government control. It's time to admit a mistake, repeal the law, and look at market-based ways to control health care costs."

Critics of every persuasion have condemned the HHS mandate as a particularly egregious violation both of religious freedom and the rights of conscience. "I side with those who feel this was an insult to freedom of religion and a slap in the face of faith-based institutions," Rabbi Eliot Pearlson of Temple Menorah in Miami Beach said.

Rabbi Dr. Michael Korman of



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Congregation Anshei Shalom in West Palm Beach concurred: "The entire contraception policy was poorly instituted. It appears to be in violation of our first amendment."

Jessica Devers in a Letter to the Editor of the *Wall Street Journal* perhaps put it most clearly when she wrote: "I am not Catholic. I am a social liberal and a supporter of Planned Parenthood. I've educated my children about birth control since they were young. Nevertheless, I am offended at the arrogance of our government ruling that the Catholic Church must provide a benefit that the Church believes is immoral."

On Feb. 10, after stormy reaction even from President Obama's staunchest Catholic supporters, he announced a so-called "accommodation," which — as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops quickly explained — really changed nothing. When the government documents were made available, it became clear that there was no compromise at all but rather some slight procedural modifications that left the substance of the mandate entirely intact.

The day the "accommodation" was announced, in fact, the mandate was entered into the Federal Register with no changes, along with vague assurances of possible modifications at a future date (reminiscent of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's famous line when campaigning for ObamaCare: "We have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it.")

Philip Rovner in the same issue of the *Wall Street Journal* sums it up this way: "The ... premise in favor of the birth-control mandate is based on (its) being 'essential to the health of women and families.' I assume such items as food, housing, clothing and transportation are 'essential to the health of women and families,' as well. Therefore, I propose that the ObamaCare mandates be extended to cover food, shelter, clothing, autos, etc. In this scenario, everybody would be paying for everyone else's essentials..."

The real issue, of course, has nothing to do with access to particular "reproductive issues" (like abortion or birth control), and everything to do with whether someone else can be forced by the strong arm of a federal mandate, in direct violation of their religious freedom, to pay for practices they recognize as morally reprehensible.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

Contraception: What's a Catholic to think?

Catholic apologist Christopher West once quipped that if you put a rosebush into a closet, there are going to be some indications that you shouldn't have. So if there is an inseparable connection, willed by God, between the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of sex, then we should expect to find indications that when we suppress the life-giving potential of sex, we damage its love-giving potential as well. Is there solid evidence that contraception and sterilization damage the relationship between spouses? And what about the alternative? Does the Church's teaching somehow strengthen the love between husband and wife?

In 1988, the journal *Research in Population Economics* published an article by Robert Michael titled, "Why did the U.S. divorce rate double within a decade?" An economist from the University of Chicago, Professor Michael decided to analyze the possible causes of the dramatic doubling of the divorce rate that occurred in our country from 1965 to 1976. After considering multiple factors, including changes in divorce laws, he calculated that the most significant factor by far, which accounted for more than 50 percent of this rise, was the diffusion of contraception in society. The birth control pill received FDA approval in 1960 and by 1965, more than 6.5 million American women were taking oral contraceptives.

Professor Michael ascertained three reasons why the diffusion of contraception affected the divorce rate so dramatically. First, it is known that the presence of young children in the home exerts a protective effect on the marriage bond, and couples that used contraception had fewer children and those later in marriage. In fact, the total marital fertility rate in the U.S. fell from 3.42 children per married woman in 1961 to 1.63 children in 1974.

Second, women with fewer children entered the workplace in greater numbers, and their increased financial independence made it easier for spouses to go their separate ways when their relationship became strained.

Third, contraception facilitated much more adultery than before. As Catholic apologist Janet Smith points out, it didn't take people long to figure out that if you can erase pregnancy within marriage, you can also erase it outside of marriage.

Regarding this last reason, the late Dr. John Billings of Australia, who along with his physician wife Evelyn, developed the Ovulation Method of natural family planning,

once recounted that he saw how contraception harmed marriages: "When we say, 'I do not want your fertility any more,' or 'I will not give you my fertility anymore,' we're damaging the marriage. The withdrawal of this gift tends to destroy marriages. I was shocked to notice, from the earliest days of my work, to see how marital infidelity in one — or both — of the spouses often followed the introduction of contraception or sterilization."

Interestingly enough, the early feminists also foresaw that widespread use of contraception would facilitate adultery and leave women even more vulnerable to being victimized and ultimately abandoned by their husbands. These 19th-century pioneers had an intuitive sense that contraception degraded the dignity of women, describing it as "unnatural," "injurious" and "offensive," and they feared that its use in marriage would relegate women even further to being regarded as sex objects by their husbands.

More than a century later, Pope Paul VI sounded the same alarm in "Humanae vitae": "A man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection." (No. 17).

Mahatma Gandhi once echoed the same sentiment: "Man has sufficiently degraded women for his lust, and contraception, no matter how well meaning the advocates may be, will still further degrade her."

What we know today about the health risks that accompany contraceptives provides further proof that the Holy Father's prediction was correct. In 2005 the World Health Organization classified combined estrogen-progestogen oral contraceptives as "carcinogenic to humans," but only the portion which cited hormone replacement therapy as carcinogenic, made headlines.

In contrast to contraception and sterilization, natural family planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for methods that respect the inseparable connection between the love-giving and life-giving purposes of sex.

Spouses are taught how the practice of exclusive, extended breastfeeding can provide a significant period of infertility after the birth of a child and can have the effect of naturally spacing the births of children over the course of a woman's childbearing years.



LISA EVERETT

GUEST COMMENTARY

In addition, by learning to observe and interpret the biomarkers of fertility in a woman's body, married couples can identify the days on which conception is most likely should they desire to conceive a child, and they can refrain from sexual relations on the days when conception is possible should they desire to avoid a pregnancy.

International studies have confirmed that when a couple is properly taught and the method is used correctly, NFP has an effectiveness rate of 98-99 percent.

One of the effects of original sin is that instead of a man sacrificing himself for the sake of a woman, he is tempted to sacrifice *her* for his own pleasure or ego or convenience. In contrast, the husband who practices NFP is willing to sacrifice his own sexual pleasure for the sake of his wife.

As Dr. John Billings reflected: "As a man, the abstinence involved during the fertile phase when it is decided to avoid pregnancy is a way of saying: 'My love for my wife and my family is much greater than the desire I have for sexual intercourse, however strong that may be.'"

When a man cherishes a woman like this, sacrificing his own desires for her sake, she cannot help but grow in her admiration and respect for him, and their marriage becomes stronger and more satisfying.

It should come as no surprise, then, that preliminary research indicates that couples that use NFP have a very low divorce rate. There may be many reasons for this, including a strong commitment to each other and to their faith to begin with, but there can be no doubt that the practice of NFP safeguards the total, mutual gift of self that sex is meant to signify in marriage.

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ity — a gift that will live forever in my heart.

Works of charity are the actions that are born of a changed heart. As we strive for holiness this Lent with our chosen disciplines, perhaps stumbling now and again, we must renew our commitment to take up our Lenten cross everyday.

Soon we will rejoice in the commemoration of the Resurrection of our Savior on Easter Sunday.

But this day-by-day conversion of heart, born of our willingness to enter into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death, does not end with the coming of Easter. With restored hope, let's bring our new found faith practices into the future with us. The self-control, prayer exercises and works of charity that have renewed our spirits this Lent can continue to transform us throughout the year if we choose.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for March 25, 2012

John 12:20-33

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle B: another foretelling of the fate of the Messiah. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

GREEKS TO SEE JESUS FALLS MY SERVANT SAVE ME ANGEL DRIVEN OUT	BETHSAIDA THE HOUR GROUND HONOR HEAVEN SPOKEN LIFTED UP	GALILEE WHEAT AND DIES FATHER HEARD IT JUDGMENT DRAW
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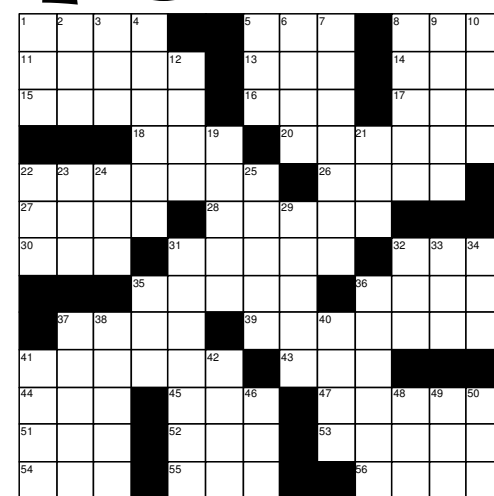
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Based on these Scripture Readings: Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 and Jer 3:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

ACROSS

- 1 Opposed
- 5 Rosary month
- 8 The other half of Jima
- 11 "___ of Judah"
- 13 Respiratory disease
- 14 "___ is the time of fulfillment"
- 15 Where Jesus slept in boat
- 16 Black tie
- 17 Payable
- 18 Insert
- 20 "Get ___ me, Satan!"
- 22 Where Ephesians lived
- 26 "Raised from the ___."

- 27 Bowed stringed instrument
- 28 College field of study
- 30 Easter symbol
- 31 Catacombs
- 32 Works Progress Adm.
- 35 Lifted up the serpent
- 36 White and colored hair
- 37 Beautiful bird
- 39 Doubtfulness
- 41 Light-haired people
- 43 Part of a min.
- 44 Canoe propeller
- 45 Goddess
- 47 In the lead
- 51 Nothing

- 52 Married woman
- 53 God is rich in
- 54 Last
- 55 Not Old Testament
- 56 Fill up

DOWN

- 1 Ooh's and
- 2 Negative
- 3 Mardi Gras day
- 4 The House of Jacob
- 5 Often poetically
- 6 Exclusive group
- 7 Worn at weddings
- 8 Syro-Malabar location
- 9 Insult
- 10 Unpaid
- 12 Ceases
- 19 French author
- 21 That woman
- 22 Adam's wife
- 23 Unclean food animal
- 24 Shoat
- 25 "___ through faith"
- 29 Christ
- 31 Sentence to punishment
- 32 "___ to you rich"
- 33 Caress
- 34 Some
- 35 Adam
- 36 "Immeasurable ___ of grace"
- 37 Abel was by Cain
- 38 God so loved the ___
- 40 Ray of sunshine
- 41 Jaw ___ of an ass
- 42 Leprosy mark
- 46 South southwest
- 48 Time period
- 49 Skit
- 50 Henna

Answer Key can be found on page 19

JOURNEY

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I think of her as an avid almsgiver. She never had much but there was always enough to offer a friend or stranger. Her very life was an unassuming example of works of char-

Sports

MARIAN FALLS IN SEMISTATE For now, it will be known as the greatest basketball season in Marian history. That did little to console a disappointed bunch of Knights, following Saturday's 76-67 loss to Norwell in the Class 3-A semistate at Huntington North High School in Huntington. Marian fell behind early, missing their first eight shots and could never fully recover. Coach Rob.b Berger's team mounted a furious comeback, rallying within four twice in the fourth quarter, but the Knights from Mishawaka could never get any closer. The "other" Knights, the ones from Norwell, proceed to next week's state finals for the first time ever. — Chuck Freeby

TREVOR CARROLL WINS INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN SWIMMING



PROVIDED BY SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL

Saint Joseph's High School student Trevor Carroll won the 200-yard freestyle for a state championship. He also finished second in the 100-freestyle and swam a leg in the ninth-place finish of the 200-freestyle relay. The team finished 12th in the state competition.

Bishop Dwenger wins gymnastics title

MUNCIE — Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High School's depth propelled it to the team title and Valparaiso's Morgan Algozine won the All-Around competition during the IHSAA Girls Gymnastics State Finals at Worthen Arena in Muncie.

It was Bishop Dwenger's fifth gymnastics state title under Coach Rosemarie Nix, its first since 2006 and ended Valparaiso's record four-year stranglehold on the team title. The No. 5 Saints finished with 112.550 points while top-ranked Valpo finished second with 111.975 points. Roncalli was third with 108.600.

"Our motto this year was 'Dreams are Goals with Halos,'" Nix told *Today's Catholic* in an email interview on Monday. "Keeping God as their guide the gymnasts were able to stay focused on their routines and accomplish what they set out for ... the dream of being state champions."

"This was a total team effort, Nix noted. "Everyone contributed to the success. The team had no standout gymnast."

The Saints didn't collect any individual titles but had four different gymnasts finish in the top six of three events. Sophomore Katy Linvill placed second on the floor exercise (9.6) and third



PROVIDED BY BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

The Bishop Dwenger High School gymnastics team is shown with their state trophy. The team brought home its fifth gymnastics title on Saturday, March 17, under Coach Rosemarie Nix.

in the bars (9.575) to finish third in the all-around competition (3.575). Brittany Trahin took second in the vault (9.8), Kaitlyn Coffee was fourth in the vault (9.625) and Carrie Brown claimed fifth in the bars (9.475).

Nix added, "We have been very blessed at Bishop Dwenger to have the support of fantastic fans, which included not only parents and family, but friends and alumni too. It was great to hear the cheering and encouragement for the girls."

She said, "The meet was very exciting as the team went from the floor, to the vault, to the uneven bars, keeping their lead. Going into the last rotation of the meet, which was the balance beam, the entire team went out of the arena and said a prayer to help them keep calm. What a

wonderful testament to the faith these girls share."

IHSAA Gymnastics State Finals

Final Team Scores

Bishop Dwenger	112.550
Valparaiso	111.975
Roncalli	108.600
Portage	108.425
Seymour	107.425
Columbus North	105.600
Homestead	104.425
Franklin Central	103.700



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Message of 'October Baby' film hits close to home for one of its stars

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Actress Shari Rigby sat right across from her interviewer, her legs crossed. On the instep of her right foot was a tattoo of a flower. She was asked what it was.

"Her name would have been Lily," Rigby answered, "and so that's there to remind me."

She was talking about the baby she had aborted 20 years ago.

Rigby plays a relatively small part in the new movie "October Baby," but it's a pivotal role: She plays the birth mother of Hannah (Rachel Hendrix), but Hannah was born as the survivor of a botched abortion; Hannah's twin brother only survived a handful of days after the abortion attempt.

But the kicker is that brother directors Andrew and Jon Erwin, when they sent Rigby the script for her consideration, had no idea she had ever undergone an abortion.

In fact, Jon Erwin told Catholic News Service, it wasn't until after the movie had been shown to several focus groups that Rigby went in front of the camera again to address moviegoers about her own abortion experience, which has been added to the film's closing credits. "There are millions and millions of post-abortive women out there," Erwin said.

"October Baby," which debuts March 23 in about 360 theaters,

details the revelation to college student Hannah about the circumstances behind her birth, and her quest to find the woman who tried to abort her.

The movie also stars John Schneider ("The Dukes of Hazzard," "Smallville") as Hannah's father and Jasmine Guy ("A Different World") as the nurse from the abortion clinic all those years ago.

Erwin, Rigby and Hendrix spent two days in the Washington area to promote "October Baby," conducting a joint interview with CNS at a Washington hotel.

Rigby is part of show biz royalty. She's the aunt of 2007 "American Idol" winner Jordin Sparks. Coincidentally, Chris Sligh, a finalist during the season Sparks won, has a comic-relief role in "October Baby."

Hendrix — as did the Erwin brothers — grew up in Alabama, where the movie was filmed in a brisk 20-day shooting schedule, but by the time "October Baby" was ready to shoot, she had moved to Zurich, where her photojournalist husband lives. Hendrix had even established her own photo studio.

Erwin said he remembered casting Hendrix in a music video for Christian music singer Michael W. Smith. "She just had that look," he said. "October Baby" is her first feature film. "I just told her to step up to the plate, take a big swing and run with it — and she did," Erwin added.

If "October Baby" does well at the box office, Hendrix said she and her husband would relocate to Los Angeles to try her hand at the film industry full time. Hendrix won a "special achievement in acting" award at the Red Rock Film Festival when "October Baby" was screened there — except festival sponsors hadn't expected to give anybody an acting award. As a prize Hendrix received a stock library of video effects clips.

If she makes it to L.A., Hendrix can join Rigby, who just changed her professional name back to her maiden name after having gone by her German-American husband's surname of Wiedmann. "It either gets mispronounced or misspelled," Rigby said. When not acting, Rigby helps with her husband's L.A.-based farm equipment parts business.

Acknowledging the seeming incongruity of having a farm business in one of America's biggest metropolises, Rigby hastened to add, "It's like the amazon.com of farm parts ordering."

Erwin praised the investment by American Family Studios in the film, which cost a mere \$1 million to make. Its parent, the American Family Association, has been for decades one of the staunchest critics of television and film content. "They told us, 'Everybody knows what we're against. Now they'll get to know what we're for,'" Erwin said.

He's a bit bothered by the mov-



CNS PHOTO/SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS

Jason Burkey and Rachel Hendrix star in a scene from the movie "October Baby."

ie's PG-13 rating, saying there's no objectionable content. "Apparently, 'abortion' is a PG-13 word," Erwin said.

When "October Baby" premieres, its chief debut competition will be the much-awaited "The Hunger Games," on 10 times as many screens as "October Baby." The initial thinking was that "October Baby" would get swamped. But then, Hendrix said, "there will be all these teenage girls waiting in line to see 'Hunger Games,' and they'll see the poster for 'October Baby,' and

they'll want to go see our movie, too."

"October Baby" was given a classification of A-II — adults and adolescents — by CNS for "mature subject matter and potentially disturbing references." It is a "strongly pro-life message movie whose theme viewers dedicated to the dignity of all human beings will welcome unanimously," said staff critic John Mulderig. "Opinions about the aesthetic package in which they wrap their point," he added, "may be more divided."

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Musical performed at St. Charles
Fort Wayne — St. Charles Borromeo School, 4710 Trier Rd., will present "The Big Bad Musical," a howling courtroom comedy Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m., in the Hession Center, door No. 3. Adults, \$4, students \$2 and pre-schoolers free.

Spring rummage sale
Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish, corner of Oak and Diamond streets, will have a rummage sale Friday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9-11:30 a.m. Bag sale for \$3 on Friday after 3 p.m. and Saturday \$1.50 all day.

Rosary Society plans candy and bake sale for Easter
Fort Wayne — The Rosary Society of Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have an Easter candy and bake sale Saturday, March 31, from 4-6:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Knights

of Columbus Council 11043 will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday. Both events will be in the school gym.

FISH FRIES

Knights of Columbus host fish fry
Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will have a fish dinner on Friday, March 30, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$4 for children 5-10 and children under 4 are free. The fish will be prepared by Tyner Oddfellows. Proceeds benefit local charities.

Holy Name Society fish fry
New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, March 23, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$ 7.50, children 5-12 \$4 and children under 5 free.

Ss. Peter and Paul fish fry
Huntington — Ss. Peter and Paul Parish will have a fish fry

on Friday, March 23, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Rieder Auditorium. Adults \$8, children age 6-12 \$5 and 5 and under free. There will also be a macaroni and cheese child ticket for \$3.

Lenten fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 11276 will have a fish fry Friday, March 30, from 5-8 p.m. in the cafeteria at

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Knights plan fish fry
Mishawaka — The Knights of Columbus Council 1878, 114 W. 1st St., have a fish fry every Friday during Lent from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children 12 and under \$5.



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St. Joseph School celebrates 100 years

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

MONROEVILLE — The parishioners of St. Rose of Lima, Monroeville, celebrated the feast of St. Joseph, their school's patron, in an extra special way this year. On Sunday, March 18, Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, celebrated Mass to mark the commencement of a year-long centenary celebration.

In his homily, Bishop D'Arcy announced what a great joy it is to commemorate 100 years of a Catholic school. Through both the wars and recessions, and the good times, the small town of Monroeville has maintained a place of Catholic education to be proud of.

He remarked how different the culture has become over the past century. He applauded St. Joseph School for being a place of saving light so necessary to move children away from the darkness.

Bishop D'Arcy continued, "Like Nicodemus from today's Gospel, we are to be born again by water and the Holy Spirit. As we prepare for Easter, we remember when Jesus Christ is lifted up on the cross all will be brought to heaven through Christ and the cross of Christ has been preached to the children of St. Joseph for 100 years."

After the Mass, St. Rose pastor, who is lovingly referred to as Father Dino (Father Lourдино Fernandes), thanked the principal and staff calling them "the very core of Catholic identity" for St. Joseph School.

Bishop D'Arcy added his congratulations and commended the parish and school.

A full house of alumni from near and far joined both the Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Mark Myers and Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools Marsha Jordan.

Dr. Myers added his personal comments about memories of a meeting just a few short years ago about a very different subject when a parishioner reminded him, "It is not about the resources, it is about the souls of the children."

Since that time, Myers has taken



Principal Carolyn Kirkendall, Sister Celestine and Dr. Mark Myers pose in front of the banner to kick-off the school's centenary celebration.

the words to heart and prayed for the entire diocese that its churches be full and its schools be strong. "This church is full and this school is strong. Congratulations. I can't wait to see what is in store for the next 100 years," he concluded.

Current principal for the past 27 years, Carolyn Kirkendall credited Father Dino with challenging St. Rose to "think outside the box and dream big." Under his direction, the parish has embraced a capital campaign and reached their goal to raise \$500,000 in just a few short months.

Madison Smith, alumni and member of the first kindergarten class, read notes about the history of the school, while parish council member Dan Foster shared comments about the bright future.

Young students — Evan Castleman and Sydney Castleman — presented several special guests with red roses, including Sister Celestine, better known at the parish as Patricia Schall, who graduated from St. Joseph School in 1941 and is a member of the School Sisters of St. Francis from Milwaukee, Wis., the order which served the school for over 60 years.

Sister Celestine also offered her

tries of service to our neighbors, namely the poor, the homeless, the sick, the students in our schools and university, and others in need, of any faith community or none."

Such a definition creates "a second class of citizenship within our religious community" that could "spread throughout federal law, weakening its healthy tradition of generous respect for religious freedom and diversity," they added.

The bishops said their Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty plans to publish a statement on religious liberty that will "address the broader range of religious liberty issues."

The upcoming document "reflects on the history of religious liberty in our great nation, surveys the current range of threats to this foundational principle, and states clearly the resolve of the bishops to act strongly, in

congratulations and marveled, "Faith plus action is what I see happening here."

She recalled her parents' sacrifice so many years ago when they sent all 10 of their children to the school. Very few of the sisters who served the school are living yet.

Dave Gerardot and Gene Trable, 1961 graduates, swapped stories and tried to calculate the age of their first-grade teacher. They agreed there may no longer be any staff around.

However, Sister Celestine reported to the congregation that her fellow sister, Sister Mathea Simonds, former organist and teacher at the school, will be celebrating an upcoming anniversary — 80 years as a religious.

Parishioner, Leo Martin, who attended St. Joseph from 1938-1946, said he can vividly remember Sister Mathea, who was his first, second and third-grade teacher: "She was always my favorite."

Martin added, "My father Paul was 13-years old and in the sixth grade when the doors of the school opened for the first time a century ago."

He and Sister Celestine reminisced about old classmates and relatives and the times she drove the oat



Doug Heimann, a 1976 graduate, and his daughter Abby, a 2008 graduate, look over the many graduating class photos from the past century displayed for the celebration.



A teacher at the school from 1962-1970, Ellen Fox marvels at the St. Joseph Academic Wall of Fame, which boasts 14 students who went on to become the valedictorian or salutatorian of their high school class.

wagon for his father. Also returning to the school for the celebration, was lay teacher Ellen Fox, who taught third and fourth grade at the school from 1962-1970.

Fox spent 24 years in Catholic education but swears, "St. Joseph was the cream of the cream. Oh, how I can remember it here! My students always went on to be the tops of their high school classes."

Before a luncheon in the school,

Bishop D'Arcy closed with a thank you, "You have been an inspiration to the whole diocese. This community has refused to believe that the town of Monroeville is a dying town. This is an extraordinary event."

And he concluded with a final request, "Please continue to pray every day for vocations from this school over the next 100 years."

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about "the bishops somehow 'banning contraception,' when the U.S. Supreme Court took that issue off the table two generations ago," they said.

What especially concerns the bishops about the contraceptive mandate and the narrow religious exemption to it is the "new definition of who we are as people of faith and what constitutes our ministry," the statement said.

"Government has no place defining religion and religious ministry," the bishops said. "HHS thus creates and enforces a new distinction — alien both to our Catholic tradition and to federal law — between our houses of worship and our great minis-

concert with our fellow citizens, in its defense."

The bishops closed their statement by calling on Catholics and other people of faith "to join us in prayer and penance for our leaders and for the complete protection of our first freedom — religious liberty — which is not only protected in the laws and customs of our great nation, but rooted in the teachings of our great tradition."

"Prayer is the ultimate source of our strength — for without God, we can do nothing; but with God, all things are possible," they added.

Editor's Note: The full statement is available at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/upload/Admin-Religious-Freedom.pdf.

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