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Catholics urged to resist unjust laws, join in 'fortnight for freedom'

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN



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"This special period of prayer, study, catechesis and public action would emphasize both our Christian and American heritage of liberty," the committee said. "Dioceses and parishes around the country could choose a date in that period for special events that would constitute a great national campaign of teaching and witness for religious liberty."

Made public April 12, the document was approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Administrative Committee during its March meeting for publication as a committee statement.

The ad hoc committee opened its statement with several "concrete examples" of recent threats to religious liberty, saying that "this is not a theological or legal dispute without real-world consequences."

Cited first was the Department of Health and Human Services' mandate that most health plans must include contraception, sterilization and some abortion-inducing drugs free of charge, even if the employer is morally opposed to such services.

"In an unprecedented way, the federal government will both force religious institutions to facilitate and fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching and purport to define which religious institutions are 'religious enough' to merit protection of their religious liberty," the statement

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Matthew Kuczora ordained Holy Cross priest

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — Matthew C. Kuczora's whirlwind month that began with assisting at a papal Mass in Mexico culminated this past Saturday afternoon, April 7, with his ordination to the Priesthood at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

As he stood before Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders, Kuczora radiated pure joy as family and friends prayed and sang in both English and Spanish. Over 100 Holy Cross priests concelebrated the Mass, welcoming their brother to the Congregation of Holy Cross.

For the past year Kuczora has served at Nuestra

Madre Santísima de la Luz Parish, a Holy Cross parish in Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He has also been serving as director of postulants, a program to provide candidates with an introduction to the history, spirituality, charism, life and work of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Provincial Superior Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson presented candidate Kuczora to Bishop Rhoades for Ordination, and members of La Luz Parish also presented on his behalf.

"We have seen in this very joyful and service-oriented young man, someone who

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Holy Cross Father Matthew Kuczora and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades after Father Kuczora's Ordination Mass on April 14 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

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The Masterworks of God



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

I have frequently been asked what is my favorite activity as bishop. Without hesitation, I answer that the most joyful and fulfilling tasks of my episcopal ministry are preaching the Word of God and celebrating the sacraments. I think our priests would agree that these are the most fulfilling aspects of their priestly ministry. As bishop, I have the special privilege of being the minister of the sacrament of Holy Orders and the ordinary minister of Confirmation.

This past weekend, I celebrated four Confirmation Masses as well as an ordination Mass. This week I have an additional six Confirmation Masses on my calendar. I love visiting our parishes to celebrate the sacred liturgy, and particularly in these weeks to confirm hundreds of our young people. I enjoy meeting the young candidates and their families and sponsors, and most importantly, serving as God's instrument in the conferral of the grace of Confirmation. Bishop D'Arcy is also busy during these weeks celebrating Confirmation Masses in parishes throughout our diocese, for which I am deeply grateful.

The ordination I celebrated this past Saturday was my first ordination of a Holy Cross priest, Father Matthew Kuczora. I ordained this fine young man a deacon last August. Since then, he has been serving as a missionary in a Holy Cross parish in Mexico. The ordination liturgy in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame was truly beautiful. I believe there were about 100 Holy Cross priests who concelebrated and laid hands on the newly ordained. At the end of the Mass, I joked about an error in the liturgical program which had the initials "C.S.C." after my name — indicating that I was a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross! I told them I was ready to take the vows! How blessed our diocese is by the presence and ministry of so many members of this religious congregation, founded by Blessed Basil Moreau, whom we pray will soon be canonized a saint.

Newly ordained Father Matthew Kuczora will return to Mexico to begin his priestly ministry at the parish where he served as a deacon: *Nuestra Madre Santísima de la Luz* Parish in Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He is much loved by the people there. A few members of the parish were able to come for the ordination on Saturday and shared with me how happy and grateful they are for the gift of this fine young priest and for the ministry of the Holy Cross priests there. As you may know, the U.S. Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross serves missions in Mexico, Chile, Peru, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

May the Lord bless the Congregation of Holy Cross with many more solid and strong vocations!

I titled this column "the masterworks of God," an expression used in the Catechism



PHOTO BY MATT CASHORE/UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets the newly ordained Holy Cross Father Matthew Kuczora at his Ordination Mass of on April 14 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades places his hands upon newly ordained Holy Cross Father Matthew Kuczora.

to refer to the seven sacraments. "They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in Christ's Body, the Church" (CCC 1116). As I travel throughout the diocese these days celebrating the Eucharist, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, and also other sacraments on various occasions, I see and experience the Holy Spirit at work. I am often filled with wonder, awe, and gratitude at these masterworks of God, gifts of Christ to His Church, to sanctify us and to strengthen us with His grace. God meets us in every sacrament and communicates His love to us. We are blessed as Catholics to have received from the Lord the full sacramental life. The sacraments are indeed the masterworks of God! They confer the grace they signify. They are efficacious. Christ is at work through the Holy Spirit. Of course, the fruits of the sacraments in our lives depend also on our openness to receive the grace Our Lord bestows upon us in the sacraments.

As we prepare for the Year of Faith, let us be renewed in our appreciation of the masterworks of God in the new and everlasting covenant: the seven sacraments, instituted by Christ and entrusted to His Church. And let us celebrate the sacraments with faith, reverence, and devotion, giving glory and praise to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!



Priest appointment announced

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced the following transfer of assignment:

- **Reverend Vincent Ibeh, CSSp**, from parochial vicar, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception parish, Fort Wayne, to parochial vicar, Saints Peter and Paul parish, Huntington, effective April 24, 2012.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, April 22, 12:15 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Pius X Church, Granger
- Monday, April 23, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Charles Borromeo Church, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, April 24, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, April 25, 5:15 p.m. — Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame, followed by Banquet with bestowal of Evangelium Vitae Medal
- Friday, April 27, to Thursday, May 3 — Co-Chair Meeting of International Catholic — Reformed Theological Dialogue, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

Bavarian band, dancers celebrate pope's birthday in apostolic palace

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI celebrated his 85th birthday with guests who treated him to Bavarian “oompah” music and folk dancing in the apostolic palace.

Bavarian bishops, minister-president of Bavaria — Horst Seehofer, and a 150-person regional government delegation visited the pope April 16 in the Vatican's Clementine Hall.

They were accompanied by a small Bavarian band, three female singers and 10 children who danced the skirt-swirling, shoe-stomping, thigh-slapping “Schuhplattler” before the pope.

The pope's 88-year-old brother, Msgr. Georg Ratzinger, also attended the festivities as well as representatives from the Lutheran Church and the Jewish community in Bavaria.

The children, dressed in traditional costume, presented the pope with white flowers and a maypole covered with colorful ribbons. They also recited a German birthday poem.

The delegation presented the pope with gifts of a wooden crucifix sculpted by a well-known 18th-century Bavarian woodcarver, Ignaz Gunther, and a large Easter basket filled with traditional cakes, dark bread, ham and painted eggs.

In his address to the pope, Seehofer said Bavaria was still the most-Catholic region in Germany and that it was still common to find the crucifix hung in public schools and small roadside shrines maintained throughout the area.

“You've always stayed Bavarian and we're very grateful for that,” he told the pope.

Among the guests were all seven of Bavaria's Catholic bishops, including Cardinal Reinhard Marx of Munich and Freising and his predecessor, Cardinal Friedrich Wetter.

In his address, Cardinal Marx thanked the pope for his fidelity to



L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO VIA REUTERS

Children dressed in the traditional Bavarian garb greet Pope Benedict XVI with a bouquet of flowers during the pontiff's 85th birthday celebrations in the Clementine Hall at the Vatican April 16.

the faith, saying he was an important example to all bishops of loyalty and obedience.

The pope, who smiled and clapped during the 40-minute event, thanked everyone present and noted how the different cities, people and ages represented there were “a reflection of all the stages in my life.”

He said the music and instruments reminded him of his childhood. His father used to play the stringed zither, he said, and, as children, he and his siblings would sing “God Greets You,” which was sung at the Vatican event.

At the end of the celebration, everyone, including the pope, sang the Bavarian state anthem.

Earlier in the day, the pope celebrated a private Mass in the Pauline Chapel with his Bavarian guests and Vatican officials.

In an impromptu homily, the pope said, “I find myself on the last stretch of my journey in life, and I don't

know what is awaiting me.”

“I know, however, that the light of God exists, that He is risen, that his light is stronger than any darkness and that God's goodness is stronger than any evil in this world, and this helps me go forward with certainty,” he said.

He thanked his deceased parents for his birth, which happened on Holy Saturday, and his Baptism — another life-giving event — the same day, he said.

The pope asked whether it was “responsible or too unpredictable” to simply bring forth new life. While life is a gift, “it is surrounded by a larger question,” he said.

“Life becomes a true gift if one can also make a promise, together with (life), that is stronger than any misfortune that can threaten us, that (life) be immersed in a strength that guarantees that it is good to be human,” he said.

That is why birth must be accompanied by rebirth, or Baptism, he said, because it is also being welcomed into a community of faith in Christ that gives people the certainty and hope that it truly is good to exist and be alive.

Vatican Radio said greetings from all over the world had been sent to the pope.

The Vatican even set up a special email address (auguri.benedettoxvi@vatican.va) so well-wishers could send a note marking the pope's birthday and the seventh anniversary of his election April 19.

The pope cut his Easter vacation short by two days on April 13 to return to the Vatican from the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo near Rome to spend the weekend with his brother, who traveled to Rome from Germany.

During his “Regina Coeli” address April 15, the pope asked people to pray for him, “that the Lord give me the strength to accomplish the mission He entrusted in me.”

Diocese disperses \$200,002 to 19 'needy' parish projects

The Annual Bishop's Appeal of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend includes a funding program to assist less affluent parishes. A Parishes-in-Need Fund Committee met recently to review parish requests for “needy” projects. The committee recommended a total of \$200,002 be granted to eight parishes for 19 essential projects, enabling them to arrive at a more stable existence. The grants were approved by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

“Obviously, we can't meet every request submitted by the parishes,” said Msgr. Robert C. Schulte, vicar general and chancellor of the diocese. “We have to consider the nature of each request in light of the total needs and financial resources of the parish as well as the other parishes in the diocese requesting funding assistance,” he continued. A total amount of \$401,023 in requests was submitted this year.

“Hopefully, this money will strengthen these parishes financially, increase their outreach and improve their ability to do the work of Christ,” said Bishop Rhoades.

This year's allocation of Parishes-in-Need funds brings to \$5,243,949 the amount granted from the Annual Bishop's Appeal to parishes in need during the 25 years of the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

This year's dispersion and the primary parish projects include:

Fort Wayne

- St. Henry — \$5,250 for air conditioning for the building used by the St. Henry's Thrift Shoppe.

Fort Wayne area

- St. Patrick, Ligonier — \$31,240 for construction of a new parking lot.

South Bend

- Corpus Christi — \$25,000 for masonry and stucco repairs to the exterior of the church, \$10,000 to replace major water supply, ceiling tiles and removal of asbestos and \$3,000 to replace all the thermostats and heating and cooling controls in the church.

- Holy Cross — \$36,570 for three new flat roof sections for the Smith Center Parish Office.

- Our Lady of Hungary — \$19,000 to convert a room to a classroom, \$7,500 to replace thermostats and valves in each classroom, \$2,020 to create a window in the resource room, and \$2,000 for new blinds for about half of the classrooms.

- St. Adalbert — \$12,750 for four new sinks and six hand dryers for the school restrooms.

- St. John the Baptist — \$977 for air conditioning repair for the rectory, \$3,000 for two four-drawer fireproof cabinets for the school to file student documents and records, \$825 for flush valves for toilets and urinals in school to replace leaking or non-functioning valves and \$1,870 for repairs to parking lot.

South Bend Area

- St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$3,000 for repair of elevator-handicap access lift in the Parish Activity Center, \$15,000 for complete restoration and repair of the stained-glass windows in the church, \$18,000 for demolition of a parish-owned structure on 611 Elizabeth St. and \$3,000 for hiring one to two persons to help with building and grounds maintenance.

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At 85 he is currently the sixth-oldest pope in recorded history.

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said. "These features of the 'preventive services' mandate amount to an unjust law."

Among other examples under attack" the bishops named:

- Immigration laws in Alabama and other states that "forbid what the government deems 'harboring' of undocumented immigrants — and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to those immigrants."

- An attempt by the Connecticut Legislature in 2009 to restructure Catholic parishes.

- Discrimination against Christian students on college campuses.

- Government actions in Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia and the state of Illinois that have "driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services" because the agencies would not place children with same-sex or unmarried heterosexual couples.

- A New York City rule that bars small Church congregations from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, while allowing such rentals by nonreligious groups.

- Changes in federal contracts for human trafficking grants that require Catholic agencies "to refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching."

The statement quotes the Founding Fathers and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to bolster

its arguments.

Rev. King, writing from jail in Birmingham, Ala., in 1963, described an unjust law as one "that is out of harmony with the moral law," and said he agreed with St. Augustine that "an unjust law is no law at all."

"An unjust law cannot be obeyed," the bishops' statement said. "In the face of an unjust law, an accommodation is not to be sought, especially by resorting to equivocal words and deceptive practices."

"If we face today the prospect of unjust laws, then Catholics in America, in solidarity with our fellow citizens, must have the courage not to obey them," it added. "No American desires this. No Catholic welcomes it. But if it should fall upon us, we must discharge it as a duty of citizenship and an obligation of faith."

The bishops also distinguished between conscientious objection and an unjust law.

"Conscientious objection permits some relief to those who object to a just law for reasons of conscience — conscription being the most well-known example," the committee said. "An unjust law is 'no law at all.' It cannot be obeyed, and therefore one does not seek relief from it, but rather its repeal."

The statement also raised the issue of religious freedom abroad and said "the age of martyrdom has not passed."

"Assassinations, bombings of churches, torching of orphanages — these are only the most violent attacks Christians have suffered because of their faith in Jesus Christ," the bishops said. "It is our task to strengthen religious

liberty at home, ... so that we might defend it more vigorously abroad."

The bishops assigned special responsibility for advancing religious freedom to several groups:

- Those who hold public office must "protect and defend those fundamental liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights," regardless of their political party.

- Leaders of Catholic hospitals, universities and social service agencies "who may be forced to choose between the good works we do by faith, and fidelity to that faith itself" were encouraged to "hold firm, to stand fast and to insist upon what belongs to you by right as Catholics and Americans."

- Priests must offer "a catechesis on religious liberty suited to the souls in your care," a responsibility that is shared with "writers, producers, artists, publishers, filmmakers and bloggers employing all the means of communications."

In addition to the "fortnight for freedom" the bishops designated the feast of Christ the King — Nov. 25 this year — as "a day specifically employed by bishops and priests to preach about religious liberty, both here and abroad."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

Editor's Note: The full text of "Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty" is available at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/

Report abuse

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org under "Safe Environment."

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: mraatz@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

Permanece importante para nuestra Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficis del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, pólizas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Esto se puede observar en la página cibernética de la Diócesis, www.diocesefwsb.org bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro "Safe Environment."

Si usted tiene razón para creer que un niño puede ser víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven por un adulto, lo animamos a que notifique las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el alegado abusador es o fue un sacerdote o diacono de la Iglesia Católica, lo animamos contactar a Mary Glowaski, Coordinadora de Asistencia de Víctimas, (260)-399-1458, correo electrónico: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, o al Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicario General de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne - South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, o al (260) 399-1419, correo electrónico: mraatz@diocesefwsb.org. La Diócesis esta comprometida en ayudar a prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar asistencia a aquellos quienes reclaman haber sufrido daño como resultado de tal abuso.



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Cuban-born priest renowned for ministry in US declared venerable

NEW YORK (CNS) — The Vatican has declared as venerable Father Felix Varela, a 19th-century Cuban priest who worked in New York for many years and also lived in Florida.

Both the New York and Miami archdioceses, where there are many proponents of Father Varela's sainthood cause, announced the declaration Easter Sunday, April 8.

It recognizes the priest lived heroic Christian virtues and is the first official step on the priest's path to sainthood.

The second step is beatification, and the third is sainthood. In general, each of those steps needs a miracle to be accepted by the Church as having occurred through the intercession of the prospective saint.

During Pope Benedict XVI's March 26-28 visit to Cuba, he praised Father Varela as "a shining example" of the contributions a person of faith can make in building a more just society," noted Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski in a press release posted by the archdiocese. "Varela in his own words reminds us that 'there is no authentic fatherland without virtue.'"

The March 14 decree from the Congregation for Saints' Causes declaring Father Varela venerable cited the priest's own words at a time of upheaval in Cuba that ultimately led to the nation's independence: "I want to be a soldier of Christ. My purpose is not to kill men, but to save souls."



CNS PHOTO/TOM TRACY

Father Varela, who died in exile in the United States in 1853, is not only a model of holiness for Cuban Catholics; both the communist government and its opponents invoke him as an inspiration for their actions.

One measure of his lasting

impact on Cuba is that the day the declaration was issued by the Vatican, *The Washington Post* featured a story about a recent program at a former seminary that now houses the Father Felix Varela Cultural Center in Havana. The *Post* described "a hall packed with professors, dissidents, clergy, bloggers, leftists, diplomats. The subject matter once unthinkable."

A memorial containing the remains of Father Felix Varela is seen in the Great Hall at the University of Havana March 27. The Cuban priest who worked in New York for many years and also lived in Florida, has been declared venerable by the Vatican, the first official step of his canonization cause.

The event was a talk featuring Miami millionaire Carlos Saladrigas, a Cuban exile who has gone from being a hard-liner on Cuban isolation to encouraging dialogue, the *Post* reported.

In a recent interview with Catholic News Service, the Varela Center's cultural director, Gustavo Andujar, described such programs at the former seminary as a fitting tribute to the center's namesake because he was part of early discussions of Cuban independence.

When Blessed John Paul II visited Cuba in 1998, then-President Fidel Castro gave the pope a biography of Father Varela as a gift.

The year the pope visited, a member of the Christian Liberation Movement began a movement that became known as the Varela Project, an effort aimed at promoting democratic reforms, including greater freedom of speech and of the press, free elections, religious freedom, the ability to begin private businesses and the release of political prisoners.

Cuba's communist government cracked down on dissidents in 2003, arresting dozens of the people involved in the Varela Project. The wives and mothers of those arrested then formed the "Damas de Blanco," or Ladies in White, a group of women who, dressed in white, attend Mass together on Sundays in the Church of St. Rita of Cascia in Havana and then march through the nearby streets.

The last of their relatives were released in 2011, but the women say they continue to experience surveillance and harassment and they want to draw attention to the plight of other political prisoners.

Honored as a patriot and intellectual by many Cubans, Father Varela's remains were transferred to Havana in 1911 and placed in the main hall of the University of Havana.

Born in Havana in 1788 and ordained at age 23, Father Varela was an outspoken supporter of Cuban independence. His opposition to the Spanish monarchy led to his exile in 1823.

He went to the United States where he served as a priest in New York and became vicar general of what was then a diocese. He founded Transfiguration Church in what is now Manhattan's Chinatown. And, although other Cuban exiles — most of whom were well-off — lived in New York at the time, Father Varela is known for his devoted pastoral care of the city's poorest residents, many of whom were Irish immigrants.

The priest became ill and moved to St. Augustine, Fla. He was familiar with the area because he had spent time there as a child with his grandfather, who had been a fort commander in what at the time was a Spanish possession. He died in Florida.

Outside Church circles, Cubans honor Father Varela as a patriot and intellectual. The Cuban bishops opened his sainthood cause in the 1980s.

Contributing to this story were Cindy Wooden in Rome and Patricia Zapor in Washington.

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Monitoring students' use of social media adds to teachers' duties today

BOSTON (CNS) — When the reputation of a student, teacher or school can be brought down by a YouTube posting, blog or anonymous email, educators need to be “more vigilant than ever.” That was the advice for hundreds of participants attending an April 12 workshop during the annual National Catholic Educational Association convention in Boston. More than 10,000 educators attended the April 11-13 convention filled with workshops focusing on professional and spiritual development and the challenges faced by Catholic schools and religious education programs in today's modern world. During the convention, several workshops focused on the use of technology and the problem of online bullying. Sister Mary Angela Shaughnessy, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth, Ky., and executive director of the Education Law Institute in Louisville, Ky., told Catholic school teachers and administrators that they cannot ignore what students are doing online. She said she gets asked often by school leaders: “Can't we just say it's not our problem?” since Facebook postings, for example, are not school-related activities. Her response is point-blank: “No.” When students defame their school, teachers or other students online, it becomes a school-related issue that needs a response, she said. “Don't give that up. Deal with the problem of cyberbullying,” which she described as the top issue she gets questions about. Sister Shaughnessy defined cyberbullying as “willful and repeated harm through computers, cellphones and other electronic devices” done by those under the age of 18 that could fall under felony charges for adults who take such actions.

Virginia Catholics hail law that protects conscience in adoption

RICHMOND, Va. (CNS) — Virginia Catholics hailed the signing of a law that protects faith-based organizations from being forced to violate their religious tenets when placing children for adoption or foster care. It also protects agencies from being punished for following those tenets. Virginia became the second state in the nation to enact such a law. North Dakota was the first. Gov. Bob McDonnell, himself a Catholic, signed the bill into law April 9. The bill was introduced as a response to debate last year as Virginia's Board of Social Services weighed regulations that would have forced agencies to disregard such factors as sexual orientation and family status when making child placements. The board ultimately rejected the regulations, and instead adopted rules that affirmed the agencies' freedom of conscience. But the Virginia Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's dioceses of Richmond and Arlington, sought the law to head off potential future conflicts. In 2011, Virginia's three Catholic Charities agencies

EXHIBITOR DISPLAYS PRODUCT DURING NCEA CONVENTION



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An exhibitor at the National Catholic Educational Association's convention displays a SMART Board April 12. The device was one of a wide variety of products demonstrated for Catholic educators during the NCEA's annual meeting in Boston.

placed 137 children up for adoption, and provided 307 foster care placements for children. “Private, religious-based adoption agencies are a major asset to our communities as they work diligently to find loving, caring, stable homes for children in need of care,” said McDonnell in an April 11 statement. “This legislation will help ensure that these adoption agencies remain active in finding homes for these children, without being mandated by government to violate the tenets of their deeply held religious beliefs in the process,” the governor added. “This is a bill that reaffirms religious liberty and freedom, a hallmark of this great nation.”

Seattle prelate says parishes can help gather signatures for referendum

SEATTLE (CNS) — Now that the Easter triduum has passed, parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle are free to participate in gathering signatures for a referendum challenging a Washington state law that legalized same-sex marriage. Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, who testified against the measure when it was still under consideration by the Legislature, had asked parishes not to collect signatures on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. The archbishop sent a letter to parishes March 30 clarifying his opposition to changing the legal definition of marriage and

his approval of signature gathering in parishes for Referendum 74, which gives voters the option to reject the measure passed in February by the state Legislature and signed by Gov. Chris Gregoire, a Catholic. Opponents of legalizing same-sex marriage have until June 6 to gather 121,577 signatures to suspend the law until the public makes a decision about it on Election Day in November. Otherwise the law takes effect June 7. While voters in five states will decide the fate of ballot measures dealing with marriage in 2012, Washington is one of only two states where a public vote will determine whether same-sex marriage is legalized. The other state is Maryland, where in February lawmakers passed a bill to legalize such marriages and in March it was signed by Gov. Martin O'Malley, who also is a Catholic. The Maryland law will go into effect in January 2013 unless voters reject it in November. To put a referendum to repeal it on the ballot, its opponents must gather nearly 56,000 signatures. New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire and Washington, D.C., allow same-sex marriages. Along with Washington state and Maryland, California also has a same-sex marriage law that has not taken effect because of legal challenges. Unless voters decide otherwise in the fall, Washington and Maryland would become the seventh and eighth states to legalize same-sex marriage.

Preventive strike on Iran is seen as lowering the bar on waging war

WASHINGTON (CNS) — While Iran's secret nuclear program has raised serious questions about that country's intentions, a military attack on Iranian nuclear facilities would not be justified under Catholic teaching in the eyes of the U.S. bishops and other Catholic leaders. Further, any attack on Iran by Israel or the U.S. would greatly destabilize an already volatile Middle East, setting the stage for retaliatory military strikes that would place innocent civilians at risk and serve little more than to lead to an expanded arms race in the region, several Catholic observers told Catholic News Service. The concern lies in what is seen as a preventive attack meant to stop Iran from furthering its nuclear program, which Iranian officials claim is for peaceful purposes. Such a preventive attack — as opposed to a pre-emptive strike meant to head off an imminent attack under just-war principles — also poses moral questions because Iran's research is legal under international agreements and to date falls within the limits set by the Non-Proliferation Treaty regarding the development of nuclear weapons, the Catholic observers said. “The problem with preventive war is that it lowers the barrier to war too low,” explained Stephen

Colecchi, director of the bishops' Office of International Justice and Peace.

Anglican parishes in Philadelphia, Indianapolis and Canada join Church

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Anglican parishes in Philadelphia and Indianapolis were received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church in early April, and two Anglican bishops in Canada were slated to lead their clergy and congregants into the Church later in the month. The Anglicans are joining the new U.S. Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, based in Houston, a structure for Anglicans to become Roman Catholics while retaining some of their Anglican heritage and traditions, including liturgical traditions. The numbers are not large by Catholic parish standards. At St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Parish in Philadelphia, the congregation numbers 25 plus its rector. The St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Use Society in Indianapolis totals 18. In Canada, many parishes have split — sometimes more than once — over doctrinal disputes that have roiled the Anglican Communion in recent years, or abandoned the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada altogether. The head of the ordinariate, Msgr. Jeffrey Steenson, is the former Episcopal bishop of the Rio Grande. A married man with children, he was ordained a Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., in 2009, and named to head the ordinariate by Pope Benedict XVI Jan. 1. The ordinariate, officially inaugurated Feb. 12, is similar to a Catholic diocese, but national in scope. Pope Benedict established the ordinariate Jan. 1 in response to requests by Anglicans seeking to become Catholics. “We look forward to developing the work of the ordinariate in Philadelphia, in cooperation with Msgr. Steenson and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia,” said an April 3 statement by David Ousley, a former Anglican priest who has been rector of St. Michael the Archangel and is studying to become a Catholic priest. “As with any such transition, it has been a challenging journey. Yet, we already have heard from former Anglicans who are interested in joining us.”

Bishop Roman, first Cuban emigre to become US bishop, dies at age 83

MIAMI (CNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Agustin A. Roman of Miami, the first Cuban exile to be made a U.S. bishop, died April 11 at the age of 83. The Archdiocese of Miami reported that Bishop Roman suffered cardiac arrest at Our Lady of Charity Shrine, which he founded to honor the patroness of Cuba, and where he continued to spend much of his time in retirement. He died later at Mercy Hospital. After visitation and a wake at the same shrine April 12 and 13, his funeral Mass was to be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Mary April 14.

Volunteers needed for tornado disaster recovery

HENRYVILLE — In response to the March 2 tornadoes that ripped through southern Indiana, Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is now planning for long-term recovery, and seeks volunteer teams to help rebuild homes between April and August.

Currently it is estimated that up to 50 percent of homeowners are uninsured or underinsured and will need cash assistance and volunteer labor to rebuild their property. While it has been declared a disaster zone by FEMA with FEMA's cash assistance available to homeowners, it is often not enough. FEMA does not cover land and outbuildings.

Volunteers with experience in fence building, barn repairs and general construction are greatly needed. Volunteers to rebuild homes, including stripping and replacing drywall, replacing electrical wiring and plumbing (if qualified), painting, landscaping, installing kitchen cabinets, and helping with the variety of tasks needed to get homeowners back in their houses are also needed.

Groups of five or more with at least one trained adult, experienced in home repair per four untrained volunteers, ages 15 and older are needed. Team availability dates will assist with scheduling.

Lowes, Home Depot and Wal-Mart gift cards are also welcome in this recovery effort.

For more information or to register a team, contact Stefanie Anderson, disaster coordinator, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, at (317) 506-9668, email stefmanderson@hotmail.com or visit www.archindy.org/cc/disaster/.

Daniel Fitzpatrick to address Holy Cross College Class of 2012

NOTRE DAME — Daniel B. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Quality Dining, Inc., will be the featured speaker at the 45th commencement exercises of Holy Cross College, on Saturday, May 12, at 2 p.m.

Fitzpatrick uses his success in the business world to further his support of many causes close to his heart, not the least of which is Catholic education across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. His organization's involvement and support through the You Can Lend A Hand program and his leadership in the Annual Bishop's Appeal program have been central to his community service.

Jared Sawyer, a 2008 graduate of Holy Cross College, will be the featured alumni speaker. An honors graduate of Holy Cross College, Sawyer earned a bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies, with a double concentration in history and American literature. Sawyer graduated from the Louis Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville, in 2011, and now works for Citigroup in Washington, D.C., where he is vice president, legislative analyst for the company.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ST. VINCENT SCOUT TROOP LARGEST IN PARISH HISTORY



PROVIDED BY TONY WAGNER

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Boy Scouts in Fort Wayne have announced the largest group ever in its 51-year history, with 30 new Boy Scouts crossing over from Cub Scouts into Troop 2. A Court of Honor was held on March 20 when Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, welcomed the boys into Troop 2. Since March 6, the boys have earned the Scout rank, camped, worked the fish fry and earned rock climbing and skating merit badges. In the next year, many of the boys will earn the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. Dan Thurber has been the Scoutmaster of Troop 2 since 2006 and Tony Wagner has been assistant scoutmaster of the new boys joining Troop 2 since 1998.

Holy Cross College graduation ceremony will take place in the Pfeil Center's McKenna Area, on the campus of Holy Cross. Friends and family members of Holy Cross graduates are welcome to attend. A reception will immediately follow.

St. Vincent, Elkhart, to host concert

ELKHART — St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart will host a concert, Celebration and Song: A Benefit for St. Vincent de Paul School and Church, on Friday, May 18.

The festivities will begin with a concert of classical music. Father Vigny Bellerive, an accomplished violinist and opera singer, is the featured soloist. Kevin Vaughn, St. Vincent's director of music, and Father Bob Lengerich, pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Bremen, a Concord High School graduate and son of the parish, will also share their musical talents.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the church, followed by a reception and silent auction in the Mother Teresa Center. The concert is free.

The cost for tickets to the reception is \$25 per person. Tickets go on sale after Mass beginning the week-end of April 28. Contact the rectory at (574) 293-8231 for tickets and more information. All proceeds will go the parish and the school.

USF seeking scholarship recipients through Talent Day

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will hold a Talent Day on Friday, May 11, in the Mimi and Ian Rolland Center for Art and Visual Communication, where scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors.

Talent Day gives high school seniors with an interest in art, communication or music the opportunity to submit a portfolio for review and/or audition for scholarship consideration. Scholarships are available in art history, music technology, studio art, communication arts and graphic design, art education, computer art, communication, jazz ensemble, pep band, drum line and the University Singers. High school juniors are invited to receive reviews and advice in preparation for their senior year.

Awarded scholarships are renewable for eight semesters, if the required grade point average is met, and can be added to any academic scholarships or need-based grants a student might also receive.

Appointments are required. To reserve a time or receive further information, contact the School of Creative Arts at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001.

Huntington Right to Life holds carnation sale

HUNTINGTON — Huntington County Right to Life will hold its 34th annual Mother's Day carnation sale on May 11-13.

Long-stemmed carnations, corsages and vases will be sold Friday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the RTL office only, located at 34 E. Washington St., and on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the RTL office, J.C. Penney, Etna Avenue Huggy Bear, Edward Jones Huntington Plaza, Family Dollar, Walgreens, Subway, North Store and Kmart.

Long-stemmed carnations and corsages will also be sold at the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Joseph, Roanoke, St. Mary and Ss. Peter and Paul churches.

Carnations will be available on Friday, May 11, for children at Huntington Catholic Middle Building and Huntington Catholic Primary Building.

Prices are \$1 each for long-stemmed carnations, \$2 and up for corsages and vases start at \$3. Corsages, vases and large quantities may be ordered in advance by calling the RTL office at (260) 356-5933. Office hours are 2:30-6 p.m., closed Wednesdays. All proceeds will benefit pro-life efforts in the county.

Women's Care Center beneficiary of 1,150-mile bike ride

SOUTH BEND — Ten young men and women will bike from New Orleans to Chicago on this year's Biking for Babies ride, from May 21-29, to raise money for women in crisis pregnancies. This is the fourth year for the ride, founded by Jimmy Becker, 25, and Mike Schaefer, 23, who met while attending the University of Illinois.

The bikers will stay with host parishes and families along the way, while giving talks on the dignity of life and the tragedy of abortion.

"The year we were born, over 1.5 million babies were killed by abortion in just the United States alone. How many of those could have been our classmates? Our teammates? Our friends?" said Becker. "We're riding for the 1.5 million who aren't here to ride with us."

The original Biking for Babies ride stretched 600 miles from Carbondale, Ill., to Chicago, over their spring break, which raised over \$13,000. Becker and Schaefer have increased their fundraising each year and hope to reach a goal of \$40,000 in this year's ride.

One of this year's beneficiaries is the Women's Care Center Foundation in South Bend, which offers pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, plus childbirth and newborn care classes and more. The Women's Care Center Foundation has three locations in South Bend and serves 19 total in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio.

For more information on the ride, the riders and how to donate visit www.BikingForBabies.com and on Facebook at "Biking For Babies."

Human trafficking survivor to speak at Saint Mary's College

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross will welcome to campus Theresa Flores, a former victim of sex trafficking. Flores, who has been a licensed social worker for 20 years, will provide a general overview of both sex and labor trafficking, share her personal story, and offer suggestions for how students can implement an effective abolitionist movement on campus. The college's Justice Education Program and Congregation's Justice Office coordinated the event, with support from social work students. The free public lecture, this year's Social Work Community Forum, will take place at noon on Friday, April 20, in the Vander Vennet Theatre on the ground level of the Student Center (campus map at www3.saintmarys.edu/campus-map). Flores also will speak to the Sisters of the Holy Cross on Thursday, April 19.

Victim's Assistance Ministry offers hope and healing

BY KAY COZAD

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). With April designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, in cooperation with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has worked diligently to address the need for the protection and safety of our children and vulnerable adults in the wake of the decades-old clergy abuse scandal that has been brought to light in the Catholic Church.

To that end a special ministry was established to provide a safe venue in which victims of clergy abuse may find their voice.

The Victim's Assistance Ministry is a collaborative team effort involving Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Msgr. Robert Schulte,

vicar general of the diocese, and Mary Glowaski, secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries and victim's assistance coordinator. As coordinator of the ministry Glowaski fields not only phone calls and emails, but walk-in victims who seek a safe place to tell their story.

"It's a complicated ministry in that I am an agent of the Church, but I really become their voice," says Glowaski.

Many of the victims of abuse, some from 30 to 40 years ago, have been so traumatized that they have fallen victim yet again, this time to addictions, broken marriages and abusive behavior. And those wounds not only affect the victims and their families but the whole Church. Though most served by this ministry live out of state now, Glowaski believes that victim's assistance can bring hope and healing.

"It is an awful thing. But I believe in those moments when we work with someone personally or by email that's where healing

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Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal Your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in You.

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Te lo pedimos por Cristo, Nuestro Señor. Amén.

served several who have called with painful stories of abuse in response to the Catholics Come Home Campaign promoting the return to the faith for non-practicing Catholics.

Additionally, Glowaski says that it is not uncommon to receive a call from a family member of a victim who is interested in knowing what will transpire if the victim would call. Many times elderly parents of victims contact the victim assistance coordinator in an attempt to garner some healing for their adult child before they themselves die.

The difficulty lies not in the contact process though, says Glowaski, but rather with the "people in the pews." "They want it to be over and move on. They don't understand that we initially had heavy reporting of the abuse scandal and have since moved at glacial speed. Some victims call for months or years without ever giving their names," she reports.

Contact with each victim varies according to his or her need. Some work intensely for a time and then drift away. Others are in contact nearly every month.

"It's about relationship," says Glowaski. "They have to define the terms. It's not about me, it's about them and God."

Many of those the ministry serves have remained faithful to the doctrine of the faith though unable to attend Mass or revisit the parish in which they were abused. Many report they recite the rosary daily, attend Eucharistic Adoration on a regular basis and even watch the TV Mass.

The goal of the Victim's Assistance Ministry is not necessarily to bring them back to the Church but to help them find ways to restore and deepen their relationship with God. It takes courage to seek assistance and healing from the very institution in which the abuse occurred, notes Glowaski. But "somehow they keep moving toward God," she says, "And He is so profoundly present in them. They have taught me what it means to be faithful."

The work of assisting victims of abuse is one of hope, says Glowaski, who "walks with each person who has made the claim, and supports them."

"We need to stand in hope that healing can and does happen," she says.

can happen," she says, adding, "The ministry is about humility and listening and having them tell us what they need to continue to seek healing after such a traumatic betrayal."

Glowaski reports that Bishop Rhoades, who has been adamant about the importance of this ministry, is extremely responsive to any request to meet with a victim.

"He is witness of God's love and so humble," she says, adding that many times the person brings deep anger or bitterness to the meeting with an expectation

that they will be received with the same. However, they are most times astounded to find they are received with great humility and love. And that, says Glowaski, is when the healing begins.

This quiet ministry has taken a proactive approach to offering support for these victims by communicating that the diocese wants to hear from anyone who was abused by clergy or Church leaders by placing victim's assistance information in parish bulletins and the diocesan newspaper.

The ministry has recently



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Nearly all US dioceses' abuse policies found to comply with charter

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Ten years after passing their “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People,” the heads of nearly all U.S. dioceses are in full compliance with the 17-point document, according to recently completed audits.

Two dioceses — Baker, Ore., and Lincoln, Neb. — and six Eastern Catholic eparchies refused to participate in the audits, as they had in past years, and were found to be noncompliant.

In dioceses where the audits took place, however, only one diocese was found in noncompliance with one article of the charter. The Diocese of Shreveport, La., was found to be noncompliant because its diocesan review board had not met in two years.

The diocese had not “experienced any charter-related violations in at least four years,” and the board was immediately convened when the diocese was notified of the gap, according to the report from StoneBridge Business Partners of Rochester, N.Y. StoneBridge conducted the audits for the first time in the year ending June 30, 2011. Earlier audits had been carried out by the Gavin Group of Boston.

The 2011 annual report on implementation of the charter was published April 10 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“As we were introduced to the various dioceses/eparchies around the country this year, we were impressed by the dedication of the safe environment coordinators and other diocesan and eparchial representatives who oversee the implementation of the charter on a daily basis,” said James J. Marasco, director of StoneBridge Business Partners, in a letter submitted with the audit report.

“It is our hope that with our help, the Catholic Church in the United States may continue to restore the



CNS ILLUSTRATION/USCCB

This is the cover of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2011 annual report on the implementation of the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.” The report concludes that the vast majority of new allegations of child sex abuse involves actions taken decades ago by clergy who have since died or been removed from ministry.

trust of the faithful and heal the wounds caused by abuse,” he added.

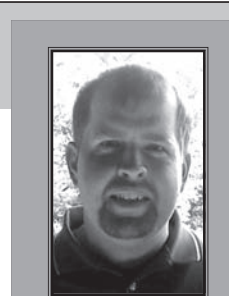
Marasco noted in his letter that the bishops had updated the charter for 2012 to include child pornography and abuse against vulnerable adults as violations.

StoneBridge issued 178 “management letters” to dioceses, designed to point out problem areas that could lead to a judgment of noncompliance if they continued. The majority were related to article 12 of the charter, on safe environment programs, and article 2, on diocesan review boards and other diocesan policies.

The report said more than 99 percent of priests, deacons and Catholic school educators had received safe environment training, as had 98.6 percent of candidates for ordination, more than 96 percent of Church employees and volunteers and 94.3 percent of children

attending Catholic schools or parish religious education programs.

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Holy Cross celebrates 175 years of making God known, loved and served

NOTRE DAME — For 175 years, the Congregation of Holy Cross has with missionary zeal met the spiritual and educational needs of people suffering from the upheavals of the French Revolution, the Catholic pioneers of the newly formed United States of America, and the field hands and factory workers of the Peruvian sugar farms.

On March 1, 2012, the United States Province of Priests and Brothers, joined Holy Cross' 17 other provinces, vicariates and districts around the world in joyfully celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

"Our mission of making God known, loved and served in our education, parish and mission settings is the same today as the day we were founded," said Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial superior of the U.S. Province. "Serving God's people in the 21st century, and beyond, means as 'men with hope to bring' that we remain committed as vowed religious to giving witness to God's mission, forming His citizens and building His Kingdom."

The Congregation was formed when Holy Cross Father Basil

Moreau joined his auxiliary priests with the Brothers of St. Joseph, founded by Father Jacques Dujarie. The signing of the Fundamental Act on March 1, 1837, formed a single association of priests and brothers to minister and rebuild the schools destroyed by the French Revolution.

Father Moreau named his new group "Congregatio a Sancta Cruce" (C.S.C.), which literally means "Congregation of Holy Cross" named for Sainte-Croix, the small French town outside Le Mans, France. Later, he would add a group of sisters, the Marianites of Holy Cross. The model for Moreau's new family was the Holy Family. A religious community comprised of priests, brothers and sisters was a revolutionary concept at the time. He called on his new community to find hope in the cross of self-emptying love, to stand by others as the Mother of Sorrows stood by her son dying on the Cross, and to work together zealously as educators in faith. Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, was established as the special patroness for the entire congregation.

Following the apostolic model and while his community was still young, Moreau sent missions



to Algeria, Canada and Eastern Bengal to spread the Gospel. He also sent seven young men — six brothers and Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin — to the United

States, where in 1842, they founded the University of Notre Dame in northern Indiana, along with area parishes.

This dedication to mission led

to Pope Pius IX officially recognizing Moreau's community as a religious congregation in 1857. However as part of its approval, the Holy See required that the Marianites become their own independent congregation. Today there are three groups of sisters — the Marianites of Holy Cross, the Sisters of Holy Cross, and the Sisters of the Holy Cross — who all trace their spiritual heritage and tradition back to Father Moreau.

Father Moreau died at the age of 73 on Jan. 20, 1873 in Le Mans, and is buried at the home of the Congregation's Mother Church. On Sept. 15, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Father Moreau making him Blessed Basil Moreau.

Today 175 years later, the priests and brothers of Holy Cross continue to make Blessed Moreau's vision a reality serving God's people with zeal in their education, parish and mission settings around the world teaching by example, living side by side with those they serve in order to show how the Cross can be borne as a gift, "Ave Crux, Spes Unica" ("Hail the Cross our Only Hope")!

Congratulations



MATTHEW C. KUCZORA, C.S.C.

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD.

May Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, patroness of the Congregation of Holy Cross, keep you close and help you continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Sincerely,

The University of Notre Dame

Her students, faculty, staff, trustees, and the Holy Cross community at Notre Dame



HOW CAN I POSSIBLY AFFORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

Understanding Tax Credit Scholarships and Indiana School Vouchers

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

What are Tax Credit Scholarships?

The Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides scholarship support to families who want to enroll their children in the private school of their choice. Qualifying students in grades K-12 can receive a minimum of a \$300 Tax Credit Scholarship.

Who qualifies for a Tax Credit Scholarship?

- A student whose family meets the income eligibility guidelines for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (See chart on page 12), AND
- A student who is entering Kindergarten or 1st grade, AND/OR
- A student who is coming to a private school after attending at least one year (two semesters) in an Indiana public school.

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?

1. To see how much tuition assistance you are eligible for, first register at your Catholic school of choice.
2. To apply for funding contact your school of choice.

INDIANA SCHOOL VOUCHERS

What is an Indiana School Voucher?

A Voucher is a state-funded scholarship that helps cover the cost of tuition at a private school. Qualifying students in grades 1-8 can receive a maximum of \$4,500 per school year. High school students can receive up to 90% of the local per-student state funding amount.

Who qualifies for a Voucher?

- A student whose family meets the income eligibility guidelines for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (See chart on page 12), AND
- A student in grades 2-12 who is coming to a private school after attending at least one year (two semesters) in an Indiana public school, AND/OR
- A current private school student in grades 1-12 who has received a Tax Credit Scholarship in a prior year.

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WHAT AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

See the chart on page 12
to see if you qualify

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF FO

FORT WAYNE

Most Precious Blood School (260) 424-4832
1529 Barthold St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808
Principal: Alexandria Bergman
240 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.preciousblood.org

Queen of Angels School (260) 483-8214
1600 W. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808
Principal: Anne Miller
240 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.queenofangelschool.com

St. Charles Borromeo School (260) 484-3392
4910 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815-5019
Principal: Robert Sordelet
735 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stcharlesschoolfw.org

St. John the Baptist School (260) 456-3321
4500 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807
Principal: Amanda Robinson
280 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjohnsfw.org

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School (260) 432-4000
Principal: Lois Widner
Assistant Principal: Stan Liponogg
St. Joseph Campus (260) 432-4000
2211 Brooklyn Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46802
196 students / grades 5-8
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Campus (260) 432-4001
10700 Aboite Center Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804
318 students / grades preK-4
514 students
Web site: www.sj-se.com

St. Joseph School-Hessen Cassel (260) 639-3580
11521 U.S. HWY 27 S, Fort Wayne, IN 46816
Principal: Louise Schultheis
128 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjoehc.org

St. Jude School (260) 484-4611
2110 Pemberton Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46805
Principal: Sr. Kathleen M. Knueven, S.N.D.
510 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjudefw.org/school

St. Therese School (260) 747-2343
2222 Lower Huntington Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46819
Principal: Charles Grimm
200 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.sttheresefw.org

St. Vincent de Paul School (260) 489-3537
1720 E. Wallen Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825
Principal: Sandra Guffey
Assistant Principal: Beth Kleber
770 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.saintv.org/school

SOUTH BEND

St. Matthew School (574) 289-4535
1015 E. Dayton St., South Bend, IN 46613
Principal: Susan Clark
320 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stmatthewcathedral.org

Christ the King School (574) 272-3922
52473 State Road 933, South Bend, IN 46637
Principal: Stephen Hoffman
470 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.christthekingonline.org

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
170 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stjudeschool.net

AREA GRADE SCHOOLS

AVILLA
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

ELKHART
St. Thomas the Apostle School (574) 264-4855
1331 N. Main St., Elkhart, IN 46514
Principal: Christopher Kolakovich
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

GARRETT
St. Joseph School (260) 357-5137
301 W. Houston St., Garrett, IN 46738
Principal: Kristine Call
124 students / grades preK-6
Web site: www.stjosephgarrett.com

GOSHEN
St. John the Evangelist School (574) 533-9480
117 W. Monroe St., Goshen, IN 46526
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
187 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.huntingtoncatholic.org

MISHAWAKA
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
132 students / grades 6-8
Web site: www.mishawakacatholicsschool.org

Queen of Peace (574) 255-0392
4508 Vistula Rd., Mishawaka, IN 46544
Principal: Tina Dover
220 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.queenofpeace.cc/school

PORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

MONROEVILLE

St. Joseph School (260) 623-3447
 209 Mulberry St., Monroeville, IN 46773
 Principal: Carolyn Kirkendall
 83 students / grades K-8
 Web site: www.saintrosechurch.com

NEW HAVEN

St. John the Baptist School (260) 749-9903
 204 Rufus St., New Haven, IN 46774
 Principal: Janice Comito
 325 students / grades preK-8
 Web site: www.stjohnraiders.org

St. Louis Academy (260) 749-5815
 15529 Lincoln Hwy. East, New Haven, IN 46774-9679
 Principal: Cheryl Klinker
 71 students / grades preK-8
 Web site: www.academy.stlouisbesancon.org

PLYMOUTH

St. Michael School (574) 936-4329
 612 N. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563
 Principal: Trudy Nawara
 171 students / grades preK-8
 Web site: www.saintmichaelschool.org

WABASH

St. Bernard School (260) 563-5746
 191 North Cass St., Wabash, IN 46992-2439
 Principal: Theresa Carroll
 80 students / grades preK-6
 Web site: www.stbcatholic.org

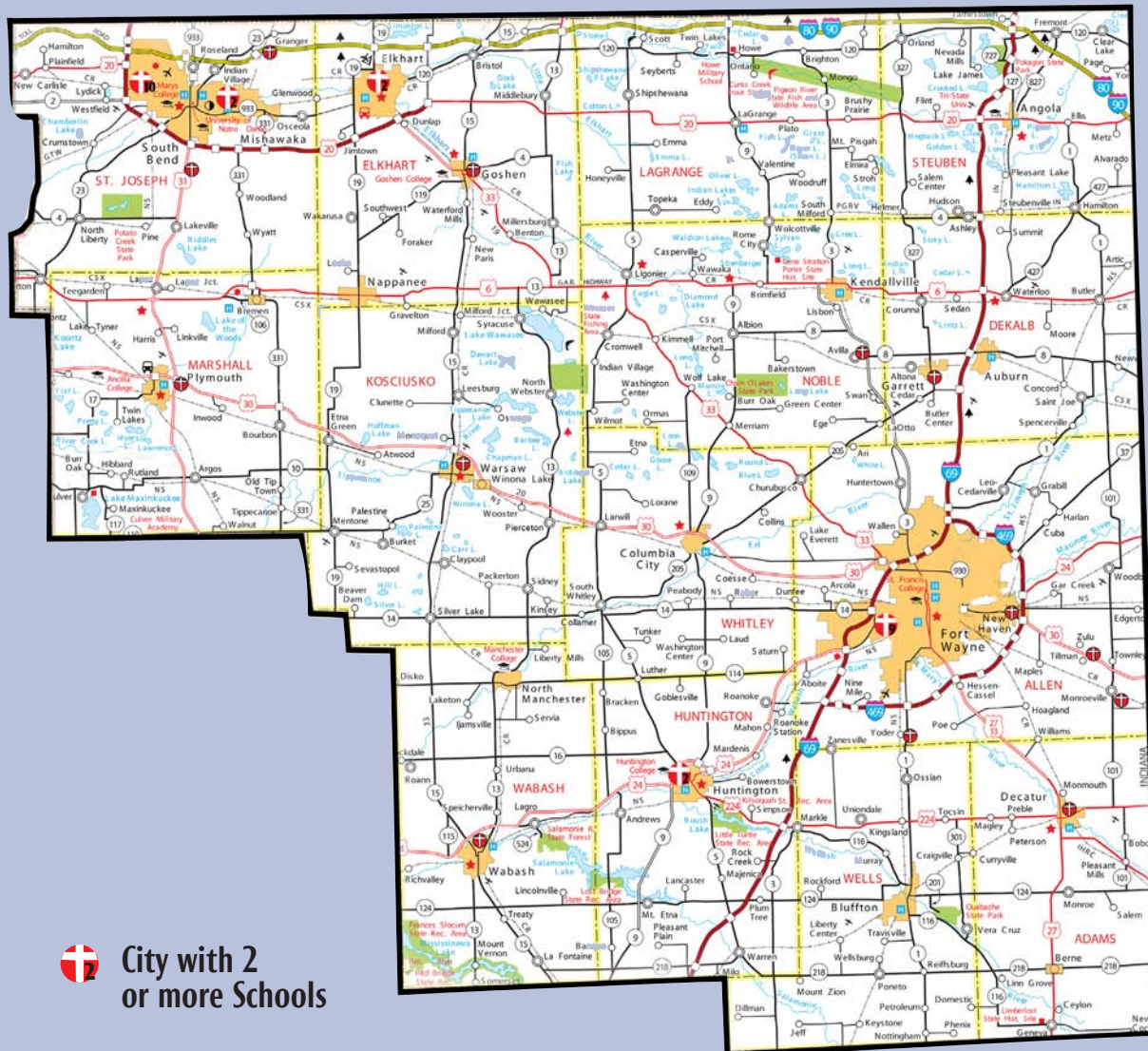
WARSAW



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



-  City with 2 or more Schools
-  City or town with School

HIGH SCHOOLS

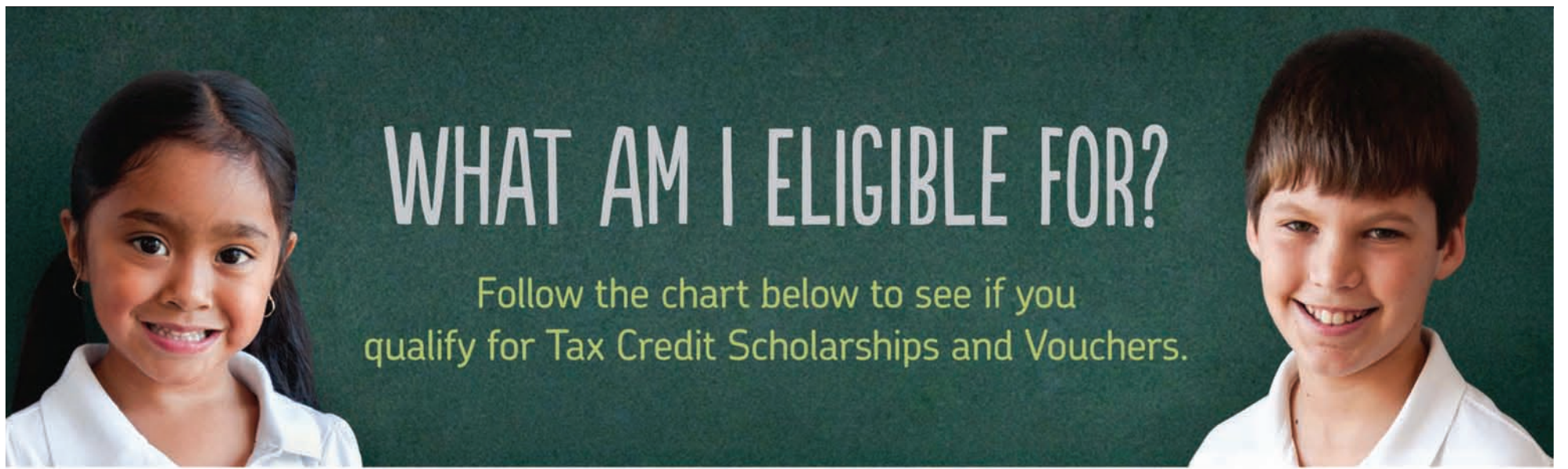
FORT WAYNE
 Bishop Dwenger High School (260) 496-4700
 1300 E. Washington Ctr. Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825
 Principal: Jason Schiffl
 Assistant Principals: Amy Johns, Chris Svarczkopf
 55 Full-time Lay Instructors/3 Part-time Lay Instructors
 1,040 students
 Web site: www.bishopdwenger.com

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
 Web site: www.saintjoehigh.com

MISHAWAKA
 Marian High School (574) 259-5257
 1311 S. Logan St. Mishawaka, IN 46544-4798
 Principal: Carl Loesch
 Assistant Principal: James Kryder
 44 Full-time Lay Instructors / 6 Part-time Lay Instructors
 705 students
 Web site: www.marianhs.org





I'm enrolling my child in Kindergarten or First grade at a Catholic school after having attended a public school kindergarten.

I'm moving my child in grades 2-12 to a Catholic School.

I meet these eligibility requirements

- 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 |

SCHOOL VOUCHER

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or the
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Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
www.diocesefwsb.org
Connie Bruner: 260-422-4611 Ext. 3351
Mishawaka: 574-255-1387

SPRING SPORTS

Fort Wayne diocesan teams welcome spring season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — After unseasonably warm, 80-plus-degree days to kick off the spring season, Fort Wayne area athletes are more than ready for their 2012 debuts on the courts, links, fields and tracks. Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger will continue their domination in their Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) pushing for new records and lengthy post-season runs.

Bishop Luers Tennis

The Bishop Luers girls' tennis team is returning senior captain Samantha Rahrig at the No. 1 singles position. Rahrig made it all the way to semi-state in 2011, finished with a 20-3 record, was first-team all-conference, first-team regional and second-team state.

"I believe she will have a great senior year and will continue to be a fantastic leader for our team," explained Coach Brady McArdle.

Just a sophomore, Natalie Rahrig is also back at No. 2 singles. "Natalie could have a break out year in 2012," McArdle predicts.

Senior Christina Regan returns at No. 3 singles. McArdle continues, "Christina has worked hard on her game over the winter and should see solid returns this year."

All-conference selections Abby Oberley (co-captain) and Maddie Brown return as the top doubles team and are expected to have a solid year again while Courtney Witte returns at No. 2 doubles. Her partner Julia Hellinger was unable to play this year, so junior Andrea Choka will step in to fill that position.

"Overall, we are looking forward to a fun and exciting Bishop Luers tennis team this spring," McArdle concludes.

Golf

Tom O'Brien's boys' golf team is expected to be much improved from a year ago thanks to hard work in the off-season.

O'Brien explains, "Many of our team members spent long hours dedicating their summer to improving their golf game. I think Bishop Luers will surprise some people this season."

A top medalist as a sophomore, Joe Leja returns for the Knights along with varsity players Parker Watts, Ben Mauch and John Fink and the team is also looking for big things from sophomore Joe Korjenek.

In his fourth season with the boys' team, O'Brien was just in the try-out stage of his pre-season at the time of the interview, but adds, "We

have nine strong golfers, so depth will be a definite strength. We have a group of boys that love the game of golf and have the best work ethic I have seen by far."

The father of the Indiana State Amateur Women's Champion, Kristi O'Brien, O'Brien hopes to get his team out of the sectional this season.

Girls' track

Coach Erin Brady returns to coach the Bishop Luers Lady Knights' track team this season listing 50 girls on the roster. Ten seniors will provide strong leadership and 17 freshman will add new talent. The Knights had two early indoor meets to get them started and saw great performances while stand out, Chris Widner qualified for the Indiana State Finals during the indoor season throwing the shot put.

Brady reports, "We are working on building our relay teams and home to watch some outstanding individual performances as well. The weather has cooperated and given the team some excellent opportunities to train on the track."

Baseball

Bishop Luers will be led on the baseball field this season by seniors Zack Millard and Mason Coy. Millard with play either short or third and hit .227 last year for the Knights. Coy, who went 2-3 a year ago, will anchor a group of young pitchers for the Knights. The junior-dominated group which gained valuable experience last year includes: Tyler Green at first (.254); Jeff Cardenas third (.214); Cam Galloway catcher (.250); Matt Williamson, Aaron Lamaster and David Hamel. They will be joined by sophomore Jack Schultheis at second base.

Coy, Williamson and Cardenas all saw time on the mound last year. Newcomers expected to help out will be Adam Reust, Dylan Call and Austyn Rybicki.

Coach Gary Rogers returns hoping to get his team back on a winning track after three losing seasons following the 2008 Class 2-A state championship.

"The outlook for the future is bright and most of the players returning this year have a year of varsity experience under their belts which we are hoping turns into more wins for us this year. Our pitchers will need to keep us in the games and we will have to find ways to score runs. Our goals are always the same, win 20 games or more and win a state title," Rogers summarizes.

Lacrosse

Third-ranked Concord High School graduate and former Indiana Tech lacrosse player Sam Ponn has been named the new head coach at Bishop Luers. He has a senior laden roster with 11. The Knights got off to an impressive 4-0 start before spring break, already improved from last year's 3-9 finish.

Ponn feels confident with his experienced players and the good chemistry they have built, and says, "One of our main goals is to continue learning the fundamentals of the sport. We also hope to have a winning season and make it to the post-season playoffs."

Bishop Luers, who plays their home matches at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, will be led in 2012 by two of their "top-10" ranked seniors: midfielder Brian Nichter (eight goals, 18 assists) and Jake Golden (14 goals, seven assists).

Softball

Also making their home diamond at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel is the Knights' softball team under the direction of Jeff Doll in his 14th season at Bishop Luers (12 years as head coach).

Bishop Luers lists 18 on their roster, but just two seniors. Kayla Girod and Morgan Eckert will serve

as leaders and captains. Also returning is the talented pitching and catching duo of sophomore Darby McFann and junior Julia Hayes.

Although they are a young team with nine freshman and the outfield lines up all new faces, Doll explains, "We have a tough defensive team and strong infielders." The Knights hope to improve on a fourth-place conference finish a year ago and have two simple goals for the season: win the SAC and get to state.

Track

Jason Draper is back this spring for his 13th season to coach both the girls' and boys' track team at Bishop Luers. The Lady Knights list senior Kori Current and juniors Robin Schafer and Keirsten Baumgartner as the top returnees, while freshman Corinne Zay, Audrey Deiser, Amanda Rectanus and Emilia Miles will be young newcomers to watch.

For the guys, seniors Matt Rupright and Corey Leffers, juniors Luke Martinez, Sean McManus and Nick Deiser, along with sophomore Isaac Case will lead the way for Bishop Luers.

According to Draper, first time arrivals to keep an eye on will be Charles Gaston, Matt Harris and Josh Ware.

Bishop Dwenger Boys' track

The boys' track outlook at Bishop Dwenger is very positive with a full slate of returning lettermen and large group of newcomers.

Distance specialist and University of Dayton recruit Andrew Eckrich will lead the pack, while Luke Miller, James Myers and Luke Offerle were also regional qualifiers a year ago. Bryan Tippmann and Josh Bessen are back in the throws with Bobby Jauch, Keenan Schon and Chris McGraw paving the way for the sprinters.

With 36 years under his belt, veteran Coach Herb Widner predicts, "Jauch is outstanding and has a good chance to make it to the state finals."

In early action, Jared Shipper placed sixth in the pole vault at the 2012 state indoor meet. In 2011, the Saints finished fifth at sectionals, eighth at regional and were 33rd at the state meet.

As for the goals for this season, Widner reports, "We hope to stay healthy, have fun and do well at both the North Side and New Haven relays. We want to win the SAC and qualify as many as possible from sectional to regional and state."

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Fine Arts Camp
(girls entering grades 5-9)
July 8-13, July 15-20,
July 22-27
Art, Creative Writing, Dance,
Theatre, and Music

Athletics Camp
(girls entering grades 5-10)
July 8-12
Basketball, Cross Country,
Volleyball - Beginner
to Intermediate

July 15-19
Soccer, Tennis,
Volleyball - Intermediate
to Advanced

Summer Academy
(girls entering grades 8-12)
July 8-13
Forensic Science

July 15-20
Theatre Camp

July 22-27
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SPRING

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Widner summarizes, "We have good balance in our events and hope for a very competitive season. We have a very strong schedule which should prepare us for a good post-season."

Golf

According to Coach Dave Scudder, Bishop Dwenger has an all-star line up back to hit the course for 2012 after a 11-2 finish a year ago. 2011 first team all-conference selection golfers, senior Carter Eifert (39.8), junior Casey Cooney (40.3) and sophomores, Jake Leonard (39.1) and Drake Eifert (40.1) will lead the way for the Saints. Adding to the mix this season will be newcomers Michael Filler, Spencer Gillig and John Hope.

Equipped to continue their domination in the SAC, the Saints will seek to defend their title, vying for a 10th conference championship in 12 years.

Baseball

The Saints baseball team returns their leading hitter in Chaise Kahlenbeck (.379) this season as well as senior teammates Sean Herberger (.288) catcher, Brett Lochbihler (.279) outfield and Jon Harrison, pitcher. Herberger and Kahlenbeck will serve as captains for Bishop Dwenger and welcome newcomers T.J. Gabet (12), Paul Geha (11) and Luke Palmer (10).

Coach John Tone lists winning the conference and winning sectionals as his team's goals for 2012. He is counting on a strong batting line-up and solid outfield to make that happen.

Tennis

Under the direction of first year coach, Jeremy Patterson, the Bishop Dwenger girls' tennis team is full of experienced players. Leading the way will be seven seniors and four returning varsity players.

"We have a solid group of underclassmen that are pushing all of the returning players to improve. We are a hard working team that wants to improve on last years' season," says Patterson.

The Saints hope to return to state competition and win in 2012 after getting beat out in the first round a year ago.

Softball

"It may take some time to blend as we have new pitchers plus some of the girls are moving to a different position than they may have played last year (P, C, 1B, SS, LF)," Coach Dave Moyer admits, but with seven experienced varsity players back, the Saints have high hopes to win another conference title and make a run in the 2012 post-season.

Ranked No. 1 all year in Class 3-A, Bishop Dwenger finished 23-3 last season.

In his ninth year as varsity softball coach, Moyer reports juniors, Julie Bazar, Erica Miller and Kelsey Richard will captain his squad as he lists no seniors on the Saints' roster. Sara Spalding also returns for her third varsity season along with sophomores Demetra Burns, Allie Dennie and Jordan Schneider. Finally, Moyer points out that Sierra Fisher, Allie Irvine and Madi Snyder will be newcomers to watch.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Indians



Saint Joseph's hope to cap legacy at old school

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — The final athletic season on North Michigan Street holds plenty of promise for the Saint Joseph's High School Indians.

The spring of 2012 will be the last season conducted at the current school, before the new one opens in August. Indians' teams are hoping to cap a legacy of excellence at their old school.

Girls' tennis

In each of the last three years, the Indians have reached the state quarterfinals. Head coach Bill Mountford jokes of the 2012 campaign "this will be the year I find out if I like to coach."

With five starters departed due to graduation, the Indians build their team around seniors Darby Mountford and Alaina Roberts. "They are our co-captains," notes Coach Mountford. "They have incredible experience and they provide leadership. Because of them, I think we'll still be pretty good."

Sophomores Syd Corrigan, Haley Powers, Maddie Minaudo and Amanda Hastings will all be battling for spots. "We're still sorting out the lineup, so right now our expectations are a lot more modest," admits Mountford.

Girls' track

Mike McCarthy guided his team to the best year in school

history last season. He says that status may not last 12 months.

"I'm very excited," exults McCarthy. "We have a number of girls that are three-year state finalists. We have at least three girls that are Division I prospects. I really like what we have across the board in all 16 events. I think we have a better team for sectionals and regionals than we have ever had before. I think we can stockpile a lot of points."

Senior Mikayla Chamblee returns as the second ranked hurdler in Indiana in the 300-meter low hurdles. Classmate Morgan Carroll anchors the sprint crew in the 100-, 200- and 400-meters. Fellow senior Michelle Potter is a versatile talent who can handle the middle distances.

"We just want to start the outdoor season well," notes McCarthy. "We had a strong indoors season. We need to put the puzzle together and then we can look at the team results to contend with Penn, Mishawaka and Adams."

Boys' track

McCarthy's optimism carries over to the boys track squad as well.

"The No. 1 thing for us is we have a great senior class," notes the reigning Northern Indiana Conference Coach of the Year. "It is by far the strongest and most balanced senior class we've had. We have an excellent thrower. We have one of the best distance crews in the state of Indiana, and

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we have a very good 200 and 400 group as well.”

Senior distance runners Josh O'Brien and Connor Method already are part of the school-record distance medley relay team and they give the Indians a potent 1-2 combo in the distance races.

“We look at the season in three phases ... indoor, city and the state tournament,” declares McCarthy. “We finished as state runner-up indoor. I'm very happy with performances and times. We'd like to regain the city title. Riley took it from us last year and we'd like it back. We've had it six times in eight years. Then we get ready for sectionals.”

Baseball

John Gumpf's team has sprinted off to a 7-0 start this season, winning six of those by nine runs or more. The Indians know a challenging Northern Indiana Conference season awaits them.

“We're very excited,” says Gumpf. “We have a lot of juniors and seniors with a lot of confidence. The NIC is very strong with Elkhart Central, Marian and Penn. We have to do the little things, and we'll be all right.”

The Indians are very strong up the middle. Both shortstop Evan Witsken and second baseman Brad Hartman are seniors who could play Division I at the college level. Junior catcher Neal Dowling gives the Tribe a threat from the left side of the plate.

“Our pitching rotation is solid,” exudes Gumpf. “Nick Carmola, Jake Stone and Connor Brown give us three solid dependable arms.”

Softball

The goals never change for veteran coach Earl Keith.

“We always want to win the NIC and sectional,” notes Keith. “I expect we can be a strong squad by tournament time.”

Three-time all-conference selection Emily McColleston-Purlee and two-time all-NIC pick Annmarie Lindzy spearhead the attack. Alyssa Plenzler and Christina Gillis help give the Indians a solid infield.

“We have a lot of experience, however we have players who are now starters that need more game experience to mesh together,” admits Keith.

Boys' golf

Saint Joseph's golf coach Ron Wilcoxson sees a lot of opportunities for his team in 2012.

“The ultimate goal is to go to state, but realistically we'd like to make a good showing at regionals,” comments Wilcoxson.

Senior A.J. Frank drops the hockey stick to pick up the golf club and lead the way, with juniors Jason Rink and John Dean battling for the No. 2 slot. Now the key is to build depth.

“We have a lot of strong potential from our players coming up from JV,” says the optimistic coach. “We're going to be a really competitive team.”

Momentum to push Marian spring sports

BY JOE KOZINSKI



MISHAWAKA — There is still a buzz around Marian High School as the boys' basketball team made it to the semi-state for the first time in school history, and the Knights are hoping that momentum will push the spring sports into a couple of championship games.

“We are very blessed to have some of our most experienced coaches leading our spring teams,” commented Reggie Glon, athletic director. “Jim Kryder our golf coach and George Grenert our softball coach each have more than 20 years at the helm. That speaks volumes of their dedication and success.”

“Larry Daher is the father of our rugby program that is more than a decade old, and Tim Prister is working on his ninth year as head of our baseball program,” continued Glon. “We have added a new face in girls' track with the hiring of David Walsh, but he is new to Marian only as he brings with him more than 30 years of coaching at the Cincinnati Country Day Program.”

“When you have experienced coaches in these positions it lets them focus on development and game competitiveness without the little administrative distractions that accompany newer staff members,” remarked Glon. “Our capital focus has been on the academic side of the house, as for the athletic facilities, our strategic plan has new bleachers in the gym as one of our primary goals.”

Softball

Last season the Lady Knights finished 23-2 and boasted the sectional championship. This spring they look better than ever and are ranked No. 1 in the state.

“We feel pretty good right now. We have not emphasized our top rating or put any extra focus on it. We are just playing solid softball,” commented skipper George Grenert. “I think that our strength is our speed and defense. I would like it if we could be a little more consistent with our hitting.”

“This team is as athletic a team as I have ever coached and they have collectively quick speed,” continued Grenert. “The girls do so many little things right. We preach proper mechanics and this team has really bought into it.”

“The defense starts with our pitcher Ariel Sheets, who has thrown for us since her freshman season,” said Grenert. “Senior Kathleen Kavanagh has started the season off hitting around .650 and that includes an out of the park home run.”

“Senior Ellen Nagy worked very hard in the off season and it

is obvious in her increased production and defense behind the plate,” added Grenert. “Another of our many bright spots is the great outfield play of Emily VanTornhaut. There are some catches that I'm not sure she would have made last year.”

“It is pretty simple. The girls all worked their tails off in the offseason. We would have 18 girls in open gyms consistently,” continued Grenert. “I think they all know they are pretty good, but they are keeping it quiet and playing together.”

Baseball

The Knights finished state runner-up for the second time in four seasons and the fourth ranked squad is looking to make another trip down state.

“The kids have worked very hard in the offseason. Once you make a run at the state title, the energy and competitiveness it takes to get playing time is multiplied,” commented Tim Prister, tenured coach. “Our turnout in open gyms and team workouts were solid.”

“The big change in the game this year is with the BBCOR bats, they reduce the pop off the bat from previous years,” Prister said. “The advantage goes to the teams with the better team pitching and team defense and that is what our strength is.”

“We are definitely senior led and are getting solid play from Matt Hammond, Drew Hasler, Bobby Norell, Andrew Price, Charlie Creighton and Matt Gibson,” added Prister. “Sophomore Josh Turnock is behind the plate and is handling those duties like a veteran, and junior centerfielder, Vince Rovotto, is probably one of the finest high school defense players that I have seen.”

“We are still searching for some consistency in the middle of our order and we have adopted the approach of what happened to the University of Connecticut basketball team. They won the championship in 2011 and then didn't make the tournament this year,” Prister explained. “We have to focus on one game at a time, the fundamentals of good baseball and work to get back to the state finals.”

Boys' golf

Coach Jim Kryder has guided the Marian golf team for 22 seasons and has the Knights striving for another run at playing in the state finals.

“We have started off well in our opening matches. If we continue to play the way we are capable of playing we could be competing for another conference title and some state honors as well,” commented Kryder. “We are considered a young squad with our make up of two seniors, five juniors and seven underclassmen.”

“Sophomore Michael Makris qualifies and played in the individual portion of the state finals last year and is expected to anchor the team again this year,” explained Kryder. “While Makris follows Kryder's eight former ‘all-staters,’ the talented group also includes Alex Disberry, Matt Rozycki, Connor Isban, Alex Stopczynski, John Wallisch, Peter Murphy and John Kramer.”

“We are working on our focus and consistency as a team,” Kryder said. “Potential, potential, potential. We have the capability to become successful, but we will have to learn and grow during the season with each match.”

Girls' track

A new coach but an old tactician, Marian welcomes long-time Cincinnati Country Day skipper David Walsh.

“I'm just getting up to speed on the area track programs, but more important than keeping my eye on the competition is honing our strengths,” commented Walsh. “Believe it or not, I'm a 1965 Saint Joseph's High School graduate and my wife and I have just recently moved back into the area.”

“I think that we have a strong nucleus and I am pleasantly surprised at the quality of athlete that we have at Marian,” Walsh continued. “We are being competitive. We are starting to score some points. One of our girls set a new school record already this season and good things are beginning to happen.”

“I think that our team's strengths are the field events, middle distance and our technical events so far,” Walsh said. “We have a young team. Our lone senior is Tracy Scott, but we returned state qualifier Maggie Hartnagel in the 400.”

“I hesitate to mention some of our key contributors because the team is still growing, but Elizabeth Ebersole just broke the school record in the pole vault, Brittany Duszynski and Gabbie Rovotto are scoring in our technical events as well as Taylor Pooley in the hurdles,” continued Walsh. “Shannon Hendricks and Jordan Bueter are definitely key contributors, and Holly Glon

works as hard as anyone out here.”

“The exciting part is that the team has begun to realize that they can become good,” exclaimed Walsh.

Boys' track

Depicting the boys' track team as young would be an understatement, with 75 percent of the 40-man roster being underclassmen. The season will be filled with development and more development.

“We have a great group of seniors that are leading and showing the younger kids the ropes,” commented distance coach Andrew Gray. “They are stepping up and because of their unselfishness, the team is getting better.”

“Senior Tony Spaulding is anchoring our distance events. Brian Florin has led in the sprints and long jump,” added Gray. “Eric Plude has continued to be a consistent in the sprints and Luke Street has been a great mentor in the shot and discus.”

“We are looking forward toward the conference meet and I think we will have a couple of athletes really shine,” remarked Gray. “I think the best quality that this team possesses is unity.”

Rugby

The banner of the Knights' rugby team will not only include athletes from Marian but two other local schools — Mishawaka and Saint Joseph's High School.

“We are one of the smaller schools competing in the highest level of competition in the state,” explained Coach Larry Daher. “Our kids don't back down. We finished at 8-6 last season and hopefully we will be hitting on all cylinders by the end of the season.”

“Because this sport isn't a traditional mainstream sport and there aren't feeder teams, we do a lot of teaching every season,” Daher said. “Basketball players pick up the game's spacing, football players crossover with the conditioning and tackling fundamentals, but the most important trait is the athlete's ability to enjoy physical contact.”

“This team has some tough and hard-nosed kids,” Daher continued. “That combination means that they can become good rugby players.”

“We have a senior dominated team with Tommy Stachowiak (USA National Team Pool), forward Michael McNamara and back line player Sheehan Probst leading the pack,” Daher said. “The kids are fun to coach and a joy to be around, and that's what really excites me about this team.”

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Girls' basketball



Brooke Ridley, senior, forward



Miracle Woods, senior, center



Addie Reibold, sophomore, forward, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

Gymnastics



Faith Miser, junior, all around, Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne

Boys' basketball



James Blackmon, Jr., sophomore, guard



Jaylon Smith, junior, forward



Colin Stuerzenberger, senior, guard, St. Louis-Besancon, New Haven

Girls' swimming



Elle Veldman, senior, 50 free, 400 relay, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Rachel Myers, senior, 500 free, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne



Casey Baldus, junior, diving, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

Boys' swimming



Mark Hellinger, sophomore, breaststroke, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

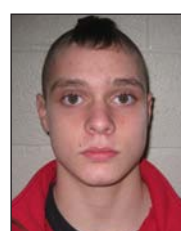


Alex Miller, senior, 50 and 100 free, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne

Wrestling



Sam Johnson, senior, 145 weight class, St. Mary, Fort Wayne



Sam Lovejoy, freshman, 113 weight class, St. Therese, Fort Wayne

MARIAN

Boys' basketball

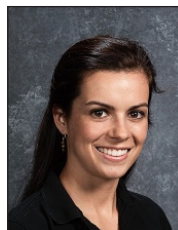


Robert Mischler, senior, forward/guard, St. Anthony, South Bend



Demetrius Jackson, junior, guard, St. Joseph, Mishawaka

Girls' basketball



Kathleen Kavanagh, senior, guard, St. Bavo, Mishawaka



Kaitlin Barnard, junior, post, St. Pius X, Granger

Wrestling



Thomas Stachowiak, senior, 220 weight class, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Alexander Zielinski, senior, 145 weight class, Holy Family, South Bend



Joseph Walter, junior, 170 weight class, St. Joseph, Mishawaka

Girls' swimming



Margaret Pendergast, junior, 100 fly and 50 free, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend



Courtney Martin, sophomore, diver and 100 free, St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart



Sarah Bueter, sophomore, 200 free and 500 free, St. Pius X, Granger

Boys' swimming



Stephen Rice, junior, diver, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend



Benjamin Gill, junior, 200 free and 500 free, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Christopher Schoen, junior, 100 backstroke, 200 individual medley, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

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Boys' basketball



Conor Levey, senior, center, Holy Cross, South Bend



Danny O'Connor, senior, guard, St. Joseph, South Bend

Girls' basketball



Nicole Przybyslawski, junior, guard, St. John the Baptist, South Bend



Alex Kubsch, senior, forward, St. Anthony, South Bend

Girls' swimming



Megan Knobloch, senior, 400 free relay



Margaret Lloyd, freshman, 400 free relay, St. Joseph, South Bend



Meghan Cohoon, sophomore, 400 free relay, Christ the King, South Bend



Sarah Brechenser, senior, 400 free relay, St. Joseph, South Bend

Boys' swimming



Trevor Carroll, junior, 200 freestyle, St. Joseph, South Bend



Chris Bals, sophomore, 100 breaststroke, Corpus Christi, South Bend



Christian Harmon, junior, 100 breaststroke, St. Joseph, South Bend

Wrestling



Mark Rymsza, junior, 120 weight class, Christ the King, South Bend



Nolan Cassoday, junior, 145 weight class, Holy Family, South Bend



Jake Kazmierczak, junior, 182 weight class, Holy Family, South Bend



Mara Welch, freshman, medley relay, St. Charles, Fort Wayne



Sarah Coffee, junior, medley relay, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne



Erica Evans, freshman, medley relay, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne



Alex MacDonald, senior, 132 weight class, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne

Gymnastics

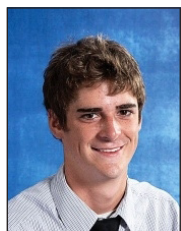


Carrie Brown, senior, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne



Brittany Trahin, senior, Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne

Boys' Swimming



Ethan Welch, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne



Andrew Ekrich, senior, St. Jude, Fort Wayne



Justin Thelen, senior, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne

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Girls' basketball



Eleni Shea, senior, forward, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne



Olivia Fawcett, senior, guard, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne

Boys' basketball



Michael Kindler, senior, guard, St. Jude, Fort Wayne



Michael Sordelet, senior, guard, St. Charles, Fort Wayne

Wrestling



Michael Nix, senior, 138 weight class, Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne



Michael Zehr, senior, 145 weight class, Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne

Girls' swimming



Marissa McDonald, junior, medley relay, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne



Carter Delaney, senior, 152 weight class, St. Jude, Fort Wayne

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MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Two students from St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne, finished first place in their age group for the annual state-wide free throw competition sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Lexi Sweeney, right, made an impressive 19 out of 25 baskets to earn top 12-year-old honors, while Jessica Dodane, left, netted 22-25 in robotic fashion for the 11-year-olds. The state competition was held at St. Theodore Guérin High School in Noblesville.

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As a man grows older: Papal milestones prompt celebration, speculation

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI's 85th birthday, April 16, and the seventh anniversary of his election, April 19, are obviously occasions for wishing the pope well and reflecting on the events of his reign thus far. Inevitably, however, these milestones also prompt speculation about what Vatican officials and observers refer to diplomatically as "papal transition."

Pope Benedict, after all, is already the sixth-oldest pope since the 1400s, when records became available. It has been almost two years since he told a German interviewer, "My forces are diminishing" and that, when it comes to public appearances, "I wonder whether I can make it even from a purely physical point of view."

Last fall, the pope stopped walking in processions up the main aisle of St. Peter's and started riding a mobile platform instead; in March, it was revealed that he sometimes walks with a cane. The pope's schedule grew lighter last year, as

he stopped meeting one-on-one with most visiting bishops. During this year's Holy Week liturgies, television viewers around the world could see unmistakable signs of fatigue on the pontiff's face.

While none of this suggests that the pope does not have years of life ahead of him, a number of commentators have asked in print, and many more have done so off the record, if he might be getting ready to step down. Pope Benedict himself has said that a pope might have an "obligation to resign" once he "is no longer physically, psychologically, and spiritually capable of handling the duties of his office." Americans may be especially inclined toward such speculation at the moment, encouraged by last month's release of the Italian movie "We Have a Pope," in which a fictional pontiff flees from the demands of office.

As tempting as filmmakers and journalists might find so dramatic a scenario, the evidence for it is less persuasive when seen in proper

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context. Consider, for example, that the public first saw Pope Benedict walking with a cane as he was about to board a plane for a 14-hour flight to Mexico, the first stop on a six-day trip that also took him to Cuba. Less than 78 hours after returning from Havana to Rome, the presumably still-jet-lagged pope was offering Palm Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square, the first celebration in his busiest week of the liturgical year.

No clear-eyed observer can deny that Pope Benedict is unusually robust for his age. He is reportedly

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Catholics missing from Italian shipwreck still inspire

This month we mark the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic*, and the luxury liner buried two and a half miles below the Atlantic bobs to the surface once again.

But I keep circling back to the shipwreck of 2012, the cruise liner *Costa Concordia* that struck a reef off the Italian island Giglio one Friday night in January. Of the 32 casualties, only two Americans remain missing, a retired couple from Minnesota: Barb Heil, 70, and her husband, Jerry, 69, parents of four and devout Catholics.

They had waited their whole lives to take a cruise like this one, having paid for years of Catholic school tuition and medical bills from a bout with cancer. Finally, their chance had come — time to see the Vatican City and Tuscany's rolling hills.

Four days after the shipwreck, a reporting assignment brought me to Barb and Jerry's parish, St. Pius X in White Bear Lake, a mile and a half from their blue ranch-style home. Their fingerprints were everywhere.

As I pulled up to the church the maintenance guy, Randy, was changing the marquee sign on the front lawn, removing the words "school book fair" and loading the message "Barb Jerry prayer service."

In the front entrance I passed boxes of raffle tickets for the parish festival three weeks away. Barb and Jerry's envelope was not there. They must have retrieved it before leaving on their trip.

A little further in, sign-ups for volunteer positions were taped on a table. On the second sheet, Barb had written her name in loopy cursive, committing to a kitchen duty to be fulfilled Sunday, Feb. 12: "hot dogs 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m."

The small Eucharistic Adoration chapel tucked behind the sacristy was occupied by four parishioners. Jerry and Barb attended daily Mass and weekly adoration, and now that chapel was being filled in their honor. I flipped through the register, a three-ringer binder marked with arrivals and departures at every hour, overlapping five or 10 minutes. Outside the chapel door, a turquoise Mead notebook held petitions for Barb and Jerry scrawled in black ink.



CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

TWENTY SOMETHING

"Peace," someone wrote, "closure for their family."

One of the parishioners in adoration was Dennis Bechel, 71, who belonged to the same Knights of Columbus council Jerry had served on.

"It's a shock," Dennis told me. "You become almost like a second family when you're involved in a church community like St. Pius."

I learned that Jerry taught adult faith formation and had helped set up the church's first website. Barb, meanwhile, was an active volunteer at the Dorothy Day homeless shelter.

One month later I was back at St. Pius attending the memorial Mass for Barb and Jerry.

We sang "Be Not Afraid," and during his homily the priest addressed the scenario playing out in all our minds. He gave us the words we want to believe: "I can imagine them very calmly allowing others to get ahead, not pushing others, probably figuring it was going to be OK." Surely, he said, Barb and Jerry were praying as they waited their turn.

When I reviewed all my reporting notes, it was hard to find anything unrelated to Catholicism. As a 20-something imagining what the rest of my life will look like, that inspired me.

For me that's the takeaway, that's the testimony: to be so wholly Catholic that there is nothing outside your faith, nothing untouched, nothing walled off, nothing hidden. It's where you begin and end and where you dwell all day. It's not showy or pious, it's just who you are — Catholic, through and through.

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THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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3rd Sunday of Easter Lk 24:35-48

The Acts of the Apostles again furnishes the first biblical reading. In this reading, Peter preaches to the crowds in Jerusalem.

Americans are very accustomed to preaching. They hear it on the radio. They hear it on television. It is a product of this country's Protestant heritage. For that matter, it is an essential part of the Catholic tradition.

Preaching, however, at least in the biblical understanding, comes not with personal spontaneity but because of a divine commission. It is a personal duty, and it means authority. It is speaking in the very name of God, at the behest of God. (Catholic deacons, priests and bishops speak for the Church, and the Church can limit the right of ordained ministers to preach for this reason.)

So, Peter stood before this Jerusalem crowd as the representative of God. Most importantly, he spoke in the place of Jesus. He preached the Good News of Jesus. This reading makes two points.

First, it establishes the identity of Peter as an Apostle. Moreover, he is the chief of the Apostles, speaking on behalf of them all. Secondly, because of Peter and the other

Apostles, the salvation given by Jesus still reaches humankind. They continue the Lord's work.

The First Epistle of John provides the second reading. The epistles of John are alike in their eloquence and splendid language. They are alike in the depth of their theology and revelation.

This reading proclaims the majesty of Jesus, the Savior, but it cautions that accepting Jesus as Lord is more than lip service. It is the actual living of the commandments, by which, and through which, humans realize the perfection, love, order and peace of life in God.

St. Luke's Gospel, the source of the last reading, offers another Resurrection Narrative. It begins with the two disciples with whom Jesus had walked to Emmaus and who had recognized the Risen Lord in the "breaking of the bread," or Eucharist, reporting the event to the Apostles.

Then, Jesus suddenly stood among them, no longer bound by location or time, victorious not only over death but over the limitations of earthly existence. He showed them the pierced hands and feet. He still was human, as were they, but also the everlasting Son of God.

Jesus stressed that God's mercy had been fulfilled. Humanity had been redeemed!

Reflection

The Church continues to summon us to the joy of Easter celebration. He lives! As Paul said, the Resurrection is the bedrock of our belief.

The last reading, from St. Luke's Gospel, quite bluntly presents us with a reality common to all human beings. All humans are subject to the limitations of human nature and

of earthly existence. In the reading, the disciples who had walked with Jesus to Emmaus arrive. Limited, they had not recognized the Lord until the "breaking of the bread." The Apostles, to whom these disciples had come, were bewildered and unsure. They too were limited.

By contrast, the Risen Lord suddenly appears, not at all held by the constrictions of space or time. Son of God, Jesus still is human. His hands and feet show the wounds left by the nails driven into them on Calvary.

Yet, Jesus is Lord, having defeated death itself, the greatest of human limitations.

For humans, sin creates the most daunting limitation, as it destroys for the sinner that most precious of gifts, eternal life and even peace in life in this world.

Uniting with Jesus, rejecting sin and sinning no more, is freeing. It is empowering. It is life-giving.

Finding Jesus to establish this personal union is not impossible. Jesus commissioned the Apostles to continue the mission of salvation, offering it even to each one of us in our own place and circumstance.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

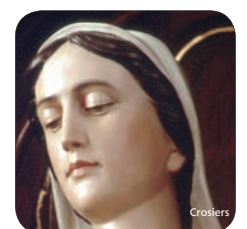
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Zita

c. 1218-1278
April 27

At age 12 Zita began working as a domestic in the household of a wealthy weaver in Lucca, Italy, and remained there her entire life. Initially, the devout and punctilious Zita antagonized her fellow servants, and drew the ire of her employers for lavish gifts of food to the poor. But she gradually won over everyone by her goodness, and was put in charge of the house. Later in life, she spent much time visiting the sick and imprisoned. At her death, she already was acclaimed a saint in Lucca and her cult spread to England through Luccese merchants in London.

'God is Love,' a theological feast

Recently, I went back to school for three days. After all, the status of "emeritus" should afford some advantage. The Institute for Church Life at Notre Dame sponsored a convocation entitled, "God is Love: Explorations in the Theology of Benedict XVI." Over three days, some of the finest Catholic theologians in the world presented different aspects of the teaching of Pope Benedict. It was truly a theological feast and I was moved by the dedication of the presenter to the teaching of Josef Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI.

I first discovered the theological writings of Father Josef Ratzinger when he was a young theologian teaching at Tübingen and I was preparing a course on faith, which I gave over many years in the 1970s at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass. I read a book entitled, "Introduction to Christianity," which has become for many a kind of classic. It was a series of lectures he gave to university students. What struck me most was Father Ratzinger's understanding of the difficulties modern man experiences in surrendering to a life of faith. His clarity about the gift of faith, its challenges and its strengths, was striking. Here is a thought-provoking reflection by this young priest-theologian:

"Just as the believer knows himself to be constantly threatened by unbelief, which he must experience as a continual temptation, so for the unbeliever, faith remains a temptation — a threat to his permanently closed world — in short, there is no escape from being a man."

Pope Benedict said in a recent interview that Pope John Paul II liked this book and implied it was responsible for his calling Cardinal Ratzinger to Rome to serve near him at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It was there that I had the great privilege of meeting the then Cardinal Ratzinger and getting to know him during the various visits "ad limina apostolorum" ("to the threshold of

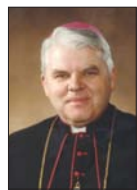
the apostles"). It was my privilege to visit with him at some length four times during his service at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and twice more briefly during his time as pope.

However, I must say that my early contact with the writings of this extraordinary theologian were minimal indeed compared to the wide-ranging presentations given over three days at Notre Dame. There were 11 presentations, and I was able to attend 10 of them. "Dictatorship of Relativism," a term that Cardinal Ratzinger used in a homily just before he was elected pope, was the keynote. Also, we studied the influence of St. Augustine on Pope Benedict and examined the book already referred to: "Introduction to Christianity."

The following were among the wide-ranging presentations, Pope Benedict XVI and non-Christian religions, especially Buddhism. Mary in the theology of Joseph Ratzinger. Papal Ecclesiology as understood by Pope Benedict. Culture and Conscience in the thought of Joseph Ratzinger. There was also a talk given by a professor of economics from Milan on Catholic Social Teaching as presented by the Holy Father in his recent encyclical "Caritatis in Veritate" ("Unity in Truth") and a moving address entitled, "Faith, Reason and Reconciliation, a Benedictine Politics for an Age of Upheaval."

We heard a wonderful presentation on the pope's teaching on the Eucharist. I recalled as I listened Professor Larry Cunningham telling me at the time of Pope Benedict's election that he believed Pope Benedict was the greatest theologian to sit on the Chair of Peter since Pope Gregory the Great.

The University of Notre Dame and its Institute for Church Life deserve great credit for presenting such an in-depth view of the teaching of Joseph Ratzinger over 60 years. All the articles will be collected and placed in a book to be published by the University of



GUEST COMMENTARY

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Notre Dame Press, and a copy will be presented to the Holy Father for his 85th birthday.

I attended this symposium out of my respect for two men. First, Pope Benedict XVI, a Catholic theologian of extraordinary accomplishment and distinction and as the world is now learning a holy and courageous pastor. I have also found him insightful about the nature of the priestly vocation. When I preach retreats to priests, I always make available two outstanding articles he wrote on the priesthood many years ago. More recently, I share his "Letter to Priests," written at the outset of the Year for Priests and his homily at the closing Mass for that year with 15,000 priests concelebrating in St. Peter's Square.

The second person, who drew me to this event is John Cavadini, former chair of the Theology Department at Notre Dame and now the director of the Institute for Church Life. He is the one who initiated this event. I believe it is his intent to present a book containing these presentations to the Holy Father for his 85th birthday; and he has already received a letter of appreciation from the Holy See expressing the appreciation of the pope for this splendid seminar so appropriate for a Catholic university.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, is a retired bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and resides in Fort Wayne.

LETTER

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at work on the third volume of his bestselling "Jesus of Nazareth" series and is presumed to be writing at least one encyclical: on the theological virtue of faith, to follow his works on charity ("Deus Caritas Est") and hope ("Spe Salvi"). The pope will be traveling to Lebanon this September, and the Vatican has done nothing to discourage the widespread assumption that he will follow established papal precedent by attending World Youth Day celebrations next summer in Rio de Janeiro.

As the pope told former Cuban leader Fidel Castro, also 85, at a meeting in Havana: "Yes, I'm old, but I can still carry out my duties."

Pope Benedict's vitality is strikingly clear when one compares his physical and mental state with that of his predecessor. The current pontiff is already older than Blessed John Paul II was when he died in 2005, after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease and other ailments.

The contrast between the two men is especially significant when one considers that Blessed John Paul seriously considered resigning on at least two occasions, his 75th and 80th birthdays, according to books by his former personal secretary and the postulator for his canonization.

The postulator, Msgr. Slawomir Oder, has written that Blessed John Paul sought the guidance of experts as he pondered resignation, "consulting in particular then-Cardinal (Joseph) Ratzinger," now Pope Benedict.

Whatever Cardinal Ratzinger may have advised, Blessed John

Paul finally decided that it was, in his own words, his "duty to continue to carry out the job for which Christ the Lord has called me, as long as He, in the mysterious designs of His providence, will want."

If a leader as traditional as Pope Benedict does not consider Blessed John Paul's example a binding precedent, he clearly sees it as an inspiring standard for his own conduct. Concluding his homily at Blessed John Paul's beatification Mass last May, Pope Benedict paid a personal tribute to his predecessor's "witness in suffering."

"The Lord gradually stripped him of everything," Pope Benedict recalled, "yet he remained ever a 'rock,' as Christ desired. ... In this way he lived out in an extraordinary way the vocation of every priest and bishop to become completely one with Jesus, whom he daily receives and offers in the Church."

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 22, 2012

Luke 24:35-48

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle B: the risen Christ appears to his disciples. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| BREAD | PEACE | BE WITH YOU |
| GHOST | ARISE | LOOK AT |
| MYSELF | TOUCH ME | FLESH |
| BONES | JOY | TO EAT |
| FISH | ARE IT | MY WORDS |
| LAW OF MOSES | PROPHETS | FULFILLED |
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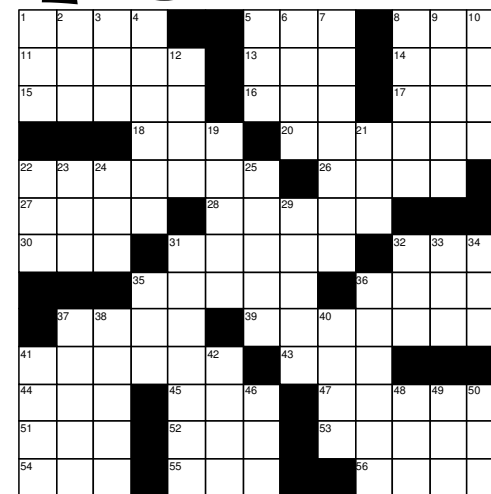
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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 3: 13-15: 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48 AND Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

ACROSS

- 1 Winged
- 5 Certified public accountant
- 8 Resort hotel
- 11 Ghosts don't have
- 13 "___ Father"
- 14 Billion years
- 15 Terra ___ (type of clay)
- 16 Deli order
- 17 Fox hole
- 18 Loose white vestment worn at mass
- 20 Condemned Jesus
- 22 Music players
- 26 "For the forgiveness of ___"

- 27 Borrower does
- 28 Easter color
- 30 Sun's name
- 31 Brush and ___ (dentist's orders)
- 32 Fence hole
- 35 Italian food
- 36 Ceases
- 37 Very dry wine
- 39 St. Joseph's dust
- 41 Illustrations
- 43 Cattle
- 44 Japanese money
- 45 Extremely high frequency (abbr.)
- 47 Shoe strings
- 51 Old cloth

- 52 "Thy ___ and thy staff"
- 53 Like dewfall
- 54 Bach's "___ to Joy"
- 55 Moses crossed the red one
- 56 Decayed wood

DOWN

- 1 Alphabet
- 2 Card game
- 3 Picnic pest
- 4 Blacktops again
- 5 Corn holder
- 6 Juice solids
- 7 Painters and sculptors
- 8 Car
- 9 Writers
- 10 Jesus' grandmother
- 12 Sold at a discount
- 19 Knocks pins over
- 21 Breaks ninth commandment
- 22 Distress call
- 23 # of disciples on Emmaus' road
- 24 Conger
- 25 What a Dr. gives
- 29 Abraham's son
- 31 ancestors
- 32 African antelope
- 33 Advertisements
- 34 Pacific Standard Time
- 35 Baby dog
- 36 Confessor saint & king
- 37 The breaking of the ___
- 38 Stove
- 40 Steals sheep
- 41 Rotating mechanism
- 42 Footwear
- 46 Food and drug administration (abbr.)
- 48 Executive
- 49 NY Standard Time
- 50 Mouser

Answer Key can be found on page 23

Sparks puts Catholic values into practice on and off the page

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Nicholas Sparks, the popular Catholic romance novelist, puts his faith into practice in several different ways.

One way is through philanthropy. Sparks has not only volunteered as a track coach for New Bern High School near his home on the North Carolina coast — as a college freshman he was part of the University of Notre Dame's 800-meter relay team that set a school record — but he also paid for a new track at the high school, and provided for tutoring for disadvantaged students.

Sparks and his wife, Catherine, also co-founded a “multidenominational” Christian school in New Bern called the Epiphany School. Nicholas Sparks is chairman of the board of trustees for the school, which educates students from fifth through 12th grades.

Sparks spoke in an April 4 telephone interview with Catholic News Service to promote “The Lucky One,” a new movie based on one of his novels that opens April 20. The story tells of a Marine veteran who sets out to find a woman pictured in a photograph he found in the rubble while serving in Iraq, believing her image and her “Keep safe” message on the back side of the photo helped him cheat death several times.

“Our passion lies in two areas,” Sparks said of himself and his wife, both of whom grew up as children



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Nicholas Sparks, the popular Catholic romance novelist, is pictured in a 2010 photo. Sparks told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview that his faith animates a lot of what he does. The new movie “The Lucky One,” based on one of his novels, opens April 20.

in military families. “One is education and one is veterans. There are so many wonderful programs for veterans, but where we want to make a difference is with prosthetic limbs.

“The Veterans Administration will provide them, but sometimes they don’t work, they’re not exact, they can’t go over a certain cost. ...

I don’t know, it just bothers me to think they’re wearing something that doesn’t work as well as it could.”

With regard to education, Sparks added, “Americans are falling behind in so many areas and there are so many things that we can do. One of the areas where I think we’re falling behind is international understanding in the world and being able to function in the world.”

Thanks to the Internet, he said, “the world is much more connected. But in America, because of its geography, we never had to learn it (international understanding).”

The author also keeps values first and foremost when writing.

“Faith animates a lot of what I do,” Sparks told CNS. “I have my rules. I don’t put a lot of profanity in. I don’t write any love scenes; they end where everything pretty much starts. I don’t glamorize adultery in any way. I leave that for other people to do. My faith is strong — and look, my grandmother’s reading my book. I call it the grandmother rule.”

Sparks also takes an active role in the film treatments of his novels, so he rejects — with an important distinction — the notion that there is more sex in “The Lucky One” than previous movies based on his books.

“Certainly there is, compared to ‘The Last Song’ or ‘A Walk to Remember — and there’s none in those — but those two are teen stories. The rest of it is selective memory” on the part of viewers,

he explained. “I can time it to the minute. And it is not any more passionate. Go to ‘Message in a Bottle’ or ‘The Notebook’ or ‘Dear John.’ It is no more or no less. It is one of the things we’re thinking of when we’re making a movie. ... If there’s not a lot of chemistry, it won’t work at all.”

Sparks is proud of his faith. In a 2002 interview with the Catholic Education Resource Center, he said: “I was raised Catholic, baptized, confirmed, Sunday School, went to Notre Dame, go to confession, go to church weekly.

“My oldest son is an altar boy. All my children go to the Catholic school. My wife, Catherine, was raised Catholic. We were married in the Catholic Church,” he continued. “God is the most important thing in our lives. I suppose that’s true of everybody’s lives, whether or not they want to believe it.”

And, despite daily early morning workouts, writing a book nearly every year, and assisting in the film adaptations of his novels, and helping with the school, he told CNS he still finds time to read at least 100 books a year. One of his favorites is Stephen King. He’s also taken a shine to some European fiction and history and biography. One book-reading rule of his is “no living politicians.”

With all this on his plate, “this is a balance that I continually strive to keep in line,” Sparks said. “I have a wife who insists that family comes first. In my world, writing novels comes second.”



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

“Bully” (Weinstein)

Poignant documentary revealing the victimization of a trio of teens from different parts of the country who have endured verbal and physical abuse from their peers at school and recounting the stories of two other students whose sufferings apparently led them to commit suicide. Filmmaker Lee Hirsch sheds light on a widespread and enduring social problem and provides a potential starting point for important family discussions. Parents should be aware, however, that in addition to the small-scale brutality on display, the narrative also focuses on the fact that one of those being profiled — a 16-year-old girl — is enduring persecution for being an avowed lesbian. So younger viewers will need sufficient maturity — or guidance — to distinguish between the individual rights of the homosexually oriented and a broader social agenda out of keeping with Scripture and sacred tradition. Possibly acceptable for older adolescents. Scenes of cruelty and petty violence, adult themes, including suicide and homosexuality, at least one use of the F-word, numerous crude and crass insults. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

“The Three Stooges” (Fox)

Most of the ingredients in this updated version of the titular comedy act’s antics are about what you’d expect: A lot of shtick, a little dance, a big live lobster down someone’s pants. Far less predictable, and most unwelcome, is the assault on the dignity of those in religious life that also characterizes this highly uneven comedy. Raised in an orphanage run by the Sisters of Mercy but never adopted, Moe, Curly and Larry (Chris Diamantopoulos, Will Sasso and Sean Hayes, respectively) emerge as true adult innocents, sallying forth into the outside world intent on raising the large sum it will take to keep their home facility from closing. Such tasteless jokes as a character named Sister Mary-Mengele and a sight gag involving a sexualized young nun figure in a swimsuit derail Bobby and Peter Farrelly clearly intended as a sweet-natured tribute to the much-beloved original trio. Irreverent and occasionally offensive humor directed at clergy and religious, some crude comedy, extensive physically abusive slapstick. The Catholic News Service classification is L — limited adult audience. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

Series of tribute CDs pays homage to Medical Mission Sisters’ music

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Plenty of well-known recording artists have been the subject of tribute albums recorded by all-star casts of performers doing cover versions of their songs. The tribute subjects have ranged from Bruce Springsteen to the Eagles to Sonny Bono to Woody Guthrie.

Now, a new tribute subject has been unveiled: the Medical Mission Sisters.

Those who came of age after the Second Vatican Council are probably familiar with the sisters’ first album, “Joy Is Like the Rain,” released in 1966. It was certified gold for sales of 500,000 copies — unheard-of at the time for Catholic religious music, and possibly the only gold record for the genre until the Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos’ 1994 CD “Chant” went triple platinum for sales of 3 million.

The sisters were prolific, recording 15 albums in the studio — more than Madonna, the Eagles, and scores of other pop, rock and soul stars — before their songwriter, Sister Miriam Therese Winter, switched her writing to theological topics.

Dan Paulos, director of the Shrine of St. Bernadette in Albuquerque, N.M., and head of the St. Bernadette Institute of Sacred Art, has an ambitious tribute plan. Of the estimated 250-300 songs the Medical Mission Sisters recorded, he plans on rerecording 100 of them, including 12 songs Sister Miriam Therese wrote but never recorded.

The first CD, “Loving You,” contains 21 songs, including three of the new tunes. Paulos told Catholic News Service that Sister Miriam Therese even returned to the recording studio. “The first recording was 46 years ago, and four of the originals (sisters) went back and recorded more songs,” he said.

Singing on “Loving You” are Melba Moore, the Limelites and Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of Maria von Trapp, whose story was told in “The Sound of Music.” Also performing is Janis Ian, who is Jewish. Paulos acknowledged the seeming incongruity, but “that’s what makes this project so unique.”

On the next CD release, he said, there will be “a Muslim woman singing a Christian song, which thrills us to no end. ... And then we have many Protestants singing, and now we’re working with the

Mormons to get them to do a song.

On tap for the second CD is country star Lorrie Morgan, singing an Alleluia set to music by Sister Miriam Therese.

“Many of them did two or even three songs,” Paulos told CNS. The Limelites, for example, have already recorded a pair of up-tempo Medical Mission Sisters’ songs — “The Wedding Banquet” and “Zaccheus” — for future releases.

Some things, though, can’t be improved upon. Rather than rerecord “Joy Is Like the Rain,” Paulos simply led off “Loving You” with the sisters’ original. “It was the (sisters’) first album and the first song that was recorded,” he said. “We decided to open the album with that, and it was not touched.”

Paulos, as producer of the tribute project, squeezes in recording sessions when he’s not working at the shrine. He estimates it will take another three to four years before the five-CD series is complete.

“When I was young, they were already popular. That was the Sixties. I was 16. We used a lot of her (Sister Miriam Therese’s) folk songs in the new liturgies,” Paulos said. “I always felt bad for them because they always had these very sweet voices, and a lot of the clergy

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Deanery to meet

New Haven — The Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet at St. Louis Church Tuesday, April 24, at 3:40 p.m. for rosary and the Mass, followed by a pot luck supper and white elephant sale. A DVD of Johnette Benkovic and Dan Lynch will be shown of the apparitions of Our Lady of America. All ladies of the diocese are members and are welcome. For information call Betty at (260) 749-9396.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, April 25, from 5-6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Camp Red Cedar for children with disabilities.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 20, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3.50. Carry-out available.

Celebration planned

New Haven — Father James Seculoff will celebrate the 50th anniversary of holy Priesthood Sunday, April 22, with a reception from 12:30-3 p.m. in the St. John the Baptist community center. Holy Hour from 3-4 p.m. in the church.

Spring luncheon announced

Elkhart — St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will have a spring salad luncheon on Wednesday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school gym, 1331 N. Main St. Handicapped accessible. Famous hot chicken salad, other salads, bread, desserts and beverages. Donation is \$7 at the door or by calling (574) 596-1673.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent Wednesday, April 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "God my Rock." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by April 20 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Rummage and bake sale

Fort Wayne — A rummage and bake sale will be held at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel on Friday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to noon. Bag sale on Saturday. Located on US 27 south of 469/US 27 interchange.

Extreme Makeover: Parish edition

Fort Wayne — Young Adults ages 18-39 will meet Sunday, April 22, from 12:30-4 p.m. at St. Jude Church, 2130 Pemberton Dr., to meet and mingle with other young adults, hear Father Tom Shoemaker's talk "Pope on a Rope" and work outside around parish grounds (please bring gardening tools, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.) For information contact Kelsy at kemorris15@gmail.com.

Eighth annual procession to take place

Notre Dame — A Eucharistic procession will take place on Sunday, April 22, at 12:45 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of Notre Dame. The Blessed Sacrament will be in procession to altars around

REST IN PEACE

Angola

Carolyn Sue Carrigan, 48, St. Anthony of Padua

Bristol

Edward J. Bollero, 89, St. Mary of the Annunciation

Elkhart

Joseph A. Vyverman, 90, St. Thomas the Apostle

Fort Wayne

Helen Baumgarte, 68, St. Vincent de Paul

Eileen Hilda Opliger, 81, St. Vincent de Paul

Grace F. Mastrangelo, 81, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Michael E. Rahrig, 81, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Eleanor, M. Schneiders, 76, St. Jude

Bernard E. Walsh, 88, St. Therese

Emmett Edward Krouse, 94, St. Peter

Huntington

Sister Rose Elizabeth Hohner, O.L.V.M., 97, Victory Noll

New Carlisle

Nancy Mae Kwiatkowski, 72, St. Stanislaus

New Haven

Susan P. Thatcher, 53, St. John the Baptist

Notre Dame

Sister M. Henrica Devine, CSC, 85, Our Lady of Loretto

South Bend

Valentine W. Sparazynski, 94, St. Adalbert
Phyllis G. Kromkowski, 92, St. Adalbert

Bernard L. Doyle, 97, St. Anthony de Padua

Theodore D. Lisek Jr., 79, Christ the King

Theodore J. Woodward, 88, St. Jude

Mary Anna Grunwald, 94, Our Lady of Hungary

Norman F. Ernsberger, 90, Little Flower

Virginia A. Kandzierski, 86, St. Adalbert

Elizabeth J. Sosnoski, 84, St. Anthony de Padua

Virgil J. Wibbens, 88, St. Jude

Wabash

Beulah M. Fleck, 90, St. Bernard

the campus for prayer and adoration. Music provided by several university choirs. The Knights of Columbus will provide a free picnic social immediately following the procession.

LuersKnight

Fort Wayne — "A Knight at Sea," LuersKnight, will be Friday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, live and silent auction items and entertainment by students in the gymnasium, 333 E. Paulding Rd. A preview party will be held Thursday, May 3, from 7-9 p.m. Admission is \$5. For further information or tickets call Kathy Skelly at (260) 456-1261.

The CrossWord

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desires to give himself completely to God and His call to be a priest," said Mario Alvarez Guterra in Spanish, with translation provided by Holy Cross Father John Herman, pastor of La Luz. "We see Deacon Matt persevering day after day, tending the Kingdom of God by bringing the Word of God and the love of God to people in great need, people who have fallen away from God."

Mirthala Romero Mata shared more testimony on behalf of the parish. "We know that you will be a star of Bethlehem as a priest, and there will be many men and women who are brought closer to God, through the presence of Jesus who you know, love and serve. We love you very much!"

Bishop Rhoades addressed the presenters in Spanish, thanking them and welcoming them to the United States, before confirming to the entire assembly, "We choose Matthew for the order of priesthood!"

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades reflected upon three duties of the holy priesthood: to scatter the seed of God's Word; to dispense God's mercy; and to nourish the faithful with the Eucharist. To effectively preach, he said, the priest must first live on the Word of God in his own life and be a man of prayer.

"The time we spend in prayer is not wasted time," said Bishop Rhoades, referring to private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, the Liturgy of the Hours, "lectio divina," the rosary and other ways a priest must continually replenish his spiritual engine if he is to serve his people well.

"We must never seek to take center stage," Bishop Rhoades said. "We are servants when we celebrate the Eucharist, servants of the liturgy who point to the great High Priest, to Jesus, who gives Himself to us ever anew in the Blessed Sacrament."

Bishop Rhoades also drew on the image of the vine and branches, an image so often used by Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau.

"Your holy founder applied the figure of the vine and the branches to the Holy Cross community," Bishop Rhoades said. "We must also apply it to priestly life and ministry. Jesus said, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. He who lives in Me and I in him,



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades lays hands at the ordination Mass of Holy Cross Father Matthew Kuczora.

will produce abundantly, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

Bishop Rhoades concluded his homily and said, "God calls you to follow Him in a new way as He makes you the living instrument of His Son, the Eternal High Priest."

Kuczora then promised to assume the responsibilities of the office of presbyter and his obedience to his local ordinary. As the candidate lay prostrate upon the basilica floor, Bishop Rhoades led those assembled in reverent prayer, asking God's blessing through the intercession of the communion of saints, beautifully sung by the Notre Dame Folk Choir.

Kuczora then knelt facing the altar, Bishop Rhoades laid hands upon him, and the 108 assembled priests silently and reverently followed suit. The newly ordained Father Kuczora was then vested and his hands anointed. He smiled broadly as his family brought the gifts of bread and wine to the altar, and the celebration of the Eucharist continued.

"It's very overwhelming," Father Kuczora's mother, Pam, shared afterward. "I'm a convert,

so I never dreamt my son would become a priest. I've always prayed for my children's spouses, ever since they were babies, so I guess I've been praying for the Church. I feel very blessed. It's a miracle, ... it's the Holy Spirit!"

Neither Pam nor husband Paul had any indication their son was destined for the priesthood. He always had a girlfriend and never expressed interest in religious life until his junior year of college. It wasn't until after college that Kuczora knew he had a priestly vocation.

"I thought I'd serve the Church as a dad and a husband," grinned Father Kuczora later at the reception. "Then I started looking at things I really liked and things I'm good at, and meeting these guys at Holy Cross I realized I could combine a lot of my joys together, and do it with a lot of love for the people who really need it the most."

The oldest of five children, Kuczora grew up in Marion, Indiana, where he and his family were members of St. Paul Catholic Church. He attended Marion High School and graduated cum laude in 2005 from Notre Dame with a

bachelor of business administration degree in accountancy. He also received a master of divinity degree from Notre Dame in May 2011. After college Kuczora worked for a year in nonprofit housing before entering the seminary.

"It's been six years of formation, with a lot of learning, struggles and blessings along the way," he recalled. "I think especially this last year of being a deacon and being with my people in my parish down in Mexico ... just knowing now that I can anoint them, hear their confessions and offer Mass for them is really powerful for me."

Father Kuczora also credits the genuine joy he witnessed from the Holy Cross priests during his college years.

"I had good priests growing up, but it was the guys here at Notre Dame — the Holy Cross priests and brothers — that really inspired me."

Father Kuczora, who will soon return to serve in Mexico, celebrated his first Mass — a Mass of Thanksgiving — on Divine Mercy Sunday, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.



*To live in the midst of the world,
without wishing its pleasures;
To be a member of each family,
yet belonging to none;
To share all sufferings;
To penetrate all secrets;
To heal all wounds;
To go from men to God
and offer Him their Prayers;
To return from God to men
to bring pardon and hope;
To have a heart of fire for charity
and a heart of bronze for chastity;
To teach and to pardon,
console and bless always—
What a glorious life!
and it is yours,
O Priest of Jesus Christ!*

-Author Unknown-

**CONGRATULATIONS,
REV. MATTHEW C. KUCZORA, CSC**

on the occasion of your ordination to the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross. May the God who allows and invites you to make this commitment strengthen and protect you to be faithful to it! *Ad multos annos!*

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