



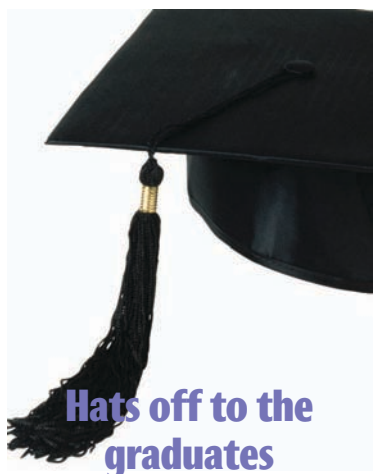
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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES AT NEW SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS



The school exterior of the new Saint Joseph's High School is nearing completion, above, while the football stadium and track are under construction. The school will move to the new location in the fall. At left, interior work on the chapel continues.



PHOTOS BY KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Progress, including the sign that boasts "Home of the Indians" in the new Saint Joseph's High School gymnasium is shown above. While progress is made on construction at the new campus, students are celebrating the hallowed halls of the 1441 N. Michigan St. location.

## Diocese, others, file federal lawsuit defending religious liberty

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Catholic Charities of the diocese, Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Franciscan Alliance, the University of Saint Francis and Our Sunday Visitor have filed a lawsuit against various government defendants, seeking justice from U.S. District Court (Northern District of Indiana, Fort Wayne Division). The University of Notre Dame has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court (Northern District of Indiana, South Bend Division).

Forty-three Catholic dioceses, schools, hospitals, social service agencies and other institutions filed suit in federal court Monday, May 21, at 11 a.m.

At a news conference held Monday afternoon in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said, "(The U.S. bishops) have pursued various avenues to correct the problem of the overarching and overreaching mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services without litigation. Our efforts with the White House and with Congress have not succeeded, so now a number of our dioceses, Catholic schools and universities, Catholic health systems and Catholic charitable organizations are pursuing the judicial route."

The defendants named were the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of Labor and their respective secretaries.

The lawsuit stems from the recently enacted HHS mandate in which religious employers who do not qualify for a narrow exemption will be forced to provide to their employees abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization and contraceptive products and services at no cost to employees.

This mandate presents a clear and present danger to these Catholic entities' ability to teach and live their faith, and would make them complicit in providing and facilitating products and services contrary to their clearly stated doctrines.

The plaintiffs in this case believe the HHS mandate to be clearly unconstitutional and any accommodations previously made were substandard and unacceptable.

"American history and tradition, embodied in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Religious Freedom Restoration Act, protect religious entities from such overbearing and oppressive governmental action," Bishop Rhoades said at the news conference. "Religious freedom, protected in the U.S. Constitution and other laws and statutes, is rooted in the dignity of every human person. It is inherent in our humanity, a God-given right. It is a cornerstone of basic human rights and is necessary for the flourishing of a just society. We are obliged to defend it for ourselves and for others. We are asking in this lawsuit that this right be respected by our government."

This lawsuit is about an unprecedented attack by



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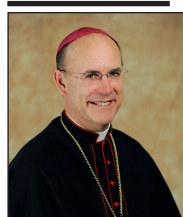
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# Litigation to defend our religious liberty



## IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

A few weeks ago, while at a meeting in Atlanta, I had the opportunity to visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site. I especially enjoyed sitting in the Ebenezer Baptist Church where Reverend Dr. King served as co-pastor. His recorded sermons were piped through the sanctuary there and I listened for quite some time to his stirring words. He awakened consciences and called upon America to honor its heritage of liberty. In his famous "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" in 1963, Reverend Dr. King boldly stated that "the goal of America is freedom."

In the face of the unprecedented attack by the federal government on one of our most cherished freedoms, the freedom to practice one's religion without government interference, I have been inspired by the words of Martin Luther King. It would be easy to sit back and not get involved in fighting the government's attempt to force us to facilitate and fund services which violate our religious beliefs. But then I think of Dr. King. He did not sit back in the face of racial discrimination and segregation. Instead, he led the civil rights movement in our country.

Along with my brother bishops, I have been actively involved in efforts to protect our religious liberty. We are not sitting back. We have pursued various avenues to correct the problem of the over-reaching US Department of Health and Human Services without litigation. Our efforts with the White House and the Congress have not succeeded. So now, a number of our dioceses, Catholic schools and universities, Catholic health systems, and Catholic charitable organizations are pursuing the judicial route.

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Catholic Charities of the diocese, Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Franciscan Alliance, the University of Saint Francis, and Our Sunday Visitor filed a lawsuit against various government defendants, seeking justice from U.S. District Court (Northern District of Indiana, Fort Wayne Division). The University of Notre Dame has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court (Northern District of Indiana, South Bend Division). We are in deep solidarity in our conviction that the government is not authorized to force us to violate our consciences, by making us provide, pay for and/or facilitate "services" that are contrary to our religious beliefs. "American history and tradition, embodied in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Religious Freedom Restoration Act, protect religious entities from such overbearing and oppressive governmental action" (paragraph



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks at a special press conference held at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne on May 21 regarding legislation taken for religious liberty. At left is Franciscan Sister Elise Kriss, president of the University of Saint Francis and Sisters of Notre Dame Sister Loretta Borgerding of Saint Anne Home.

1 of lawsuit).

Religious freedom, protected in the U.S. Constitution and other laws and statutes, is rooted in the dignity of every human person. It is inherent in our humanity, a God-given right. It is a cornerstone of basic human rights and is necessary for the flourishing of a just society. We are obliged to defend it for ourselves and for others. We are asking in this lawsuit that this right be respected by our government.

The government has no place defining "religious employer" so narrowly that it only includes houses of worship. This reduces the freedom of religion to the freedom of worship. Religious liberty is about witness and action, as well as worship. The HHS exemption excludes most Catholic hospitals, schools, universities, and social service providers. They are "not religious enough," according to the U.S. Government Mandate, to qualify for the exemption. Our diocese carries out our mission of service through our diocesan offices, parishes and schools, and through the work of our affiliated ministries. All of these institutions are guided by Catholic beliefs. In our institutions, we employ non-Catholics. We serve non-Catholics. As a matter of faith, we serve everyone. We educate and care for Catholics and non-Catholics. Two of the four criteria for an exemption from the unjust mandate require us to primarily employ and to serve persons who share our religious tenets. As we say in the lawsuit: "in order to safeguard their religious freedoms, religious employers must plead with government bureaucrats for a determination that they are sufficiently 'religious'."

A fundamental purpose of the First Amendment is to keep the State out of the internal affairs of the Church. The Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment protects people and groups from government interference with the exercise of their religious beliefs. The U.S. Government Mandate with its narrow exemption violates the First Amendment and requires

our institutions to submit to "an intrusive governmental examination of our religious missions" (cf. #7 in lawsuit).

In our U.S. Bishop's statement on Religious Liberty, *Our First, Most Cherished Liberty*, we state the following: *Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith? Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, deprived of the essential contribution in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that religious Americans make every day, both here at home and overseas.*

This lawsuit protesting the U.S. Government Mandate is about defending our freedom to do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise our beliefs by providing, paying for and/or facilitating things that violate our religious convictions. And it is about protecting our diocese and our institutions from oppressive government intrusion into our religious missions.

I am deeply grateful to all who are joining us in our defense of the right to religious liberty. The unity and solidarity of the faithful of our diocese and the support of many other Christians and believers of other faiths has been incredible. This solidarity and support demonstrates how much we all cherish our religious freedom. We must not allow the weakening of religious liberty in our beloved nation. We sing in our National Anthem that we are "the land of the free and home of the brave." Let us pray that this will always be so.

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

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





KAY COZAD

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks with local media and others about the recent lawsuit filed by the diocese concerning religious liberty at the Noll Center on May 21.**

## HHS

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the federal government on one of America's most cherished freedoms: the freedom to practice one's religion without government interference. It is not about whether people have access to certain services; it is about whether the government may force religious institutions and individuals to provide and facilitate services that violate their religious beliefs.

Bishop Rhoades said, "The government has no place defining 'religious employer' so narrowly that it only includes houses of worship. This reduces the freedom of religion to the freedom of worship. Religious liberty is about witness and action, as well as worship. The HHS exemption excludes most Catholic hospitals, schools, universities and social service providers. They are 'not religious enough,' according to the HHS mandate, to qualify for the exemption. Our diocese carries out our mission of service through our diocesan offices, parishes and schools, and through the work of our affiliated ministries. All of these institutions are guided by Catholic beliefs."

He added, "Today we ask people of all faith traditions, and all people of conscience to join us in our efforts to restore religious liberty to its rightful place; a cornerstone of our country, and our first, most cherished liberty."

The University of Notre Dame's lawsuit charges that these components of the regulation are a violation of the religious liberties guaranteed by the First Amendment, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and other federal laws.

The federal mandate requires the University of Notre Dame and similar religious organizations to provide in their insurance plans abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives and sterilization procedures, which are contrary to Catholic teaching. It also authorizes the government to determine which organizations are sufficiently "religious" to warrant an exemption from the requirement.

"This filing is about the freedom of a religious organization to live its mission, and its significance goes well beyond any debate about contraceptives," Holy Cross Father John

I. Jenkins, Notre Dame's president, wrote in a message to members of the campus community. "For if we concede that the government can decide which religious organizations are sufficiently religious to be awarded the freedom to follow the principles that define their mission, then we have begun to walk down a path that ultimately leads to the undermining of those institutions."

"Our lawsuit raises two questions," said Gregory Erlandson, president of the Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division: "Whether the government can use such criteria to define the religiousness of an organization, and whether the government may force religious institutions and individuals to provide and facilitate services, which violate their religious beliefs."

Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., is a not-for-profit enterprise that is self-insured. It does not fund abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization or contraception.

"We are concerned that these regulations, if not overturned, would force Our Sunday Visitor to provide such coverage even when the Catholic Church has consistently taught that they are wrong and a violation of Church teaching," said Erlandson.

In an editorial, Our Sunday Visitor said that it "stands proudly with our fellow Catholic apostolates and with our bishops in resisting this challenge."

The newspaper asked readers "to stand with us — in charity, praying first and foremost for conversions of heart; in civility, arguing the facts of this case without recourse to bitter partisanship or political rhetoric; and in solidarity, knowing that whatever sacrifices we bear and whatever challenges we endure, we are only doing what is our responsibility as American citizens practicing our faith in the public square."

A statement released by the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne said: "As a Catholic institution and in response to a request from Bishop Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, in which we serve, the University of Saint Francis has opted into the litigation to support the effort of the bishops to protect our religious freedom as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution."

**Sean McBride, Tim Johnson of Today's Catholic and Nancy Frazier O'Brien of Catholic News Service contributed to this article.**



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

• Sunday, May 27, 2 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Saint Joseph's High School, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame

# Obama 'accommodation' offers no fundamental change, USCCB attorneys say

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although the Obama administration's proposed "accommodation" for religious employers to the mandate that contraceptives and sterilization be included in most health plans "may create an appearance of moderation and compromise," it does not change the administration's fundamental position, attorneys for the U.S. bishops said in comments filed May 15.

"We are convinced that no public good is served by this unprecedented nationwide mandate, and that forcing individual and institutional stakeholders to sponsor and subsidize an otherwise widely available product over their religious and moral objections serves no legitimate, let alone compelling, government interest," said the comments filed with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Signed by Anthony R. Picarello and Michael F. Moses, general counsel and associate general counsel, respectively, for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the 21-page comments were in response to the administration's "advance notice of proposed rulemaking" published March 16 in the Federal Register, which proposed new ways for religious organizations that have moral objections to providing free contraceptives to their employees to comply with the requirement.

Among the administration's sug-

gestions are having the costs covered by a "third-party administrator" of a health plan or "independent agency" that receive funds from other sources, such as rebates from drug makers.

The USCCB comments said the proposed changes would still require "conscientiously objecting nonexempt religious organizations ... to provide plans that serve as a conduit for contraceptives and sterilization procedures to their own employees, and their premiums will help pay for those items."

"As a practical or moral matter, none of (the approaches proposed by the administration) will solve the problem that the mandate creates for nonexempt religious organizations with a conscientious objection to contraceptive coverage," the attorneys added.

The USCCB comments repeated several times that the best solution to their objections to the mandate would be its complete rescission.

"We believe that this mandate is unjust and unlawful — it is bad health policy, and because it entails an element of government coercion against conscience, it creates a religious freedom problem," the USCCB attorneys said.

The USCCB submission noted that HHS had not asked for comments on whether contraceptives and sterilization should be among the mandated preventive services for women under the health reform law or on the four-pronged definition of

religious organizations that could be exempt from the requirement.

To be exempt from the requirement, a religious organization "has the inculcation of religious values as its purpose; primarily employs persons who share its religious tenets; primarily serves persons who share its religious tenets; and is a nonprofit organization" under specific sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

Both the mandate and the exemption are now final rules, "entirely unchanged from August 2011," the USCCB said.

It warned that "many religious and other stakeholders with a conscientious objection to some or all of the mandate coverage are ineligible" for the exemption or the one-year "temporary enforcement safe harbor" established by the Obama administration. That safe harbor period is to begin Aug. 1, 2012.

"Absent a change of course by the administration or a court order granting relief, individuals, insurers, for-profit employers and many other stakeholders with a moral or religious objection to contraceptive coverage will be required in the next few months either to drop out of the health insurance marketplace, potentially triggering crippling penalties, or to provide coverage that violates their deeply held convictions," the USCCB attorneys said.

Before a final decision on the proposed ruling, the Obama administration is seeking public comment until June 19.

# Pope calls on Chinese Catholics to be faithful to Church, pope

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI called on Chinese Catholics to be faithful to the pope, asked that mass media worldwide promote mutual respect and dialogue, and prayed for those hit by a deadly earthquake near Bologna and a school bombing in Brindisi.

After reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer with those gathered in St. Peter's Square May 20, the pope denounced a May 19 bombing of a high school in southern Italy, calling it "a vile attack."

A bomb was detonated outside the Brindisi school gates early in the morning as teenagers were arriving for classes. One girl was killed and 10 others injured — one seriously. Police said they suspected the attack was the work of a lone individual unrelated to the Mafia and the city's organized crime ring.

The pope prayed for the victims



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**People cheer and wave as Pope Benedict XVI leads the "Regina Coeli" from the window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican May 20.**

and lamented the death of the girl, saying she was an "innocent victim of brutal violence."

The pope also prayed for those hit by a 6.0 magnitude earthquake that struck near Bologna in the pre-dawn hours of May 20. At least four people were killed as a result of the

quake and its aftershocks.

"I am spiritually close to those hit by this calamity," the pope said.

Pope Benedict also recalled the Church's May 24 celebration of the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, which he established as a world day of prayer for the Church in China.

Mentioning Chinese Catholics' devotion to Mary at the Sheshan Marian shrine in Shanghai, he asked that all Catholics in China proclaim Christ "with humility and joy, be faithful to their Church and to the successor of Peter, and live their lives in accordance with the faith they profess."

He prayed for Mary to help China's Catholics and to help members of the universal Church grow in their love and concern for the Church in China.

The pope also highlighted "Silence and Word: Path of Evangelization," the theme of World Communications Day, marked in most dioceses May 20.



# Fortnight for Freedom: Current threats to religious liberty

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — Pope Benedict XVI spoke earlier this year about his worry that religious liberty in the United States is being weakened.

He called religious liberty the “most cherished of American freedoms.” However, unfortunately, our most cherished freedom is under threat. Consider the following:

- **HHS mandate for contraception, sterilization and abortion inducing drugs.** The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services forces religious institutions to facilitate and fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tries to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty.

- **Catholic foster care and adoption services.** Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia and the State of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services — by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both — because those charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.

- **State immigration laws.** Several states have recently passed laws that forbid what they deem as “harboring” of undocumented immigrants — and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to these immigrants.

- **Discrimination against small church congregations.** New York

City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though nonreligious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses.

- **Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services.** After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive

and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.

- **Christian students on campus.** In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.

- **Forcing religious groups to host same-sex “marriage” or civil union ceremonies.** A New Jersey judge recently found that a Methodist ministry violated state law when the ministry declined to allow two women to hold a “civil union”

ceremony on its private property. Further, a civil rights complaint has been filed against the Catholic Church in Hawaii by a person requesting to use a chapel to hold a same-sex “marriage” ceremony.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Yes, Pope Benedict XVI has recognized that various attempts to limit the freedom of religion in the U.S. are a serious concern. This threat to religious freedom is larger than any single case or issue and has its roots in secularism in our culture. The Holy Father has asked for the laity to have courage to counter secularism that would “delegitimize the Church’s participation in public debate about the issues, which are determining the future of American society.”

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## What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom?

The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4.

Please visit [www.fortnight-4freedom.org](http://www.fortnight-4freedom.org) for more information on this important time of prayer, education and action in support of religious liberty!

## All faithful are invited to attend the following:

- Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, will celebrate Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, on Friday, June 22, at 7 p.m.

- Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, on Saturday, June 30, at 5 p.m.

## Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all nations,  
For freedom You have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).

We praise and bless You for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By Your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom You live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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# Twelve things everyone should know about the 'Contraceptive Mandate'

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — On Feb. 15, 2012 the Obama Administration published a final rule mandating contraception and sterilization coverage in almost all private health plans nationwide, with an extremely narrow “exemption” for some religious employers. In a March 21 “Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,” the administration leaves this mandate unchanged, while proposing an “accommodation” under which the mandate might be applied in various ways to the employees of religious organizations that do not receive the exemption. Important points to understand:

1. The mandate forces coverage of sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs and devices as well as contraception. Though commonly called the “contraceptive mandate,” the federal mandate also forces employers to sponsor and subsidize coverage of sterilization. And by including all drugs approved by the FDA for use as contraceptives, the mandate includes drugs that can induce abortion such as “Ella” (Ulipristal), a close cousin of the abortion pill RU-486.

2. The mandate does not exempt Catholic charities, schools, universities or hospitals. These institutions are vital to the mission of the Church, but the administration does not deem them “religious employers” deserving conscience protection because they do not “serve primarily persons who share (their) religious tenets.” The administration denies these organizations religious freedom precisely because their religiously motivated purpose is to serve the common good of society — a purpose that government should encourage, not punish.

3. The mandate forces these institutions and others, against their conscience, to pay for and facilitate things they consider immoral. Under the mandate, the government forces religious insurers to write policies that violate their beliefs; forces religious employers and schools to subsidize and facilitate coverage that violates their beliefs; and forces conscientiously objecting employees and students to purchase coverage that violates their beliefs.

4. The federal mandate is much more sweeping than existing state mandates. Employers can generally avoid the contraceptive mandates in 28 states by self-insuring their prescription drug coverage, dropping that part of their coverage altogether, or opting for regulation under a federal law (ERISA) that pre-empts state law. The HHS mandate closes off all these avenues of relief. HHS’ policy of mandating surgical sterilization coverage is reflected in only one state law, Vermont. HHS also chose as its model the narrowest state-level religious exemption, drafted by the ACLU and existing in only 3 states (New York, California, Oregon).

5. Many others have joined the Catholic bishops in speaking out against the mandate. Many recognize this as an assault on the broader principle of religious

liberty, whether or not they agree with the Church on the underlying moral question. For example, at a February 2012 congressional hearing on this issue, testimony supporting the USCCB’s position was heard from the President of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a distinguished Orthodox rabbi and officials and professors from several Protestant institutions of higher learning. The nation’s largest non-Catholic denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention, has strongly criticized the contraceptive mandate, as have leaders of the National Association of Evangelicals, Institutional Religious Freedom Alliance, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Evangelicals for Social Action and the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. An online declaration supporting the Church’s position has been signed by about 28,000 Catholic and non-Catholic women, including many health professionals, academics and businesswomen.

6. The rule that created the uproar has not changed at all, but was finalized as is. After its initial proposal of August 2011 was widely criticized across the political spectrum as an attack on religious freedom, the administration announced its final rule of Feb. 15, as a compromise. But in fact that rule finalizes the original proposal “without change.” So religious organizations dedicated to serving people of other faiths are still not exempt as “religious employers.”

7. The proposed “accommodation” is not a current rule, but a promise that comes due beyond the point of public accountability. On Feb. 15, besides finalizing its mandate without change, HHS also announced it will develop more regulations to apply that mandate differently to “non-exempt, non-profit religious organizations” — the charities, schools and hospitals that were left out of the “religious employer” exemption. The regulations for this “accommodation” will be developed during a one-year delay in enforcement, their impact not felt until after the November election.

8. In its March 21 Advance Notice, HHS makes it clear that even the “accommodation” will do nothing to help objecting insurers, objecting employers that are not “religious” as defined by HHS, or individuals. In its August 2011 comments, and many times since, the Catholic bishops’ conference identified all the stakeholders in the process whose religious freedom is threatened — all employers, insurers and individuals, not only those who meet the government’s definition of religious employers. It is now clear that all insurers, including self-insurers, must provide the coverage; and almost all individuals who pay premiums (whether enrolled in an individual plan or an employer plan) have no escape from subsidizing that coverage. Only organizations identified as “religious” (to be defined by later regulation) may qualify for the

“accommodation.”

9. Even religious charities, schools and hospitals that do qualify for the “accommodation” will still be forced to violate their beliefs. The mandate will still be applied with full force to all employees of these “second-class-citizen” religious institutions, and to the employees’ dependents such as teenage children. While the administration says employees will not pay an additional charge for this coverage, ultimately the funds to pay for it must come from the premium dollars of the employer and employees. And when these organizations provide any health coverage to their employees, that will be the trigger for having the objectionable coverage provided “automatically” to all these employees and their dependents — even if both employer and employee object to it.

10. The “women’s health” claims behind the mandate are doubtful at best. Pregnancy itself is not a disease, but the normal way that each of us came into the world — and there are other ways to

avoid an untimely pregnancy than the surgical procedures and prescription drugs mandated for women’s coverage here. (Neither natural family planning, nor male methods such as condoms or vasectomies, are included in the mandate.) Many studies have found contraceptive programs failing to reduce unintended pregnancies or abortions. Hormonal contraceptives have been associated with an increased risk for stroke, heart attacks, vascular disease and breast cancer, some of the greatest killers of women today. Injectable contraceptive drugs are associated with an increased risk for contracting and transmitting AIDS, a deadly disease the “preventive services” mandate is supposed to help prevent. Medical experts raising such concerns cannot be accused of waging a “war on women.”

11. This is not about any legitimate medical use for hormonal or other drugs. Contrary to some media claims, Catholic ethical directives on health care (and the health plans based on them) allow use of medications for serious

non-contraceptive purposes, even if the same drugs could also be prescribed for contraception. The idea that respect for Catholic moral objections to contraception could endanger access to such drugs for use in healing disease is a red herring.

12. Beware of claims, especially by partisans, that the Catholic bishops are partisan. The bishops warned Congress about the need for clear conscience protection in the face of new health coverage mandates throughout the debate on health care reform; they were arguing against the proposed contraceptive mandate and other new threats to religious freedom in 2010. Since then they have simply continued advocating the same moral principles. The bishops did not pick this fight, or decide that it would continue into an election year — others did. The Church forms its positions based on principles — here, religious liberty for all, and the life and dignity of every human person — not polls, personalities or political parties.



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## Archbishop Lori installed as 16th head of Baltimore Archdiocese

BALTIMORE (CNS) — In a jubilant liturgy that highlighted the historic roots of the Baltimore Archdiocese while also looking to the future, Archbishop William E. Lori was installed as the 16th archbishop of Baltimore May 16 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. A smiling Archbishop Lori wore the same pectoral cross that belonged to Archbishop John Carroll — the first archbishop of Baltimore — as he was led to the bishop's chair by Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien and Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States. In front of more than 2,000 people, Archbishop Lori grasped his crosier and began a new era in the 223-year history of the Baltimore archdiocese as he symbolically took possession of his cathedral. Archbishop Vigano, representing Pope Benedict XVI, extended papal greetings and read an English translation of the apostolic mandate naming the former bishop of Bridgeport, Conn., to his Baltimore post. "We express our confidence that through your faithful ministry of teaching, governing and sanctifying, you will win hearts to Jesus Christ and shape minds in the knowledge, understanding and love of His Church," Archbishop Vigano said. In his homily, Archbishop Lori emphasized the importance of defending religious liberty — highlighting the contributions of men like Archbishop Carroll and another predecessor, Cardinal James Gibbons. "We do not seek to defend religious liberty for partisan purposes," he said, "as some have suggested. No. We do this because we are lovers of a human dignity that was fashioned and imparted not by the government, but by the Creator." Archbishop Lori challenged the congregation to be loyal Americans "by being bold and courageous Catholics."

## USCCB joins in petition asking US to change 'outdated' nuclear policy

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops joined about four dozen other national organizations in amassing more than 50,000 signatures on a petition asking for a change in the United States' "outdated" nuclear arms policy. "You must act now to reduce the nuclear danger and the role of nuclear weapons," said the petition, addressed to President Barack Obama. The petition urges Obama to "end outdated U.S. nuclear war-fighting strategy, dramatically reduce the number of U.S. nuclear weapons and the number of submarines, missiles and bombers that carry those weapons, and take U.S. nuclear weapons off high alert. Maintaining large numbers of nuclear forces on alert increases the risk of accident or miscalculation." A May 15 announcement from the groups involved said the petition was delivered to the White House May 7. Stephen Colecchi, director of the bishops' Office of

## NUNCIO, CARDINAL O'BRIEN APPLAUD DURING INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP LORI IN BALTIMORE



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Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, second from left, and Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, right, applaud as Archbishop William E. Lori takes his seat in the cathedra during his installation as the 16th archbishop of Baltimore May 16 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore.

International Justice and Peace, represented the USCCB. "This is just one of the many expressions of support for overdue changes in the United States' nuclear weapons strategy which is still burdened by Cold War thinking," said Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association, which spearheaded the petition drive and assembled the coalition of organizations that signaled their support. The United States, Kimball told Catholic News Service in a May 15 telephone interview, possesses about 1,700 strategically positioned nuclear warheads. Russia has about 1,500. Each has more strategically deployed warheads than the rest of the "nuclear club" — China, France, Great Britain, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea — has warheads of all kinds combined. "Just one U.S. nuclear-armed submarine can destroy several cities," Kimball said. "We today possess 12 submarines with nuclear weapons."

## We are family: Pope to give Catholic families hope in troubled times

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI will meet with the world's families at a time when the institution of the family is under threat and many are still struggling

with a worldwide economic crisis and a lack of cultural and societal support. As a sign of his deep concern for bolstering the family based on the lifelong union between a man and a woman, the pope will travel to Milan to meet with those attending the May 30-June 3 World Meeting of Families. The pope will arrive June 1 and will close the event with an outdoor Mass. His three-day visit is an extraordinary sign of how much the pope wants to reaffirm the importance of families built on Christian values, Bishop Jean Laffitte, secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Family, told Catholic News Service. "It's as if the pope wants to say 'I am giving the maximum importance to what you families live out and I want to be near you; I believe in what you are experiencing and want to renew this hope,'" the bishop said. The Milan gathering will be the second world family meeting that Pope Benedict has attended in his pontificate. The meetings, held every three years, are hosted by different dioceses around the world and are sponsored by the Vatican's council for the family as a way for families to meet, discuss critical issues and grow in the faith. Even though the pope missed the sixth world meeting in Mexico City in 2009, he has always been a vocal advocate of

families. Almost all of his speeches to visiting diplomats, heads of state and the world's bishops address the need for governments and the Church to support this fundamental building block of society. It's the family where future generations are formed to be members of a constructive, generous, hopeful and peaceful world, the pope has said.

## Traditionalists and Rome strike contrasting notes on Jews

MENZINGEN, Switzerland (CNS) — Of all the controversies associated with the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X, no topic provokes stronger reactions inside or outside the Church than the question of the society's attitude toward Jews. In 2009, after Pope Benedict XVI lifted the excommunications of all four of the society's bishops, there was widespread outrage at revelations that one of the four, Bishop Richard Williamson, had denied the gassing of Jews in Nazi concentration camps and endorsed the notorious anti-Semitic forgery, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." The society's superior general, Bishop Bernard Fellay, repudiated those statements at the time, saying that "anti-Semitism has no place in our ranks" and that the

"position of Bishop Williamson is clearly not the position of our society." More than three years later, the society, a breakaway group that rejects the modernizing changes that followed the Second Vatican Council of 1962-65, may now be on the verge of reconciliation with Rome under the leadership of Bishop Fellay and over the objections of other members, including Bishop Williamson. A prerequisite for such reconciliation is the society's assent to certain Church teachings stipulated by the Vatican in a "doctrinal preamble," which has not yet been published but which presumably includes elements of the teaching of Vatican II. In April, the director of the Vatican press office described the society's recent response to the preamble as a "step forward" in the process. Yet it remains unclear whether the society's attitude toward Jews is fully in harmony with that adopted by the Church at Vatican II, specifically in the 1965 declaration "Nostra Aetate," which said the Jewish people could not be blamed for the death of Jesus Christ and taught that they "should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God."

## Violence in Latin America seen as a threat to US security

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a country that has seen more than 50,000 deaths in six years, it took the finding of 49 headless bodies, some also missing arms or legs, to shock Mexican officials. The discovery of the bodies, on a road about 120 miles from the United States, highlighted a problem addressed recently during a spring meeting at the World Bank headquarters in Washington. Outgoing World Bank President Robert B. Zoellick warned that the violence doesn't solely threaten Latin American citizens. It also poses a security threat to the United States, he said. "The U.S. (needs) to take it seriously as a nation," he said, addressing an audience gathered for a forum on "Reducing Murder Rates in Central America: Searching for Solutions." The meeting addressed Latin American countries with some of the highest rates of violence, including Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. But countries such as Mexico and other nations in South America are not exempt from the problem. However, Zoellick pointed out that the dramatic numbers of homicides "for countries not at war" are in Central America. Consider, he said, that Spain has roughly the same population as Central America. In 2006, Spain registered 336 homicides, but Central America registered 14,257 homicides in the same time period — an average of 40 a day. Gangs, the drug trade, and widespread and easy access to firearms — leftovers from civil wars — threaten people but also the development and future of the region, Zoellick said. Even in a cloister, you can't escape the effects of the violence, said Sister Mary Francis de la Cruz Montero.



## Queen of Peace students' generosity is year-round legacy

MISHAWAKA — Queen of Peace School students are a kind and generous bunch, says Principal Tina Dover. The students participate in numerous food and clothing drives for various charities throughout the year, including St. Vincent de Paul and Christ Child Society. Dover notes that over the 2011-2012 school year the students' generosity exceeded expectations in the various drives held, including donations of the 35 Thanksgiving baskets containing 600 collected food items, 35 Christmas baskets with 600 collected food items, 25 Easter baskets with 700 items donated along with extra food for the Queen of Peace food pantry, and nearly one ton of clothes collected for the drive for Eric's Promise.

## Saint Joseph's High School senior Abigail Toth receives Certificate of Appointment

SOUTH BEND — Col. Ray Plagens, liaison officer for the United States Military Academy at West Point with Congressman Joe Donnelly's office in South Bend, presented Abigail Toth with her certificate of appointment to West Point during Saint Joseph's morning announcements on May 15. She also received an academic scholarship valued at \$248,000 and was one of the 1,150 out of 15,000 who applied who will report on July 2 into the class of 2016. Toth is the daughter of Thomas and Mary Jo Toth.

## Saint Mary's College host summer seminar on Carmelite spirituality

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College will host the 27<sup>th</sup> annual summer seminar on Carmelite spirituality from Sunday, June 10, to Saturday, June 16, on the Saint Mary's campus at Notre Dame. Each day of the week-long seminar will include lectures, morning and afternoon workshops, common prayer and Mass. Lectures and workshop topics will focus on John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila and other Carmelites voices. Presenters include Discalced Carmelites Daniel Chowning, Kevin Culligan, Constance FitzGerald, Fran Horner, Kieran Kavanaugh and Steven Payne; Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Patrick McMahon, John Welch and Third Order Carmelite Keith J. Egan.

Costs include \$40 non-refundable registration fee (\$75 for registrations after May 23), \$180 board, which includes Sunday dinner through Saturday lunch, \$160 for a single room in LeMans Hall and \$200 for tuition, totaling \$580 (\$615 after May 23).

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# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## ST. THOMAS STUDENTS WALK THROUGH ELKHART HISTORY



ANNE RICE

St. Thomas the Apostle School's second-grade classes went on a walking field trip to visualize what they learned in their social studies class about the history of Elkhart. Students, teachers and parents walked through Wellfield Botanical Gardens, had a snack on Island Park and toured the Havilah Bearsdley home and Ruthmere Museum. Shown are Tish Wilsey's second-grade students during their field trip.

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For more information contact the Center for Spirituality at (574) 284-4636 or email Kathy Guthrie at [kguthrie@saintmarys.edu](mailto:kguthrie@saintmarys.edu).

## Host an international exchange student

FORT WAYNE — During the homily at this year's All Schools Mass in Fort Wayne, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades challenged everyone to the call of "evangelization" in their own home and community. One way to do this is for families to open their hearts and homes to a high school exchange student from around the world. This allows for an opportunity for the student and a way to bring Christ's love into the life of the student. For more information, please contact Anita at (260) 489-1409 or cell at (260) 312-6836. For information about being a host family, visit [www.academyyear.org](http://www.academyyear.org).

## Volunteers needed for ARISE 2012 Women's Conference

Ladies of the diocese who may be interested in learning more about the ARISE 2012 Women's Conference and serving on the conference steering committee are invited to attend an upcoming information session.

In South Bend, an information meeting is scheduled Thursday, May 24, at 7 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room at St. Anthony de Padua Parish — west side, between the church and the school.

In Fort Wayne, an information meeting is scheduled Thursday, May 31, at 7 p.m. in the Garden Room of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center — 915 S. Clinton St.

Steering committee members will be the first to learn about this year's speakers. There will also be food, prizes and an opportunity to sign up as a volunteer. Those interested in serving on the committee are encouraged to bring a friend and spread the word.

Participants are asked to contact Emily Burman at (260) 969-9146 or [eburman@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:eburman@diocesefwsb.org) by Friday, May 25, for the Fort Wayne session.

ARISE 2012, co-sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Redeemer Radio (AM 1450), will consist of the celebration of Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, talks from dynamic speakers and the availability of Confession.

"We're looking forward to an inspiring and faith-filled day," coordinators say. "Invite your mom, sisters, daughters and friends."

Registration for the ARISE 2012 Women's Conference begins Aug. 1.

## Victory Noll Center examines problem of human trafficking

HUNTINGTON — With the recent focus on the problem of human trafficking, Victory Noll Center is presenting a day of education at the conference "Service Provision through Their Eyes."

The conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at Victory Noll Center, located at 1900 W. Park Dr. The program is being held in collaboration with the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center, Huntington City Police Department and Huntington County Sheriff's Department.

There is no cost for the event. All attendees need to register by May 24. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Register by contacting Victory Noll Center at (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, or by email at [victorynollcenter@olvm.org](mailto:victorynollcenter@olvm.org). Online registration is available at [www.olvm.org/vncenter](http://www.olvm.org/vncenter).

There will be several goals for the day-long event. One goal will be to raise awareness of the community impact of global human trafficking, including the impact across large cities and small towns across the United States.

The keynote speaker for the day will be Theresa Flores. She is spokeswoman and director of education and training for Gracehaven House, a long-term faith-based care and rehabilitation home for young girls under the age of 18 who have been victimized by human trafficking.

## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY CELEBRATES GRADUATES



JANICE MARTIN

The diocesan-sponsored Education for Ministry program celebrated the graduation of 40 participants in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center on May 15. Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, congratulated the graduates and presented certificates. The 40 graduates are members of 17 parishes in the Fort Wayne area. The program is coordinated by the Office of Catechesis and funded by a grant through Our Sunday Visitor. Applications are currently being accepted for the class forming in the Fort Wayne area that will begin in August. Contact Janice Martin at [jmartin@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:jmartin@diocesefwsb.org) for more information.



## ST. THOMAS, ELKHART STUDENTS PERFORM IN 'THE SOUND OF MUSIC'



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Father Bill Sullivan, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, congratulates two St. Thomas students, Ann Kate and Caroline Mereness, after a performance of "The Sound of Music," which was performed at the Lerner Theater in downtown Elkhart for over 2,600 patrons. The two sisters are part of the Lerner Theater's award winning resident theater troupe Premier Arts. Anna Kate, age 5, played the role of Gretl Von Trapp and Caroline, age 8, played Marta Von Trapp.

## Saint Joseph's High School celebrates final Mass at 1441 N. Michigan location

SOUTH BEND — The Saint Joseph's High School students, staff and others gathered for an All-School Mass, held in Alumni Gym on May 9. This Mass was the final Mass at the school's 1441 N. Michigan St. location. Members of the Brothers and Sisters of the Holy Cross, the founders and first educators of Saint Joseph's High School were in attendance as well as Brother Wilbert Leveling and Brother Robert Kelly, both members of the first faculty in 1953. Retired faculty and staff members joined the Eucharistic celebration as well.

Father Terry Coonan, current chaplain for Saint Joseph's, celebrated the final Mass, and was joined at the altar by Father Walter Bly, Father Terry Fisher, Father Daryl Rybicki, Holy Cross Father Neil Wack and Father Paul Bueter.

Saint Joseph's High School Principal Susan Richter said of the special Mass, "For the past 59 years, we have come together as a community of believers, celebrating the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. We are grateful that these priests, all of whom have served Saint Joseph's High School with love and dedication in the past, joined us as we continue to celebrate and pay tribute to the rich history we have lived at 1441."

At the conclusion of Mass, Richter thanked those in attendance, adding, "It is bittersweet to leave this building that has meant so much to so many people. Although we are changing our address, we will not change our



PROVIDED BY SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL

Father Terrance Coonan celebrates the final Mass at Saint Joseph's High School's 1441 N. Michigan St. location on May 9. In the back, as concelebrants are Holy Cross Father Neil Wack, Father Daryl Rybicki, Father Walter Bly and Father Paul Bueter.

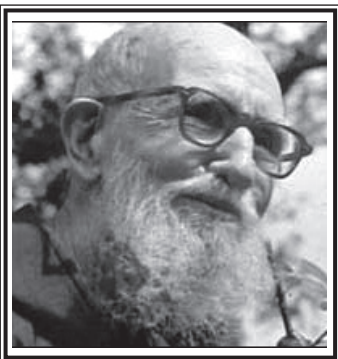
mission, our core beliefs, or our responsibility as a Catholic school to teach the faith, encourage service to those in need and spread the Gospel."

She concluded by saying, "May the tradition of excellence in our academics, athletics and service to God — instilled in all of us by the brothers, sisters, former faculty and staff present

today — continue to be present in our thoughts, words and deeds — now and into the future as we move into our new home next fall."

A reception, held in the North Residence of the school following Mass, gave the honored guests an opportunity to catch up, reminisce and delight in their shared memories of life lived at 1441.

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*Hail Mary...Glory be...*

## GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD EARNED



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Elizabeth Arndt, a member of St. Anthony de Padua Church in South Bend was awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award earned as a Girl Scout, at a ceremony on April 21. She began her project in the spring of 2011 with a 600-square-foot Unity Garden at Northwest United Methodist Church where her Troop 30005 meets. Unity Gardens, Inc. is an organization that provides free and nutritious food to the community. Arndt continued to work at the garden through the summer and completed the project in October 2011. Arndt is a junior at Clay High School and is the daughter of John and Karen Arndt.



# Students committed to Prayer Blanket Ministry

SOUTH BEND — Prayer blankets lovingly hand made by committed Saint Joseph's High School students have been a blessing to so many in need. One student, Charlie Geary, knew several prayer blankets would be an important part of her packing as she prepared for a 10-day mission trip to Haiti. Along with her mom and her mom's best friend, she set out with the Harvest Point Christian Church for Haiti to construct four houses located in Grand Goave.

In addition to building the simple, brick rectangular houses, the ladies distributed baby layettes to families around the village. Geary was most amazed by the faith of the villagers and their three-hour long Christian service. Because of the language barrier, Geary was uncertain if the people to whom she gave the prayer blankets understood their purpose, but she knew they appreciated the gift. Geary is already planning a return visit to Haiti next year.

Established in the 2009 school year, the Prayer Blanket Ministry consists of Saint Joseph's High School students committed to making the blankets and praying for all who receive one. The prayer blankets are blessed by a priest before distribution and are an expression of care and concern



PROVIDED BY SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL

Saint Joseph's High School student Charlie Geary, second from left, holds a specially made prayer blanket from Saint Joseph's High School Prayer Blanket Ministry to present to the people of Grand Goave, where she and her mother helped build houses on a 10-day mission trip.

for those who are challenged by a serious illness or tragedy.

Each blanket is approximately 30 inches long by 18 inches wide, made of fleece and are decorated with a cross representing the love of Christ and a heart representing the love and concern of the Saint Joseph's High School family. Tucked inside the blanket are a prayer and an explanation of the blanket. A registry of names of

recipients is kept in order to continue to remember in prayer all who have received one.

Prayer blankets are available to members of the Saint Joseph's family; students and their families, and faculty, staff and alumni in room 115 at Saint Joseph's High School. The blankets are free, but donations toward materials are accepted.

# Ancilla College celebrates 45th graduating class

DONALDSON — Ancilla College celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> class in school history on Saturday, May 5, at the Ancilla Domini Chapel. The college recognized 110 candidates for associate's degrees, including nine students completing a double major.

Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Sister Virginia Kampwerth, former Ancilla College president and dean as well as a school alumnus, delivered the commencement address. Ancilla College celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012, and Sister Kampwerth shared her thoughts as someone who graduated from the college in 1963, later served as president, and now serves the college as provincial councilor/vicereine of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ American Province.

A reception organized by the Ancilla Alumni Association followed, as Ancilla faculty, staff, students and their families gathered in Cana Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

An Honors Convocation was also held on Friday, May 4, at the Ancilla Domini Chapel, as students and faculty alike were honored for their achievements. Of the 110 candidates, 12 received recognition for graduating Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude. Another



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The 2012 graduating class of Ancilla College.

15 were honored for their affiliation with Ancilla's Beta Beta Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the largest honor society in American higher education.

Receiving special honors were Amanda Tompkins (Scholar of Distinction), Fletcher

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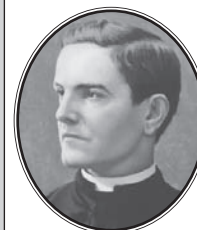
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# Serra Club of Fort Wayne Christian Leadership Awards presented

FORT WAYNE — The Serra Club of Fort Wayne held their annual Christian Leadership Awards Luncheon at St. Joseph Hospital on May 4. The awards are presented to outstanding young man and woman from each of the area Catholic High Schools. The students were selected because of their Christian and civil leadership shown during all four years at their respective schools.

The award winners from Bishop Luers High School are Laura Welling, who will attend Mary Ville College in St. Louis in the fall and Nickolas Ehinger, who plans to attend Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne. Award winners from Bishop Dwenger High School are Victoria Barry, attending Hillsdale College in the fall and Andrew Eckrich who will attend the University of Dayton.



Bishop Dwenger High School students and staff who pose from left are Father Tom Shoemaker, Carol Eckrich, Chris Eckrich, Andrew Eckrich, Principal Jason Schiffli, Victoria Barry, Vince Barry, Rebecca Barry and Father Mark Gurtner.



Bishop Luers High School students and staff who pose from left are Father Cyril Fernandes, Robert Welling, Gail Welling, Laura Welling, Bishop Luers Principal Mary Keefer, Nickolas Ehinger, Kathy Ehinger and Philip Ehinger.

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## DEACONS MEYER AND MUHLENKAMP EARN DEGREES



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Deacon Jacob Meyer, left, poses with Father James Wehner, rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum, and Deacon Benjamin Muhlenkamp following the 113th Baccalaureate Mass and commencement exercises at the seminary on May 12. Deacon Meyer graduated with a Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Dogmatic Theology Magna cum Laude and Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (STB). Deacon Muhlenkamp earned a Master of Divinity. The deacons will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 26, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

## SCOUTS RECEIVE RELIGIOUS MEDALS

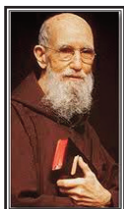


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St. Mary Parish in Huntington celebrated Girl Scout Sunday on March 11 with three different Catholic School troops participating. The "Family of God," "I Live My Faith" and "My Promise, My Faith" award winning Girl Scouts are, from left in front, Andrea Krumanaker, Anna Guerre, Ella Mettler and Laura Hartmus; midrow, Rose Grantham, Elizabeth Grantham, Samantha Ball, Jessica Hartmus, Mia Cotton, Lauren Jackson, and Father John Pfister, pastor, in back.



# 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 14), 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 a 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 14), 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.

### 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 Voucher?

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.

## WHAT AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

See the chart on page 14  
to see if you qualify



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF FORT WAYNE

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stjoehc.org)

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

**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.stjosephdecatour.org](http://www.stjosephdecatour.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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.queenofpeace.cc/school)



# FORT 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stbcatholic.org)

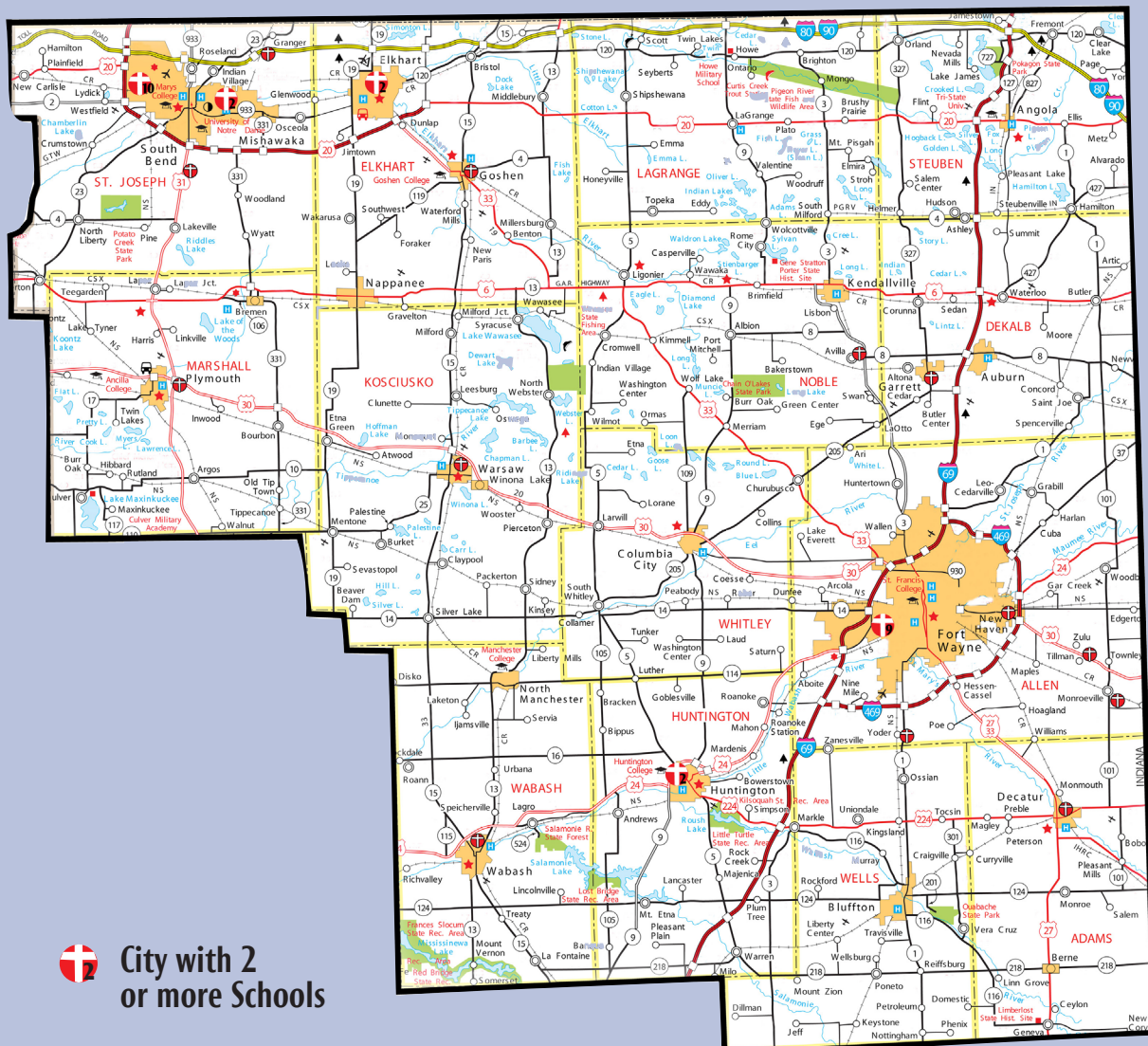
**WARSAW**


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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bishopluers.org)

**SOUTH BEND**

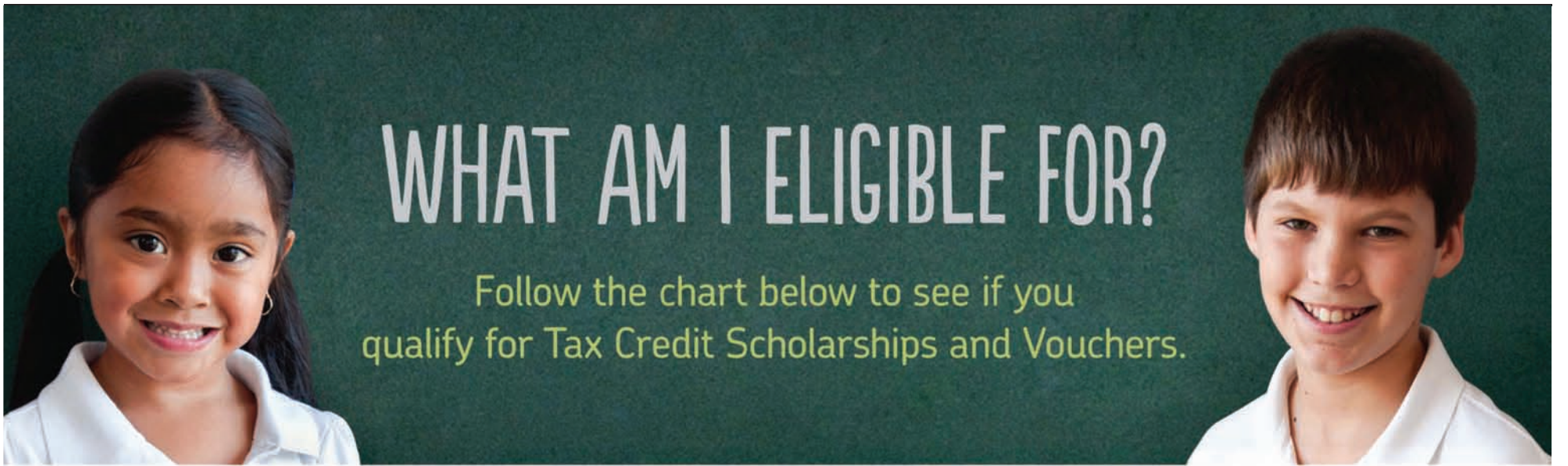
Saint Joseph's High School (574) 233-6137  
 1441 N. Michigan St.  
 South Bend, IN 46617-1198  
 Principal: Susan Richter  
 Assistant Principals: Marilyn Gibbs, Marty Harshman  
 64 Lay Instructors  
 821 students  
 Web site: [www.saintjoehigh.com](http://www.saintjoehigh.com)

**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](http://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:**

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).

**TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP**

**SCHOOL VOUCHER**

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Connie Bruner: 260-422-4611 Ext. 3351  
Mishawaka: 574-255-1387**

**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





## Bishop Luers valedictorian leads with faith and perseverance

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers valedictorian Rachel Crouch holds her Catholic community dear as she looks back on her dazzling high school academic and service career. Crouch believes that Catholic education has broadened her knowledge base with an undergirding of faith. She says, “In the classroom, I have had the luxury of widening my knowledge, but also, my teachers have consistently incorporated Catholic teachings into morally challenging subjects. It would be much more difficult to lead an authentic human life, while respecting the dignity of all people around me, without being taught/shown how. ... Growing up in a Catholic community like Bishop Luers has given me the opportunity to develop as a strong Catholic through the help of my teachers and peers.”



RACHEL CROUCH

service projects Crouch has led an active extracurricular life as well. A few of her favorite activities have been track and field and cross country. “Running,” she says, “has taught me the perseverance that I now use in every aspect of my life.” She has also enjoyed being a member of show choir as well.

Writing poetry is a favorite of Crouch’s when she has a spare moment, in addition to fishing with her dad.

Of her four years at Bishop Luers, Crouch has many fond memories. She recalls, “One treasured memory would have to be Spirit Week of my sophomore year. Laura Welling, Veronica Frecker, and I walked around school all day in cow costumes with cowboy hats on. We were the cowboy cow triplets!”

A member of St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne, Crouch plans to attend Purdue University in West Lafayette to study management with minors in information systems and health science.

Crouch is guided by her faith in all her service ventures including Key Club and as student retreat organizer. She founded the Knights for Life group, which prays every Thursday morning either in the school chapel or at the abortion clinic for the sanctity of human life, with her best friend and salutatorian, Veronica Frecker. The organization, she says, has been a success, having sent multiple students on the March for Life and attracting attention to the pro-life movement.

In addition to her academic success and

## Bishop Luers salutatorian strong and responsible

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School salutatorian Veronica Frecker lives on a family farm in Hoagland where crops and buffalos are raised and brings her home grown nature to her academic and service work. A member of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish she believes in faith and education.



VERONICA FRECKER

Hope, she says, is what has stemmed from her exemplary Catholic education at Bishop Luers. She says, “My Catholic education at Bishop Luers has given me both power and responsibility. I can look at all of the troubles in my life and still smile, because my faith and education have helped me realize the hope that there is. With this perspective, I am obliged to bring about justice in the world — today and in the future. I pray the virtues and habits that were strengthened at Bishop Luers will help me change the lives of others around me.”

Frecker practices what she preaches in her school involvement. She has traveled to Washington, D.C., three times to support the rights of the unborn as well as attended a protest against the HHS mandate. She notes, “I have had the teachings of the Catholic faith inculcated in me so that I feel I am prepared to vote and act as a responsible American citizen while remaining faithful to the Church.”

Frecker has enjoyed both academic and extracurricular life at Bishop Luers that

include being the National Honor Society president, the Key Club vice president, Math Academic Super Bowl Team captain, Knights for Life co-founder, peer minister, peer tutor, Student Council Executive Board member and wrestling manager. Parish life includes serving and lecturing at the early Masses and during the summer, volunteering on the mowing crew. She was also involved in the youth group at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel and volunteered at the parish carnival. In addition, Frecker works part-time at her family’s optical business, with flexible hours allowing for school related events.

When she has free time Frecker says biking is her thing. “I absolutely love riding my 1970 baby-blue Schwinn. I ride with my brother to work and during the summer I go on 30-mile trips for fun.” She also enjoys reading the classics and investigating other hobbies such as calligraphy, origami and writing poetry.

Memories of high school will be cherished by this stellar student. She recalls, “Almost every one of my favorite memories at Bishop Luers High School involves my best friend, Rachel Crouch (the valedictorian). Together, we spear-headed projects, sun-tanned in the hallways with teachers, and got covered in bubbles during a Key Club event. I have always found a reason to smile at Luers. The atmosphere and people will always be considered my home and family.”

Frecker is looking forward to attending Butler University where she will study actuarial science, with the hope of one day becoming an actuary.



*Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes to  
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## Veronica Frecker

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## Danielle Messman

2012 Salutatorian  
Bishop Dwenger High School



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God bless you!*



## Bishop Luers High School

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Defiance College	Siena Heights University
DePauw University	Taylor University
Dominican University	Tiffin University
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Trine University
Hanover College	University of Alabama
Holy Cross College	University of Cincinnati
Indiana State University	University of Dallas
Indiana Tech	University of Dayton
Indiana University	University of Evansville
IPFW	University of Illinois at Chicago
IUPUI	University of Indianapolis
International Business College	University of Michigan
Ivy Tech	University of Southern Alabama
Lake Erie College	University of Southern Indiana
Lindenwood University	University of Saint Francis
Loyola University	Vincennes University
Manchester College	Wabash College
Marian University	Washington University in St. Louis
Marquette University	Western Michigan University
Maryville University	Xavier University
Northland College	
Ohio Northern University	
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Olivet College	

*Once a Knight, Always a Knight!*

## Saint Joseph's High School's valedictorian serious about faith and education

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's High School's valedictorian for the class of 2012 Evelyn Huang is serious about her education and her faith. Recently joining the Catholic faith she says that the opportunity to receive a Catholic education has changed her life.

"I actually converted to Catholicism my sophomore year! I think that receiving a Catholic education allowed me to see the bigger picture and put everything into perspective. It showed me that schooling could be about more than myself," Huang says.

During her very active four years of high school at Saint Joseph's Huang was involved in numerous clubs and services, including as president of



EVELYN HUANG

National Honor Society, vice president of Drama Club, and member of Mock Trial, Student Council, Quiz Bowl, Student Ambassadors, retreat leader, GREIA (tutoring for elementary schools), and Prayer Blanket Ministry. She also served as a volunteer at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and Healthwin. Her creative side took center stage when she performed in eight school productions.

Huang is grateful for the multitude of opportunities and says, "I think that going to a high school in which faith is such a large part of the community allowed me to see people come together as a community to work for God and to help society. For this reason, there were many opportunities for me to get involved, from service to clubs that work to help the community. When I saw the faith of others, it helped to strengthen my own faith — which is part of the rea-

son I got baptized."

In her free time Huang enjoys "hanging out with my friends, reading, watching medical dramas (I love 'Grey's Anatomy'), going to Nick's Patio and using Wikipedia on a daily basis."

A resident of Granger, Huang is a member of Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame and is delighted to begin a summer job on the University of Notre Dame campus as tour guide soon. She will begin the newest chapter in her academic career at the university in the fall where she plans to study pre-med. With pre-med in her sights, Huang hopes to become a physician, and says of her academic opportunities, "It is about having a better future, following God's plan, and making sure that I can help to make this world a little better."

## Life of faith and adventure for Saint Joseph's High School salutatorian

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's High School senior Abigail Jean Toth lives by the adage, 'Go big or go home,' in just about every aspect of her life. Her salutatorian status in the Class of 2012 speaks volumes about her active participation in academic life at Saint Joseph's.

A Granger resident, Toth attends St. Joseph Parish in South Bend where she holds her faith dear. Receiving a Catholic education has been of great value to her not only academically but in her faith formation as well. Toth notes that Saint Joseph's High School has a strong program that allows students to participate in their faith. She says, "By attending a Catholic school we are allowed to grow in both body and soul. Additionally, we can investigate our faith and come to a point of understanding in which



ABIGAIL JEAN  
TOTH

we can live and defend our faith. It has allowed me to learn more about myself and to discern my life goals and desires."

As a Saint Joseph's High School student she has attended retreats, prayed the rosary outside the abortion clinic, participated in Work for St. Joe, and the March for Life. Toth says, "Everyday I am encouraged to live out my faith by my teachers and classmates and am determined to continue that mentality on to my next stage in life."

During her four years at Saint Joseph's Toth has been involved in many extracurricular activities including high school soccer, Invaders travel soccer and high school basketball. She was also vice-president of Student Ambassadors, secretary of the senior class, and member of the H.O.P.E. leadership team, Right to Life Club, Ski and Snowboard Club, National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society.

Not only did Toth focus on a well-rounded academic life these past four years but she also

babysat and recently worked as cashier at the local Menard's store. This, she notes, "forced me to determine my priorities and work diligently if I want to get everything accomplished."

Outside of the plethora of extras Toth participated in, she always finds time to be outdoors. She enjoys any activity that is active and adventurous, especially in nature and by bodies of water. But she admits, people are important too. "My friends and family are a big component of that. I enjoy the companionship of them, no matter what I am doing, and appreciate how they have helped me grow and learn," she says.

Though her friends have changed and diversified over the last four years, Toth feels she can count on any one of her classmates. As she graduates this year she will take the endearing high school memories of "staying up late, dancing in hail, winning a state championship, going to Mel's diner and trying to live life to its potential," with her on her new adventure. She says, "Thank you class of 2012, and my family, for giving me four years of success and happiness. I wish everyone the best of luck next year and remember you will always be a part of the St. Joe family."

Toth will be attending the United States Military Academy West Point in the fall with an intended major of engineering. She hopes to become an officer in the United States Army.

## Jim Miller, Valedictorian

Bishop Dwenger High School

*Congratulations Jim!*

*I am so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You are an amazing son and I am so blessed to be your mom. Reach for the Stars at Wright State! Do your best and God will take care of the rest.*





# Marian High School valedictorian values hard work and friendships

**MISHAWAKA** — Marian High School's valedictorian Jennifer Porile is the daughter of James and Cristyne Porile of South Bend. She is a graduate of Stanley Clark School and a member of Sinai Synagogue. Her four years at Marian have been filled with hard work, friendship and fun, and she will especially remember the people with whom she shared those experiences.



**JENNIFER PORILE**

member of Poms/Dance Team and a three-year member of the tennis team. She was named Most Valuable Pom on the junior varsity squad during her freshman year and then made the varsity as a sophomore, serving as captain during her junior and senior years. She received the Mental Attitude Award during her senior year.

Porile has been an active member of the Marian Leadership Team, serving as a school ambassador and tour guide for four years. She also attended the Youth Leadership program sponsored by the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce. Porile participated in the Science Olympiad during her freshman and sophomore years and was active in community service with the Junior Civitans for three years. She was selected to be a member of the National Honor Society based on her academics, character, service and leadership. During her senior year, she participated in Student Council, serving as the Secretary for her class.

Porile's honors include eight semesters of Marian Honors. She was named the Kiwanis Leadership Award winner for the spring of 2012 for her extraordinary contributions to her school and community. She also won monetary grants for her science research project during both her junior and senior years.

In her spare time, Porile loves to dance and do science research at the University of Notre Dame. Her volunteer work during the last two years has been serving as a Sunday School teacher for 12 year olds and being the event coordinator for the Teen Board of the Ronald McDonald House Charities for the last three years. She also volunteers in the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Memorial Hospital.

Porile will fulfill her lifelong dream and attend Duke University in the fall to major in public policy and economics. She hopes to do graduate work in business or law.

The opportunity to receive a Catholic education at Marian was of value to Porile who says, "I think that you are taught good morals and taught to be a person of integrity and good character." She adds that attending Marian has helped her to grow closer to God.

The busy Porile was active in a variety of memberships and services including as a four-year

# Marian salutatorian, faithful servant

**MISHAWAKA** — Marian High School's salutatorian Tracy Scott is the daughter of Don and Karla Scott of South Bend. She is a member of St. Matthew Cathedral and a graduate of St. Matthew School.



**TRACY SCOTT**

for Humanity and Rebuilding Together. She is a four-year member of the Spanish Club and participated in the Science Olympiad for three years, serving as a co-captain in her junior and senior years. She was a three-year member of the Student Leadership Team, serving as an ambassador and tour guide. She was a two-year member of the Ski Club, National Honor Society and Campus Ministry's A Chance to Serve (ACTS).

Scott's honors include eight semesters of Marian Honors, First Place at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair in 2011, Third Place at the Indiana Science Fair in 2011 and Second Place at the State Science

Olympiad for the event "Write It Do It" in both 2010 and 2012.

In addition to her rich academic and faith life, Scott loves to travel and play soccer and ice hockey.

Scott will remember her years at Marian High School with great affection, especially the teachers and the students with whom she worked. She will also cherish her memories of all of the sports teams and says, "My most treasured memories are going to the state championship for soccer and attending all of the Marian sporting events."

Scott plans to attend Purdue University in Lafayette where she will study actuarial science with the goal of becoming an actuary for a large corporation.

Her faith has grown strong during her high school years with a variety of opportunities at Marian. She says, "By going to a Catholic school, faith has always been a part of my everyday life. There are also many opportunities for me to become involved with religious activities and events." She is grateful for the chance that Marian education gave her "to grow stronger in your faith and to find your vocation."

Scott has been an active athlete during her academic years at Marian as a member of the varsity soccer team. She was named Defensive Most Valuable Player, NIC Second Team, and an All Academic Player for soccer during her junior year. During her senior year, she was captain and the team's Most Valuable Player, as well as NIC First Team, Academic All State and the Kiwanis Athlete of the Month.

Scott also participated in track and was named to the All Diocese Team during her freshman year and was the captain of the track team during her senior year. She played tennis her junior year.

Scott was a four-year member of Junior Civitans, serving as the secretary of the Ronald McDonald House Charities Teen Board. She has also worked on both Habitat

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**Kaitlin Urban**



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little girl, and look at the beautiful  
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## Bishop Dwenger High School valedictorian citizen of two worlds

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School valedictorian James Miller takes his education and faith seriously. He has shown like a star in the Bishop Dwenger atmosphere that calls for “higher standards.”



JAMES MILLER

Catholic Thinkers. I believe I have embraced the Dwenger motto of being a citizen of two worlds: Living of this physical world while striving for the spiritual.”

Miller is involved in the fine arts department and is a four-year member of the Liturgical Choir, the Advanced Choir as librarian and president, and the Show Choir, serving as vocal captain. He has also performed in nine Bishop Dwenger drama productions. Additionally, Miller is a three-time All-State Honor Choir singer and a member of the National Honor Society. Miller’s heart for community service extends to his home parish of St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne as well, where he is a cantor.

In his free time Miller enjoys playing video games, reading articles online or in magazines, and spending time with his family.

Miller has many fond memories of his four years at Bishop Dwenger that include homecoming week, show choir, NHS tournament day. But he says, “Above all though, as hokey as this sounds, I will miss all of my classes where I got to learn from the best teachers in the state and expand my knowledge, all while having lots of fun.”

Miller will be attending Wright State University where he will be pursuing a bachelor’s in fine arts degree in Musical Theatre Performance to have a career as a professional theatre

## Bishop Dwenger salutatorian demonstrates faith and community

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger salutatorian Danielle Messman finds great benefit to the interrelationship between faith and reason. Her exemplary Catholic education at Bishop Dwenger High School has assisted her in developing a base of knowledge, faith and community.



DANIELLE MESSMAN

She says, “With a Catholic

education, I have developed a knowledge not only in math and English, but more importantly in faith. It has also provided an incredible community of supportive teachers, families and fellow students to help me throughout the past 12 years of my life. The benefits of this education are truly immeasurable.”

In her four years at Bishop Dwenger Messman took every opportunity to serve in faith. Some of the events she was involved in include Saints on the Move and Saints Alive. Other projects include everything from raking leaves and sorting canned food to waiting tables and painting sets. The benefit, she says, has “given me the opportunity to help both my school and the poor and shown that there are countless ways to serve others.”

As an exceptional student and active servant Messman still found time for extracurricular activities that include being a Bishop Dwenger ambassador

and member of the National Honor Society. As an athlete she also enjoyed running track all four years and was a captain for the past two seasons. Being the manager of the girls’ basketball team senior year was icing on the cake.

Being a student in the Bishop Dwenger community has meant so much to Messman and her memories are treasures to her. She says of the global opportunities there, “Some of my most treasured memories of high school come from the amazing week I was privileged to spend with my marine biology class in Costa Rica. While snorkeling, studying leatherback turtles, zip lining and spending an afternoon on a catamaran, we learned so much and grew incredibly close.”

Messman looks forward to attending Purdue University in the fall where she will major in engineering with hopes of becoming a biomedical engineer.



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2012 Valedictorian

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and congratulations.





## Powerlessness, or the hidden power in our suffering?

In a 1999 study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, patients with serious illness were asked to identify what was most important to them during the dying process. Many indicated they wanted to achieve a "sense of control." This is understandable. Most of us fear our powerlessness in the face of illness and death. We would like to retain an element of control, even though we realize that dying often involves the very opposite: a total loss of control, over our muscles, our emotions, our minds, our bowels and our very lives, as our human framework succumbs to powerful disintegrative forces.

Even when those disintegrative forces become extreme and our suffering may seem overwhelming, however, a singularly important spiritual journey always remains open for us. This path is a "road less traveled," a

path that, unexpectedly, enables us to achieve genuine control in the face of death. The hallmark of this path is the personal decision to accept our sufferings, actively laying down our life on behalf of others by embracing the particular kind of death God has ordained for us, patterning our choice on the choice consciously made by Jesus Christ.

When asked about the "why" of human suffering, Pope John Paul II once stated, with piercing simplicity, that the answer has "been given by God to man in the cross of Jesus Christ." He stressed that Jesus went toward his own suffering, "aware of its saving power." The pope also observed that in some way, each of us is called to "share in that suffering through which the redemption was accomplished." He concluded that through His only-begotten Son, God "has confirmed His desire to act espe-



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cially through suffering, which is man's weakness and emptying of self, and He wishes to make His power known precisely in this weakness and emptying of self." The Holy Father echoes St. Paul's famous passage: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

The greatest possibility we have for achieving control, then, is to align ourselves in our suf-

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## Poverty and helping people to flourish

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — "The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them," Jesus says in Mark's Gospel.

This would, at face value, seem like a fairly open-ended statement. But it gets a pretty heavy degree of specificity from the U.S. bishops in the introductory note to the reissued "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," when the bishops cite "an economic crisis, ... increasing national and global unemployment, poverty and hunger; increasing deficits and debt and the duty to respond in ways which protect those who are poor and vulnerable as well as future generations" as one of their six areas of concern going into the 2012 elections.

If these are issues that are supposed to matter to Catholics, the bishops have certainly led by example in this area. For the Church, political engagement isn't just about what happens in a voting booth in November; it's about consistently bringing one's values and perspective to the public discussion. The U.S. bishops have brought their values to the issues of debt, poverty, unemployment and hunger in numerous letters to leaders in Congress. The Vatican has even tackled the more overarching challenge of financial reform.

Of course, every Catholic is called to engage the political process, as voters, lawmakers, advocates, etc. And all Catholics are called to, as Jesus said, do good for the poor, through whatever means are at their disposal, whether they're a teacher educating the next generation, a banker engaging in responsible lending practices or a legislator shaping public policy that will impact millions of lives. In his encyclical "Caritas in Veritate," Pope Benedict XVI called this the "institutional path of charity."

On this path, Catholic teaching places a crowded cast of characters, all with their own responsibilities: government, businesses, churches and other organizations, and individuals. The Church's vision for society involves all of these stakeholders working together in a way that allows people to flourish, living life with a sense of dignity and reaching the potential God intended for them. In Catholic terms, everyone has a responsibility to promote the common good. To keep this from becoming stifling or chaotic, the Church prescribes principles like solidarity and subsidiarity.

Solidarity is the recognition of the responsibility of everyone in society to care for those who are poor and



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vulnerable. (The words of Jesus in Matthew 25 put this in perspective by saying that feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, etc. are requirements for entering the kingdom.)

Subsidiarity is the principle that says care for the poor — and all human problems, in fact — should be addressed at the lowest level possible and the highest level necessary. It promotes the robust network of relationships in society, from the individual to the global. It can be seen at work when, for instance, funding from the federal government goes to finance anti-poverty programs that are regulated and administered at the state or local level, often by charities, sometimes by Catholic charities.

The goal is always human flourishing. The tangled, interconnected mess of joblessness, the economy, poverty, etc. is a political concern for the bishops because it impacts the lives and dignity of so many. "Work is more than a way to make a living," the bishops write in "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," "it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation." And as so many people struggle in financial hardship to regain that part of their lives, it becomes apparent that "The poor you will always have with you" isn't a license to ignore the poor or assume they will disappear when times improve for everyone. Rather it's a reminder of a duty shared by everyone and articulated by the bishops: "The economy must serve people, not the other way around."

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## Pentecost celebrates Christian identity



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Pentecost Jn 20:19-23

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles provides the first reading. It is the dramatic story of the first Pentecost. In this story, the imagery is very important, since the images spoke volumes to those persons in the first century in Palestine who heard the story. For example, the story tells that, suddenly, as the Apostles and the community of Christians were gathered in a secluded place in Jerusalem, a strong, loud wind was heard and felt.

In the Old Testament, God often appeared with, or in the midst of, a strong, loud wind. Small flames, or tongues of fire, appeared and settled above the Apostle. God came in the form of fire on several occasions in the Old Testament, as when God spoke to Moses from a burning bush.

As would be today, communication among people was burdened by the use of many languages. Indeed, in the view of pious Jews, multiple human languages had not so much evolved as they were the direct result of efforts to avoid God's justice and to outmaneuver God.

After being empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Apostles were

understood in all languages. It was a sign that God willed the Gospel to be heard by all. Additionally, the effect of the sin of attempting to outwit God was set aside.

The reading lists the nationalities represented in Jerusalem on this important Jewish feast day. It actually notes almost every major area of the Roman Empire. All nations were able to hear, and indeed heard, the Apostles' proclamation of Christ.

St. Paul's First Epistle to Corinth supplies the second reading. Paul declares that no human conclusion, in and of itself, can truly impel a person to turn to Christ. Secondly, the very life of Jesus, given in the Holy Spirit, dwells within each Christian, uniting Christians in a very basic bond. They are not ships passing in the night. They are one, as one body is one but composed of parts having different functions. It is a lesson about the Church's place in salvation.

St. John's Gospel supplies the last reading. It recalls the visit by Jesus, crucified but risen, to the Apostles who are afraid, huddled together in bewilderment. Jesus, undeterred by locked doors, appears in their midst. He brings them peace, which obviously the world cannot give them. Indeed, they cannot find it for themselves.

The Lord commissions them to continue the work of salvation. He bestows the Holy Spirit on them, conferring powers above all human power. Finally, Jesus empowers them to forgive sins, a divine power, and the right to judge the actions of others.

### Reflection

For weeks the Church joyfully has proclaimed the glory and divinity of Jesus, crucified but

victorious over death. Throughout the process, the Church has been careful to say that Jesus did not come and go in human history. He still lives.

Now, in remembering Pentecost, the Church tells us how the Lord remains with us. He remains with us, through the Holy Spirit, in the community of the Church and specifically with the assistance and guidance of the Apostles.

Pentecost was a feast for the Jews. It was the day when they recognized, and rejoiced in, their national identity and ethnic cohesiveness, and specifically in the link between their nation and God.

For Christians, the new Pentecost celebrates their cohesiveness, created by the common realization of life in God. No ethnic or national characteristics are important. All humanity is in the mind of God. The Holy Spirit creates and refreshes this union.

All barriers created by human sin or human limitations fall before the will of God that in Jesus all should have eternal life. Pentecost celebrates true Christian identity.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3B-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

**Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

**Friday:** 1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 96:10-13 Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Jude 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2-6 Mk 11:27-33



## Charles W. Colson, R.I.P.

Back in the days when Chuck Colson was willing to run over his grandmother for Richard Nixon, I would have happily done the same to Mr. Colson. Well, that was then, and this is now. And over the past 20 years, I never met a more thoroughly converted Christian, a more ecumenically serious Christian, or a more tenacious Christian than Chuck Colson, who died on April 21. He was a man whom I came not just to respect, but to love.

Our friendship and collaboration began in the early 1990s, when Herb Schlossberg, the evangelical author, buttonholed me at a Washington reception and expressed concern about the ongoing fracture between Catholics and evangelical Protestants, two communities that Herb thought should be working together to shore up America's public culture. I mentioned Herb's concern to Richard John Neuhaus; Neuhaus called Colson; and within a matter of months "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" was born.

What began as co-belligerency in the American culture-war soon evolved in ways none of us had anticipated. Led by Neuhaus and Colson, and prodded by such towering intellects as Avery Dulles, S.J., and J. I. Packer, "ECT," as we called it, developed into what was arguably the most important theological encounter ever between evangelical Protestant and Catholics. Issues that we had once imagined completely off-the-table — Mary; the communion of saints; justification — were not only broached but examined, pondered and prayed over. And the result was not only a deepening of fellowship but

a refinement of thought. That a leading evangelical theologian should today be working on a book on Mary-for-evangelicals says something about the miles traveled, and the centuries of misunderstanding bridged, in those conversations.

ECT returned to the culture-wars in 2010, this time in defense of religious freedom. And just before Chuck Colson died, the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty commended and cited the ECT statement, "In Defense of Religious Freedom," that Chuck had helped push to completion.

Life with Chuck Colson also involved adventures. My favorite took place in Rome, about 10 years ago. At a conference held in the old Synod Hall of the Apostolic Palace I ran into Colson, who asked if I might do him a favor. Obviously, I replied. Well, Chuck said, he had met John Paul II on several occasions, but his wife, Patty, a Catholic, had never met the pope and would be ecstatic if that could be arranged. Nothing easier, I said — at which point Chuck asked if he could bring along another Major Evangelical Figure (as I shall discretely style him) and his wife. No problem, said I.

So Patty Colson, Chuck, Major Evangelical Figure and Mrs. Major Evangelical Figure met John Paul II, and Chuck called me the night of the general audience to express his thanks. I then asked if he thought a picture of the encounter in the English edition of *L'Osservatore Romano* would serve our common ecumenical purposes. Chuck, initially enthusiastic, then got cautious: "Wait; I'd better check with (Major Evangelical Figure)."

down, and I take it up again."

Yet we see that His life was, in fact, taken from Him by those various individuals and groups who plotted His death and sought His execution. His life was taken from Him by evil men, even though, paradoxically, nobody took His life from Him, because nobody had power over His being, unless granted from above.

We experience a similar paradox in our own deaths: while it may seem that our life is being taken from us through the evil of a particular ailment or the ravages of a particular disease, we can reply that nothing takes away our life, because nothing has power over our being, except what is ordained from above. In His providence and omniscience, years before the fact, God already knows and foresees that unique confluence of events that will constitute our death, whether it be by stroke or cardiac arrest, liver failure or Alzheimers, or any other means. By spiritually embracing in God that specific path to death, our freedom is elevated to new heights; indeed, we "achieve control" in the most



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The next day I got another phone call from Chuck: "Don't do anything. The pope was sitting when he received us, and (Major Evangelical Figure)'s picture was taken when he was down on one knee in front of the pope. He's afraid his fundraising will collapse if that picture gets out!" I laughed, assured him that I would abandon any idea of having the photo run in the Vatican newspaper — and reflected on the still-supple political instincts of a man who found his true vocation only after being driven out of politics.

Chuck knew the threat Major Evangelical Figure feared: at the beginning of our common work, Colson's leadership in ECT cost Prison Fellowship, the marvelous ministry he founded, millions of dollars in lost donations. Chuck took the hit and soldiered on because he believed that the truth of Christ would prevail, eventually, over hardened hearts. It was a conviction that came to him from hard personal experience. And it made him one of the great Christian witnesses of our time.

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important way possible, through willed surrender and radical gift in our innermost depths.

Jesus foresaw that His greatest work lay ahead as He ascended Calvary to embrace His own powerlessness and self-emptying. Although we may feel condemned to our powerlessness as we receive help from others in our sickness, and although we may feel supremely useless as we are "nailed" to our hospital bed, our active, inward embrace of the cross unleashes important graces for ourselves and others, and reveals a refulgent light beyond the obscurity of every suffering. Jesus' radical embracing of His Passion — and our radical embracing of our own — marks the supreme moment of a person who achieves control over his or her destiny through immersion into the hope-filled and redemptive designs of God.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 27, 2012

Acts 2:1-11

Following is a word search based on the First Reading for Pentecost Sunday: The coming of the Spirit upon those in the Upper Room. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PENTECOST	ONE PLACE	SUDDENLY
WIND	ENTIRE HOUSE	AS OF FIRE
SPIRIT	SPEAK	DEVOUT JEWS
NATION	HEAVEN	SOUND
CROWD	LANGUAGE	MEDES
JUDEA	ASIA	EGYPT
LIBYA	ROME	ARABS

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fering and weakness with God and His redemptive designs. This oblation of radically embracing our particular path to death, actively offered on behalf of others and in union with Christ, manifests our concern for the spiritual welfare of others, especially our friends and those closest to us. We are inwardly marked by a profound need to sacrifice and give of ourselves, a need that manifests our inner capacity to love and be loved.

As no one had ever done before, Jesus charted the path of love-driven sacrifice, choosing to lay down His life for His friends. He was no mere victim in the sense of being a passive and unwilling participant in His own suffering and death. He was in control. He emphasized, with otherworldly authority, that, "nobody takes My life from Me: I lay it

## Thank you for Peter's Pence contribution

On behalf of the Holy Father, I gratefully acknowledge the check in the amount of \$53,854.02, which you sent to the Apostolic Nunciature as the Peter's Pence contribution from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for 2011.

"I thank you (and your faithful) because in some way, with this initiative of human and evangelical solidarity, you give concrete expression to the concern of Peter's Successor for those in conditions of particular need. We know that the authenticity of our faithfulness to the Gospel may also be measured in terms of the real attention and concern we

strive to show towards others, especially the weakest and the marginalized. Thus charitable service, which can take many forms, becomes a privileged method of evangelization, in the light of Jesus' own teaching." — Address of Pope Benedict XVI to the Members of the Circle of St. Peter, April 3, 2009

I assure you that this sum has been transmitted to the Secretariat of State on your behalf. May God, who is infinitely generous, reward you and continue to bless you and the faithful under your pastoral care.

With prayerful regards,  
Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantheaume

## Saint of the Week

Joan of Arc

1412-1431  
May 30



An illiterate but intelligent French peasant girl, Joan was thrust into the Hundred Years' War by her "voices," inner promptings urging her to save France from England and Burgundy. After meeting the French dauphin and being examined by theologians, she led the army to victories at Orleans and Patay. Captured later by the Burgundians, she was abandoned by the dauphin and sold to the English, who burned her at the stake for witchcraft and heresy. Joan was rehabilitated by a papal commission in 1456.



# Sports

**KNIGHTS ORGANIZE CHARITY GOLF OUTING** The St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus is organizing a Gator Charity Golf Outing on Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Timber Ridge Golf Club in Bluffton. Registration will start at 7 a.m. with golf teeing off at 8 a.m. under a shot-gun start and a Florida scramble format. The cost of \$75 per person or \$300 per team is open to both men and women. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100. The proceeds will benefit Bi-County Services of Adams and Wells County, the Gibault School, Special Olympics, Right to Life, seminarians and other charities. Contact Don Wyss for information at (260) 740-2290.

## CYO track teams compete in last regular season meet at Dwenger, Luers

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles, St. Jude and St. John, New Haven, competed in the last regular season Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track meet of the year at Bishop Dwenger High School on Thursday, May 10.

The girls' team title went to St. Charles with sprinter Rachel Gibson grabbing top honors in three events. Also a triple crown winner was St. Jude's Abby Brelage. For the boys, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, took the team honors, while St. Charles' David Tippmann won the sprints and long jump and Nick Kacprowicz won the 800 and 1,600-meter runs and relay for St. Jude.

At Bishop Luers, Alex Barton claimed blue ribbons in each of his three events for the St.

Vincent boys. The much-anticipated city meet at Bishop Luers High School is next on the slate for all CYO track and field



**Eighth-grade members of the St. John, New Haven, Raider track team pose with their coach, Greg Lawrence, left front, who will be retiring this season after 14 years.**

participants.

A familiar face to CYO track fans, Coach Greg Lawrence holds medals from his final season at St. John the Baptist, New Haven. After 14 years, and 12 different titles, Lawrence will be hanging up his cleats. The beloved coach was honored at the school sports banquet on Sunday evening, May 20.



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN



## Coach Gustafson leaves mark on Cardinals track

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

For the past six years, Chris Gustafson has coached the young men and women of St. Charles on the track, but this year duty called and the full-time soldier will spend the 2012 season in Uruzgan, Afghanistan. Instead of motivating his Cardinals team to run their best race, the E8 Master Sergeant is pushing his teammates to work as coalition partners with Australians. As a Senior Personnel Services Non-commissioned officer for the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Gustafson's Brigade is working with the Afghanistan National Army and the Afghan National Police overseeing the mentoring of these groups with hopes they can soon stand on their own and defend their country.

"It has been a wonderful experience," Gustafson explains through email.

During his years at St. Charles, Gustafson detailed his role as coach, "We tried to instill and develop a sense of work ethic and values to all our athletes while being Christ focused." He adds, "I tell them if they believe it and work hard at it, they can do it. I miss the great times and the great kids."

He also encouraged his team to "visualize, then make it come to pass." It was a great joy for the father of six to work with so many young people, see them at Mass, get to know them and watch them grow. He says of the experience, "Coaching has been such a positive experience for me and a blessing and privilege to be a good role model and serve our athletes and Church in some small way."

In his absence, Russ Suever, Tom Ade, Kelly Kohlmeyer and Rita Sordelet are managing the 2011 City Meet Runner-ups. In their first outing, the Cardinals finished first in the girls' meet and third for the boys'. Before he left, Gustafson impressed upon David Tippmann the importance of his role as a team leader this year. The 2011 city champ triple winner returns for his eighth-grade season at St. Charles. Gustafson has no doubts of his ability, "David is a great young man, a scholar and a great Catholic."

Gustafson summarizes, "I have many fond memories, but mostly of the kids giving their all and leaving it all on the track." The team is keeping in touch with Gustafson all the while keeping him close in prayer this season while he is away serving the country.

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## A Fortnight for Freedom

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops urges that all energies the Catholic Community can muster be observed in a two week period of prayers and fasting devoted to a new birth of freedom in our beloved country from June 21 to July 4 - beginning with the feasts of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher and ending with Independence Day, you are asked to join in urgent prayer for religious liberty!

**Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus will celebrate Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend on Friday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne on Saturday, June 30 at 5:00 p.m.**

*All faithful are invited*



# Film revisits the many sides of Mexico's Cristero Rebellion

BY DAVID AGRÉN

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — Even as modern-day church-state relations improve, the impact of Mexico's three-year Cristero Rebellion in the 1920s on the Catholic Church remains widely debated in Mexican society.

The rebellion saw Catholic clergy and laity taking up arms to oppose government efforts to harshly restrict the influence of the Church and defend religious freedom. In the end, the rebellion of the Cristero — soldiers for Christ — was quelled in 1929, leaving the Church sidelined for much of the last century and its role limited to a pastoral concerns with no say in the public policy arena.

Ask Mexicans about the rebellion and the answers about what it means today depends on a person's point of view.

Catholic leaders consider the government's actions to limit Church influence that led to the rebellion an attack on religious freedom. Self-described liberals and many in the Mexican political and intellectual classes consider the suppression of



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A painting by Mexican artist Martha Orozco features six priests — members of the Knights of Columbus — who were canonized by Pope John Paul II May 21, 2000. The priests were among 25 martyrs of Mexico's anti-Catholic persecution during the 1920s made saints by the pope that day. Depicted clockwise from top are Sts. Miguel de la Mora de la Mora, Jose Maria Robles Hurtado, Mateo Correa Magallanes, Luis Batiz Sainz, Rodrigo Aguilar Alemán and Pedro de Jesus Maldonado Lucero. The painting is part of the permanent collection at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Conn.

the revolt a triumph of the secular state. Some academics and authors are less passionate, describing the uprising as an agrarian conflict with political and religious overtones.

Now the conflict comes to the big screen at a time with improved church-state interaction — even if the interpretations of one of Mexico's defining events remain controversial.

"What price would you pay for freedom?" posed the synopsis for the movie, "For Greater Glory," which stars Andy Garcia and Eva Longoria and opens in the United States June 1.

The synopsis continued, "An

question his motives for leading the rebel cause despite being a nonbeliever; others wonder if he really did have a conversion late in life.

Victor Ramos Cortes, a professor at the University of Guadalajara, said any reading of history must consider the factors of religious intolerance, agrarian land issues in a country with numerous landless farmers and the threat posed by the Church hierarchy to the liberal elites of the time.

The Cristero legacy remains somewhat divisive, with the conflict and the beatification and canonization of Cristero martyrs at the center of the Church's agenda.

The Archdiocese of Guadalajara is building a large sanctuary on a prominent hilltop to memorialize Mexico's martyrs, and Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass during his visit in March for 640,000 people at the foot of the Cerro del Cubilete, site of a giant Christ statue built to remember those fighting the rebellion.

Father Manuel Corral, Mexican bishops' conference spokesman, has seen the film and speaks well of its message of "showing young people that there's something worth fighting for."

He also considers its release



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a sign of how much Mexico has changed in terms of religious tolerance and the more prominent role the

Church is taking in public life.

"Twenty-five years ago, it would have been impossible to release a movie like this," he said.

How far Mexico has come is evident in the film's subject matter, too.

"It was a violent era and there were a lot of ambitious generals. Gen. Gorostieta was one of them," said Richard Grabman, author of "Gorostieta and the Cristiada, Mexico's Catholic Insurgency 1926-1929."

"The Cristeros attracted a lot of people that were not necessarily religious, but looking for a military solution to social problems," he said.

Mexico had emerged from a violent revolution during the 1910s, which was fought mainly to end the enduring rule of then-President Jose de la Cruz Porfirio Diaz and give properties to the landless peasants being exploited by hacienda owners.

The revolutionary elite emerging from the conflict were anti-clerical and had approved a 1917 constitution forbidding the Church to own property and operate schools, limiting worship to authorized churches and stripping priests of civil political rights. "Iniquis Afflictisque" ("On the Persecution of the Church in Mexico"), a 1926 encyclical by Pope Pius XI, said the constitution "placed (priests) in the same class with criminals and the insane."

Grabman said that, especially in rural areas, priests competed for influence with teachers whose orders were to spread a secular ethos. Teachers were viewed by the central government as a counterweight to clergy and as such, he explained, were killed in large numbers by Cristero fighters.

Many of the Cristeros were small landowners, unlike those taking up arms in the revolution.

Haciendas were less common in the main areas of the conflict, which covered an area of west-central Mexican known as the Bajío.

"Cristero were small landowners threatened by social change," Grabman said. "They feared (agrarian reform) would be collective agriculture."

The relationship between the Bajío landowners and their workers was different from the exploitation on haciendas suffered by peons taking up arms in the revolution.

"They saw their farm workers as family, instead of peons," Grabman said.

Gorostieta, the retired general, had experience with attempting to suppress peasant uprisings in Morelos state, fighting the forces of revolutionary leader Emiliano Zapata, whose troops were fighting for "land and liberty." Grabman said it left an impression on Gorostieta when he learned that "farmers without military training could be a formidable force when fighting for a belief."

The Cristero Rebellion was suppressed in 1929, but many of the small landowners persisted, even if the Church hierarchy was moving on.

"We have people who are children of Cristeros," said Father Jorge Raul Villegas, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Leon, which encompasses Bajío.

"For us, it's a historic reality since there were men who died defending the faith. This isn't forgotten."

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**Christ Child Society annual garage sale**  
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#### Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 1, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

#### Funfest planned

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Church, Spring and Barthold streets, will have Funfest June 1 with a Big Eyed Fish dinner and hot dogs from 5-8 p.m. Beer Tent open from 5-10 p.m. and live Music from 7-10 p.m. by Jim Didier and

Friends. Saturday, June 2, is family fun from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kids games, laser tag, inflatables, bingo, silent auction, plants, arts and crafts. El Azteca, fruit smoothies and hot dogs available. Dinner from 4-7:30 p.m. by Book's BBQ. Beer tent from 6-11 p.m. with live music from 8-11 p.m. by the Precious Blood House Band, formerly known as Loose Change.

#### Daughters of Isabella have luncheon

South Bend — Daughters of Isabella Notre Dame Circle 572 will honor all 25- and 50-year members with a luncheon meeting on June 4 at noon at Logan Center, 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd.

#### Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 1, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$8 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

**Catholic Business Network to meet**  
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, June 1, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the Cathedral Center by guest speaker Father David Mary Engo of the Franciscan Brothers Minor discussing the challenges facing Catholic Business people today. Refreshments will be provided by the Town Planner.

#### Germanfest kicks off with German Mass

Fort Wayne — St. Peter's Church, 500 E. De Wald St. will present a German Mass on Sunday, June 3, at 11 a.m. The celebrant will be Father Charles Herman. German hymns will be sung by the Mannerchor and Dammchor. Following Mass, a dinner of bratwurst, potato salad, kraut, cake and beverage will be served in the pavilion. The cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$5 children 6-12, under 6 free.

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#### VNHH to host grief workshop

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# Liz Anthony named Hesburgh Yusko scholar

BY SUSAN LIGHTCAP

**SOUTH BEND** — Saint Joseph's High School student Liz Anthony is a remarkable young woman with an exciting life ahead. She was chosen to be a Hesburgh-Yusko Scholar at the University of Notre Dame, one of only 25 in the world. This program "is the first merit-based and enrichment scholarship program at the university, but the benefits for scholars far exceed the monetary award (\$100,000 over the four years). The program is also a leadership development program that engages students throughout the academic year and summer."

Anthony is excited about the summer enrichment experiences that are an integral part of the program. She begins on July 3 and will spend the next several weeks in North Carolina's Appalachian Mountains in the wilderness leadership experience. The sequence continues with social justice, global inquiry and the final summer is a professional venture. Anthony is familiar with an orphanage in Santiago, Chili, run by the Brothers of the Holy Cross, and hopes her social justice summer experience of service may be spent there.

According to the program's website, Hesburgh-Yusko.org, it states, "We believe that self-discovery and leadership development should not stop at the end of the academic year. Each scholar receives funding for these four summers to complete this journey toward becoming a transformational leader and each one tailors the summer enrichment experience to fit his or her interests and long-term goals." The information on the program continues, "Scholars will meet and learn from people with vastly different life experiences. They will travel the world. They



SUSAN LIGHTCAP

**Saint Joseph's High School student Liz Anthony, works on a book drive she initiated. Anthony was chosen as a Hesburgh-Yusko Scholar.**

will learn to persevere through challenges and obstacles and even failure. They will discover interests, refine lifelong pursuits, identify passions and lay the groundwork for future careers."

Anthony already has a deeply engrained desire to lead and serve. Through her youth leadership involvement last year, a decision was made to have a children's book drive. With the success of that endeavor and her passion for books and reading, Anthony took on another book drive this spring — one initiated and carried out almost single-handedly. Knowing the move to the new building would involve the discarding of many old textbooks, she saw the opportunity to fill a need. In cooperation with the St. Joseph County Literacy Council and Better World Books, Anthony launched what became an amazingly successful drive.

This type of leadership and initiative obviously was key in her being chosen for the prestigious Hesburgh-Yusko Scholar Program. In addition to this honor, Anthony has recently been invited to take part in the Glynn Family Honors Program at Notre Dame. This is strictly an academic program, offered to six to 10 of the Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars, and is open to science and arts and letters majors. This program will afford her many academic advantages, enhancing the promise of an already remarkable college experience. Anthony is currently considering the Program of Liberal Studies with possible minors in Spanish, economics or peace studies.

When notified that she had been chosen, Anthony commented, "Receiving the Hesburgh-Yusko Scholarship at Notre Dame is an incredible honor and dream come true for me. Each summer, there are opportunities to grow, research and serve both in the United States and abroad. This allows me to combine my love for Notre Dame and my desire to travel and have new experiences." She can now add the honor of joining the Glynn Family Honors Program.

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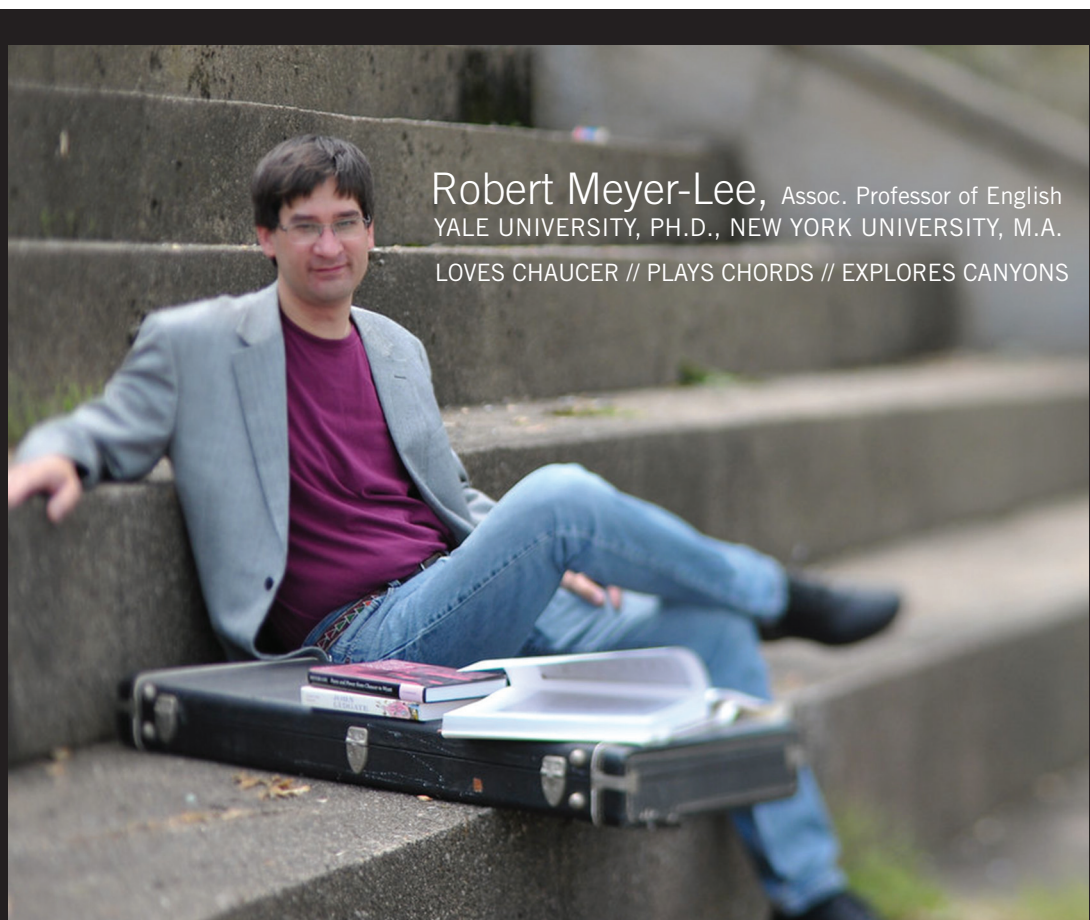


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