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Pope opens possibility of US visit, says faith builds strong families

BY CAROL GLATZ

MILAN (CNS) — As Pope Benedict XVI closed the World Meeting of Families in Italy's capital of finance and fashion, he opened the possibility of his heading to the United States when he named the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the next venue of the world gathering.

"God willing," he said, he would attend in 2015 as he greeted Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia and "the Catholics of that great city," saying he looked forward to meeting U.S. Catholics and other families from around the world there.

The surprise announcement came as the 85-year-old pope wrapped up the May 30 to June 3 world meeting, which gathers every three years to celebrate and help families live out their Christian values.

About 1 million people from 153 countries braved dawn wake-up calls, shouldered supply-laden backpacks and prodded along sleepy kids to descend on Milan's Bresso Park June 3 to take part in the event's closing Mass.

In his homily, the pope called for Church unity, emphasized marriage as between a man and a woman, urged parents to keep the transcendent alive in a world that adores the high-tech over high ideals, and urged kids to respect and love their family.

Because the five-day meeting's theme was how to balance work demands, family needs and religious celebration, the pope upbraided economic theories that advocate that the best policies, markets and work ethics are those that push the most product and reap the most profit.

"The one-sided logic of sheer utility and maximum

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Pope Benedict XVI greets a family as he leads an evening service during the World Meeting of Families in Milan June 2. At left are Cardinal Angelo Scola of Milan and Cardinal Ennio Antonelli, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family.

Catholic Vacation Bible School is family mission

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Sign up for Vacation Bible School is currently underway in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend with parishes preparing to host a fun and faith-filled week for their young students. Traditionally, Catholic parishes have implemented derivatives of Protestant VBS programs simply because there have been few Catholic alternatives. However, a local family of faith-filled and creative women has changed all that.

After a discussion with a neighbor in 2001 about the lack of available Catholic programs for VBS, St. Vincent de Paul parishioner and mom of seven children Melissa Kaiser took the challenge. She gathered her mother, Margaret Windle, and sisters Maryalice Beach and Susan Lawson and began brainstorming ideas for a fully Catholic VBS program. With the decision to begin with teachings on the



KAY COZAD

Melissa Kaiser, left, Margaret Windle and Maryalice Beach pose with the Catholic Kidz Camp vacation Bible school programs created by this family of women.

Trinity, the idea for "Saint Patrick and the Holy Trinity Catholic VBS" program was born. The women were soon developing lesson plans that incorporated the sacraments, Catholic values and virtues, Scripture and stories of saints for grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

By 2004, Our Lady of the Hills Parish in South Carolina, where Lawson resides, was piloting the first program with great success. And the program grew in popularity across the country. Since then this family of catechists has developed five programs, all of which have the bishop's imprimatur, an official approval on the content that is in line with Catholic teachings.

Each of the five easy-to-use, pull-and-go programs is organized in a five-day thematic format. Each program incorporates a book written on a specific saint to study, and concludes with evangelization and a call to dis-

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Valedictory address offers encouragement, inspiration



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

In last week's column, I offered congratulations to our recent graduates from our high schools, colleges, and universities. In this week's column, I am sharing with you the valedictory address of Anne Bulger, delivered at the commencement ceremony at Saint Mary's College. I met Anne at the dinner following the Baccalaureate Mass at Saint Mary's and received her valedictory address this past week. I thought it was excellent and decided to share it with you. It is very encouraging to hear reflections from our youth whose faith is an inspiration:

We have come to the time of our leave taking, that time in which we reflect on the many gifts we have received at Saint Mary's and how we may use these gifts to affect change in the world. In John 15, Jesus tells us, "You did not choose me, but I chose you." And He challenges us to bear fruit that will remain. Pope Benedict XVI offers this comment on Jesus' words. "We must bring a fruit that will remain. All people want to leave a mark which lasts. But what remains? Money does not. Buildings do not, nor books. The only thing which remains forever is the human person created by God for eternity. The fruit which remains, then, is that which we have sowed in human souls. Only in this way will the earth be changed from a valley of tears to a garden of God."

I want to begin by describing a moment when I saw these words of Benedict take flesh. After my sophomore year at Saint Mary's, I had the opportunity to spend two years in Southern Indiana with a Christian missionary team. One afternoon in a run-down neighborhood of Evansville we met Arnold. He was only 64 years old, but his crooked hands told us of the debilitating arthritis that aged him beyond his years and left him confined to his electric wheelchair. We sat in the rusty, yellow folding chairs that cluttered the porch of his ramshackle house, and Arnold began to tell us how he experiences the world. "I thank the Lord for waking me up every morning," he said. "I get to open my eyes and see His world. Then I get to feel His blood warming up my body. I get to splash some of His water on my face and sit down to eat some of His food."

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Anne Bulger, a mathematics major, left, and Saint Mary's College co-valedictorian, poses with Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney, center, and Krystal Holtcamp, biology major and co-valedictorian, at the 2012 commencement activities at the college.

After a slow breath he continued with a smile, "I'm the richest man in all of Evansville. I'm dirt poor, but everything I see is mine, because it belongs to my Father." His money and his health were stripped away, but Arnold's very person remained, and in his simple, grateful dignity, he was teaching me how to have peace in suffering. Arnold knew that God had chosen him. And he was producing fruit which will

remain, in his own life and in mine.

We have received much in our time at Saint Mary's that will equip us to leave a mark that lasts. We have learned to be articulate. My first semester here, I was given the assignment of writing a

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We have explored the world from many perspectives. In our history courses, we were not taught dates and names alone; we also studied the lives of the people who made the history, including those often left out of the history books.

Our minds have been formed here, and so too have our persons. When I returned to Saint Mary's after my two-year leave, I was astonished to find that professors who had taught me a single class two years before still knew me by name and would stop to ask me how the transition was going. One professor said to me recently, "If the students only knew how we worry about them." Our faculty have responded to us individually, opened their offices and homes to us and challenged us to grow. From them, we have learned compassion and generosity. We have been formed too by our fellow students, who have given us friendship, and by our parents, who have labored for us, guided us and set us free to take our place in the world. We are the fruit of their lives, fruit that will last.

How will we respond? Let us go and produce lasting fruit. Let us break through the isolation of those who live and die alone; let us honor and protect the sanctity of life; let us raise children who will also change the world; let us use our gifts of intelligence and this extraordinary education to renew the working world; let us be women of compassion, forgiveness, and strength. As we go forth from this place, let us raise our eyes to meet each human face with love and dignity, that through it all, we may transform the weeping valleys of the world into gardens of God.

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profit are not conducive to harmonious development, to the good of the family or to building of a more just society, because it brings in its wake ferocious competition, strong inequalities, degradation of the environment, the race for consumer goods and family tensions," he said.

Such a "utilitarian mentality" takes a toll on the family and social relationships "reducing them to a fragile convergence of individual interests and undermining the solidity of the social fabric," he added.

The pope spent nearly three full days at a variety of events: meeting local citizens, religious, government and business leaders and Catholic young people and families from around the world.

He also was treated to a concert of Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 at Milan's famed La Scala opera house.

Despite the jubilant and festive air among participants, the pope and archdiocesan leaders peppered their speeches with reminders of the thousands of people rendered homeless or destitute by a recent series of earthquakes in northern Italy.

The pope called for concrete aid to those in need, assuring victims of his prayers.

The archdiocese announced that a half-billion euro had been collected during the papal visit and would be given in the pope's name to those hardest hit. The pope's own charity recently donated a large sum and the pope met personally with a couple who lost their home and were living in tents.

Pope Benedict also hosted a lunch for 100 poor families — about 300 people — who live in Milan, but come from a variety of countries.

God, who suffered with humanity and for humanity, made people capable of sharing the suffering of others and of turning that pain into love, he said at La Scala June 1.

He urged faith communities and secular governments at events June 1-2 to work together for the common good by having people of faith live their values in all areas of life.

The Church offers its teaching and input as a service to society, he said, as he urged governments to be just and guarantee liberty, based on natural law, for everyone "beginning with the right to life of which its deliberate suppression can never be allowed."

Inside Milan's monumental Gothic cathedral June 2, the pope met women and men religious, priests, seminarians and bishops for a prayer service in the Ambrosian rite. A religious vocation and one's personal well-being are not at odds, the pope said, but go hand-in-hand since being a good priest or sister and a happy person both find its source in drawing closer to Christ.

Later that day in Milan's San Siro soccer stadium, the pope told some 80,000 boys and girls who were or would be recently confirmed that they, too, can be saints



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Families gather for evening service with Pope Benedict XVI at the World Meeting of Families in Milan June 2.

as they let the Holy Spirit guide them to use their talents for the good of the community.

"You are called to great things," he said, so keep one's aims high. Study and work hard, obey one's parents, help others and be selfless "because egoism is the enemy of joy."

At an evening vigil marked by testimonies from families all over the world and international music by well-known artists, the pope shared the joys and sufferings of the world's families.

Five couples and families went up on stage one group at a time to ask the pope a personal question or appeal for advice.

The first, a 7-year-old girl from Vietnam, sat by the pope's feet, wanting to know what it was like growing up in his home.

Aware of the content of each question beforehand, the pope spoke off-the-cuff, saying even though Germany at the time was suffering from a dictatorship and war, his childhood was "unforgettable" and joyful as their home was always filled with music, faith, love and long walks in the woods.

"To tell you the truth, if I could imagine what it will be like in heaven, I always imagine the time of my youth, of my childhood," he said.

When a Greek family told the pope about their dire economic situation back home and asked how they could go forward in hope, the pope said words could never convey his sadness for people hit hard by the global economic crisis and the sadness over feeling unable to help.

He criticized the current political state of affairs, saying all political

parties had to become more responsible and stop promising things they couldn't deliver.

Candidates need to see that the votes people invest in them are not votes for the leaders but are a call for them to fight and be responsible for the good of all people, he said.

He said one idea for people to help right away was for more financially stable parishes and families to adopt a struggling family or parish akin to the twin cities' initiative.

A Brazilian couple who works with divorced or separated Catholics asked how they could give the people they talk to hope.

The pope acknowledged the huge sense of loss and alienation divorced or remarried Catholics feel when they can no longer receive the sacraments. While preventing a marriage from breaking up is ideal through counseling and accompaniment, parishes could help divorcees still feel part of the community, experiencing the word of God and getting ongoing spiritual guidance, he said.

While they cannot receive the sacrament of the Eucharist, they can experience a spiritual form of communion, by being united in the body of Christ as Church, he said.

The pope ate lunch together with seven families after the June 3 Mass. They included Allen and Janell Tuncap and their five children from Charleston, S.C.; the Green family including their seminarian son, Jack, from the diocese of Parramatta, Australia; and families from Baghdad, Iraq, Kinshasa, Congo, Mexico City, Spain and Milan.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, June 10, 11:30 a.m. — Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, followed by Corpus Christi Procession to Most Precious Blood Church and Queen of Angels Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, June 11, 6 p.m. — Meeting of USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty, Atlanta, Ga.
- Tuesday, June 12, 9 a.m. — Meeting of USCCB Committee on Doctrine, Atlanta, Ga.
- Wednesday, June 13, through Friday, June 15 — USCCB General Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.
- Friday, June 15, 7 p.m. — Closing Mass of Parish Mission, Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Elkhart
- Saturday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. — Jubilee Mass for Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Mishawaka

Federal court overturns Defense of Marriage Act; appeal presumed

BOSTON (CNS) — With a ruling that acknowledged the final decision will be up to the Supreme Court, a federal appeals court declared the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional May 31.

The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the provision of the 1996 federal law, known as DOMA, that defines marriage as "a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife."

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, which had urged the court to uphold the law, jointly issued a press release June 1 calling the ruling disappointing.

"The federal appeals court in Boston did a grave injustice yesterday by striking down that part of the Defense of Marriage Act that reasonably recognizes the reality that marriage is the union of one man and one woman," said the statement from Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of Oakland, Calif., chairman of the bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage. "DOMA is part of our nation's long-established body of law rooted in the true meaning of marriage."

The president of the National Organization for Marriage, which opposes same-sex marriage, accused the judges of inventing the legal path to the ruling.

"Liberal federal judges in Massachusetts and California have resorted to making up legal standards in order to justify redefining marriage," said a statement from Brian Brown "They realize the legal precedent doesn't allow them to redefine marriage, so they are making up new standards to justify imposing their values on the rest of the nation."

Judge Michael Boudin, who wrote the opinion, was appointed to the 1st Circuit by President George H. W. Bush. The other two judges who joined the opinion were Judge Sandra Lynch, appointed by President Bill Clinton; and Judge Juan Torruella, appointed by President Ronald Reagan.

The panel cited previous Supreme

Court rulings that struck down laws determined to be discriminatory against a class of people as being among the keys to their ruling. They also stayed their ruling pending review by the Supreme Court.

The case was brought against the federal government by a group of same-sex married couples and several widowed spouses, all from Massachusetts. They seek access to federal benefits such as Social Security that would be available to heterosexual married couples but are blocked under DOMA.

The law was passed soon after Hawaii's Supreme Court held that it might violate the state constitution to deny marriage to same-sex couples. Amid concern that states would soon begin to allow same-sex marriages, Congress passed and President Bill Clinton signed the 230-word law, which the appeals court described as "one of the shortest major enactments in recent history."

Since then, 30 states have passed constitutional prohibitions on same-sex marriage while six states and the District of Columbia have passed laws permitting it. Another dozen states, including Hawaii, have laws recognizing civil unions between people of the same sex.

The 1st Circuit was reviewing only the provision of DOMA that defines "marriage" and "spouse," not its provision guaranteeing that no state or territory is required to recognize a marriage recognized by another state or territory.

In his statement, Bishop Cordileone also said marriage of a man and a woman "is the cornerstone of a just society," and a "foundation of a just society, as it protects the most vulnerable segment of the population, children."

"Every child longs for and deserves a mother and a father, and marriage is the only institution that ensures that children grow up knowing and being known by their mother and father," he said. "The public good demands that this truth of marriage be respected in law and society, not rejected."

Corpus Christi Procession with Bishop Rhoades

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LCWR board responds to Vatican order for reform

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The national board of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious June 1 said it feels the assessment that led to a Vatican order to reform the organization "was based on unsubstantiated accusations and the result of a flawed process that lacked transparency."

The LCWR board called the sanctions "disproportionate to the concerns raised" and said they "could compromise" the organization's ability "to fulfill their mission."

"The report has furthermore caused scandal and pain throughout the Church community and created greater polarization," the LCWR said in a statement released the morning after the board concluded a special meeting in Washington May 29-31, held to respond to an eight-page doctrinal assessment issued to LCWR by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Citing "serious doctrinal problems which affect many in consecrated life," the doctrinal congregation April 18 announced a major reform of LCWR to ensure its fidelity to Catholic teaching in areas including abortion, euthanasia, women's ordination and homosexuality.

In response to the LCWR statement, Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of Seattle, appointed by the Vatican to oversee the reform, said both he and the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "are wholeheartedly committed to dealing with the important issues raised by the doctrinal assessment and the LCWR board in an atmosphere of openness, honesty, integrity and fidelity to the Church's faith."

"I look forward to our next meeting in Rome in June as we continue to collaborate in promoting

the important work of the LCWR for consecrated life in the United States," he said.

The LCWR board said the organization's president, Franciscan Sister Pat Farrell, and its executive director, Sister Janet Mock, a Sister of St. Joseph, will return to Rome June 12 to meet U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and Archbishop Sartain "to raise and discuss the board's concerns."

The Vatican April 18 appointed Archbishop Sartain to provide "review, guidance and approval, where necessary, of the work" of LCWR, a Maryland-based umbrella group that claims about 1,500 leaders of U.S. women's communities as members, represents about 80 percent of the country's 57,000 women religious.

His appointment came the same day the congregation announced a major reform. The congregation issued an eight-page "doctrinal assessment," that cited "serious doctrinal problems which affect many in consecrated life." The problems, it said, were revealed in an assessment originally ordered in April 2008.

In an interview with Catholic News Service, Sister Pat did not discuss specifics of the board's reaction to the Vatican's assessment, saying it was "a conversation we want to have first with the Vatican."

She said that when she and Sister Janet go to Rome they will continue the conversation they had when the eight-page document was first released to them, presenting their views after "prayerful reflection."

Sister Pat said the LCWR leadership had not given interviews about the document since its release more than a month ago because they did "not want to react in the moment."

"It was important not to respond immediately," she said, "so that

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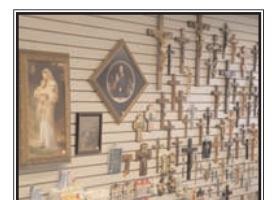
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Religious liberty under attack: A concrete example

Discrimination against Christian students on campus

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law (UC Hastings) had never denied student organization status to any group. That is, until the law school decided in 2004 to strip the campus chapter of the Christian Legal Society (CLS) of recognition.

The UC Hastings student CLS chapter welcomed all members of the university community to participate in its activities but required its officers and voting members — who spoke on its behalf, voted on its policies and programs, and led its Bible studies — to share and abide by the group's core beliefs. These beliefs included being Christian and abstaining from sexual activity outside of marriage. UC Hastings decided at the beginning of the 2004 school year that CLS's voting membership and office-holder requirements violated the religion and "sexual orientation" provisions of its Policy on Nondiscrimination. UC Hastings then denied CLS "Registered Student Organization" (RSO) status.

That same year, approximately 60 RSOs — organized around diverse interests in politics, religion, culture, race, ethnicity and human sexuality — existed on campus. One group, La Raza, whose bylaws in 2004 explicitly mandated race and/or national origin discrimination, had RSO status.

Regardless, the CLS student chapter became the only group ever denied RSO status at UC Hastings.

CLS then sued, claiming that UC Hastings violated its constitutionally protected rights of free speech, expressive association,



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.

free exercise of religion and equal protection of the laws. However, CLS was denied relief by the federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, because of the specific nature of the policy at UC Hastings, which allegedly required student groups to accept all students, regardless of their status or beliefs. The Court concluded that public universities may override a religious student group's right to determine its leadership only if it denies that right to all student groups.

The decision in *CLS v. Martinez*, 561 U.S. (2010) could have a damaging effect on the religious liberty of all students attending public colleges and universities. The decision puts many other student groups across the

country at risk and leaves room for absurd scenarios, such as requiring CLS to allow atheists to lead its Bible studies. Many Americans justly believe that every college student, including those who practice a religious faith, should have the right to form groups around shared beliefs without such groups being banned from campus recognition.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat?

Among many current challenges, UC Hastings' policy deprives its law students of the right to exercise freely and fully their religious beliefs. Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the rosary at home. It includes our ability to gather with other members of our faith outside of church and reinforce our beliefs within a group setting. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans, including students on campus, suffer.

Please visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education and action in support of religious liberty.

The plight of religious minorities

Struggling to survive in Indonesia

Though Indonesia has made some strides in recent years to build a stronger democratic government with a viable civil society and an independent media, serious human rights violations continue to mar progress. Even as top officials offer rhetoric about protecting the rights of all, there remains hesitancy to ensure compliance with international human rights standards, and to effectively and aptly prosecute groups and individuals responsible for severe abuses.

Indonesia's constitution, laws and policies establish freedom of religion; however, some courts and law enforcement officials fail to protect religious minorities and prosecute violators, fostering impunity that continues to be a significant hindrance to religious freedom and human rights in the Republic of Indonesia.

Including more than 17,000 islands, the archipelago of Indonesia has a population of about 237 million. The 2000 census reports that almost 88 percent of this population is Muslim. A large number of religiously-based acts of violence are perpetrated by Muslims. Although most Indonesians practice a very moderate and tolerant expression of Islam, more militant groups have become increasingly prominent in recent years. These extremist groups tend to be the source of aggravated attacks directed at other Muslim sects and non-Muslims alike.

Acts of violence against religious minorities have become

more alarming since 2011. Religious extremists have coordinated attacks on minority groups, including Christians and both Ahmadi and Shia Muslims at prayer in Java, Sumatra and other provinces. The U.S. Department of State reports that in 2010 alone, about 125 attacks against religious minorities were recorded. This number is estimated to have been even higher in 2011.

What may be most troubling about these attacks is the perfunctory response they have drawn from many Indonesian courts and police forces. In February 2011, a small Ahmadiyah mosque was attacked by a mob of extremists. Three men were killed and mutilated as police forces stood by and watched. Though some members of the militant mob were arrested, murder or manslaughter charges were not pursued. Instead, the courts opted to bring minor charges of "incitement, assault and torture" against the persecutors, who received light prison sentences of about six months. Tragically, victims who survived the attack were also sentenced to 6 months in prison for "inciting the violence."

Christians have faced harassment and been prevented from worshipping. Churches have been burned to the ground. Christians have been attacked — including one priest who was stabbed to death outside of his church — with little or no repercussions against those perpetrating the violence. For religious minorities living in Indonesia, the deck is stacked against them. They face persecution and inadequate protection from government authorities.

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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

VBS

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cipliship and service on the final day.

Engaging music, created by St. Vincent de Paul music teacher Nate Proulx, along with creative crafts, activities, Bible stories, skits and games inspire the students to participate more fully in their faith formation. The Catholic Kidz Camp programs are the first Catholic VBS programs to incorporate Eucharistic Adoration.

Though the faith lessons are founded in the Bible and sacred Tradition, the Catholic Kidz Camp programs are fun and energizing, says Beach, second-grade teacher at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne. She adds, "We have to present and teach material through the eyes of a child, with active participation." And she adds with enthusiasm, "Catholics can be fun. And we're here to prove that!"

The team has placed a grand emphasis on details in these themed programs, including décor and props. Clever snacks such as Fig Newton Bible, St. Jerome Cone and St. Peter's Big Toe Sandals carry the theme into break time with easy to follow directions. Their website www.growingwiththesaints.com even has a page that encourages current VBS personnel to share ideas that might enhance each program.

The colorful and inspiring paperback books on the saints are written by the family's matriarch, Margaret Windle. As author, mother of eight and grandmother of 36, Windle says she has always relied on the saints to help her through difficult situations in life. She says, "I always turned to God and the saints when there was a

problem. They were always solved through the saints." She inspired her own children to look to the saints for guidance by telling stories of the lives of saints in their youth. Currently, she writes lives of the saints' stories for her grandchildren as birthday gifts to keep that Catholic treasure alive in her family. She says of the VBS programs, "I hope these will turn children to the saints and know how powerful their prayers are. Through reading about the saints they will become saints."

Her children agree when daughter Melissa Kaiser says of Windle, "She's been an incredible example for us. She's a living saint!"

The Catholic Kidz Camp program themes reference the rich tradition and history of the Catholic faith and offer specific messages. The second program "Assorted Saints and the Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love," offers teachings on diversity and the roll of angels in lives and in salvation history, while "Parade-Around the Our Father with St. Joseph of Cupertino," encourages vocations. Other programs include "Parachute with the Angels and St. Catherine LaBoure," and the most recent, titled, "The Vatican Express," which offers the five-day theme of traveling to the Vatican and learning about the papacy. It includes a music CD and a delightful and informative DVD with photos and narrative on the highlights of the Vatican.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, VBS directors Gina Harman and Kristy Cirillo are excited about facilitating a Catholic Kidz Camp program for the second year at their church. Harman says feedback on last year's program that focused on the saints was encouraging and they are enthusiastic about the new "Vatican Express" program for this year.

"The organization of the pro-

gram is incredible. It's laid out so perfectly," reports Harman, adding, "The program is conducive to each age group and it doesn't just end at the end of the week. The kids take away so much and carry it over into the school year."

Diane Ort, director of the vacation bible school at St. Joseph in Garrett, says, "Last year we did the 'Parade Around the Our Father VBS' and we enjoyed the program and the great service we received. We have been choosing Catholic VBS programs for our church, so that the children will learn all of the beautiful riches of our faith including the sacraments, saints and the Eucharist."

The Catholic Kidz Camp programs are so versatile that they appeal to several venues outside of the intended VBS summer program. Many religious education teachers, as well as regular education teachers use these programs as supplements to their catechesis. The programs have even been used during retreats for children. And, says Beach, the programs never become obsolete. "They can go through the cycle and just start over," she reports.

Currently there are 40 parishes in Indiana that use Catholic Kidz Camp programs as well as parishes in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, California and Texas. This family of women who believed they could make a difference feel blessed to be creating programs that are planting seeds of faith in the hearts of diocesan youth. They agree, "The Holy Spirit is guiding us and we believe we were brought together to create faith programs to help kids' faith grow. And we have grown closer in the process."

For more information on Catholic Kidz Camp programs visit www.growingwiththesaints.com.



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Arlene McGarrity of St. John the Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md., demonstrates her support of women religious and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious outside the headquarters of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops May 8. The LCWR, in a June 1 statement responding to the Vatican's critical assessment of its organization, acknowledged the signs of support received from Catholics and non-Catholics around the world.

LCWR

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whatever we would say would come from our best selves." She also noted that the LCWR leadership "couldn't respond with any substance individually" because the group is a collaborative organization that speaks with one voice.

"Until we could meet as a group we weren't in a position to respond," she added.

Sister Pat said the mood at the three-day board meeting was "pretty serious" and reflected a range of emotions. "There was a lot of sadness," she said, "but it was a comfort for all of us to be together and process some of our candid responses and feelings with one another."

Regarding future discussion of the Vatican report she said: "I think, first of all we have to move slowly, prayerfully and reflectively on this."

She said that as the process unfolds the LCWR leadership will have conversations with its members at the regional level and then at the national level.

"We need to walk through this one door at a time and to see how this process unfolds and to follow that path as long as we can respond with integrity," she said.

Sister Pat said the LCWR leadership was not surprised by the doctrinal congregation's report. "The great surprise was the severity of it," she said.

In the weeks since the Vatican order was issued, the Franciscan sister from Dubuque, Iowa, said she has found "a lot of strength and comfort in prayer and in other members of the LCWR."

"We have a deep and strong solidarity among us and we will move in a way that does not allow this to divide us." She also said she was encouraged by the "immense outpouring of support" for the sisters from around the country and the world.

Before the LCWR board opened its meeting, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the papal nuncio, met with Sister Pat and Sister Janet. Later that day at the nunciature, when a group was demonstrating to show support for LCWR, the archbishop invited some of its members inside and he accepted a petition they presented calling on the Vatican to stop the reform of LCWR.

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Knights of Columbus opens new club

HUNTINGTON — A celebration of the grand opening of the Knights of Columbus Council 1014 club at 2817 Theater Ave., in Huntington, will take place on June 16, with a dedication ceremony performed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades beginning at 1 p.m.

A group photo will be taken at 1:45, followed by the mayor's proclamation and ribbon cutting. There will be children's games and live music as well as a meal of Vining's roast pork and sides, water and lemonade until 6 p.m.

Tickets, which include cost of the meal, are \$5 per person (nine and under free), or a family ticket for \$20. A cash bar will be available featuring \$1 draft beer (must have ID). To make a reservation call (260) 355-5099 and leave a message with name and number of people in the party. Pay at the door.

Catholic Youth Summer Camp offers fun

SOUTH BEND — The overnight Catholic Youth Summer Camp is for children going into fourth, fifth and sixth grades and is designed to inspire them to deepen their love for Jesus Christ and their Catholic faith.

The overnight camp will be held at Camp Mack, Sunday, July 22, through Friday, July 27, with a cost of \$350.

The theme is "Put out in deep water and lower your nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4)

There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, June 14, in the basement of St. Jude Church in South Bend at 7:30 p.m. For a brochure and more information, go to www.stjudeparish.net, or contact the directors, Dave and Jan Torma, at (574) 291-3381 or email at fisherofmndjt@msn.com.

Registration deadline for Catholic Youth Summer Camp has been extended to Wednesday, June 13. Volunteers are still needed.

Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative to host free marketing workshop

NOTRE DAME — The Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI) at Saint Mary's College will host a free marketing workshop for local women business owner/operators titled "The 6 Key Steps in Developing Your Marketing Strategy." The event will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, in Room 145 of Spes Unica Hall on the Saint Mary's College campus. To register for the seminar, email wei@saintmarys.edu or call (574) 284-5262. Space is limited.

The workshop will explore the discipline and process in developing a marketing strategy in a rapidly changing marketplace. There will be real life examples from companies like Mama Mary's Pizza Crusts, Cycle Group cat litter,

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In honor of the Saint Joseph's High School Class of 2012 being the last class to graduate from 1441 N. Michigan in South Bend, the school made T-shirts for the class and took a class picture in front of the school.

Adobe Drywall, Crystal Mountain Water and Lowe's Corporation.

The facilitator is Glenn J. Hansel, who has more than 40 years of marketing and business experience with companies such as Wilson Foods, Hardee's Restaurants, Sara Lee, Edward Lowe Industries and Whirlpool Corporation. He has extensive experience in brand and corporate marketing, national advertising, sales management and business management and operations. He currently is a vice president and facilitator with Renaissance Executive Forums Northern Indiana.

Pro-Life Boot Camp slated at University of Saint Francis

FORT WAYNE — Indiana Right to Life and Allen County Right to Life have announced the eighth annual Pro-Life Boot Camp for students on Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23, on the campus of the University of Saint Francis. The camp is designed to equip and engage high school and college students with the critical tools necessary to defend life in a secular marketplace of ideas.

This year three levels of training will be available to students. Pro-life 101 will lay the crucial foundation for the pro-life position and equips students to articulate the case for life in a winsome

manner. Pro-life 201 will build on the basics and prepare returning students to respond to abortion/choice arguments. Pro-life 301 will equip advanced students to successfully argue for life in speeches, writings and formal debates. The students will also have a variety of workshops from which to choose to help them fine tune their skills and develop an action plan.

The camp kick-off event is open to the public of all ages. This evening of pro-life training is on Friday, June 22, at 7 p.m. at the University of Saint Francis North Auditorium at 2702 Spring St.

Featured speakers will be Kristen Hawkins, executive director of National Students for Life, and Scott Klusendorf, expert in bioethics and apologetics and founder of Life Training Institute.

"We are delighted to welcome two of the best pro-life speakers in the nation to Fort Wayne to engage and equip the pro-life community," said Cathie Humbarger, Allen County Right to Life executive director. "It's not often that we have the opportunity — or take the time — to receive training of this kind. Adults are invited to take advantage of this great opportunity on Friday evening to join the students to bolster their pro-life convictions and communication skills. We are expecting a record student attendance this year."

No tickets are necessary to attend the Pro-Life Boot Camp

Kickoff Event on Friday evening. To register for the Student Boot Camp visit www.ichooselife.org or call the Allen County Right to Life Office at (260) 471-1849.

St. Francis de Sales holds all-school reunion

INDIANAPOLIS — The alumni of St. Francis de Sales Grade School, closed in 1977, will hold their first all-school reunion on Saturday, June 23, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Council 5290, located at 4332 N. German Church Rd., in Indianapolis. Reservations and donations of \$20 to defray costs can be mailed to St. Francis de Sales All School Reunion, P.O. Box 193, Fortville, IN., 46040. For additional information call Jeff Henninger at (317) 446-5087 or visit St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and Grade School Indianapolis on Facebook.

Maryknoll Father Edward O. Custer celebrates 40 years as missionary

MARYKNOLL, N.Y. — Maryknoll Father Edward O. Custer of South Bend will celebrate his 40th anniversary of ordination as a Maryknoll missionary on Sunday, June 24. He is one of 37 Maryknollers to commemorate his ordination to the priesthood or Final Oath as a Brother in ceremonies to be held at the Maryknoll Mission Center in

Ossining, N.Y.

Father Custer was ordained on May 27, 1972. In 1973, he received his first overseas mission to Nicaragua. He arrived in Managua amid the rubble resulting from a terrible earthquake and as serious opposition was threatening the 40-year-old Somoza dictatorship. Working in six municipalities, Father Custer promoted lay ministries, the "Delegates of the Word" and basic Christian communities. He also organized a little league baseball team in the town of Ocotal to provide boys from broken homes with entertainment. In 1974, in its first year of play, his team won the Nicaraguan Little League Championship.

When the Sandinistas won their long-running revolution in 1979, Father Custer returned to the United States. He was assigned to Guatemala in 1980, and worked for six months in a parish in Guatemala City and then a year in an apostolate in the Petén. He returned to the United States to work on justice and peace issues and then was assigned to Nicaragua in 1981. He and fellow Maryknollers worked among the people of Matagalpa amid increasing violence during the Contra war. He worked with local bishops promoting lay ministries and Catholic life in Terrabona and San Dionisio parishes. When the Contra war ended, Father Custer continued with his pastoral work as the people began to rebuild their country.

In 1996, Father Custer returned to the United States to work at Maryknoll's Chicago development department. He returned to Nicaragua one more time in 2000 to work first in Terra Bona and then in Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Fátima in the Rancho Grande section of Matagalpa.

Since 2008, Father Custer has been assigned to Petén, Guatemala. He works in the Cathedral in Flores, Vicariato Apostolico de El Petén, and also serves as pastor of San Juan Apostol Parish. His assignments include formation of lay leaders and fomenting youth participation in the Church.

Father Custer feels the high point in his mission life has been his work with the people of Nicaragua. He weathered droughts, floods, revolution and war, ideological conflict, poverty, incertitude, sorrows and joys. He became known for his involvement in leadership training and baseball.

Speaking about mission, Father Custer said: "As I read the Gospels, the mission is Jesus' mission and as a missionary, my job is to make Him known and loved. Maryknoll has helped me live this out. I have no regrets and am happy to have chosen the priesthood. I feel God has chosen me to do this."

Father Custer was born in South Bend on Dec. 29, 1944, where he attended Christ the King School (1951-59). After graduating from Saint Joseph's High School in 1963, he spent a year at Notre Dame. In 1964, he entered Maryknoll College Seminary in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ honor jubilarians

BY JULIE DOWD

Eight Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ are observing special jubilees in 2012. In honor of these jubilarians, the Poor Handmaid community will gather on June 17 for Mass and a festive dinner at the PHJC Ministry Center in Donaldson. In addition to the community celebration, the Poor Handmaid jubilarians will mark this special year with individual celebrations.

75-year Jubilarians

Sister Aline Clesen has served in four dioceses in Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota during her 75 years as a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend she



SISTER ALINE CLESEN

ministered as a teacher and organist at St. Vincent Villa and as the registrar at Ancilla College. Sister Aline has now retired to the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson.

Sister Bernice Buescher, formerly known as Sister Leo, served in five dioceses in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin during the past 75 years. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend she ministered in education or administration at St. Bavo and St. Monica in Mishawaka, and also at Bishop Dwenger High School and St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. She retired from the PHJC Business Office in Donaldson in 1999 and currently resides at the Catherine Kasper Home.



SISTER BERNICE BUESCHER

70-year Jubilarians

Sister Margaret Hanon, formerly known as Sister John, is celebrating 70 years as a Poor Handmaid. She has served in four dioceses in Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend she taught at St. Bavo and St. Monica Schools in Mishawaka and Ancilla College in Donaldson. She also served as the advocacy coordinator for the Poor Handmaid community. Sister Margaret has retired to the Catherine Kasper Home.



SISTER MARGARET HANON

60-year Jubilarians

Sister Judian Breitenbach is honored for her 60 years of service in healthcare and administration in Minnesota, Illinois and Indiana.

In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend she ministered at St. Joseph Hospital and the Healing Arts Center in Mishawaka; St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne; and the PHJC Ministry Center and Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson. Today she continues as a consultant/coordinator at Namaste Center in LaPorte.



SISTER JUDIAN BREITENBACH

Sister Mary Kevin Ryan is also celebrating 60 years as a Poor Handmaid. She has ministered in education, administration and music in four dioceses in Indiana and Illinois. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend she taught at St. Monica School in Mishawaka. She continues teaching music in the Archdiocese of Chicago.



SISTER MARY KEVIN RYAN

50-year Jubilarians

Sister Marilyn Haselhorst, formerly known as Sister Timothy, is celebrating 50 years as a Poor Handmaid. She has served in eight dioceses in Indiana, Illinois and Mexico in the ministries of education, administration and as the PHJC aspirant and novice director.



SISTER MARILYN HASELHORST

Sister Marilyn currently works at the Catherine Kasper Educational Center in Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz, Mexico.

Also celebrating 50 years as a Poor Handmaid is **Sister Mary Kay Leuschke**, formerly known as Sister Elissa. She has served in five dioceses in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend she taught and was principal at St. Joseph in Mishawaka. Sister Mary Kay currently serves in Cincinnati as a psychotherapist.



SISTER MARY KAY LEUSCHKE

Sister Patricia Peters, formerly known as Sister Brendan, celebrates her 50-year jubilee. Since 1965 she has served in five dioceses in Indiana and Illinois as a teacher, in the PHJC Finance/Purchasing Office and now as the manager of computer services at the PHJC Ministry Center. Sister Patricia taught at St. Bavo and St. Joseph in Mishawaka.



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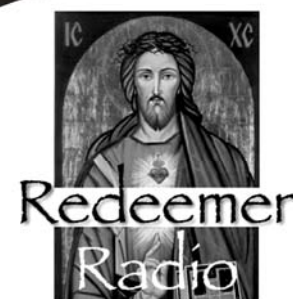
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Eleven Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate 475 years of vowed life

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS

NOTRE DAME — Eleven Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee years in Holy Cross on July 22, in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's. Five of these 11 sisters have taught or ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at various times during the sisters' collective 475 years of vowed life in the congregation.

Eight sisters are marking 50 years; and three celebrate 25 years of vowed life.

Five sisters serving or having entered the congregation from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend include:

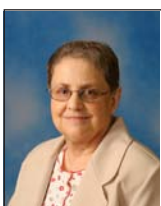
50-year Jubilarians

Sister M. Carlita (Hammes), from Plymouth, attended St. Michael School, and taught at Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, 1961 to 1962 and served at Our Lady of Holy Cross Convent, South Bend, 1981 to 1982. Currently, she gives service to the congregation at Saint Mary's Convent, Notre Dame.



SISTER M. CARLITA

Sister M. Joyce (Troyer), a native of South Bend, attended St. Joseph School, Mishawaka, and Saint Joseph's High School. She entered the congregation from Christ the King Parish, South Bend. She taught at St. Joseph School, South Bend, 1964 to 1966, and 1974 to 1975; and St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart, 1973 to 1974. From 1980 to 1991, she did basic adult education in Elkhart, and was an education specialist at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, 1992 to 2007. She is now at Saint Mary's Convent, Notre Dame, where she is active in the ministry of prayer.



SISTER M. JOYCE

Sister Mary Louise Gude (Sister M. Margaret Josephine) taught at Saint Mary's College, 1974 to 1989, was copy editor there from 2008 to 2009, and served as vice president for mission, 2009 to 2011. She also taught and was in administration at the University of Notre Dame,



SISTER MARY LOUISE GUDE

1983 to 2006. Currently, she works in Congregation Archives and Records at Saint Mary's.

Sister Susan Kintzele (Sister Paul Mary) taught at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, 1964 to 1965 and 1972 to 1973. From 1973 to 1988, she ministered at the Justice and Peace Center in South Bend. She worked in social services in South Bend at Dismas House, 1987 to 1991, at St. Hedwig Outreach Center, 1991 to 1994, and at the DuComb Center, 1994 to 1999. Currently, she teaches mathematics at Indiana University, South Bend, and continues her work as a bail bondsman for the poor.



SISTER SUSAN KINZELLE

Other Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrating 50 years are Sister Maria Cecilia Nesteriuk (Sister Celia Maria), Sister Michael Mary (Nolan), Sister Joan Mader (Sister Miriam Alma) and Sister Mary Eleanor Sullivan (Sister M. Frances Roma).

25-year Jubilarians

Sister Michelle Toepp is a native of South Bend. She entered the congregation from St. Matthew Cathedral Parish. Currently, she serves in elementary education in Queretaro, Mexico.



SISTER MICHELLE TOEPP

Other sisters celebrating 25 years of vowed life are Sisters Violet Rodrigues and Molli Gertrude Costa.

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross is an international community of women religious located in Notre Dame, Ind. Founded in 1841 in Le Mans, France, the congregation numbers approximately 475 members worldwide and ministers in Bangladesh, Brazil, Ghana, India, Mexico, Peru, Uganda and the United States. The sisters' ministries focus on providing education and health care services, eradicating material poverty, ending gender discrimination, and promoting just, mutual relationships among people, countries and the entire earth community. For more information about the Sisters of the Holy Cross, visit www.cscsisters.org.

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Nine Victory Noll Sisters celebrating jubilees in 2012

HUNTINGTON — Nine members of Our Lady of Victory Missionary (OLVM) Sisters will celebrate jubilees this year. Five of those sisters were honored with a special Mass May 24 at Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel at Victory Noll.

Sister John Francis Radler is celebrating 75 years as a Victory Noll Sister. Celebrating 70 years are Sister Martha Molohan, Sister Carolyn Isenmann and Sister Mary Magdalen Heim. Those who have been a Victory Noll Sister for 60 years are Sister Mary Ellen Desourouez, Sister Mary Louise Rowney, Sister Mary Doran and Sister Rose Miller. Sister Beatrice Haines will celebrate 50 years with OLVM. The celebration for Sister Beatrice will take place on Aug. 5 at Victory Noll. Celebrations for Sister Mary Louise Rowney, Sister Mary Doran and Sister Rose Miller will be with family and friends at their mission settings.

75-year jubilarians

Sister **John Francis Radler** is from Milwaukee, Wis., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on March 12, 1938. Her mis-



SISTER JOHN FRANCIS RADLER

sion work as catechist, social worker, caregiver, clinic administrator and in medical social service, community administration, administration of senior citizen residences took place in California, Washington, D.C., Indiana, New Mexico, Arizona, Wisconsin, Ohio.

70-year jubilarians

Sister **Martha Molohan** was born in Curdsville, Ky., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Oct. 27, 1942. Her mission with the sisters took her to Texas, New Mexico, California, Missouri, Kentucky and Michigan as catechist and in pastoral ministry.



SISTER MARTHA MOLOHAN

Sister **Carolyn Isenmann** hails from Hamilton, Ohio, and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Oct. 28, 1942. Sister has served as catechist, religious edu-



SISTER CAROLYN ISSENNANN

cation coordinator, consultant, director of religious education, teacher training, archives and in communications in Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Ohio, Indiana, California, Michigan and Victory Noll.

Sister Mary Magdalen Heim

was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Oct. 28, 1942. Her mission in Ohio, Indiana, Massachusetts, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, California, Utah, Arizona and Victory Noll, was as catechist, and in choir, home visitation and census work.



SISTER MARY MAGDALEN HEIM

60-year jubilarians

Sister **Mary Ellen Descourouez** was born in Geneva, Ill., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Jan. 6, 1953. Sister served as catechist, vocation-formation direc-



SISTER MARY ELLEN DESCOUROUZ

tor, on the leadership team and as pastoral associate in Colorado, California, Florida, Texas, Bolivia, Illinois and Victory Noll.

Sister **Mary Louise Rowney** is from Kokomo and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 7, 1952. She has served in Iowa, California, Massachusetts, Michigan, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana and at Victory Noll as catechist, on the Leadership Team, as caregiver, community administration, diocesan director of religious education and adult education.



SISTER MARY LOUISE ROWNEY

Sister **Mary Doran** hails from Ludlow, Ky., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters Jan. 6, 1953. Sister's mission as catechist, community administration, paraprofessional and lay leadership training with farm workers took her to California, Arizona and Indiana.



SISTER MARY DORAN

Sister **Rose Miller** was born in Flasher, North Dakota and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters Sept. 15, 1952. She served in Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Nevada, California, Missouri and Arizona as catechist and director of social services.



SISTER ROSE MILLER

50-year jubilarian

Sister **Beatrice Haines** is from Goshen and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 5, 1962. Her mission as catechist, vocation team member, evangelization outreach, pastoral ministry, community administration and Leadership Team member took her to New Jersey, California, Illinois, Texas, New Mexico and Victory Noll.



SISTER BEATRICE HAINES

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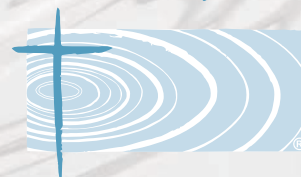
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Seventeen Holy Cross Brothers celebrate jubilees as vowed religious

NOTRE DAME — The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross will honor 17 brothers celebrating jubilees of religious profession on Saturday, June 16. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Basilica on the campus of Notre Dame at 2 p.m. Following the Mass there will be a dinner reception for invited guests in the North Dining Hall. Fifteen of the jubilarians have studied, ministered or retired in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

from the University of Notre Dame in 1941. Brother Donard was on the staff of the Holy Cross Brothers' Center for the first semester in 1980 and was on a sabbatical at the center from November of 1985 until August of 1986. He is retired and lives at St. Edward's University in Texas.

60-year jubilarians

Brother of Holy Cross Robert Dierker, joined Holy Cross in 1950. After starting to work at Ave Maria Press in 1952, Brother Robert fought off the effects of polio, and continued there for 20 years. After a year as an assistant librarian at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, he went to Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend to work in the attendance office where he remained for 33 years until his retirement in 2006. Brother currently lives at Columba Hall, Notre Dame.



BROTHER ROBERT H. DIERKER

75-year jubilarian

Brother of Holy Cross Donard Steffes, is celebrating 75 years as a Brother of Holy Cross. At 75 years, he is the longest professed brother in the Midwest Province and second oldest in age. He was born Dec. 10, 1914, near Carleton, Mich. He entered the Holy Cross Brothers postulancy in November of 1931, made his first vows on Aug. 16, 1937 and graduated



BROTHER DONARD L. STEFFES

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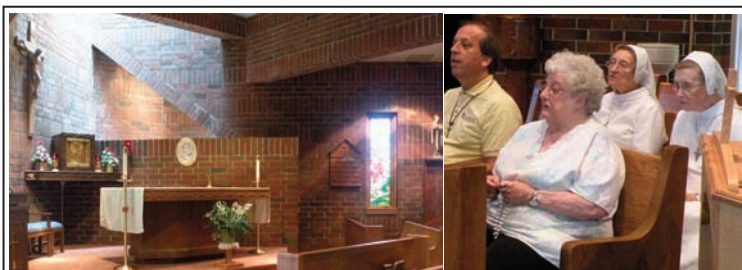
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Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration celebrate jubilees

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka are honoring seven of their sisters who are celebrating Jubilees of 80, 60, 50 and 25 years of religious life. The congregation was founded in 1863 in Olpe, Germany, by Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel. In 1875, the first sisters came to Lafayette at the invitation of Bishop Joseph Dwenger, who was the bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a special Mass on June 16 at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

80-year jubilarian

Sister M. Marita Stoffel was born in Huntington and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on June 29, 1932. Sister Marita was a teacher in various schools for 30 years including St. Andrew, Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Central Catholic High School and St.



SISTER M. MARITA STOFFEL

Francis College. Sister Marita opened a Primary Day School in 1968 in South Bend, and in 1986 a Center for Basic Learning Skills, in order to help individuals receive their GED. Sister has been living and serving at the motherhouse in Mishawaka since 2008.

60-year jubilarians

Sister Rita Marie Biegel was born in Bluesky, Canada and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1952. Sister served in nursing positions for 39 years in various hospitals in Indiana served by the sisters, and at Our Lady of Angels Convent. Sister has served in spiritual care for nine years and is currently serving at Franciscan St. Anthony Health in Michigan City.



SISTER RITA MARIE BIEGEL

Sister M. Barbara Anne Hallman was born in Detroit, Mich., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1952. Sister Barbara Anne served in the education apostolate as a teacher or administrator for 34 years in various schools staffed by the sisters. Sister began retreat work in 2000. Presently she is living and serving at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka.



SISTER BARBARA ANN HALLMAN

Sister Rose Bernadette Schmit was born in Hammond and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1952. For 34 years Sister taught in various schools staffed by the sisters including St. Mary School in Huntington. For



SISTER ROSE BERNADETTE SCHMIT

20 years Sister Rose Bernadette worked at the reception desk at St. Francis Convent. Presently she is serving at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka.

Sister Delrose Ricke was born in Morgan, Minn., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Family in Dubuque, Iowa, on Aug. 12, 1952. Sister transferred to the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in 1999. Sister was a teacher and principal in various schools in Iowa and Indiana for 39 years. She worked in formation for 16 years. Presently she resides at St. Francis Convent and is the provincial secretary.



SISTER DELROSE RICKE

50-year jubilarian

Sister M. Lois DeLee was born in South Bend and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1962. Sister Lois served for 36 years in the education apostolate as a teacher or principal in various

schools staffed by the sisters, including St. Therese in Fort Wayne, and in Hartford City. Sister Lois has been vocation directress for 12 years. She currently resides at St. Clare Convent in Mishawaka and is the postulant and vocation directress.



SISTER M. LOIS DELEE

25-year jubilarian

Sister M. Esther Ann Stammen was born in Sharpsburg, Ohio, and entered the novitiate of the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Divine Teacher in Davenport, Iowa, on Aug. 15, 1987 after taking care of her elderly parents. Sister transferred to the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in 1999. In the past sister has served in the domestic area and currently continues to serve in that capacity at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.



SISTER M. ESTHER ANN STAMMEN

BROTHERS

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Brother of Holy Cross Bernard Klim is a renowned sculptor and arrived at the postulate as a young farmer from Emmet, Mich. After his novitiate year, beginning in 1952, Brother Bernard began doing maintenance at the Dujarie House Scholasticate and Community House, which is now Columba Hall.



BROTHER BERNARD KLIM

Other maintenance assignments have been in Watertown, Wisc., Gates Mills, Ohio, and Rome, Italy, at the Holy Cross Generalate where he worked from 1959 until 1974 and then at Holy Cross International School until 1992. He is presently at Kyarusozzi Parish in Fort Portal, Uganda.

Brother of Holy Cross Bernard Donahoe, except for eight years, has lived in the Notre Dame area. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame 1955. In 1961 he was a full-time gradu-



BROTHER BERNARD DONAHOE

ate student and teaching assistant at the university, receiving the Ph.D. in 1965. Beginning in 1967, and for the next 32 years Brother Bernard had a joint contract to teach at Holy Cross College and Saint Mary's College, with occasional stints at Notre Dame. He retired from the history department Saint Mary's College in May of 2006. For 27 of his 38 years at Saint Mary's

College he was chairman of the history department. For six years he served as superior of Columba Hall and as master of novices for four years. Brother currently lives at the Maple Lane Apartments in South Bend.

Brother of Holy Cross Joseph Berg, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., entered the brothers in Watertown, Wis., in



BROTHER JOSEPH BERG

March of 1951. After graduating from St. Edward's University in Texas in 1955, he taught two years in Biloxi, Miss., and two years in Indianapolis. In 1959 he was

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assigned to St. Charles Boys' Home, Milwaukee, Wis. At St. Charles he served as director until joining the staff of the National Conference of Catholic Charities in Washington, D.C., in 1970, where he served until his retirement in 2007. Brother Joseph is a resident of Riverside Place at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame and a volunteer at Catholic Charities, South Bend.

Brother of Holy Cross Raymond Harrington, a native of Chicago joined the Brothers of Holy Cross in June, 1951. After his novitiate year, Brother Raymond completed his undergraduate studies at St. Edward's University, and graduate work at De Paul University, Chicago. Since 1973 Brother Raymond has been a member of the English department at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. After retiring in 2006 Brother Raymond continues to tutor in the Writing Center of the college. Brother Raymond is a resident of Riverside Place in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.



BROTHER RAYMOND HARRINGTON

50-year jubilarians

Brother of Holy Cross Jerome Kroetsch was born and raised on a dairy farm Michigan, north of Detroit. He has lived and worked with people in Bangladesh, the Caribbean and Ghana, West Africa. Brother Jerome worked with Project Renew in South Bend from 1974-76, lived at



BROTHER JEROME KROETSCH

the Holy Cross Brothers' Center, Notre Dame, in 1985, and was a resident of Columba Hall, Notre Dame, from 2002-2003 and again from 2006-2012. He presently lives and works at the Holy Cross Brothers residence in Sarasota, Fla.

Brother of Holy Cross Peter Graham was born in Akron, Ohio, on June 28, 1941. Upon graduation from Archbishop Hoban High School, he entered the Brothers of Holy Cross. In his nine assignments over the past 50 years, has been a faculty member, residential director, headmaster, director of admissions, director of development and president of a Holy Cross high school. One of Brother Peter's duties was to serve as a member Midwest Province Provincial Council under Provincial Brother Robert Fillmore.



BROTHER PETER GRAHAM

Brother of Holy Cross Carroll Posey was born in Liberty, Ky., Posey has been a teacher, coach and an administrator most of his active life. From 1962-1964 he taught at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend. Following a renewal program in 1989, he was the assistant director of Dujarie House, Notre Dame, for three years. He then remained on the staff for another two years. He worked at St. Joseph's Care Center West in South Bend for a time before becoming a member of the staff at Columba Hall, Notre Dame.



BROTHER CAROLL POSEY

Brother of Holy Cross William Dygert, a native of Detroit, Mich., has served as a principal in Holy Cross high schools in River Grove, Ill., and Lakewood, Ohio. He has also served as Superintendent of Schools for the Dioceses of Beaumont and Tyler in Texas, and the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island. In 1995 Brother William became president of Le Mans Academy, Rolling Prairie. He also served as the Midwest Province Provincial Steward on the Provincial Council from 2000-2003. In 2005, he became Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Peoria, Ill. where he currently serves. He has also taught in the ACE Leadership Program at Notre Dame and served as a consultant for the USCCB Committee on Education. Brother was on the faculty of Holy Cross College, Notre Dame from 2000-2003.



BROTHER WILLIAM DYGERT

Brother of Holy Cross Richard Gilman graduated in 1961 from St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio. In 1965 he graduated Summa Cum Laude from Saint Edward's University in Texas. He then attended Harvard University on an NSF Fellowship, graduating with a master's degree in mathematics in 1966. Brother Richard also attended the Woodrow Wilson Institute at Princeton, N.J. In 1993 he received a Ph.D. from the University of Dayton in higher educational leadership. From 1992 to 2010 he was president of Holy Cross College, leading it to achieve baccalaureate status.



BROTHER RICHARD GILMAN

Brother of Holy Cross Roy Smith joined the Holy Cross Brothers shortly after graduating from Cathedral High School, Indianapolis. After graduation from St. Edward's University in Texas he taught at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, served as personnel director for the Midwest Province at Notre Dame, as counselor for Catholic Social Services and director of Catholic Charities for the western sector of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. His last year, 1997, he served as a counselor and development director for Catholic Charities. He now serves as director in the Development Office of the province.



BROTHER ROY SMITH

Brother of Holy Cross Lawrence Skitzki graduated from St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio. He entered the brothers and received a bachelor's degree in business administration and education from St. Edward's University in Texas, in 1965. In 1978 he was appointed Midwest Province Provincial Steward for the Midwest Province, and served until 1994, and again from 2003 to 2009. He is presently controller at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, Cal., where he has been for the past 14 years.



BROTHER LAWRENCE SKITZKI

40-year jubiliarian

Brother of Holy Cross Kenneth Haders is a graduate of St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, and entered the brother's candidacy program in 1968 and made his first profession in 1972. Brother Kenneth began his ministry in residential treatment centers run by the brothers in Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan. He served almost 20 years at Holy Trinity High School. He then worked at Mercy Boys' Home in Chicago from 1983-1985 before being named president of Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio, a position he now holds. He is currently the Steward of the Midwest Province at Notre Dame.



BROTHER KENNETH HADERS

25-year jubiliarian

Brother of Holy Cross Anthony Dadzie joined the Congregation of Holy Cross in September of 1985 after completing Teacher Training College. Brother Anthony entered the novitiate in 1987. In 1997, Brother Anthony attended Holy Cross College, Notre Dame and Indiana University South Bend, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics. Back in Ghana in July, 2001, Brother Anthony was appointed assistant novice master for nine years and director of the temporary professed for two years. During this period, he earned a master's degree in educational administration from University of Cape Coast. Currently Brother Anthony is the National Chairman of Inter-Congregational Justice and Peace Integrity of Creation, Ghana.

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may never be acceptable answers. Grief work requires us to remember our loved one, both in solitude and in community, with simple thoughtfulness or meaningful ceremony, and to accept support offered by family and friends. Many times seeking support means we must do the asking, a task not easy to master for those of us who are caregivers by nature.

Doing the hard work of grief means treating ourselves with gentle care when we feel lost, angry, sad or numb. It means allowing our days to unfold in all their darkness and pain, and rolling with the tides of hope, believing that our hearts will eventually heal.

This grief work requires a readjustment of thought, belief



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and even movement in space. Our loved ones no longer walk with us on this physical plane and sometimes that creates a very real open space — a gaping hole if you will — that causes a need for our physical beings to shift and adjust.

All of this work, over a span only we can personally deter-

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A father's role in marriage reassures the young that love is lasting

We are now in the parental interregnum — the period between Mother's Day and Father's Day.

The modern project to make women and men more or less interchangeable has failed. The difference between the sexes and the importance of their respective roles in the family remains alive and well. Yet it is inescapable that the roles of mothers and fathers have changed, even in the most traditional of households. And this is not all bad.

Susan Gregory Thomas wrote recently in *The Wall Street Journal* on dads as "the new moms." She reported that according to the U.S. Census Bureau, "32 percent of fathers with working wives routinely care for their children under age 15, up from 26 percent in 2002."

Children will benefit from fathers who are more involved in parenting. Yet this good trend is colliding with two others that are both very bad for children. Charles Murray comments on these in his new book "Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010."

The first negative trend he identifies is the decline of marriage. It is widely known that about four in 10 marriages end in divorce. It is less widely known, he notes, that more and more men have never been married — as of 2010, this was true of nearly one in three working-class white males aged 30-49. Marriages aren't just failing — they also are failing to materialize.

The other trend, he identifies, is the rise in the number of children living with just one parent. Some of these (22 percent of children among working-class whites in 2010) are the children of divorced or separated parents. Others are children born to unmarried women — a group that grew dramatically over this half-century.

In other words, although dads are doing better at parenting, they are doing much worse at marriage. The net result is worse for children.

I used to have on my bathroom mirror a saying attributed to Notre Dame's Father Ted Hesburgh: "The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." I'm not sure he was the first person to say it, but the fact that it gets attributed to so many people (John Wooden, Abraham Lincoln) is probably a testament to its truth.

A happy marriage sends children important messages that will help them in life. It shows them that they are born out of



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love — that they are wanted and part of God's plan. It makes their world a safe place, in which their parents protect them from the arrows and even the pinpricks of adulthood until they come of age. Children in stable families are not like the other young of the animal kingdom, who must live from birth in constant fear of predators.

Finally, stable marriages reassure children that love is lasting — that both parents, and especially the father, will keep the promise to care for them always. Good parents provide a living lesson to their children in how to love others, including most especially the person they eventually marry.

The Second Vatican Council document "Lumen Gentium" called the family the "domestic church," a phrase that Pope John Paul II continued to use during his papacy. Children learn the faith by word and example, something primarily provided by their parents.

Any good parent can impart this catechesis with heroic effort, but there is no easier or better place to do it than within a loving and stable family. If your mom and dad loved each other, be grateful to them during these days that celebrate motherhood and fatherhood. And commit yourself to showing such love in your domestic church.

Jesus nourishes with His Body and Blood



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Corpus Christi Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

The Book of Exodus is the source of this first reading for the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, as it long was called. It is the feast on which the Church concentrates its attention upon the Holy Eucharist.

This reading describes an early ritual sacrifice among the Hebrews as ordered by Moses. The victims in this sacrifice were young bulls. Bulls, of course, represented creation, as they were part of creation. They were strong animals, and they could be led to perform many useful tasks difficult for humans with less physical strength. They were not threatening, as they were not predators. They ate vegetation, so providing them with feed was not a difficult undertaking unless it was a time of drought or other natural disaster.

Of course, they were needed to reproduce the herd. So, offering such animals to God not only recognized God as Creator, but it offered to the glory of God a possession of some value.

Interesting in this ritual was that the blood of the sacrificed bulls was sprinkled on the people. By today's standards, it is not an appealing thought. The symbolism was that the blood of the bulls was made holy because of the sacrifice itself. Anything touched by this holy blood in turn became holy.

For the second reading, the Church provides the Epistle to

the Hebrews. Many of the first Christians were converts from Judaism and ethnically were Jews.

In this reading, Jesus is described as the high priest. In this role, the Lord supplants the high priests of old. Also, Jesus is the victim of the new and perfect sacrifice. His blood, shed on Calvary, freely offered to God as satisfaction for human sin, makes Christians holy.

St. Mark's Gospel supplies us with the last reading. It recalls Passover, that most important of ancient Jewish feasts, and still a major Jewish religious feast today. The feast commemorates the rescue by God of the Hebrew people from Egyptian slavery. The reading recalls the Last Supper. This supper, so beloved among Christians, was itself a Passover meal. The Gospels tell us about this aspect of the supper not in the sense that it coincided with Passover, or it just happened to be Passover, but that this Last Supper actually brought to fruition, and to perfection, God's rescue of humanity from misery and eternal death. It was the supreme Passover.

Jesus offers bread and wine, miraculously transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ by the Lord's own divine power, as food for the Apostles. Such a gesture would not have been as unusual at the time of Jesus as it might appear today.

The Jews would have known ritual sacrifice very well. The meat provided by the flesh of the sacrificed victims was offered to believers. By consuming this meat, made holy by the sacrifice itself, he believers connected with the divinity. Indeed they bonded with the divinity.

Body, of course, meant a person. Jewish philosophy had no sense of "body" and "soul," or at least no truly developed sense, as this distinction was Greek. Blood was the very matter of life. If a person hemorrhaged, then the

person died. If the circulation stopped, as a result of cardiac arrest for example, the person died. It is easy to see why the ancient Jews saw life itself in blood — and especially in living blood.

Reflection

The Church calls us today to celebrate its most marvelous of treasures, the Holy Eucharist. In these readings, the Church makes two points. First, it proclaims Jesus as Lord and Savior. He was the perfect and sublime high priest, accomplishing salvation for us all by the voluntary sacrifice of self on Calvary in the crucifixion.

He is the true leader, the New Moses, who leads humanity away from the slavery of sin and death. With Jesus, we experience our own Passover. He leads us from the slavery and misery of our sins. No sinner is free. No sinner is at peace. No sinner possesses eternal life.

Sin starves us of life. It renders weak and even helpless. Jesus nourishes us, offering us the very Body and Blood of Christ.

In the Holy Eucharist, in Communion, we bring into our very selves, literally, the eternal, risen body of Christ. We live. We are strong.

READINGS

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5, 7-8 Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10-13 Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 (Ps) Is 12:6 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10 Lk 2:41-51

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The sisters: two views

After the April announcement that the Vatican was taking the Leadership Conference of Women Religious into a form of ecclesiastical receivership, appointing Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain to oversee the LCWR until its statutes and program are reformed, Tom Fox, a major figure at the *National Catholic Reporter* for decades, had this to say:

“Some of our bishops are acting like bullies, abusing the authority of their offices in the name of enforcing orthodoxy.

“Dealing with U.S. women religious, these bishops’ actions appear governed more by a desire to enforce obedience than to develop fidelity in our sisters...”

“What the bully bishops claim to be matters of orthodoxy are really matters of pastoral style. They are the results of an unwillingness among our bishops to enter into sincere and mutually respectful dialogue with the women. None of the issues at hand has anything to do with the Creed. They stem from the actions of a small group of misdirected and fearful men determined to take ‘catholic’ out of ‘Catholic’ while judging, silencing and demeaning those who stand in their way...”

Shortly after a correspondent sent me the link to this rather intemperate comment, another interlocutor passed along an interview with the late Walker Percy, one of American Catholicism’s greatest 20th century literary talents. Percy was asked what would have most surprised another major Catholic literary figure, Flannery O’Connor, about the post-conciliar Church she did not live to see:

“I think probably the disunity,

the near-sundering of the American Church. I think she would be horrified, and probably most of all by the nuns, by what happened to the Georgia nuns, to the Louisiana nuns, and I guess to most of the others. They completely fell apart. They were seduced, not by feminism — which the pope approves of, in the sense of the right of women not to be discriminated against — but by radical feminism. Many of the nuns I know were completely seduced by it, to the point of rebelling against any sort of discipline. They began to mix up the magisterium with macho masculinity, as if the pope were Hemingway. I think that would horrify O’Connor more than anything.”

There’s not a whole lot of “common ground” to be found between these two readings of the post-conciliar history of women’s religious life in these United States. Either Tom Fox is right in his general view of the situation, or Walker Percy is right in his. Yet while Percy would almost certainly have agreed that there are many holy and devoted women doing great service to Church and society within the LCWR orders, Fox seems unlikely to make any such concession about the bishops who have, over three decades, raised concern about the spiritual life of those orders. If inflexibility and intellectual bullying are at work here, they’re far more prevalent on the port side of the Barque of Peter than on the starboard side.

There is also a question of demographics to be considered, in assessing these two views. Ann Carey’s 1997 book, “Sisters in Crisis,” reported a hard fact, thoroughly



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

supported by the data: progressive orders of religious women don’t generate new vocations. LCWR-affiliated sisters responded that their job was “not to grow but to be.” How one could “be” without new recruits was not explained — a reflection, perhaps, of the same cast of mind that led a recent LCWR annual assembly speaker to praise the “post-Christian” stance of some religious orders. In any case, there can be no denying that the “renewal” of women’s religious life led by the LCWR and its affiliated orders has utterly failed to attract new vocations. The LCWR orders are dying, while several religious orders that disaffiliated from the LCWR are growing.

And this is the question that neither the LCWR nor its defenders, like Tom Fox, ever engage: If what you’ve been doing for about 40 years is so right, why do young women not find it attractive?

Walker Percy and Flannery O’Connor, however, would understand.

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Blessed Mother, at Fatima, delivers message of peace, hope for the world

BY MIRIAM SCHMITZ

Politicians are offering their plans for peace and hope for our country as the major election approaches. In 1917, when the Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, she delivered the ultimate message of peace and hope for not only the United States but the entire world.

Over the next few months, the Fort Wayne-South Bend Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima, a permanent public international association of the faithful and a teaching arm of the Church on matters pertaining to Fatima, will present more information gathered from the writings of Father Andrew Apostoli, a priest of the Franciscan Friars of Renewal, on the five first Saturdays devotion — which is a way to make reparation for specific offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady and bring peace to our world.

In addition, we invite everyone to join us in practicing the Five First Saturdays devotion — especially from July 7 through Nov. 3, which is the Saturday immediately before the

presidential election.

When Our Blessed Mother appeared to Lucia Dos Santos, Francisco Marto, and his sister, Jacinta, on July 13, 1917, she showed them a frightening vision of hell, where there were both demons and lost souls in torment and despair. The young visionaries were completely shaken by the vision.

Then Our Lady spoke kindly, but sadly to them, “You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.”

Then she added, “To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays.”

Our Lady kept her promise, and on Dec. 10, 1925, she and the Child Jesus appeared to Lucia, who was a postulant for the Dorothean Sisters at a convent in Ponteverda, Spain.

The Child Jesus said, “Have compassion on the heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce at every moment, and there is no one to make

an act of reparation to remove them.”

Then Our Lady, showing her heart to Lucia, said, “Look, my daughter, at my heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”

What a magnificent promise of Our Lady — that she would assist us with the graces needed for salvation at the most important moment of our lives — the moment of our death. We pray this every time we pray the Hail Mary: “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”

Miriam Schmitz is from the Fort Wayne-South Bend Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 10, 2012

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle B. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

UNLEAVENED	BREAD	PASSOVER
LAMB	CITY	CARRYING
A JAR	WATER	ENTERS
GUEST ROOM	FURNISHED	BLESSING
MY BODY	A CUP	THANKS
DRANK	MY BLOOD	FOR MANY
FRUIT	THE VINE	DRINK IT NEW

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HOPE

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mine, brings us to a time when our hearts are ready to begin the climb back up into life. It will not be the same life — it simply can’t be. But with perseverance and trust in the process we will create a new life that will suit our needs as we hold our dear one’s memory in our hearts.

The first few years following my husband Trent’s death I felt small and lost in my life without him. I just was not comfortable in my own skin. Though I tried to focus all my attention on my new roll as single mom, my personal grief over Trent’s death regularly waylaid me and I found I couldn’t ignore it. Many a night I lay weeping silently for all that was lost as my two young daughters slept peacefully nearby.

But as I look back on those days, I see now that many times I did allow my tears (and anger, sadness or loneliness) to come forth unheeded and cleanse me of my sorrow. And slowly, and very gently, I began to rediscover myself in light of Trent’s love.

I discovered I was much stronger than I had ever considered and found that I could carry on. In times of need I persevered in creating a network of reliable Christian men and women to help

me on my journey — those that would assist me with car maintenance, babysitting, friendship and more. I began to realize that my anger had a purpose and expressing it in healthy, productive ways released much of the darkness that was the bane of my grief.

Though it took me years of “trying on” new ways to live, I learned something important from every experience, including the choices I could make, even by myself, to create a good life for my two daughters and myself. Discovering myself meant taking all that was Trent and I, sifting through it and discarding what didn’t work any more. Though very painful at times, I have discovered — and continue to discover — the beauty of life and my evolving place in it.

The natural evolution of authentic grief work eventually leads us to exploration and self-discovery that will honor our deceased loved ones and bring new life. Out of the ashes, we can rise again.

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Baseball



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Pat Klima, senior, outfield, Christ the King, South Bend



Evan Witsken, senior, infield, Christ the King, South Bend

Softball



Christina Gillis, senior, infield, St Pius X, Granger



Emily McCollester-Purlee, senior, infield, St. Joseph, South Bend



Alissa Plenzler, senior, infield, outfield, St Pius X, Granger

Girls' track



Michelle Potter, senior, 800 meter, 1,600 meter, 4x4, 4x8 relay, Christ the King, South Bend



Mikaila Chamblee, senior, 100, 300 hurdles, long jump, 4x1, 4x4 relay, St. Joseph, South Bend



Michelle Weaver, freshman, 4x400 relay, St. Joseph, South Bend



Ellen McClain, senior, 4x400 relay, Holy Cross, South Bend



Morgan Carroll, senior, 4x400 relay, Holy Cross, South Bend

Boys' track



Joey Zielinski, senior, 800 meter, 1,600 meter, 3,200 meter, Holy Family, South Bend



Joe DeMaegd, senior, discus, Holy Family, South Bend

Boys' golf



AJ Frank, senior



Alex Jones, junior, St. Joseph, South Bend

Girls' tennis



Darby Mountford, senior, St. Joseph, South Bend



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Boys' lacrosse



Patrick Bruneel, senior, attack, St. Pius X, Granger



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Elizabeth Anthony, senior, defense, St. Joseph, South Bend



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BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball



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Softball



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Sierra Fisher, sophomore, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne



Alie Dennie, sophomore, Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne

Boys' track



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Luke Miller, junior, 4x800 relay, St. Jude, Fort Wayne



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Luke Offerle, senior, 4x800 relay, St. Charles, Fort Wayne

Boys' golf



Carter Eifert, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne



Jake Leonard, sophomore, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne

Girls' tennis



Khaki Lee, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne



Audrey Rang, sophomore, doubles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne



Elizabeth Maxson, junior, doubles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

Girls' track



Mary Beier, senior, 4x800 relay, St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne



Sarah Kleber, senior, 4x800 relay, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne



Michelle Marqueling, senior, 4x800 relay, St. John the Baptist, New Haven



Ciara Feipel, junior, 4x800 relay, St. Jude, Fort Wayne



Chris Widner, senior, St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne



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



Katilyn Coffee, junior, St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne

BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

Boys' golf



Parker Watts, senior, No. 2, St. John the Baptist, New Haven



Joey Leja, junior, No. 1, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

Girls' tennis



Samantha Rahrig, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne



Abby Oberley, senior, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

Boys' lacrosse



Brian Nichter, senior, forward, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne



Grayson Carpenter, senior, defender

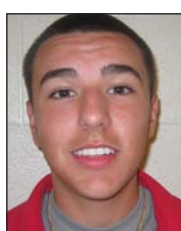
Baseball



Zach Millard, senior, shortstop, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne



Mason Coy, senior, pitcher, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Jeff Cardenas, junior, pitcher, infield, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

Softball



Julia Hayes, junior, catcher, St. Mary, Fort Wayne



Miranda Malott, sophomore, shortstop, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne



Darby McFann, sophomore, pitcher, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

Track



Katie Griebel, senior, 1,600 meter, St. Rose, Monroeville



Rose Becker, senior, discus, St. Jude, Fort Wayne



Kori Current, senior, high jump, St. John the Baptist, New Haven



Corey Leffers, senior, hurdles, St. Therese, Fort Wayne



Matt Rupright, senior, hurdles, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne



Rachel Crouch, senior, relays, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball



Andrew Hasler, senior, pitcher, St. Jude, South Bend



Matthew Gibson, senior, outfield, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

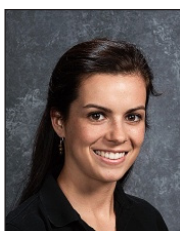


Andrew Price, senior, third base

Softball



Ariel Sheets, senior, pitcher, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend



Kathleen Kavanagh, senior, second base, St. Bavo, Mishawaka



Kaitlin Barnard, junior, short stop, St. Pius X, Granger

Boys' golf



Matthew Rozycki, junior, No. 2 position, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend



Michael Makris, sophomore, No. 1 position, St. Joseph, Mishawaka

Girls' tennis



Sarah Krizman, junior, 1 singles, St. Pius X, Granger



Isabella LeBlanc, senior, 2 doubles, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

Girls' track



Brittany Duszynski, junior, long jump, sprinter, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Maggie Hartnagel, sophomore, 4x8 relay



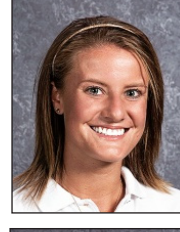
Elizabeth Eversole, junior, pole vault, St. Monica, Mishawaka



Gabrielle Ravotto, freshman, 200, 800, long jump, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Taylor Pooley, freshman, 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles



Molly Ogren, sophomore, 4x8 relay, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Megan Duvall, freshman, 4x8 relay, St. Monica, Mishawaka



Shannon Hendricks, freshman, 4x8 relay, Christ the King, South Bend

Boys' track



Luke Street, senior, thrower



Brian Florin, senior, long jump, sprinter, St. Pius X, Granger



Andrew Guinan, junior, sprinter, St. Anthony, South Bend



Anthony Spalding, senior, distance, St. Anthony, South Bend

St. Joseph, Decatur, finishes undefeated season in CYO softball

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

DECATUR — The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) softball league culminated their season with their yearend tournament at Queen of Angels, which was won by St. Joseph, Decatur, on May 20. For the second year in a row, the Commodores went undefeated finishing 7-0 this season. In the championship game, Decatur committed just one team error to beat St. Charles for the 2012 title.

Rebeka Wilder went the distance on the mound pitching all seven innings. The eighth-grade standout allowed four runs on just three hits according to Decatur stats. She had 18 strikeouts and seven walks, while infielders Morgan Ellsworth and Lexi Hammond did their share catching fly balls.

On offense, Wilder reached base two times, which included a triple that brought in two runs in

the fourth inning. Ellsworth was patient with three walks and got on a fourth time from an infield error. Hammond also had a triple for the winners (which scored Alexis Coyne) and Devin Moser got herself on base four times thanks to a single, two walks and an infield error.

Sierra Arriaga had a sacrifice RBI in the first inning and Carly Girod had a solo home run in the second inning. The catcher reached base all four at bats and crossed the plate two times in the game. For St. Charles hits came from Kristina Burkhart, Anna and Claire. Burkhart pitched five innings in the loss.



MATT WILDER

The St. Joseph, Decatur, CYO softball league winning team includes the following: front row, from left, Carly Girod, Lizah Okoneiwski, Meagan Tracey, Morgan Ellsworth, Alexis Coyne and Maddi Strickler; back row, Coach Matt Wilder, Sierra Arriaga, Lexi Hammond, Rebeka Wilder, Devin Moser, Maddi Malone and Coach Barry Malone.

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The Silence of Mary fundraiser yard sale
Fort Wayne — The Silence of Mary will have a yard sale Saturday, June 23, at 2607 Sandpoint Rd., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.thesilenceof-mary.org or contact silenceof-marykim@pa.net or (260) 267-8371 for information.

Central Catholic High School class of 1962 to have 50-year reunion
Fort Wayne — The class of 1962 will have a reunion Saturday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. at Ceruti's, 6601 Innovation Blvd. Cost is \$55 per person. A pre-reunion mixer will be held Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. at VFW Post 857, 2202 W. Main St. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at door. Contact (260) 436-3939.

Spaghetti dinner planned
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, June 14, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3.50. Carry-out available.

Father Thomas Kodakassery reception
North Manchester — A reception for Father Thomas will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 1203 State Road 114 East, on Sunday, June 17, at noon. Father Thomas has been called back to his monastery in India and will be leaving soon. A free will donation will be collected for his monastery.

St. Pius X senior group
Granger — St. Pius X has a senior group (55+) that meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon starting with Mass. On June 12, Lovely Lou will be at the piano for an American sing along for Flag Day. For information call (574) 272-0732.

Sunday breakfast at St. Pius X
Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Pius X. Adults \$6, children 6-10 \$3.

Christ Child Society annual garage sale
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will have a garage sale to benefit children on June 7-8, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Queen of Angels Activity Center, 1500 W. State St. All proceeds will fund the programs of the Christ Child Society operating to improve the lives of local children in need.

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.

Vacation Bible School
Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish will offer Vacation Bible School for children age 4-14 from June 4-8 at the church. Call (260) 347-4045.

VOLUNTEERS
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Volunteer for St. Mary Soup Kitchen
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