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Corpus Christi Procession takes Christ to the streets

BY TIM JOHNSON



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades carries the monstrance that holds the Blessed Sacrament as the Eucharistic Procession departs Most Precious Blood Parish en route to Queen of Angels Church in Fort Wayne on June 10.

FORT WAYNE — The faithful of the diocese joined Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for a Eucharistic Procession in Fort Wayne that took Jesus from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to Headwaters Park, Most Precious Blood Church and completed their journey at Queen of Angels Parish.

More than 1,000 people left the cathedral — many after attending the 11:30 a.m. Mass on June 10 — singing hymns of praise and adoration as our Lord, carried in the monstrance by Bishop Rhoades, traveled through downtown Fort Wayne past the Allen County Courthouse, the jail, and headed to the first stop at Headwaters Park for prayer and Benediction. The 2.7 mile walk with the procession that stretched for four city blocks was believed to be the longest Corpus Christi Procession in the nation.

Procession participants gathered on the grassy green of the park — many kneeling — for choral meditations by the St. Patrick's Church Vietnamese Choir and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Quartet. Then after Benediction, the faithful — which included the diversity of the city's multiethnic groups, young and old, parents pulling their children in wagons, pushing strollers, one person pulling an oxygen tank, some pushed in wheelchairs, first communicants dressed in their gowns and Sunday best — proceeded to Most Precious Blood Church.

The path to Most Precious Blood was laden with brick streets. The path wound past businesses. Patrons

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Catholic Charities celebrates 90 years of service

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Charities celebrates its 90th anniversary this year as a mission-driven organization that serves the poor and vulnerable regardless of religion, ethnic background, age, gender or ability to pay. As an agency of the diocese, Catholic Charities' programs are operated in conformity with Catholic social and moral teachings and, though a separate corporation, operates at the pleasure of the bishop, who serves as chairman of the board.

Established in the Diocese of Fort Wayne by Bishop Herman J. Alerding in 1922, Associated Catholic Charities met the needs of the community following the Great War. Three years later the local agency adopted a constitution and by-laws as well as established a board of directors. It was at this time that Associated Catholic Charities became affiliated with the



Catholic Charities

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National Conference of Catholic Charities, now known as Catholic Charities USA.

Over the past nine decades the agency has undergone countless changes, all to meet the changing needs of the community. Currently Catholic Charities, a state licensed, COA accredited social services agency, employs over 50 employees and hundreds of volunteers to staff the plethora of service programs available in 14 counties in Northeast Indiana that comprise the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Debbie Schmidt oversees the workings of this organization so vital to the life of the Church and the local community. Executive director since 2002, she says Catholic Charities' client base is "very diverse," and includes the poor, disabled, migrants, elderly and children.

Services for this diverse population fall under four main areas within this charitable

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The Sacred Heart of Jesus



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

In Catholic churches and homes, one of the most popular images of Jesus is the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the image of God's love revealed in the pierced heart of His Son. It is the symbol of a love that conquers sin and transcends death, the symbol of the One who loved us to the end.

Love has always been associated with the heart, so it was only natural that the love of God became represented by a heart, the heart of his Son Jesus. In him, God the Father revealed his infinite love for us. On the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Church was born from the pierced heart of Jesus on the cross. In the first creation, Eve was born from the side of Adam. In the new creation, the Church was born from the side of Jesus. The Bride from the Heart of the Bridegroom! When the soldier thrust his lance into Jesus' side, immediately blood and water flowed out. Saint John Chrysostom had this to say about this passage: *Beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought; it has yet another hidden meaning, which I will explain to you. I said that water and blood symbolized baptism and the holy eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born: from baptism, the cleansing water that gives rebirth and renewal through the Holy Spirit, and from the holy eucharist. Since the symbols of baptism and the eucharist flowed from his side, it was from his side that Christ fashioned the Church, as he had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam ... As God took a rib from Adam's side to fashion a woman, so Christ has given us blood and water from his side to fashion the Church. God took the rib when Adam was in a deep sleep, and in the same way Christ gave us the blood and the water after his own death.*

Since the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, from his Sacred Heart, this should have great meaning for us. In prayer, we contemplate the pierced Heart of our Savior. We contemplate his incredible love. We reflect on the mercy, compassion and love that God has bestowed upon us. We become enthralled by Christ, like Saint Paul, who prayed that Christ might dwell in the hearts of the Ephesian Christians through faith and that they might know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. When Christ dwells in our hearts, when we know his love deeply, in our minds and hearts, we are moved to live the great commandments of love of God and neighbor. We are motivated by the Sacred Heart of Jesus to open our hearts to him so that they are filled with love for our brothers and sisters. In this way, we learn to live Jesus' commandment: *Love one another as I have loved you.*

The Church, born from the pierced heart of Jesus, has a mission in the world to proclaim the redeeming love of God in Christ. This is a great mission. There are many systems of thought and action which seek to construct the human world on the basis of wealth, power, force, science or pleasure. But that's not the Christian system. Our mission, our work, is to



The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is often enthroned in homes.

proclaim love, salvation, redemption, eternal life. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is precisely the image that expresses our mission. It is the image of the infinite and merciful love which the heavenly Father has poured out upon the world through his Son. The goal of all we do in the Church should be to lead people to encounter this love. Only this love, the love of the Heart of Christ, can transform the human heart and bring true peace to the world.

In our lives and in our work in the Church, we must place all our hope in the One who said *Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.* This is one of the most beautiful scriptural references to the heart of Jesus. His heart, the symbol of his redeeming love, is also a symbol of his meekness and humility. Jesus invites us to learn from his heart and to imitate his love, his meekness, and his humility. This aspect of devotion to the Sacred Heart is evident in the common prayer or invocation: *Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine.*

I invite you to cultivate a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The month of June is a month when this devotion is practiced more intensely. Some wonderful practices include praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart of

Jesus, making a consecration to the Sacred Heart or having the image of the Sacred Heart enthroned in your home. These devotions are not just some relics of the past. They have continued relevance today. When we draw close to Christ in the mystery of his heart, this enables us to dwell on the great mystery of our faith, that *God is love*. This also strengthens us and inspires us to imitate his love and to help build the civilization of love. From the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our hearts learn meekness, humility, mercy, and love.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is profoundly Eucharistic. It finds its summit at Mass where we lift up our hearts to the Lord. We unite our hearts with the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. At Mass, we are nourished at the Paschal banquet of our Redeemer's Body and Blood. The Eucharist is the sacrament of charity. It is a school of love where we are educated by Jesus. We pray in the prayer after Communion on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart: *May this sacrament of charity, O Lord, make us fervent with the fire of holy love, so that, drawn always to your Son, we may learn to see him in our neighbor.* The Eucharist has been called "the outstanding gift of the Heart of Jesus", the Heart that gives life to the Church and to all of us, her members.

Church leaders tell Eucharistic pilgrims Ireland is on path to renewal

BY MICHAEL KELLY

DUBLIN (CNS) — The Church in Ireland is on the path to renewal, Church leaders told pilgrims at the opening Mass of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress June 10.

Welcoming pilgrims from more than 120 countries at an open-air Mass, Dublin Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said, "The Church in Ireland rejoices today in the presence of pilgrims from many parts of the world who witness to the universality of our Catholic faith and who show their faith-filled fellowship and solidarity with the Church in Ireland."

Ominous-looking rain clouds that had threatened proceedings receded as pilgrims began to arrive for the Mass. Delegates from the four provinces of Ireland carried their county flags and symbols of Ireland's Christian heritage which, pilgrims were reminded, goes back to St. Patrick and the fifth century. The congregation clapped and cheered as a young man spoke of Ireland's faithfulness to the Mass during centuries of persecution in which many priests and Catholics were martyred.

International visitors took an opportunity to toll the congress bell and "ring for renewal." The bell has been crisscrossing the country over the past two years and an estimated 250,000 people have rung it as a concrete symbol of hopes for renewal.

In his homily, the papal legate, Cardinal Marc Ouellet, head of the Vatican's Congregation for Bishops, prayed the congress would "bring a special blessing to Ireland at this turbulent time."

He noted how "the Church in

Ireland is suffering and faces many new and serious challenges of the faith."

He continued that "well aware of these challenges, we turn together to our Lord, who renews, heals and strengthens the faith of his people."

Archbishop Martin told the 12,500 pilgrims gathered on a rugby pitch that "the Church in Ireland is on the path to renewal. It will be a lengthy journey. It requires renewed and vigorous new evangelization, a renewal in faith and a coherent and authentic witness to that faith in the world and in the culture in which we live.

"The 50 years since the Second Vatican Council have brought many graces to the Church in Ireland. The message and teaching of the council still constitute the blueprint for our renewal," he said. However, he added that "those 50 years have also been marked with a darker side, of sinful and criminal abuse and neglect of those weakest in our society: children, who should have been the object of the greatest care and support and Christ-like love.

"We recall all those who suffered abuse and who still today bear the mark of that abuse and may well carry it with them for the rest of their lives. In a spirit of repentance, let us remember each of them in the silence of our hearts," he said.

While the mood was decidedly upbeat and celebratory during the Mass, one point in the liturgy was designated to remember and seek forgiveness from those who had been abused by priests and religious.

Officials unveiled a "healing stone" engraved with a prayer originally used in the Liturgy of Lament celebrated in Dublin's pro-cathedral in February 2011.



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Actors depict Celtic monastic life during the opening ceremony of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin June 10.

The prayer, which was sent to Archbishop Martin by a survivor of abuse, reads: "Lord, we are so sorry for what some of us did to your children: treated them so cruelly, especially, in their hour of need. We have left them with a lifelong suffering. This was not your plan for them or us. Please help us to help them. Guide us, Lord, Amen."

Following consultation, including abuse survivors, it was agreed the stone would be an appropriate symbol for the congress.

Father Kevin Doran, secretary-general of the congress, said: "Stone speaks of permanence. To say something is 'carved in stone' is to say that it is here to stay rather than just a passing thought. The stone represents the firm determination to work for healing and renewal."

Musical performers included Ireland's The Three Tenors and the Palestrina Choir, which sang at

the open-air Mass in 1932, the last time the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Ireland.

Mary McConville, 91, attended the 1932 congress as a child and said she was delighted to attend the 2012 event.

"I remember the excitement of it when I was 11 years old as if it was yesterday," she said.

"It is absolutely amazing to be here today. I have as much faith in the Church now as I ever had. This is a marvelous occasion," she said.

Referring to the Irish missionary tradition, Cardinal Ouellet said that Ireland's "strong history of faithfulness has enriched not only these shores, but has, through her missionary sons and daughters, helped to bring the Gospel to many far-distant shores."

The former archbishop of Quebec said he knew from his own experience as host of the 2008 International Eucharistic Congress "that an event such as this brings many blessings to the local Church

PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES



- Sunday, June 17, 9 a.m. — Mass, Saint Paul Chapel, Clear Lake
- Monday, June 18, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Monday, June 18, to Friday, June 22 — Priests' Retreat, Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park
- Friday, June 22, 5:15 p.m. — Mass for Annual Convention of Catholic Press Association, Indianapolis
- Monday, June 25, 4 p.m. — Mass for Seminarians and Families, Saint Aloysius Church, Yoder
- Wednesday, June 27, 5:15 p.m. — Mass for Conference on Catholic Liturgical Preaching, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
- Thursday, June 28 — Meeting of Board of Our Sunday Visitor Institute, Detroit, MI
- Saturday, June 30, 5 p.m. — Mass for "Fortnight for Freedom," Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

and to all the participants."

John Walsh, who traveled with his wife and five children to the congress from the west of Ireland, said it was "great for my children to see this beautiful celebration of faith and share their Catholicism with people from all over the world who have come to Dublin."

Mary Ward of Dublin also noted the international attendance.

"We really are a global Church, we can learn a lot from others," she said.

Concelebrants at the Mass included Archbishop Martin, who serves as congress president; Archbishop Piero Marini, president of the Pontifical Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses; Cardinal Sean Brady, primate of All Ireland; Archbishop Robert Le Gall of Toulouse, France; Toronto Cardinal Thomas Collins; New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan; and U.S. Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

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at a nearby bar looked out a window, and one man was seen to remove his cap as the procession passed.

Again participants prayed the rosary and sang songs of praise. Father James Bromwich and Father Daniel Whelan from the Sons of St. Philip Neri stopped to talk to neighbors sitting on front porches and stoops as the procession maneuvered through Fort Wayne's near northwest neighborhoods.

At Most Precious Blood Church, the parish bell choir and St. Patrick's Church Hispanic Choir sang before the Benediction. Volunteers and members of the Most Precious Blood Rosary Sodality made sure the pilgrims could replenish their water supply in the 90-plus degree weather before traveling to the final destination — Queen of Angels.

At the Queen of Angels altar, the Litany for Liberty was recited. The Queen of Angels Church Choir sang before the final Benediction and Divine Praises. Father Gary Sigler, pastor of Queen of Angels,

then returned the sacred Host to the church.

Bishop Rhoades, most pleased with the faithful gathered, expressed his deep thanks to the participants, for giving "honor and praise to the Lord, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

Bishop Rhoades thanked all those who helped plan the Corpus Christi procession from diocesan staff to priests, deacons, seminarians and the Knights of Columbus.

"Your presence here today, and spending the afternoon together on the solemnity of Corpus Christi really touched my heart very much. I think there is a lot of joy in God's heart today to see us honoring His Son with such love and devotion," Bishop Rhoades said.

A fiesta followed the solemn procession with volunteers from Queen of Angels and Most Precious Blood parishes working together to feed the hungry masses of procession participants. Meanwhile, a mariachi band provided live music in the tent behind the activity center, which was packed with procession participants enjoying a dinner before heading home.

"Corpus Christi" is Latin for the

"Body of Christ." On the feast of Corpus Christi, which was Sunday, June 10, Catholics honor the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This feast is traditionally celebrated through a Eucharistic Procession at which the consecrated Host is placed in the monstrance and the congrega-

tion reverently follows the Eucharist singing hymns and saying prayers.

In the homily at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Rhoades said, "We will carry the Body of Christ through the streets of Fort Wayne, a public proclamation that the sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world. This procession will represent a public blessing for our city as we bring Christ, present under the sign of bread, onto the streets and into the neighborhoods of Fort Wayne, proclaiming that Christ is our life and His Body is the bread of life, our food for the journey to our Father's house."

"We are reminded that every time we receive Holy Communion, we are to carry Christ with us in our daily lives," Bishop Rhoades said, "We become His temple, His tabernacle. We receive the strength we

need from the Eucharist to set out on our journey, to live our faith each day."

First communicants came dressed for the procession in their first communion attire. That included Maggie Warner of St. John Bosco Parish in Churubusco, a student and first communicant from St. Mary of the Assumption School, Avilla. She joined her dad, Josh, and mom, Kala, and younger brothers and sister in the procession. Maggie had received a letter of invitation from Bishop Rhoades in the school packets.

"I was excited," young Maggie told *Today's Catholic*. Her dad, Josh, said Maggie was excited to get to wear the dress again. And her mom, Kala, said the family was happy to try something new. They did not recall a procession of this scale in Fort Wayne.

Josh said he was impressed by the reverence, not just by those in the march, but by the bystanders as well.

Kim Davis, a college student from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne and member of St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne, said the procession reminded her of the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. "I liked seeing the big turnout," she said. "And I thought it was very special having the Blessed Sacrament go through

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History of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend



BISHOP HERMAN J. ALERDING

1922 Bishop Herman J. Alerding established Associated Catholic Charities.

1924 Associated Catholic Charities was one of 19 original members of the Community Chest now known as the United Way.

1925 Constitution and by-laws were adopted. Board of directors was formed and CC became affiliated with National Conference of Catholic Charities (now known as Catholic Charities USA).

1927 The Indiana State Department of Public Welfare licensed Associated Catholic Charities as a child-placing agency.

1930-39 The Great Depression saw many changes both for the community and for Catholic Charities, who continued to provide children with milk, schoolbooks and supplies.

1937 Father Edward Sweigart became the director of Associated Catholic Charities.

1941-45 Catholic Charities assisted families of veterans, displaced persons and participated in a community-wide childcare center to meet the needs of working mothers.

1947 St. Joseph County office opened, with pregnancy counseling, adoption services and individual and family counseling. Catholic Charities became a member of United Way.

1952 Began placing Canadian children in adoptive homes.

1954 Ladies of Charity volunteer group established in South Bend.

1957 Msgr. John Reed was appointed Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc. was created and Catholic Social Service agencies in both Fort Wayne and South Bend were established.

1960 Catholic Social Services of Fort Wayne and the Catholic Charities offices moved to the former St. Paul School located at 919 Fairfield Ave.

1961 Resettlement program was established in Fort Wayne to meet the needs of refugees from Cuba.

1964 Plans were developed for Saint Anne Home, a nursing care facility for the elderly.

1965 The Catholic Charities Child Development Program began.

1967 The first resident was admitted to Saint Anne Home. The Ten-O-Four Home for unwed mothers was established for pregnant girls.

1970 An Independent Living Unit was established at Saint Anne Home.

1972 John Martin was named the new Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities.

1973 Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsored by Catholic Charities. Children's Cottage, a state licensed, Montessori certified, all day child care program opened.

1974 A component of Harvest House, the Forever Learning Institute, was established.

1975 The Refugee Resettlement program was established with staff persons in both Fort Wayne and South Bend to meet the needs of South Vietnamese refugees.

1976 Villa of the Woods in Fort Wayne and Vincent House, in Elkhart were opened as congregate living facilities.

1978 The Head Start program was established.

1982 A Catholic Social Service office was opened in Elkhart.

1985 The Home Visitor Program to provide support for homebound elderly and disabled was established.

1990 The agency announced a restructuring of its administration whereby all services and programs operated from one administrative structure.

1991 Rainbows program established.

1992 Hispanic Outreach Program established.

1993 Catholic Charities was chosen as a site for the resettlement of refugees from Bosnia.

1994 Adoption program expanded to include children with special needs. Services to adult adoptees seeking information about their birth parents were also offered. Project Rachel was established.

1995 Circle of Mercy Day Care Center in South Bend became a program of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities also assumed administrative responsibility for Hannah's House, a maternity home located in Mishawaka.

1996 Mentoring program for pregnant and parenting young women, "Birthing the Vision" was established.

1997 Salt & Light Program established. Catholic Charities assumed responsibility for the Foster Parent Training Program in Allen County and six surrounding counties.

1998 A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the renovation/expansion of Children's

Cottage, a childcare center in Fort Wayne. Catholic Charities was awarded the contract for the Foster Parent Liaison position for the Allen County Office of Family and Children's Services. Accreditation approved through the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, and Children's Cottage was selected as a delegate agency for the Head Start Program.

1999 Faith Based Initiative Program established. ECHO — Education Creates Hope and Opportunity — a teen parenting program begins. St. Hyacinth Community Center opened along with the Monsignor Lester Multi-Purpose Room.

2001 A groundbreaking for the expansion and renovation of Villa of the Woods began. Immigration Program established and Match Grant Program begins under Refugee Services.

2002 Catholic Charities Fort Wayne approved as recognized site for immigration services.

2003 Senior AIDES program acquired. Brief and Emergency Services Program assists poor in West region.

2004 Sponsors RSVP Program in St. Joseph County. RSVP and Busy Hands moved into the South Bend Catholic Charities' newly renovated office.

2005 Elkhart County RSVP sponsored. RSVP of DeKalb County opened a countywide food pantry.

2006 Senior AIDES Program expanded to serve all 14 counties within the diocese.

2008 Catholic Charities resettled 1,469 refugees, primarily from Burma. Catholic Charities Emergency Food Pantry opened in South Bend. Senior AIDES began offering GED courses.

2009 Senior AIDES began providing extensive training courses in budgeting, finances and employment preparation. English as a Second Language/Citizenship Classes began in South Bend. RSVP of St. Joseph County and Elkhart County combined to become one project.

2010 Catholic Charities was a partner with the City of Fort Wayne and competed for and won the All American City Award.

2011 The Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives selected Catholic Charities to receive the Indiana Hardest Hit Fund Initiative Volunteer Service Program awards for Regions 2 and 3 (a total of 15 counties). This program is part of the Building Bridge to Recovery Foreclosure Prevention Program.



PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

Nyein Chan, director of Resettlement, left, works with refugee case managers Cho Too, in back, Karen Bender, center, and health advocate Thawng Takkon at Catholic Charities in Fort Wayne.



Catholic Charities Executive Director Debbie Schmidt, left, works with long-time volunteer Jan Moore sorting clothing donations for refugees and others in need in Fort Wayne.

Envelope for Catholic Charities donation

To ensure the future of the mission of Catholic Charities, an envelope has been inserted in this week's issue of *Today's Catholic* newspaper. Your charitable contributions to Catholic Charities will help support and sustain the programs that serve the needs of the poor and vulnerable in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Thank you for your generosity.

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organization. Family Services offers pregnancy services, ECHO for teens, adoption services, post finalization services, Resource and Referral for meeting basic needs, food pantries, Hispanic Health Advocacy services and The Hardest Hit Fund Hoosier Corps Volunteer Service Program.

The department of Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services offers refugee resettlement and placement, health services, the match grant program and immigration services. Older Adults Services include Villa of the Woods residential facility and Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP). Catholic Charities also offers employment services that include Senior AIDES program (Title V) and refugee job development.

Director of Community Relations and long-time board member Kathy Denice is passion-

ate about the dedicated staff and mission of the agency and says, "We are the social services arm of the Catholic Church. Our mission is to serve others as Christ would have us do." And to continue their service education is the key. Denice says, "My goal is to educate the community on the charitable works of Catholic Charities."

The many programs and services provided by Catholic Charities are supported through a diverse range of funding including through the Church, the government, the United Way and of course, private donations. Ninety-one percent of the funds go directly to client services, with the remaining nine percent supporting administrative costs. Schmidt says, "We do the best with the resources we have to serve the needs."

Catholic Charities is located at 315 E. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46802 and can be reached at (260) 422-5625. In South Bend offices are located at 1817 Miami St., 46613 and can be reached at (574) 234-3111.

Religious liberty under attack: Concrete examples

Discrimination against small church congregations

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — In 1994, New York City's Department of Education denied the request of the Bronx Household of Faith and several other churches to rent space from public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for scores of other uses.

Litigation began soon afterward, and now, nearly 18 years later, about 60-80 small church and synagogue congregations continue to fight for their rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. The church groups have been serving their communities for years and simply wish to be able to rent vacant school space as the city allows other groups to do.

In June 2011, a federal appellate court upheld New York City's ban on private worship services meeting in vacant public schools on weekends. The court stated that a church could conduct a meeting in the NYC public schools that contained singing, praying, preaching and fellowship, but that they could not conduct a "worship service." But some denominations' worship services consist only of singing, praying, preaching and fellowship.

New York City claims that it only goes on the word of the religious group — that is, if the group says that it is not conducting a worship service, then it can meet. However, the churches claim that the city and school employees have been investigating what the churches do in the public schools and that the city has made its own assessments of whether the meetings constitute a "worship service" or not.

Many New York City churchgoers have been protesting the city's plans to evict them ever since the U.S. Supreme Court declined to take up the case on free speech grounds last December.

Earlier this year, the federal courts issued and upheld an order temporarily blocking the city's policy, ruling that the policy violated the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution. However,



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.

the city has fought against the churches' constitutional rights every step of the way, so litigation and appeals are expected to continue. The appellate court that upheld the ban on worship services last year expects to issue another decision before school starts this fall.

On the legislative front, the New York Senate passed a bill in January essentially repealing New York City's ban on private worship services, but the bill has stalled in the New York Assembly.

While New York City's discrimination would not frequently affect Catholic parishes, which generally own their own buildings, this kind of discrimination can be devastating to many smaller congregations, who merely seek to rent vacant space in schools on weekends, as civic clubs and other organizations do. The city's policy is a simple case of discrimination against religious believers.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat?

Among many current challenges, New York City's policy severely diminishes many churchgoers' right to exercise freely and

fully their religious beliefs. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer.

Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom You have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1). We praise and bless You for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By Your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom You live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Christians struggle to survive in Iraq

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — Sunday evening Mass had just started at Our Lady of Salvation Catholic Cathedral on Oct. 31, 2010 when explosions were heard nearby. One priest began shepherding parishioners into a fortified back room, but heavily armed suicide bombers entered the church and barricaded the doors. Another priest approached the attackers and begged them to spare the worshippers. He was shot and died with a crucifix in his hand. The attackers shot randomly as they rounded up the remaining parishioners and held them hostage. They tried to break into the fortified room where 60 people were huddled and when unsuccessful, threw grenades in through a window.

Several hours later Iraqi security forces stormed the church to free the hostages as the attackers exploded their suicide vests. In the end, 58 hostages, including two priests, a three month-old child and police were killed; 75 were wounded. The walls of the church were scarred with bullets and blood. An al-Qaeda affiliated group claimed responsibility.

This attack was horrific and roundly denounced by many in Iraq and beyond. Pope Benedict XVI expressed profound sorrow "at this absurd violence, which is even more savage because it struck defenseless people, gathered in God's house, which is a house of love and reconciliation."

Unfortunately, this attack was not the only one against Christians in Iraq, even though it remains particularly memorable due to the scale of the carnage. Christians, who before 2003 numbered about

1.4 million in Iraq, have often been targeted by extremists, some of whom are allied with political parties seeking advantage. In the unstable post-war political environment following the U.S.-led invasion, Christians are viewed as "soft targets" without their own militias.

Systematic kidnappings for ransom, even of priests and bishops, and killings have caused thousands of Christians to flee their homes. They either go abroad or are displaced internally, trying to find safe havens. Safety is hard to find, and some of these Iraqi Christians have been displaced numerous times and are running out of resources. The number of Christians in Iraq is now estimated to be about 400,000. Their future prospects remain difficult.

The Church in Iraq, which has existed since the earliest days of Christianity, is struggling to survive. Yet, many remaining Christians are trying to ensure that the new Iraq that emerges includes space for the Christian community to participate and serve in what has traditionally been a multi-ethnic and multi-religious society.

What can be you do to help? Your prayers are critically important. Your concrete help is also vital to support organizations, like Catholic Relief Service and Caritas, which are providing essential services to displaced Iraqis. Your welcome is needed for Iraqi refugees who have made the difficult decision to come to the United States to start a new life. Your advocacy for continued U.S. government support for strengthening the rule of law in Iraq and assisting displaced Iraqis, including Iraqi Christians, lets them know they have not been forgotten.



A Fortnight for Freedom

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

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



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

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Stand Up for Religious Freedom rally draws crowd to Capitol Hill park

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Set against the backdrop of the U.S. Capitol, a Stand Up for Religious Freedom rally event drew hundreds of participants to a park in Washington June 8. People gathered to show their support for religious freedom and to protest a federal Health and Human Services mandate they say violates that freedom by requiring most religious employers to provide no-cost contraceptive coverage even it is contrary to their beliefs. Organized by the Pro-Life Action League in Chicago and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, based in Michigan, the local rally was one of many taking place the same day across the country. About 63,000 people rallied in an estimated 160 cities. Officials said the new round of rallies was an attempt to continue the momentum they say was generated by similar rallies held March 23 in front of U.S. courthouses, state capitols and historic sites. At the Washington rally, the mood was energetic and seemed to take on a political tone. As one protester called out, "Stand up and fight for religious freedom," a passer-by quickly retorted, "I am a Catholic and I support HHS." "Never before has the government forced taxpayers to buy products directly involved in sterilization and abortion causing pills," said U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn. The former presidential candidate was the first of a host of speakers to address the crowd. She called attention to the special place religious freedom has in America's roots. Bachmann told the crowd, "In the rotunda of the Capitol, I gazed upon my favorite painting, the 'Embarkation of the Pilgrims.' The pilgrims have their hands in prayer and there is an open Bible in the center of the painting." She pointed to the central role religious freedom played in the pilgrim's plight and journey to America. "Written on their sail is 'God With Us,'" she continued, "and God is with us today in 2012."

Archbishop: Religious liberty campaign not meant to 'throw' election

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic Church's challenges to the federal government's contraceptive mandate under the health care law is not an attempt to "throw" the presidential election in favor of one candidate or against another, said the chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Freedom. Speaking with members of the Catholic Press Association in a conference call June 6, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori said the bishops' campaign emerged because of the federal government's attempt to force religious organizations to pay for health services that violate fundamental religious principles. The mandate was announced Aug. 1, 2011, as part of the rules the Department of Health and Human Services is issuing to implement the

POPE BENEDICT XVI KNEELS IN PRAYER DURING CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION IN ROME



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI kneels in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament during the Corpus Christi procession in Rome June 7.

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed in 2010. Along with the mandate, HHS released a four-pronged religious exemption that has raised objections among Catholic Church officials and others who say it is so narrow that most religious employers will not qualify. On Jan. 20 of this year, HHS announced that nonprofit groups that do not provide contraceptive coverage because of their religious beliefs will get an additional year "to adapt to this new rule." Said Archbishop Lori in the 45-minute session: "It's important to say the struggle we are engaging in here is not a partisan issue. We didn't choose the time. We didn't choose the place. We're not trying to throw an election. We're simply trying to defend fundamental freedoms. It's not a Republican or Democratic issue. It's not a Catholic issue. It's a freedom issue," he said.

Bishop says Sacred Heart is a reality marking 'core of Christ's being'

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — The Sacred Heart "is a reality that marks the core of Christ's being," Philadelphia Auxiliary Bishop John J. McIntyre told attendees at the June 1-3 national conference for charismatic Catholics. It is Christ's heart "into which each of us is drawn, so that more and more, each day after day, each passing year, like His," we are "rooted in charity and full of that

light which He has unleashed upon the world; a light that is stronger than sin and death and hell itself," the bishop said. Bishop McIntyre was the principal celebrant and homilist at the opening Mass of the conference, which drew approximately 2,500 Catholic women and men from around the country. They gathered at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia for a joy-filled conference and celebration of the Holy Spirit. "Let us pray with one heart together with Mary in the Upper Room" was the theme of the conference, held every five years. It brought together four distinct branches of Catholic charismatics in the United States — English speakers, Hispanics, Filipinos and Haitians — with both general sessions and separate sessions for the four tracks as well as a fifth that targeted youths. Prominent among the concelebrants at the opening Mass was Ukrainian Archbishop Stefan Soroka of Philadelphia. "This is my first time at this and I was really impressed by it," he said. "It was really beautiful to see the light and joy on people's faces. It was life-giving."

Vatican warns against errors in Mercy nun's 2006 book on sexual ethics

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith warned June 4 that Mercy Sister Margaret

Farley's 2006 book, "Just Love: A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics," contains "erroneous propositions" on homosexual acts, same-sex marriage, masturbation and remarriage after divorce that could cause confusion and "grave harm to the faithful." In a notification signed by U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada and approved March 16 by Pope Benedict XVI, the congregation said the book "is not in conformity with the teaching of the Church" and "cannot be used as a valid expression of Catholic teaching, either in counseling and formation, or in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue." Sister Farley said in a June 4 statement that she feared that the notification "— while clear in its conclusions — misrepresents (perhaps unwittingly) the aims of my work and the nature of it as a proposal that might be in service of, not against, the Church and its faithful people. I do not dispute the judgment that some of the positions contained (in the book) are not in accord with current official Catholic teaching," she said. "In the end, I can only clarify that the book was not intended to be an expression of current official Catholic teaching, nor was it aimed specifically against the teaching. It is of a different genre altogether." Sister Farley, who taught at Yale University Divinity School from 1971 to 2007 and now serves as Gilbert L. Stark professor emerita of Christian ethics, is a past president of both the Catholic Theological Society of America and the Society of Christian Ethics. The five-page Vatican notification says

the congregation first wrote to Sister Farley about its concerns through her superior, the president of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, more than two years ago. Urged to "correct the unacceptable theses contained in her book," Sister Farley sent responses in 2010 and 2011 that "did not adequately clarify the (book's) grave problems," the congregation said.

Sundays must be a day of rest dedicated to God, family, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The demands of work can't bully people out of needed time off, Pope Benedict XVI said. Sunday must be a day of rest for everyone, so people can be free to be with their families and with God, the pope said. "By defending Sunday, one defends human freedom," he said during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square June 6. In his catechesis, the pope told an estimated 15,000 pilgrims and visitors about his trip June 1-3 to Milan for the seventh World Meeting of Families. He thanked everyone who made the "unforgettable and wonderful event" possible and praised the willingness he witnessed of people striving to live a "Gospel of the family. Humanity has no future without the family," he said. Young people need to be born and raised in "that community of life and love that God himself wanted," that is, a family based on marriage between a man and woman, he said. He reminded young people that they, too, have a responsibility to contribute to the well-being of the family, such as by saying "yes" to God's will, working hard in their studies, being generous to others, being active in the community and using their talents to better the world. The pope said when he met government representatives in Milan, he reminded them of the importance of policies and laws that protect the family. The most essential is the right to life, "whose deliberate suppression can never be allowed." The identity of the family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, needs recognition, too, the pope said.

Vatican II did not downplay Eucharistic Adoration, pope says

ROME (CNS) — A misunderstanding of the Second Vatican Council has led some Catholics to think that Eucharistic Adoration and Corpus Christi processions are pietistic practices that pale in importance to the celebration of Mass, Pope Benedict XVI said. "A unilateral interpretation of the Second Vatican Council has penalized this dimension" of Catholic faith, which is to recognize Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and worthy of adoration, the pope said June 7 during a Mass marking the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. The evening Mass outside Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran preceded a moment of silent adoration and the pope's traditional Corpus Christi procession with the Eucharist through the streets of Rome.

Local host families needed for foreign teens

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic year homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs more local host families. According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) president, John Doty, the students are between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from one semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local public and private high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a monthly charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student. For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, Brazil, Korea, Mexico, Denmark, China, and many other countries.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they meet for the first time.

Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at (866) 546-1402.

The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Byszewski earns Eagle Scout Award

SOUTH BEND — Thomas Byszewski was presented with his Eagle Scout Award by the Court of Honor at St. Joseph Church, in South Bend, on May 28. Byszewski's Eagle Scout Project consisted of building a community garden for refugees at the American Red Cross. The Red Cross assists new refugees to the United States, and the garden not only provided the refugees with fresh produce but also served as a common meeting place, allowing them to gather as a community. Plants for the garden were donated by



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ST. MARY, AVILLA, STUDENTS DONATE TO FOOD PANTRY



PROVIDED BY ST. MARY SCHOOL, AVILLA

The second-grade students of St. Mary School in Avilla, shown above, sponsored a school-wide food drive to benefit the Avilla Food Pantry with the theme "We Have Been Fed by the Bread of Life, Now We Want to Feed Others." The students encouraged their schoolmates to donate to the cause with daily announcements and an original play performance focused on the food drive. Through the generosity of the St. Mary students and community, 400 pounds of food was donated to the Avilla Food Pantry.

Varner's Greenhouse and Vite's Greenhouse. Byszewski's volunteer hours for this project totaled over 100 hours. Byszewski is the son of Thomas and Theresa Byszewski.

USF special education professor, Jesters director presenting to international audience

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis teacher education professor Dr. Martha Meyer and Allison Ballard, director of the Jesters program at USF, will present the workshop, "Theater Arts for Persons with Mild/Moderate Disabilities: Cooperative Learning between Creative Arts and Teacher Education with the 'Jesters,'" at the joint Indiana and United States Society for Education Through Art Regional Conference in Indianapolis June 23-26.

The pair will present on the implementation of a program like USF's Jesters, founded in 1978 for children and young adults with special needs. The 35-year-old program showcases participants' multimedia performing arts skills, including movement/dance, instrumental, vocal and percussion music and theatre/story telling on the public

stage, teaching creative drama to those with mild to severe cognitive and physical disabilities. The 40 participants now range in age from young adults to senior citizens. USF's teacher education students collaborate with the program to work with participants and learn various teaching skills through theater arts.

The workshop will demonstrate how the integration of USF's two departments, creative arts and teacher education, culminates in an annual community theater arts experience featuring Jesters participants. Teacher education students observe and work with participants to understand and learn teaching skills.

Workshop participants will learn how to offer similar programs in their communities and gain an understanding of the global nature of theater, story lines and acting in terms of advocacy for those with disabilities. They will also see how the universality of movement, space and communication through words and music broadens opportunities for such individuals. Students preparing for careers teaching students with disabilities will also learn in a deeper dimension.

Held in collaboration with Indiana University's Center for the Study of Global Change and the Art

Education Association of Indiana, the regional conference will focus on how education through art helps in teaching global understanding and engagement. Meyer and Ballard's proposal holds that youth with mild to moderate disabilities have few theater arts opportunities, and their learning and artistic expression needs remain generally unfulfilled in the community and in American culture. The Jesters program allows a medium for such expression and a vehicle for advocacy while providing a unique education tool for teacher training.

USF announces math competition winners, new competition

FORT WAYNE — Homestead High School junior Steven Buuck was the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 12 winner and Bishop Luers sophomore Samuel Stein was the AMC 10 winner from the AMC 10/12 hosted by the University of Saint Francis (USF) for high school students last November. They received awards for their achievement.

Middle school students who also wish to test their mathematics skills will have that opportunity when USF hosts the AMC middle

school counterpart, the AMC 8, on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the Pope John Paul II Center. The test takes 40 minutes.

The AMC scores and compiles AMC 8 tests and emails results back to students' schools, usually within three weeks. A written report follows, accompanied by the awards for the school. Students who score 20 or better on the AMC 8 are invited to take the AMC 10/AMC 12.

First administered in 1950, the AMC's purpose is increasing interest in mathematics and developing problem-solving ability through a series of friendly mathematics competitions for junior and senior high school students.

Details on preparatory AMC 8 study sessions and test day activities will follow. For more information, visit sf.edu/sf/news/amc8.

Darby Mountford selected for Kiwanis Grand Award

SOUTH BEND — The recipient of this year's Female Kiwanis Grand Award at Saint Joseph's High School is Darby Mountford, who has displayed excellence in academics, leadership, co-curriculars and service. Graduating with a 4.1 GPA and holding several awards in cross-country, tennis and basketball, Mountford was presented with the grand award in a ceremony on May 31 in South Bend. She is the daughter of William Mountford and Melissa Conboy.



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Franciscan Brothers freedom gathering

FORT WAYNE — The Franciscan Brothers Minor, along with the Knights of Columbus will hold "Four Nights of Fortnight for Religious Freedom" on June 25-26 and July 2-3, at 7 p.m. on the steps of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne. The hour-and-a-half gathering will begin with music and opening prayer and include speakers Franciscan Father David Mary Engo and others. A rosary procession will proceed from the cathedral to City Hall and close with the Litany of Saints.

Saint Mary's College receives fifth volume of reproduction of The Saint John's Bible

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College recently received volume 2 of the rare Heritage Edition of The Saint John's Bible. The college now has five of the seven-volume set, completing the books of the Old Testament. Volume 2 is titled Historical Books and includes Joshua to 2 Maccabees. Volume 6, Gospels and Acts, and Volume 7, Letters and Revelation, which are the books of the New Testament, will come later.

Faith Family Fatherhood Festival scheduled Aug. 17-19

FORT WAYNE — The Knights of Columbus will host a three-day festival celebrating faith, family and fatherhood at Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne, Aug. 17-19. The Faith, Family, Fatherhood Festival is being planned by 15 Fort Wayne area Knights of Columbus Councils and will include Mass, a parade, 5K run, food and entertainment for the whole family.

Updates are available at www.kofcfestival.com, but event highlights include the following.

Friday, Aug. 17:

- 5 p.m. — Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades
- 6:15 p.m. — Walk from the cathedral to Headwaters Park
- 7:30 p.m. — Live evening entertainment by Pople

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Saturday, Aug. 18:

- 8 a.m. — Pancake and sausage breakfast and 5K Run (Headwaters Park Pavillion)
- 11 a.m. — Family rosary and guest speaker Father Larry Richards will talk about the family.

Father Richards, who has a radio program on Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM, is a gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master and author. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor and evangelist. Father Richards has directed hundreds of retreats, parish missions and conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks, presentations and books, always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds and lives of millions of listeners and readers worldwide.

For more information about Father Richards, visit www.thereasonfourhope.org/index.php.

- 2-7 p.m. — Music, games, rides, food, vendors, local high school performances and more
- 7 to 11 p.m. — Square dancing and five-piece band.

Sunday, Aug. 19:

- 11 a.m. — Pancake and sausage breakfast with guest speaker Franciscan Father David Engo
- 2-3:30 p.m. — Fort Wayne Area Community Band will provide music from two summer concerts, "An Evening with John Phillip Sousa" and "Those Were the Days."

The Fort Wayne Area Community Band is a member of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne and is in residence in the Department of Music in Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne School of Visual and Performing Arts. Approximately 80 musicians, students, music teachers and professionals from all walks of life have participated in the band for nearly 33 years. The band is dedicated to bringing the highest level of performance to the Fort Wayne area community with a variety of music for concert band, including marches, show tunes, light classics, popular arrangements, Big Band and jazz. The band has both a winter and summer concert schedule with appearances throughout the area.

Ben Christy, dean of the IPFW School of Visual and Performing Arts, said, "The Community Band and IPFW enjoy a rich collaboration. The school is honored that this excellent ensemble is a company-in-residence. It has not only been an organization for adult musicians from the community, but for students who are unable to work the IPFW Wind Ensemble into their class schedule."

- Live rosary
- Closing ceremony
- 5 p.m. — Festival concludes.

Religious freedom rally participants stand up for liberties

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — The Stand up for Religious Freedom Rally at noon on June 8 drew a large crowd to the Jon R. Hunt Plaza downtown. People of all ages — senior citizens, workers on their lunch hours and young families — stood in the sunny plaza to show their opposition to the federal Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate requiring employers to provide insurance coverage for immoral health services.

Before offering the opening prayer at the rally, Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, read a letter from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, explaining the importance of defending religious freedom and thanking all those who are praying and standing up for this freedom. On May 21, the diocese joined 42 other Catholic entities and dioceses in filing a federal lawsuit in defense of religious liberty.

The main speaker at the rally was Gerard Bradley, a University of Notre Dame law professor who specializes in constitutional law and law and religion. Bradley told the crowd that Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York was right when he said the HHS mandate was an "unprecedented intrusion on religious liberty." He said that the difference between the Obama administration and those



PHOTOS BY ANN CAREY

Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, led the opening prayer and read a letter from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the South Bend Religious Freedom Rally.

who oppose the HHS mandate is not a simple misunderstanding, but rather are a "fundamental disagreement about the meaning and the scope and the importance of religious liberty in our country."

Bradley continued: "Religious liberty is about whether we are

going to live in a country where the culture, the law, the public institutions, are set up in a way that we can be people of faith, especially whether our children and grandchildren will have an opportunity to be people of faith."

While the HHS mandate alludes to "contraception," Bradley warned that abortion, especially chemical abortion, could be added as a covered service under the mandate. He said that contraception is only part of a wider agenda that includes abortion, sexual freedom and same-sex "marriage," all issues that will clash with religious liberty in the coming years.

He noted that since 1789 (when the U.S. Constitution went into effect) the view was that religious liberty benefits the country because religious people tend to be virtuous, and virtuous people tend to sacrifice for the good of the community and realize that they are part of one nation "under God." Thus the attitude of government was to do all it could to let religion flourish.

However, he continued, the view now, manifested by the HHS mandate, is not to ask "How can the government help religious institutions ... do what they do even better?" Rather, the view now is "Get in the way of our agenda, you are road kill," Bradley said, warning that the country is at a turning point regarding religious liberty.

South Bend was one of 140 U.S. cities where Religious Freedom rallies took place on June 8. Thomas Uebbing is the South Bend rally captain.



A large crowd of citizens gathered in South Bend's downtown to express their support for religious freedom and to hear speakers at the June 8 Religious Freedom Rally.

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Father Tyson completes nine-year tenure as provincial superior

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson will complete his service as provincial superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, at the end of the Provincial Chapter on June 22.



HOLY CROSS FATHER DAVID T. TYSON

Father Tyson has been provincial superior since 2003, serving the maximum nine-year term limit.

"It is by God's grace these past nine years that I have led my brothers in Holy Cross, while walking side by side with them in proclaiming the kingdom of God through our ministries of education, parish and mission," said Father Tyson.

During Father Tyson's tenure, vocations to the province have increased and there has been a renewed interest in and strategies for preparing religious for roles in parish, higher education and mission in Holy Cross apostolates. Resources have been increased toward the work of Holy Cross in Mexico, while also maintaining a strong presence in East Africa, Chile and Peru.

Father Tyson also led the way for the Southern Province of Priests to return to the Indiana Province in 2006 and the former Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers to merge into the

Indiana Province, forming the new U.S. Province, in July 2011. The ministries of the province now include four colleges and universities and numerous parishes and ministries in the United States, Mexico, Chile, East Africa and Peru.

Under Father Tyson's leadership, Fatima Retreat House was rededicated as a community house for retired and active religious and La Porte Center was developed in La Porte. He attended the beatification of Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Moreau in France in 2007 and the canonization of St. André Bessette, Holy Cross' first saint, in 2010.

The U.S. Province also began a \$30.9 million fundraising campaign in 2008 to support education of seminarians and religious, international missions and health care for elderly Holy Cross priests and brothers. To date, the first phase of the Footsteps Campaign has raised more than \$17 million.

Father Tyson was born in Gary on April 7, 1948. He received a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1970 from the University of Notre Dame, where he also earned a master's of theology in 1974. Father Tyson received a doctorate in higher education administration from Indiana University Bloomington in 1980. He took his final vows in 1974 and was ordained at Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame in 1975.

Prior to serving in provincial administration, Father Tyson

worked in administration for Holy Cross' universities. He served as president of the University of Portland from 1990-2003. During his 13 years at Portland, Father Tyson oversaw a major expansion of its campus, a tripling of its endowment and improvement of the university's national standing. He also served on the board of St. Edward's University, the President's Commission of the NCAA, the NCAA Special Committee on Sports Agents and Amateurism and a number of other religious and academic boards. He was also a management professor at UP.

While provincial, Father Tyson also served on the Board of Regents and was recently elected a regent emeritus of the University of Portland.

At the University of Notre Dame, he served as vice president for Student Affairs from 1984-1990; executive assistant to Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame, from 1982 to 1984; and director of Sophomore Year of Studies for Notre Dame's College of Business Administration from 1980-82. Father Tyson has also served as an associate professor of management in the College of Business Administration, on the staff of Dillon Hall and on a variety of committees for Notre Dame. He has been a university fellow and trustee at Notre Dame for 19 years and was also recently

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First communicants drop rose petals on the plaza of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades leads the Corpus Christi Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to Headwaters Park.



The Corpus Christi Procession passes the Allen County Courthouse



Above, seminarians and the Knights of Columbus lead the procession across the new Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Memorial Bridge.



At right, the Corpus Christi Procession participants gather outside of Most Precious Blood Church.



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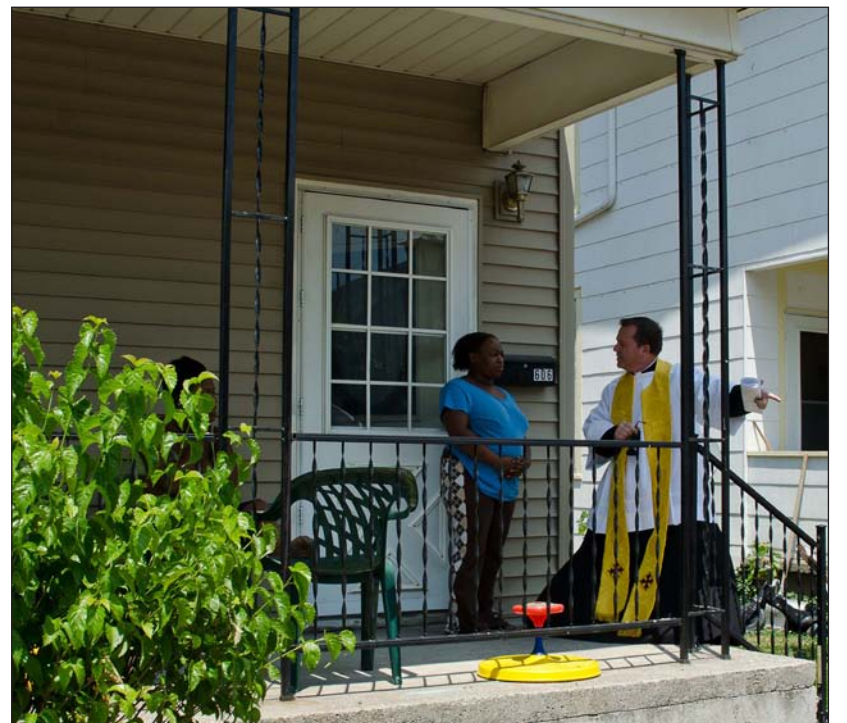


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Bishop Rhoades carries the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament.



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In changing times, faith seen as source of strength for fathers

BY DANIEL LINSKEY

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The image of the American family is changing and increasingly that means a family doesn't include a father figure.

For example, in 1960, only 11 percent of children lived apart from their fathers, but now that number is 27 percent, according to a recent Pew study.

Expectations of the American father are changing, too. A Gallup poll found that 80 percent of teens believe making enough time to spend with children is "very difficult" or "somewhat difficult" for fathers. Another Pew study found that 78 percent of fathers living apart from their children visit less than once a month.

Brian Caulfield, editor of the Knights of Columbus initiative Fathers for Good, believes a man's obligation to be a good

father is a moral obligation.

"Marriage is a vocation within the Church. A married man who has a child includes his family in that vocation," Caulfield said in a telephone interview with Catholic News Service.

The changes seen in fatherhood and the role of fathers in many ways are related to a cultural trend that says men are not needed in a family, he said.

"In vitro fertilization, abortion and divorce take the male actor out of the situation," he explained. "All of these things sideline a father and make him feel he is not as needed. I believe the solution we are trying to propose through Fathers for Good is that men need to stay involved in the family."

The Pew study showed that 57 percent of adults believe being a father today is harder than being a father 20 to 30 years ago. Only 9 percent believe it is easier.

Gregory Slayton, a Catholic who is a former U.S. ambassador to Bermuda and author of a new book titled "Be a Better Dad Today," agrees that dads today face a lot of challenges their own fathers didn't.

"I think we got to this point through a confluence of negative events. The media has changed, and the traditional bulwarks of society have less influence today," he told CNS.

However, there is a way to combat such influences, said Slayton, and for him that is faith.

"Faith is an absolutely critical tool in being a good father. Not having a dad myself, I realized I needed to learn from many different fathers," he said. "There were very few great dads who were not men of faith. They have their priorities in order, because having a long term relationship with God means you think in the long term for your family."



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A child watches his father pray inside the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence, R.I., May 12. Fathers are honored in special ways on Father's Day, which is celebrated June 17 this year.

In his book, Slayton emphasizes that the greatest role a man can play is the role of a good father, adding that men need to understand their role as fathers and set priorities.

"Every father must prioritize for a family. Nothing significant is built without planning. You don't build a church, a network, not even a bicycle without a plan," he said.

Slayton noted that children who grow up without a dad are "three to six times more likely to spend time in prison, become addicted to drugs, fail out of high school and have children themselves out of wedlock."

Both Caulfield and Slayton said a father's strong relationship with his wife is one key to creating a stable family.

"Men need to listen to their wives, and be accepting of what (Pope) John Paul II coined 'feminine genius,'" Caulfield explained. "John Paul II's theology of the body says the holistic complementarity within marriage comes from the family." And for that, he added, there needs to be a strong and present father.

"A father must work with his wife, he's in a relationship, he's in a sacramental bond. The idea of Fathers for Good is to incorporate a good faithful man into a family."

The Knights' initiative, www.fathersforgood.org, provides information, advice, an interactive forum, a Q-and-A section and other resources to help the "seasoned dad," new dad, dad to be or single guy who wants "to

know more about fatherhood."

Matrimony and loyalty to that matrimony is often the first step in building a strong family, according to Slayton and Caulfield.

The troubling statistics about fatherhood, however, come from fathers separated from their families. According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, the consequences of absent fathers are negative factors in poverty, maternal and infant health, crime, teen pregnancy, child abuse, drug abuse, childhood obesity, education and more.

Slayton has advice for the growing number of estranged fathers. Quoting Winston Churchill's famous words during World War II, he said, "Never, never, never give up."

CATHOLIC STUDENTS WIN STATE SOCIAL STUDIES CHAMPIONSHIP



PROVIDED BY JOE DEKEVER

Chris Mitchell, Phillip Weldy and Ajith John are members of the Penn High School 2012 state championship Academic Super Bowl-Social Studies team. Mitchell and Weldy are members of Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka. John is a member of St. Pius X Parish in Granger and serves as team captain. This spring, John led his team to a 50-0 record while winning the Warsaw and Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger invitationals and the Mishawaka regional prior to winning state last month. The team's three-year record with Ajith as a member is 158-0. Mitchell is a first-year member of the Penn ASB Social Studies team but contributed very heavily to the team's success. Weldy was on his third straight Penn ASB Social Studies state championship team and also was a significant contributor to the team's success each year.

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TYSON

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elected trustee emeritus of the university.

In recognition of Father Tyson's dedication and support of Catholic higher education and his leadership in the congregation, he received an honorary doctor of laws degree in May 2012 from Notre Dame during its commencement. The University of Portland also awarded him the Christus Magister Medal, the university's highest honor, during its commencement. Father Tyson's previously received an honorary degree from Portland. Additionally, the Tyson Distinguished Professorship was established at Portland by gifts in honor of Father Tyson. The professorships recognize a career of teaching, scholarship and service to UP.

In his role as provincial, Father Tyson has also served on the boards of other Holy Cross schools and apostolates: King's College (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.), Stonehill College (Easton, Mass.), and Holy Cross Family

Ministries.

He is also a member of the American Academy of Management and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men and has served on the board of the U.S. Air Force Air University.

A new provincial superior will have been elected on June 15 by the U.S. Province at its Province Chapter, which runs from June 10-22, in Portland, Ore. The new provincial will become the first elected provincial of the newly merged U.S. Province.

"I have faith that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless Holy Cross and the U.S. Province by continuing to grow our vocations and inspiring us to teach with zeal as we bring the message of 'Ave Crux, Spes Unica' to the world," said Father Tyson.

Holy Cross Father Kenneth M. Molinaro, first assistant provincial and vicar; Holy Cross Father Anthony V. Szakaly, second assistant provincial and steward; Holy Cross Father Edwin H. Obermiller, third assistant provincial; and Holy Cross Father Thomas P. Looney, fourth assistant provincial, have also served in provincial administration.

A priest for 50 years in December, Father Sarrazine retiring

BY VINCE LABARBERA

ROANOKE — “I like everything about being a priest,” said Father Kenneth J. Sarrazine prior to his retirement this month. “My priesthood was a great gift from God!”

Since July 1998 he has served as pastor of St. Joseph, Roanoke, and St. Catherine of Alexandria, located near Roanoke in Whitley County, commonly known as the Nix Settlement.

Father Sarrazine was ordained on Dec. 22, 1962 by Bishop Leo A. Pursley in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Normally, ordinations were held the last Saturday in May, Father Sarrazine explained. But since Bishop Pursley thought he would be in Rome in the spring of 1962 for another session of the Second Vatican Council, he rescheduled the ordinations to December. As it turned out the bishops didn't return to Rome until the fall of 1963, but the ordination date was not changed.

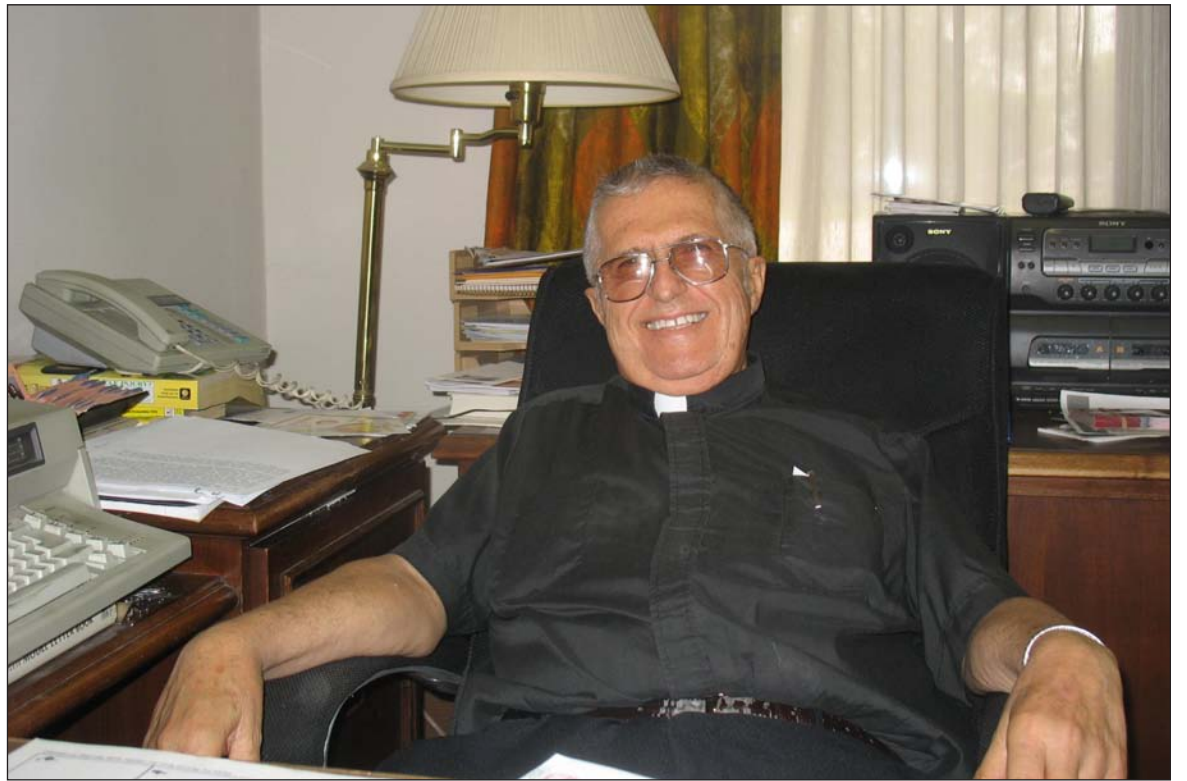
“Actually, we're officially the

class of 1963,” Father Sarrazine continued, because after ordination the five members of the class returned to the seminary to complete the final semester. Nevertheless, Father Sarrazine will celebrate 50 years of priesthood this coming December.

Born in Fort Wayne to Norman and Florence (Bowers) Sarrazine, young Ken attended St. Louis Academy at St. Louis, Besancon Parish. He is the oldest of six brothers and three sisters, all still living except for his youngest sister who died at 14 months.

In the sixth grade he heard a talk by Msgr. Joseph Hession describing his days in the seminary. “He made it sound really difficult,” Father Sarrazine said, “saying that nobody could do it!” He took it as a challenge and said to himself, “It can't be that impossible or he wouldn't be here!”

In the eighth grade Sarrazine again was influenced toward a religious vocation when he attended a retreat conducted by a Precious Blood priest. “When I told my parents the priesthood was something I would like to look into, they

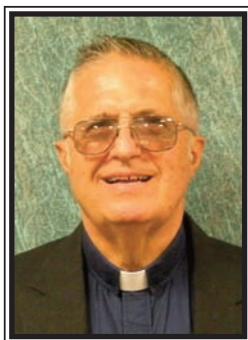


VINCE LABARBERA

Father Kenneth J. Sarrazine, most recently serving as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke, and St. Catherine of Alexandria, Nix Settlement, is retiring in June. He plans to move into St. Anne Home and Retirement Community in Fort Wayne where he can celebrate Mass.

*“I will choose a faithful priest
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immediately took me to the pastor and discovered a bus trip had been scheduled in two weeks to Wawasee seminary for youngsters interested in learning more about the priesthood.” And the rest is history, as it's often said.

Sarrazine attended Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, and Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Wawasee.

After completing his studies, his first assignment in June 1963 was as an assistant at St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart. Ironically, the pastor was Msgr. Joseph Hession.

“Msgr. Hession presided at the marriage of my parents, he baptized me, and I received my First Reconciliation and First Communion from him,” Father Sarrazine said.

Fifteen months later Father Sarrazine was appointed assistant at

St. Henry, Fort Wayne. While there he had an experience that stayed with him throughout his priesthood and, in fact, became a vital part of his ministry.

“While I was in the seminary I never was around a person who was dying,” said Father Sarrazine. “I never thought I would be equipped to handle that kind of situation,” he added. One night, however, when his pastor was away from the rectory and the pastor at St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, also was gone, an accident occurred near Hessen Cassel on U.S. Highway 27 involving a senior girl from Decatur Catholic High School. The call came to St. Henry requesting a priest at the scene. “There was no one else available, so I went,” Father Sarrazine said.

“The young lady had been killed and was lying in the ditch,”

he related. “I gave her conditional absolution and anointed the body. And after it was over I realized I had remained perfectly calm during the whole scene.”


Since that time, visiting the sick and shut-ins as well as the dying has been a vital part of his priestly ministry. It is a great privilege to be with the dying and something he can do well, the soft-spoken priest said. Since March 2003, Father Sarrazine has been serving as a chaplain at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Father Sarrazine's favorite duties as a priest are celebrating Mass and the sacraments, and teaching RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes. He also enjoys reading and cooking.

Father Sarrazine was appointed an assistant at St. Jude, South Bend (1965), as well as the spiritual moderator for the South Bend Deanery Council of Catholic Nurses (1966). He also was named an assistant at St. John the Baptist, New Haven (1972), and at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne (1975). In July 1976, Father Sarrazine was appointed an advocate for the diocesan Tribunal.

His pastoral assignments included St. Martin de Porres, Syracuse, along with St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton (1976); St. Joseph, Mishawaka (1980); and St. Henry, Fort Wayne (1991), prior to his most recent appointment.

In retirement, Father Sarrazine quipped he plans to “stay out of the way of whoever is coming next at the parish.” He does plan to be available to help other priests as much as he can. Father Sarrazine hopes to move into St. Anne Home and Retirement Community in Fort Wayne where he can celebrate Mass and “do whatever else is in front of me,” he added. “I'm looking forward to what retirement is going to be like.”



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Father Kramer to be active priest in retirement

BY VINCE LABARBERA

COLUMBIA CITY — When Lawrence A. Kramer was in elementary school at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, he doesn't recall ever raising his hand when sister asked who was interested in a religious vocation. However, when the vocation did finally sprout, he said it was like "something out of Hollywood."

Born in Fort Wayne to Lawrence and Etheldreda (Garty) Kramer, he grew up with a younger brother, Roger, now residing in California. While attending Central Catholic High School, Kramer was active in the glee club, the school newspaper and served as editor of the yearbook. He planned on having a career, getting married — even though he never dated — and being active in the Church as a lay person. At age 14, his concept of priestly life envisioned someone literally "tied to the sacristy" with occasional visits to the classroom, playground and parish picnics.

One evening following adult choir practice, while waiting for a bus on Calhoun Street, he noticed the store-front lighting behind him "playing on the front of the cathedral and the statue of Mary." It dawned on him "that of all the occupations, the priest, vocation wise, could be all over the landscape and still be a priest. I couldn't see myself being anything but a parish priest!" He prayed, "Oh God, I get it! I'll take the steps needed. If I'm wrong, let me know!"

His only doubt was the eight years ahead of him. "Would I live long enough," he thought.

Kramer spent those eight years at Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Wawasee, and at St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad. He was ordained on May 28, 1960 — 52 years ago — by Bishop Leo A. Pursley in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Father Kramer's initial appointments were as associate pastor (judicial vicar) at St. Matthew, South Bend (1960), and St. Peter, Fort Wayne (1964). He also was named Fort



VINCE LABARBERA

Father Lawrence A. Kramer, who most recently has served as pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City, will retire and reside at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, where he will serve as a senior priest.

Wayne deanery moderator of the Christian Family Movement (1966) and appointed diocesan director of the Family Life Bureau (1968) while continuing to serve at St. Peter's.

In 1969, Father Kramer was appointed chaplain of Catholic students attending Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne, an avocation for which he had been lobbying for some time.

"I've always been interested in youth," Father Kramer related, "especially campus ministry at those commuter colleges with no religious affiliation." When he was in South Bend he obtained a provisional teaching license and began teaching voluntarily at Saint Joseph's High School. He enjoyed moderating panel discussions between boys and girls. "Many of the kids saw me coming," he admitted, "but I think I got through to some of them."

His strategy involved "hanging out" in the cafeteria at Indiana University-Purdue University South Bend, or Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, about two days a week.

"I'd order a Coke, sit and read until a student approached to ask a question about course work or something," he said.

Later, Father Kramer donned his collar, which prompted different questions, such as, "Do you know something about religion?" He always worked through a student organization. Father Kramer also visited faculty lounges and found he was accepted totally despite not having all the teaching credentials they had.

"My thinking regarding campus ministry was that God wanted it to happen and I wanted it to happen," Father Kramer related. But Bishop Pursley said there was no money budgeted for it. Finally, Superintendent Father James Seculoff managed to fund the ministry in a dual role.

"I had one foot in a parish and the other foot in campus ministry," he said.

Father Kramer's pastoral assignments included St. Peter (1970), St. Andrew (1971) and Our Lady of Good Hope (1981), all in Fort Wayne; St. Joseph, Bluffton (1997) and St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City (2003). He also served as associate pastor

and assistant chaplain (2009) at Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne, and he served two, three-year terms on the Presbyteral Council.

"I never looked upon my priesthood as a job — it's a lifestyle," Father Kramer said. "I never had trouble moving from one job to another. They all fit the container," he joked. In retirement, if one can call it that, he plans to be an active, senior priest at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne.

He does have some health problems that he believes stem from an undiagnosed bout with polio when he was three years old. It's left him with feet and lower-back problems. But, he is making some progress in turning some of the re-occurring symptoms around through treatments and exercise, especially swimming.

"I've always managed to find a swimming pool — a YWCA, YMCA or school facility — near where I was assigned," he said. And there just happens to be a swimming pool across the street from his newly assigned parish.

Father Kramer has the beginning draft of a book in his head. "And with the assistance of Don Clemmer, it already has a title, 'Think Like an Italian: A Catholic Priest's Survival Guide.'"

"I'm only retiring from administration work. I can't stop being a priest," he concluded.

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The priest: In persona Christi

I met a young priest in Fairfax, Va., recently. Of course “young” is a relative term. Everyone around me gets younger with each passing year.

Father Jaffe had been at the parish for less than a week and was the priest on call for the local hospital. It was 2 a.m. when his pager went off. A couple had lost their 8-year-old son hours before and the mother wouldn't let go of his body.

All attempts of the staff and hospital chaplain to get her to release her son had failed. She sat rocking him, unresponsive to anyone. The woman wasn't Catholic, but the staff knew from experience that it was time to call in a priest.

When the newly ordained 26-year-old arrived he did the only thing that came to mind. He sat with the parents in silence for a moment and said, “It looks like you need some prayer.” He opened his rite book, “The Pastoral Care of the Sick” to the section with the prayers for the

deceased and he began to pray aloud.

Toward the end of the rite is the beautiful Litany of the Saints — “St. Joseph, pray for us. St. Monica, pray for us...” — that helps the grieving call to mind our family on the other side of eternity, which has already embraced our beloved deceased. The rite concludes with prayers entrusting the deceased to the Lord: “I commend you, my dear brother, to almighty God and entrust you to your Creator. May you return to the One who formed you from the dust of the earth. May Holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life. ... May you see your Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God forever. Amen.”

After the “Amen” the mother stopped rocking her boy and without ceremony, silently laid his body in the arms of the priest. The new priest then carried the body to hospital personnel.



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11th Sunday in Ordinary time Mk 4:26-34

The first reading for this weekend's liturgy is from the Book of Ezekiel, who is regarded as one of the great Hebrew prophets. Not interested in themselves, but only in imparting the revelation of God, the prophets rarely left any biographical details about themselves. This does not mean, however, that utter mystery surrounds them all.

For example, it is clear that Ezekiel was active as a prophet during the Hebrews' exile in Babylon. Apparently born in Judah, he was in Babylon as one of the original exiles rather than being descended from an exile who came earlier while he himself was born in Babylonia.

It is interesting to imagine the psychological state in which the exiles lived in Babylon, and how their mental frame-of-mind affected the fervor of their religious belief and practice. Since they were humans as are we, despite all the differences between their time and our own, basic human feelings pertained for them as they would for us.

Ezekiel encountered great faith, without doubt, but he also most surely met despair, anger

and disbelief in the power and fidelity of the One God of Israel.

The prophet in preceding verses bemoans the unfaithfulness of the kings of Judah and their people, not God's infidelity. But in this reading he insists that God will restore the people to security. God is faithful. People must be faithful, as well, to God.

St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians is the source of the second reading. In the background is an obvious interest in earthly death and its consequences. By the time Paul wrote and preached, Christians already were being held in suspicion by the culture and, even more ominously, by the political authority.

The apostle urges the Corinthian Christians to see heaven as “home,” and to prepare for an end of earthly existence when they will have to answer before the judgment throne of Christ.

For the last reading, the Church presents a parable from St. Mark's Gospel. It is familiar. It is the story of the mustard seed. The Lord likens the kingdom to the growth of a plant to a mighty bush. The implication for us is that we may grow in our place in the kingdom if we follow Jesus.

This story confronts us with our own potential and with our responsibility as disciples. The growth of the mustard seed from the moment of being planted, to budding, to full maturity is inevitable. It is God's will and God's plan, unfolding in nature. Belonging to God, planted by God, it will become the greatest of all plants.

In our humanity, we are small, and we are limited. Still, God wills us to be great and mighty in our holiness, to grow into the strength and majesty of the fully

developed bush. This is God's will and God's plan. We, however, must make of ourselves the rich produce to be gathered by God in the great harvest that will come at the Last Judgment.

Reflection

The Church in these readings brings us to face that event common to all things living but rarely acknowledged and always feared by humans. In fact, other species of living beings place nothing above their instinct to survive.

Never denying death or belittling the will to survive, the Church, as the teacher of genuine truth, places in context life, death and survival. It presents this teaching in these readings.

Earthly life is not the be all and end all, whether we believe it or not. Life shall endure after physical death. What will this mean? It is a question to be answered personally, deep from within each heart. It will mean everlasting life — if we live now with God. The choice belongs individually to each of us.

READINGS

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16
2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3, 5-7
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6,
11-16 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20-21,
2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7
Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:11-4, 9-18, 20
Ps 132:11-14, 17-18 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5,
29-34 Mt 6:24-34

From Mary to Mia: The sacred act of naming

This week the Social Security Administration released 2011's most popular baby names, as gathered from applications for Social Security numbers, and there's been a shake-up in the female ranks: Sophia knocked off Isabella for the No. 1 spot. Jacob, meanwhile, held strong, maintaining his top standing among boys for the 13th consecutive year.

This news goes largely unnoticed, but I find it a fascinating cultural statement. And I love how precise the results are, that something so personal and sprawling can be roundly quantified.

Mary, the most common name chosen in the past 100 years, given to more than 3.6 million babies during that period, has fallen to No. 112, outranked by Morgan (No. 75), Mackenzie (No. 68), Mia (No. 9) and Madison (No. 8).

The 2011 list contains a spate of ethereal names: Nevaeh (No. 35), heaven spelled backwards; Serenity (No. 66); Trinity (No. 77); Destiny (No. 91); and Genesis (No. 82), which sprang out of Old Testament obscurity. Spiritual themes are less popular for boys, where parents get more traditional.

Saint names have not disappeared, with classics like Christopher (No. 21), Joseph (No. 22) and Thomas (No. 63) winning hearts alongside the spicier alternatives of Sebastian (No. 68), Dominic (No. 76) and Xavier (No. 77).

One of the most persistent trends of 2011 is babies whose names were dusted off from their great grandmothers' era. Witness Grace (No. 16), Vivian (No. 154) and Alice (No. 142), alongside William (No. 3) and Henry (No. 57). I expect a lot more Lucys, which cracked the double digits in 2010, a status it last enjoyed in 1924.

Some of their Roaring '20s counterparts have slunk into oblivion, like Mildred and Myrtle, Gladys and Gertrude. But these names are not exempt from a comeback, no matter how they may sound to the modern ear. My money's on the toothy ones like Thelma, Ethel and Edith, which appears to have turned a corner. She's been on a steady decline since 1919, when she was No. 29, but Edith is robust, making a two-year climb from No. 842 to No. 771. Celebrities are helping



TWENTY
SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

make the old new; last month Bruce Willis named his daughter Mabel, and Katherine Heigl's new girl is Adalaide.

Whether you fall in the trendy or the rare, it is supremely satisfying to be called by name — to hear it spoken, to see it written. The body responds.

And there's no quicker way to create distance than to get a name wrong. I routinely field Christiana and Christine, which sound worlds apart from Christina.

My thoughts have evolved as I read the bestseller “One Thousand Gifts” written by Ann Voskamp, the 38-year-old wife of a Canadian hog farmer and homeschooling mother of six. The book's premise — to cultivate gratitude by counting the blessings in daily life — has awakened housewives and executives, bridging bloggers and believers.

I uncapped my yellow highlighter when I arrived at this passage: “Naming is Edenic. ... When I name moments — string out laundry and name-pray, ‘Thank you, Lord, for bed sheets in billowing winds...’ — I am Adam and I discover my meaning and God's, and to name is to learn the language of paradise.”

An 84-year-old Trappist monk I met this month brought the concept to life, asking me, “Now, do you know your trees?” Scotch pine, he explained, have short needles in clusters of two. Red pine have long needles in clusters of two. White pine have long clusters of five.

Those simple numbers and names — red, white; two, five — are a toddler's building blocks and, yes, just as surely, the language of paradise.

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Saint of the Week

Paula Frasinetti

1809-1882
June 11

Paula was born in the politically turbulent early 19th century in Genoa, Italy. With her priest-brother, she taught the poor children of the parish of Quinto. When other women joined them, Paula founded the Congregation of St. Dorothy. Despite many obstacles and few resources, the new teaching institute eventually prospered as Paula's deep prayer life and wisdom became widely known. The congregation spread to other Italian cities, Portugal and Brazil. Pope John Paul II declared Paula a saint in 1984.

What about ventilators?

The use of ventilators can pose particularly challenging problems during end of life situations for families. When should we place a loved one on a ventilator, can we ever “pull the plug?” Understanding our moral duty depends upon whether the use of a ventilator in a particular case can be considered “ordinary” or “extraordinary.”

Ordinary interventions can be understood as those medicines, operations and treatments that offer a reasonable hope of benefit for the patient and that can be obtained and used without excessive pain, expense or other significant burden. Use of a ventilator will sometimes satisfy these criteria, and other times it will not, depending on the specifics of the patient’s situation.

Consider a young woman with serious pneumonia who is having difficulty breathing and is placed on a ventilator. The physicians treating her believe the pneumonia eventually can be controlled so that she can be weaned off the ventilator and breathe on her own in a few days or a week. They believe the device will be needed mostly as a temporary “bridge to healing,” that it will be effective while in use, and that it will not impose much burden on her. In such circumstances, the use of the ventilator could reasonably be considered “ordinary” and thus morally obligatory.

Whenever there is a considerable hope of recovery from the illness by making use of a particular means (a ventilator, in this case), and when the patient can employ the means without much difficulty or burden, it is likely to be “ordinary” treatment. Thus, in the experienced hands of a well-trained physician, in a developed country with access to proper medication and equipment, intubation and ventilation of a patient can be a low-burden intervention.

The difficulties associated with using a ventilator, however, can become notable depending on

the details of a patient’s situation. Dr. Stephen Hannan, a pulmonary and critical care specialist in Fort Myers, Fla., recently summarized some of the burdens associated with ventilation, noting particularly

“... the physical discomfort of the endotracheal tube going from the mouth, traversing the oropharynx, crossing the larynx and reaching the trachea. Sedation, analgesics and physical restraints are often necessary. The patient cannot talk while ventilator support is in use. The ventilator exposes the patient to greater risks of infection and barotrauma (damage to the lung tissue from the pressure of ventilation). Even an untrained observer will recognize that the burden imposed by a ventilator with a standard endotracheal tube is much greater than the burden of a feeding tube.”

We can consider an example that highlights these burdens: an 85-year-old grandfather is placed on a ventilator after suffering several serious strokes that damaged his brainstem so that he cannot breathe on his own. The physicians treating him are convinced that the damage from his most recent stroke will continue to get worse, with the nearly-certain outcome that he will die in a few hours or days. Assuming that he is unconscious, and that other matters have been taken care of (last sacraments, opportunities for loved ones to say goodbye, etc.), the family could reasonably conclude that continued ventilation would be “extraordinary” and decide to have the ventilator disconnected, even though it would mean their grandfather would be expected to die in a matter of minutes without it. Such an act of withdrawing the ventilator would not be an act of euthanasia, because he would be dying due to the underlying condition. It would be a recognition of the burdensomeness of continued ventilation and an acknowledgement that heroics are not required, especially when



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

death is imminent.

Occasionally ventilators may end up being part of a long-term solution for a patient. Christopher Reeve, who played Clark Kent in the movie “Superman,” for example, was able to live for several years with a tracheostomy and a ventilator following an equestrian accident that severely damaged his spinal cord. The ventilator, while clearly a burden, offered many benefits to his situation as well, and in the final analysis, seemed to be a reasonable and proportionate intervention for his particular set of circumstances.

Other cases with ventilators can be more difficult to decide, because a prognosis may be uncertain or debated. Sometimes the expense of providing long term ventilation and critical care may need to be factored into the judgment about whether ventilation is ordinary or extraordinary. Determining whether there will be a “reasonable hope of benefit” to a particular patient by using a ventilator can be challenging. Each case must be considered on its own merits, as we seek to make a good prudential judgment, and to provide for our loved ones in a way that corresponds to their real medical needs, so that we neither neglect nor overburden them in the face of powerful medical technology.

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

am with you always.” Mt. 28:20. Priests are prone to weakness and in need of redemption just like everyone else. They are also even capable of giving rise to scandal, just like everyone else. But despite this, a priest is no ordinary human. His soul is forever changed and he stands “in persona Christi,” that is, “in the person of Christ.” He offers more than bread to the Father at Mass. He offers his very self. In a very tangible way, he is Jesus Christ among us.

St. Francis of Assisi, reflecting on the priesthood, said: “If I were to meet at the same time some saint coming down from heaven and any poor little priest, I would first pay my respects to the priest and proceed to kiss his hands. I would say, ‘Ah, just a moment St. ... , because this person’s hands handle the Word of Life

and possess something that is more than human.”

It’s not easy to give your life the way our priests do. In May and June, when most U.S. ordinations happen, we will likely ordain more than 450 young men to the priesthood. That’s an encouraging number, but not nearly enough. There are currently more than 3,000 parishes without a resident pastor. In the midst of a world that seems to define all priests by the fallen few, let’s remember the beauty of this vocation — and let’s remind our young people that life is worth giving.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 17, 2012

Mark 4: 26-34

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the lesson of the mustard seed. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

KINGDOM	SCATTER	SEED
SLEEP	RISE	NIGHT AND DAY
GROW	FULL GRAIN	RIPE
SICKLE	USE FOR IT	MUSTARD SEED
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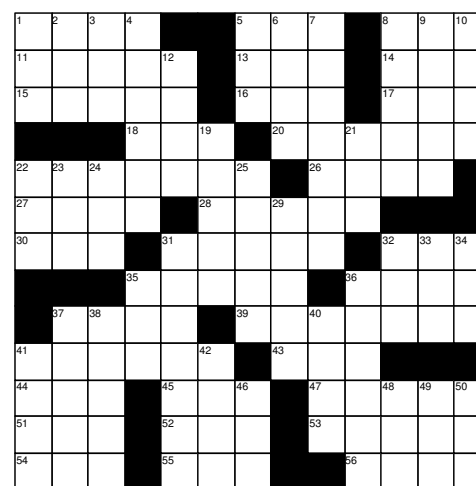
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The CrossWord

June 17 and 24, 2012

Greek letter
 54 Daniel flung to lion’s
 55 Tunnel
 56 Darling



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Based on these Scripture Readings: 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34 AND Is 49: 1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1: 57-66, 80

ACROSS

- 1 Not white potatoes
- 5 Listen in
- 8 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
- 11 Preen
- 13 Knight title
- 14 White-tailed sea eagle
- 15 Passion
- 16 Affirmative
- 17 # of commandments
- 18 Strong drink
- 20 Bridegroom
- 22 Delayed items
- 26 Biblical “has”
- 27 Parent teacher groups

- 28 Religious group
- 30 Males
- 31 “A man after God’s own ___”
- 32 Long-term memory
- 35 Radioactivity unit
- 36 Scrape down
- 37 A man’s descendants
- 39 “A light to the ___”
- 41 Shatters
- 43 After sun.
- 44 Set up
- 45 Moses did for Israel
- 47 A loving meal
- 51 Estimated arrival time
- 52 Flightless bird
- 53 Triangle-shaped

DOWN

- 1 Revolutions per minute
- 2 Epoch
- 3 Loud noises
- 4 Gives a conceited smile
- 5 Teaspoon (abbr.)
- 6 Put on ___
- 7 Ezekiel was one
- 8 Unborn child
- 9 Top of the cedar tree
- 10 Jesus’ grand-mother
- 12 Acts of Apostles prophet
- 19 Cow
- 21 Rowing tool
- 22 Beats per minute
- 23 Risen Jesus did with fish
- 24 Soup container
- 25 Grows from seeds
- 29 Warned Magi of Herod
- 31 Hurried along
- 32 Pope name
- 33 Beige
- 34 Mr.’s wife
- 35 Nervous system
- 36 Birds are “___ things”
- 37 Large hotel room
- 38 Musical church instrument
- 40 Frog
- 41 Ill ___
- 42 Partial
- 46 Shoveled
- 48 Trappist beer
- 49 School group
- 50 Fruited blade of grass

Answer Key can be found on page 19

REAL

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weddings, standing as close to the bride and groom as they are to one another, a sign of Christ in the sacrament of Marriage. They are holding our babies with us at Baptism when they become children of God. At our lowest moments, they are waiting to lift us up in the confessional. Before a surgery, when only your spouse might be there holding your hand, your priest is also there, anointing you. And in tragic moments at 2 a.m., they are on call. These men have sacrificed family to be part of everyone’s family.

Jesus made the promise, “I

Brian Blondell named head coach for Holy Cross College baseball

NOTRE DAME — Brian Blondell, a former NCCAA All-American pitcher and pitching coach at Bethel College, has been named head coach of Holy Cross College baseball, according to Athletics Director Robert Schermerhorn.

Blondell has strong roots in the baseball community, coming to Holy Cross from Elkhart Memorial High School, where he was lead assistant coach, charged with the development of the team's pitching staff. Blondell is also director of the north-central area's College Prospects of America, where he works to prepare high school student-athletes for collegiate level academics and athletics. Blondell currently serves as Director of Player Operations for the Michiana Scrappers Travel Baseball Program.

Blondell graduated from Bethel College in 1998 with a degree in

business administration and marketing. As a pitcher for the Bethel Pilots, Blondell was a three-year letter-winner and an NCCAA All-American.

His extensive experience in baseball also includes working at the University of Notre Dame's baseball camps, serving as the site director for the Midwest Baseball Winter Camps, coaching the Crossroads Classic for top juniors in the State of Indiana, serving as committee director for the selection of the IHSBCA 2007 North All-Stars, and directing the 2008 North South All-Star Series held at the University of Notre Dame. Blondell is also an active member of the IHSBCA and ABCA.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to coach at Holy Cross College. I believe we can truly build a winning program both on and off the field. I am very thankful for the opportunity that Holy Cross has given me and am very excited to get started with the team in the off-season," said Coach Blondell.

Maxson, Rang compete for Dwenger in tennis state championship

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger's outstanding duo of Elizabeth Maxson and Audrey Rang were beaten in the final match of the IHSAA individual state doubles championship Saturday, June 9, at North Central in Indianapolis. Undeclared in 2012, the young pair downed Courtney Baugh and Megan Coghlan of Bloomington North in the quarterfinals 6-2, 6-4. They went on to beat Ashley Rogers and Elizabeth Thiel of Jasper, 6-2, 6-3, in the semifinals before falling to Abigail and Vanessa Madrigal of Highland 6-1, 6-2 in the finals. The Saints' set ended their stellar season with a 23-1 overall record which included an impressive 8-1 postseason run. — *Michelle Castleman*

Holy Cross College to hold annual golf outing

NOTRE DAME — Arnold Palmer once said, "What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive." Well, it may not be an inspiring painting or a glorious piece of writing, but Holy Cross College's Annual Golf Outing at Elbel Golf Course is sure to be a masterpiece.

The 2012 event will be held on Friday, July 13, at Elbel Park Golf Club, a beautiful course located on the west side of South Bend, and one of Northern Indiana's best kept secrets. Each of Elbel's holes has a distinct flow and character all its own. Please feel free to take a course tour at www.elbelgolf.com.

Registration check-in for the golf outing begins at 12 p.m., with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$80 per individual player, or \$300 for a team of four (special pricing applies to Holy Cross College faculty, staff and students). The price includes green fees, cart, driving range and dinner. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place teams.

The outing, which is a major fundraiser for Holy Cross Athletics, subsidizes the college's end-of-the-year athletic banquet, during which time student athletes are recognized for the time and sacrifice they give to be a scholar athlete.

For more information on participating, or sponsoring a hole or a cart please contact Rhett Zych at rzych@hcc-nd.edu, (574) 472-3046, or Aimee Litka, alitka@hcc-nd.edu, (574) 239-8331, or visit the Holy Cross College website at www.hcsaints.com/article/645.php. The deadline to register is July 9.



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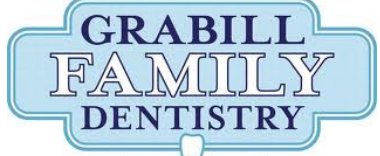


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Dwenger class of '87 reunion planned
Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger Class of 1987 will be celebrating their 25th Reunion on Saturday, July 14, from 7-11:30 p.m. in the upper room of Columbia Street West. For tickets and information contact C.J. Steigmeyer at cjs-teig@msn.com.

Bishop Luers High School plans reunions
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers will have reunions for the following: The class of 1967 will have a reunion Saturday, July 7, at Pine Valley Country Club. Contact Jerry Hoffman jerryhoff@hotmail.com or Mary Jo (Ehinger) Kirby billyb3811@yahoo.com. The class of 1982 will have a reunion Saturday, July 7, at Deer Park Irish Pub. Contact Steve Hartman steve.hartman@fleetwoodrv.com. The class of 2007 will have a reunion Saturday, July 21, at the Thirsty Camel from 7-10 p.m. Contact Adam Bouthot at (260) 414-8512.

Golf outing planned
Wabash — St. Bernard Youth/Squires will have a golf outing on Sunday, June 24, at the Etna Acres golf course located in Andrews. There is a shot gun start at 1 p.m. The cost of \$50 per person includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, cart and beverages. Contact Jack Leland at (260) 571-7605 to register or for information.

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