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# Pope urges interfaith dialogue in Mideast, defends religious freedom

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA



Pope Benedict XVI attends a ceremony and signing of his apostolic exhortation on the Middle East at the Melkite Catholic Basilica of St. Paul in Harissa, Lebanon, Sept. 14.

BEIRUT (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI signed a major document calling on Catholics in the Middle East to engage in dialogue with Orthodox, Jewish and Muslim neighbors, but also to affirm and defend their right to live freely in the region where Christianity was born.

In a ceremony at the Melkite Catholic Basilica of St. Paul in Harissa Sept. 14, Pope Benedict signed the 90-page document of his reflections on the 2010 special Synod of Bishops, which was dedicated to Christians in the Middle East. He formally presented the document Sept. 16 at an outdoor Mass in Beirut during his three-day visit to Lebanon.

A section dedicated to interreligious dialogue encouraged Christians to "esteem" the region's dominant religion, Islam, lamenting that "both sides have used doctrinal differences as a pretext for justifying, in the name of religion, acts of intolerance, discrimination, marginalization and even of persecution."

Yet in a reflection of the precarious position of Christians in most of the region today, where they frequently experience negative legal and social discrimination, the pope called for Arab societies to "move beyond tolerance to religious freedom."

The "pinnacle of all other freedoms," religious freedom is a "sacred and inalienable right," which includes the "freedom to choose the religion which one judges to be true and to manifest one's beliefs in public," the pope wrote.

It is a civil crime in some Muslim countries for Muslims to convert to another faith and, in Saudi Arabia, Catholic priests have been arrested for celebrating Mass, even in private.

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## Women's roles in family and Church highlighted at conference

BY KAREN CLIFFORD AND DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — This year's Arise Conference emphasized the theme of women being "Chosen" by God to support the family, the community and the Christian faith. The conference was held Sept. 15 with approximately 660 women in attendance at South Bend's Century Center.

The Blessed Virgin Mary was the focus of the morning of the conference. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Mass. The bishop reminded those in attendance that Mary stood by her Son at the foot of the cross.

"Every fiber of her being was shaken by the experience of seeing the suffering of Jesus. We can hardly imagine the depth of her sorrow. Perhaps only those women who have

experienced the death of a little child can fully grasp the depth of Mary's sorrow," said Bishop Rhoades, recalling his own sorrow at the death of both of his parents. At his mother's death he remembered her last moments.

"My mother suffered from cancer and it was the hardest thing I ever experienced in my life. As she was dying my family gathered around and prayed the rosary," Bishop Rhoades recalled.

He added, "At the end of the rosary, after we all told her we loved her, I gave her a blessing and then she died. I'll never forget that. The Blessed Mother's love and compassion, so evident at the foot of the cross, extends to us."

Following Mass, Dr. Scott Hahn, an international speaker and bestselling author on the subject of Scripture and the Catholic faith,

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## WELCOME SISTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST



TIM JOHNSON

The Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist were greeted by Huntington pastors, high school students and others when the 20 postulants, six novices and three professed sisters arrived at their new home, the St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington, on Sept. 13.

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# Preparing for the Year of Faith: Faith and Works



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Next month, on October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Church throughout the world will begin the observance of a Year of Faith. Pope Benedict called for this special year to help all of us to be renewed in our Catholic faith, to promote the rediscovery of the truth, beauty, and power of the faith.

Our faith is not merely an idea or philosophy, an ethical system or ideology. It is first and foremost communion and friendship with a Person, with Jesus Christ, the Son of God who became flesh and who suffered and died for us and rose from the dead. Faith is communion with Him and living a life in conformity with that communion, with that friendship, a life according to the Spirit. It is a faith that, according to Saint Paul, *works through charity*.

In a passage from the letter of Saint James, which we heard at Mass last Sunday, he asks: *what good is it if someone says he has faith but does not have works?* James insists that faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. This may seem to contradict what Saint Paul teaches in his letters where he writes that we are justified by faith apart from the works of the Law. Martin Luther added the word "alone" and said we are justified by *faith alone*. This controversy about justification by faith, a cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation, became a principal reason for the division between Catholics and Protestants. Thanks be to God, much progress has been made through ecumenical dialogue to overcome the misunderstanding since the time of Martin Luther concerning the issue of justification and faith.

So how do we resolve the apparent contradiction between the teaching of Saint Paul and Saint James? It is important that we understand the meaning of the word "faith." What is faith? It is, above all, as I have said, being united

to Christ, entrusting oneself to Christ and to his life. In doing so, one enters into His love. Faith creates charity. Charity is the fulfillment of communion with Christ.

Luther was right that we can't be justified by works. The Council of Trent taught that neither faith nor works merit the grace of justification. We are unable to justify ourselves. Justification is a gift from God. The Council of Trent taught that "nobody should flatter oneself with faith alone,

thinking that by faith alone one is made an heir and will obtain the inheritance." We are called to live in God's grace, to persevere in faith *and* good works.

It is important to see the intimate connection between faith and good works. As Saint James taught, *faith without works is dead*. The Catechism teaches that "when it is deprived of hope and love, faith does not fully unite the believer to Christ and does not make him a living member of his Body (CCC 1815). If it is genuine and authentic, faith is expressed in charity. A faith without charity is not true faith.

As we prepare to celebrate the Year of Faith, it is good to recall these truths: that we are justified through the gift of faith in Christ (as our Protestant brothers and sisters insist), but also that this faith must be lived in charity or else it is dead. Faith without charity bears no fruit.

Pope Benedict sees the Year of Faith as a good opportunity to intensify the witness of charity. He reminds us of the teaching of Saint James and also the teaching of Saint

Paul who wrote that, *in the end, faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love*. Faith and charity require each other, the Holy Father teaches us. Through faith, we can recognize Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters and assist them through our good works, our charity and love. Jesus taught that this is how we will be judged. Saint Paul also wrote that *we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body* (2 Cor. 5:10).

The Year of Faith is a great opportunity for all of us and for every parish to be renewed. Many Catholics seem to have grown lazy in the faith (so many even neglect Sunday Mass). We must reach out to them and to others who are unchurched, who are adrift in our increasingly secularized culture. A truly vibrant parish is one that evangelizes, that reaches out to others, inviting them to embrace faith in Jesus Christ and to be united with Him in His Body, the holy, Catholic Church. We must not be afraid to profess our faith and to propose the Catholic faith to others. In doing so, we must bear witness to that faith through love, through good works.

The best evangelization is our witness of charity, the witness of our Christian lives. That attracts people to Christ and His Church even more powerfully and effectively than our words.

May the Lord bless all of you with many graces during the upcoming Year of Faith!



# WOMEN

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spoke on the Blessed Virgin Mary in his talk "Hail Holy Queen."

As a former Presbyterian minister, Dr. Hahn had difficulty with the doctrine and devotions concerning the Blessed Virgin. During his journey to the Catholic faith, he encountered four building blocks that helped him understand Mary's importance in the Church and then shared that with his non-Catholic friends.

The four areas include the Blessed Virgin as a role model, the Mother of Our Lord, that she is the masterpiece of Christ, and that the faithful imitate Christ when they honor her.

Hahn noted that a professor explained to him that Mary was more than the mother of Jesus. The professor explained, "that women don't bear natures, they bear persons. And since the Person that she bore is a Divine Person, she can be rightly defined as the Mother of God. Elizabeth declares this when she says, 'Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?' Mary did not say to Elizabeth, 'I am the mother of His human nature,'" Hahn emphasized.

Kimberly Hahn, married to Dr. Hahn since 1979, and who followed her husband into the Church in 1990, received a warm welcome as she took the podium to speak after the lunch break. With the Year of Faith to commence Oct. 11, Hahn talked about the opportunity as Catholics to experience a conversion, by turning back to Jesus and entering into a deeper relationship with Him.

Quoting St. Paul, she illustrated how all are called to "live for the praise of His glory." (Eph 1:11) In order to do that, she continued, the faithful are also called to share the faith and overcome the obstacles. Hahn said sometimes there may be regret that things are not as they used to be, but the faithful must be part of the ongoing process of evangelization.

"The Church of our youth is being built right now, and you and I are living stones in that structure. How do we help build the Church?" challenged Hahn. "We need to share Our Lord. We need to share our faith. We need share about Mary. We need to find our tongue and speak the truth to a world that is dying because it hungers for that truth."

Hahn said five things that stop the faithful from sharing the faith are lack of love, fear, excuses, sin and suffering. A wordless witness is not enough, she said. Nor does anyone need to be a theological pit bull. Instead, she said, a balance must be found to share the truth in love.

Hahn encouraged the crowd, saying they must find their voice and "be available, like Mary was available," noting no one need be perfect to share the faith.

"Share what you know," she said, "and if you don't know, go back and learn."

Remaining close to the sacra-

## Ten things to get through the day

- An Act of Consecration. This encompasses everything!
- Use the phrase, "Jesus, I trust in You!"
- "I am weak, but You are strong." Admit it!
- "You, Lord, are in control."
- "Your grace is enough for what I need today." (Phil. 4:19)
- "Come, Holy Spirit!" Ask for wisdom, understanding and counsel.
- "Help me be more aware of my sinfulness."
- "I am Your beloved daughter and I want to please You. Show me the way." Look for little things!
- "Thank you, God, for the grace to live this day for the praise of Your glory!"
- Harness heaven! Call upon your guardian angel, the saints and the Blessed Mother.

— Kimberly Hahn's way to pray for "Holy Boldness."



KIMBERLY HAHN



SCOTT HAHN



KAREN CLIFFORD

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets Arise Conference participants following the Mass at the South Bend Century Center on Sept. 15.**

ments and open in prayer help the faithful to receive God's graces, added Hahn. She encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion and Confession.

Marilyn Bartkowiak, a member of St. Jude Parish in South Bend, smiled broadly even as she clutched her walker. She described the conference as "very spiritual," and said both Hahns inspired her to live her faith more deeply.

"I try to start my day with a Morning Offering, but sometimes I don't," she said. "Sometimes I forget to thank God in the middle of the day or I don't take my sufferings to Him and ask Him to help carry them, or use the sufferings for His glory and honor."

"I'm thankful I was here to listen to that," added Janet Monroe, also from St. Jude, "to grow from what they had to say, and make me realize how special it really is to be a Catholic."

Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM — co-sponsored the conference. Community Relations Director Patty Becker also served as the emcee.

"It was a little bit of heaven to have both Scott Hahn and Kimberly Hahn here," said Becker as the conference wrapped up. "They have a beautiful marriage, a large family and they are great witnesses. As they both said in their speeches, the best way to evangelize is to be what God wants us to be."



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Sept. 23, 1:30 p.m. — Diocesan Disabilities Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Sunday, Sept. 23, 4:30 p.m. — Vespers and Dinner, Corby Hall, University of Notre Dame
- Monday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m. — Mass for Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Saint Felix Center, Huntington
- Monday, Sept. 24, 4 p.m. — Meeting of Vicars Forane, Archbishop Noll Center
- Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, RSVP Center, Auburn
- Wednesday, Sept. 26, 5:15 p.m. — Red Mass at Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Friday, Sept. 28, 1 p.m. — Centenary Conference of Our Sunday Visitor, Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Sept. 28, 5 p.m. — Centenary Mass for Our Sunday Visitor, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Sept. 29 through Sunday, Sept. 30 — Celebration of Investiture for Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Westin Indianapolis Hotel and Saint John the Evangelist Church, Indianapolis
- Monday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. — Patronal Feast Mass, Saint Therese, the Little Flower Church, South Bend
- Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m. — Lampen Lecture at Ancilla College, Donaldson
- Wednesday, Oct. 3, 8:30 a.m. — Blessing of Christ Child Society Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m. — Red Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m. — Mass for Franciscan Brothers Minor and Poor Sisters of Saint Clare, Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne



## Vicar forane appointments announced

Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced the following vicar forane appointments for a three-year term beginning Sept. 1, 2012:

- **Rev. Msgr. William Schooler**, St. Pius X Parish, Granger — Vicariate A
- **Rev. David Ruppert**, St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend — Vicariate B
- **Rev. William Sullivan**, St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart — Vicariate C
- **Rev. Thomas Shoemaker**, St. Jude, Fort Wayne — Vicariate D
- **Rev. Msgr. Bernard Galic**, St. Aloysius, Yoder — Vicariate E
- **Rev. David Voors**, St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur — Vicariate F



## Moderator appointed

Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced the following appointment:

- **Rev. Joseph Gaughan** has been appointed moderator of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) effective Sept. 6, 2012 while continuing as Pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne.

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# Beloved retired pastor, Msgr. Raymond Balzer dies

FORT WAYNE — Msgr. Raymond Balzer, a retired priest from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, died Monday, Sept. 17, at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community in Fort Wayne, where he was a resident. He was 89 years old.

A native of Beaver Falls, Pa., he was born June 20, 1923, one of eight children of Frederick L. and Rose M. (Hartleb) Balzer.

He attended St. Mary's School for eight years in Beaver Falls, Pa., and then attended Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio, for 12 years.

Ordained by Apostolic Delegate Cardinal Amleto G. Cicognani at Pontifical College Josephinum on June 4, 1949, Msgr. Balzer has served the diocese as an assistant and pastor at many parishes. As assistant pastor, he served at Our Lady of Hungary in South Bend, St. Patrick in Fort Wayne and St. Mary in Huntington.

As pastor, he served at St. Patrick, Lagro; St. Robert Parish

in North Manchester; St. Mary, Huntington; St. Jude, South Bend; St. Patrick, Fort Wayne; St. Michael, Plymouth; St. Rose, Monroeville; and Immaculate Conception, Auburn.

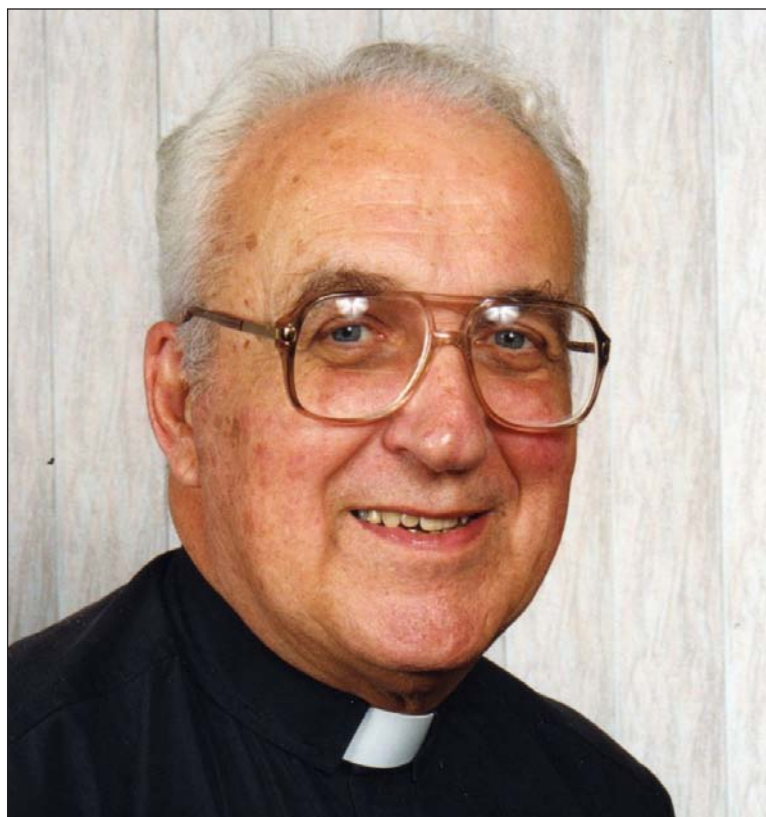
Father Balzer retired in 1999 and moved to Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne in 2005.

As a senior priest in November of 2009, he received the title of "monsignor," an award granted by the pope, usually at the request of the local bishop.

In a 2009 interview with *Today's Catholic*, when Msgr. Balzer was preparing to celebrate 60 years in the priesthood, he said what drew him to the priesthood was, "all of the good examples set forth by my parents, the parish priest, sisters and my hometown of Beaver Falls, Pa. There is a special closeness in this town."

When asked what he liked best about being a priest, he said, "Serving the Church! The priesthood is not a privilege, but a life of service."

Msgr. Balzer's large fam-



MSGR. RAYMOND BALZER

ily provided him with over 20 nieces and nephews. One niece, Rosemary Fitzpatrick, recalls Msgr. Balzer as a gentle and humble man.

"He and I were inseparable," she said, "Father Ray was like my dad."

She recalls his visits home for Thanksgiving when he would take all the children of the family on a hike to allow time and space for the adults to prepare the meal in peace.

"He loved doing that. He did it for 60 years!" she said.

Another endearing aspect of this devout priest was his devotion to the University of Notre Dame football. Fitzpatrick said chuckling, "He was a real Notre Dame fan. You couldn't even talk to him when he was watching Notre Dame."

"He was a very faithful person," Fitzpatrick said. During her many travels to Fort Wayne to visit Msgr. Balzer for birthdays and holidays she notes, "that everyone called him a saint."

Of the others who knew Msgr. Balzer, Arlene Kiel of Fort Wayne, has the special memories reserved for one who served as his parish secretary in two parishes, St. Patrick, Fort Wayne, and St. Rose, Monroeville.

"He had friends in every parish where he served," she recalls, "and although he loved and lived every aspect of the priesthood, he was so proud of those he brought into the faith, that he kept a record ... 297 converts in his 63 years of priesthood."

Arlene and her husband John's friendship with Msgr. Balzer deepened into a caregiver aspect in monsignor's retirement years at Saint Anne Home, as they assisted him with visits to doctors' and dentists' offices. They were often his hosts on Christmas Eve.

The Kiels cherish many memories of "the Monsignor" and one of their favorites is when the three of them returned to St. Patrick's, Fort Wayne, where Msgr. Balzer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Mass.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial scheduled for 11 a.m. Sept. 20 at St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne, where Msgr. Balzer served as associate pastor from 1951 to 1952 and as pastor from 1975 through 1981. He will be buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

## BISHOP DWENGER HOMECOMING

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6:15 pm Parade of BDHS Teams/Organizations and their members!  
6:45 pm Introduction of 2012 Hall of Fame Inductees  
7:00 pm Saints vs. Bishop Chatard Trojans  
Half-time- Homecoming Court Parade and Introductions

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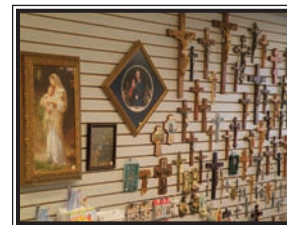
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# Prayers of St. Francis of Assisi come alive in music

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — As any young child will tell you, one of the easiest ways to remember something is to set it to music. Who over the age of 40 doesn't remember singing the A-B-C song to remember if Q came before R in the alphabet?

St. Bavo parishioner Joe Higginbotham, a musician, and member of the Secular Franciscans, wants people to remember the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and composed a songbook and CD called "To You We Give All Praise," which includes many of St. Francis' prayers and words, in addition to biblical references set to music.

Sister Agnes Marie Regan, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration who serves as the spiritual assistant to the Secular Franciscans in Mishawaka, encouraged Higginbotham to pursue the "To You We Give All Praise" project.

"One of the things that I have always thought about as an educator is that if people can sing the text of something, regardless of what it is, they can remember it better and return to it when they want to pray. There is something about the cadence and rhythm of music, which makes the text very learnable," Sister Agnes emphasizes.

Beginning in the fall of 2011, Higginbotham began the process of composing the hymns that would be included in the songbooks.

"I was amazed with how many of his prayers worked with Gregorian chant tunes. I knew that the religious folks and that older people in the parishes and fraternities would be familiar with these tunes. With the words of St. Francis, they come alive," says Higginbotham.

Sister Agnes notes that the Gregorian chants gave the music a more medieval sound, which would have been characteristic of the time of St. Francis.

"The other tunes I tried to make interesting, learnable, and to spice them up and enrich them with four part harmony," Higginbotham adds.

Father Bob Lengerich, pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Bremen and Stacie Bert, a parishioner from St. Bavo, were the two vocalists on the CD.

"Joe stayed very close to what St. Francis actually wrote. He took very few liberties with the translation. That means a lot because it captured the spirit of St. Francis," says Father Lengerich.

Bert's favorite song on the CD

is "The Praises of God."

"The words have such beauty and strength and the way that Joe has arranged them to music is beautiful and powerful," Bert says.

Some interesting facts of St. Francis' life are described in his writings. Sister Agnes recalls that "Canticle of the Creatures" was the first poem written in the Italian vernacular. She also remembers that the poem has historical significance about the mayor and bishop of Assisi, who were at odds with each other during the time when St. Francis was writing the poem.

"St. Francis ordered several of his friars to go to the mayor and the bishop to sing the 'Canticle of the Creatures.' He had added a phrase on the importance of

forgiveness and afterwards the two mutually forgave one another," Sister Agnes recalls.

St. Matthew Cathedral parishioner and fellow Secular Franciscan Mary Andrews is involved in the marketing of the "To You We Give All Praise" songbook

and CD. Andrews notes that St. Francis, who is usually associated with preaching to animals, was not allowed to preach to people because he was not a priest.

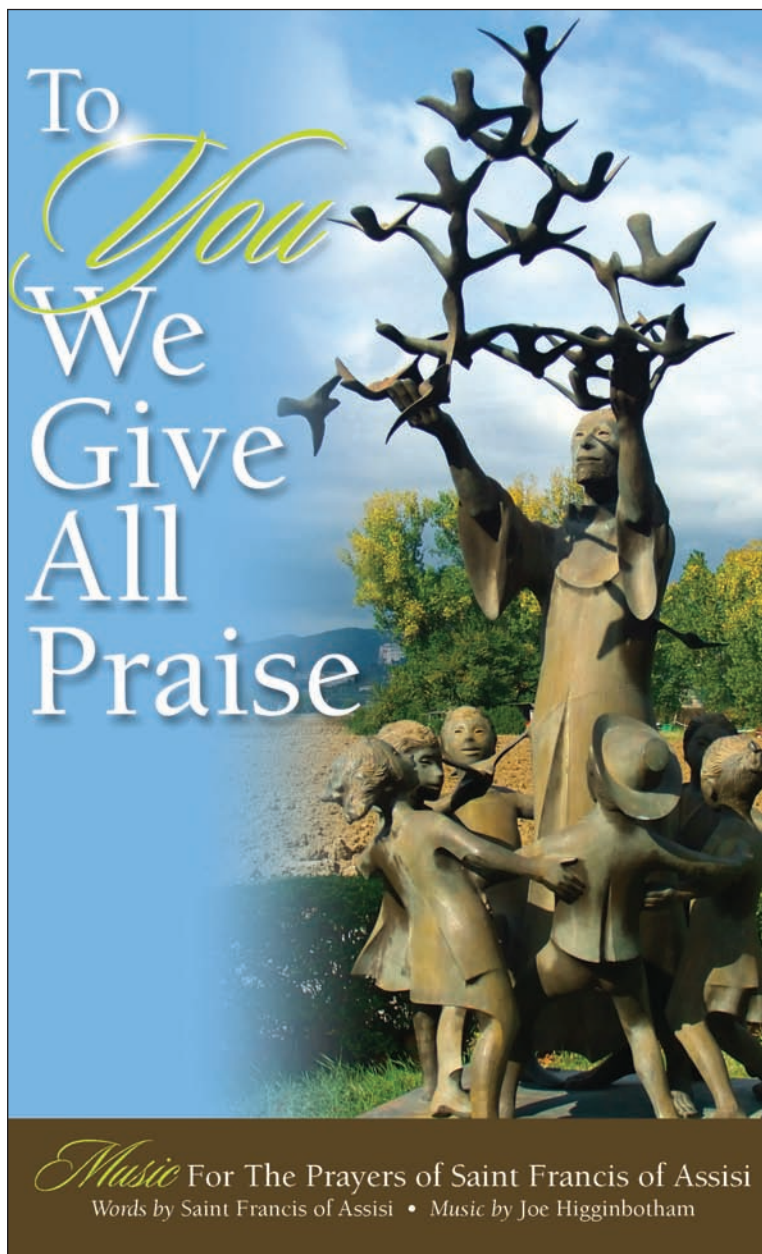
"At the Basilica of St. Francis there is a fresco of the Sermon to the Birds, which is a very popular image of St. Francis. If you read the homily that he gave to the birds it has nothing to do with the birds. In the fresco you see the friars standing around and listening," says Sister Agnes.

In addition to his personal observations, St. Francis' reliance on Scripture is also shown in his writings.

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**"Joe stayed very close to what St. Francis actually wrote."**

FATHER BOB LENGERICH



PICTURE PROVIDED BY JOE HIGGINBOTHAM

The cover of the "To You We Give All Praise" songbook and CD is shown above.

St. Francis took Scripture from throughout the Bible and put them together that speak of the depth of his relationship with God. St. Francis knew the cross — he had stigmata at the end of his life. Psalm 1 on the CD is our crying out to God in our greatest hour of

need and trusting that He is there when no one else is," explains Father Lengerich.

The release date of the songbook and CD was Sept. 18. "This 24 hymn collection will be a welcome companion for those working with Secular Franciscan fraternities, Franciscan religious communities of men or women, Franciscan parishes and/or retreat centers," says Sister Agnes.

In addition, parishes and families can benefit from the writings of St. Francis found on the CD and songbook, Higginbotham notes.

The website for ordering the songbook and CD is [www.saintsfrancisandclarepress.com](http://www.saintsfrancisandclarepress.com). The cost of the songbook and CD is \$15 each. Discounts are available for larger orders, and youth groups interested in fund raising venues are encouraged to inquire. The CD is also available on iTunes.

Franciscan Father Chuck Faso, the former pastor of St. Peter Church in Chicago, notes the inclusion of the songbook and CD as an important part of understanding the impact of St. Francis.

"St. Francis of Assisi, the Troubadour of the Great King, wrote prayers, rules of life, admonitions, letters and his last will and testament. His prayers express the struggles and joys of his soul-searching experience of God. Joe Higginbotham expresses well in music the spirit of Francis' prayers. 'To You We Give All Praise' is a welcome and needed addition to sung prayer of all seeking a closer union with God," concludes Father Faso.

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## Vatican laments US deaths, disrespect against religions

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In the wake of the deaths of a U.S. ambassador and three staff members in Libya and the unrest triggered by a U.S.-made amateur film hostile to Islam, the Vatican decried disrespect toward all religions and deplored all violence as unacceptable. “Profound respect for the beliefs, texts, outstanding figures and symbols of the various religions are an essential precondition for the peaceful coexistence of peoples,” said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman. “The serious consequences of unjustified offense and provocations against the sensibilities of Muslim believers are once again evident in these days, as we see the reactions they arouse, sometimes with tragic results, which in turn nourish tension and hatred, unleashing unacceptable violence,” he said Sept. 12 in a written statement that was also translated into Arabic. He told journalists that Pope Benedict XVI’s Sept. 14-16 trip to Lebanon would continue despite the fresh wave of unrest in the region because the pope’s journey is a testament of “peace, understanding and dialogue that’s completely opposed to this kind of tension that has been and is being created,” he told reporters. “The message of dialogue and respect for all believers of different religions, which the Holy Father is preparing to carry with him on his forthcoming trip to Lebanon, indicates the path that everyone should follow in order to construct shared and peaceful coexistence of religions and peoples,” the spokesman wrote. The Vatican statement comes after the U.S. ambassador to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens, and three staff members were killed during a mob attack against the U.S. consulate in Benghazi Sept. 11.

## Cardinal’s prayer at Democratic convention alludes to sensitive issues

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (CNS) — When Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York offered the closing benediction Sept. 6 at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, he made allusions to issues that have put the U.S. Church and the White House at odds with each other. “Renew in all our people a profound respect for religious liberty: the first, most cherished freedom bequeathed upon us at our founding,” Cardinal Dolan prayed, an apparent reference to an ongoing dispute between the U.S. bishops and the White House over a mandate from the federal Department of Health and Human Services that would require most religious employers to offer contraceptive coverage in violation of Church teaching. The other options would be to drop all health coverage for its workers or risk paying steep fines if contraceptive coverage is not included in their insurance package. Dozens of Catholic institutions have filed suit over the mandate, and the bishops’ early-summer “Fortnight for Freedom” was an effort to raise awareness of the issue. “We ask your

# NEWS BRIEFS

## FREE SYRIAN ARMY MEMBER HELPS WOMAN CROSS STREET



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A member of the Free Syrian Army helps women as they leave a shelled building in Aleppo Sept. 16. Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, Vatican representative to U.N. agencies in Geneva, says aid to victims of Syrian violence and respect for their rights must be an international priority.

benediction on those waiting to be born, that they may be welcomed and protected,” prayed Cardinal Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. While the cardinal uttered a similar phrase in his closing benediction the week before at the Republican National Convention, the GOP’s platform on abortion is generally viewed as closer to the Catholic Church’s teaching than the Democrats’, which supports legal abortion.

## World needs Archbishop Sheen’s example of faith, virtue, says homilist

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) — Calling Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen “the model of virtue our world needs today,” friends and family of the famed media evangelist and author gathered Sept. 9 to give thanks for Pope Benedict XVI’s recent decree of “venerable” for him, advancing his sainthood cause. The congregation also prayed for “an even greater celebration to come.” Peoria Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, who formally opened the diocese’s inquiry into the cause a decade ago, was the principal celebrant of a Mass of thanksgiving that drew an overflow crowd to St. Mary’s Cathedral in Peoria. Among the concelebrants was Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark, N.J., who, as Peoria’s bishop in the 1990s, was among the effort’s early supporters. “Today, as we give thanks for

the gift of this great man, let us double our commitment to pray for the success of the cause and that we, like Archbishop Fulton Sheen, will courageously continue to spread the message of the Gospel of Christ throughout the world,” said Bishop Jenky. On June 28, Pope Benedict XVI affirmed the heroic virtues of Archbishop Sheen and declared him venerable. If one of three documented, alleged miraculous healings through his intercession is approved, Archbishop Sheen could become the first American-born bishop to be beatified. The beatification ceremony also could be the first to take place in the United States, perhaps in Peoria. A second miracle must be confirmed for canonization.

## Cardinal Dolan traces historic role of religious freedom in US

WASHINGTON (CNS) — To the enthusiastic reception of an audience of John Carroll Society members Sept. 10, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan traced the historic origins of U.S. religious freedom in light of a current battle with the government over those rights. Saying that he wanted to “restore the luster” on “this first and most cherished freedom,” Cardinal Dolan, who also is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said he was afraid “that the promotion and protection of religious liberty is becoming carica-

ture as some narrow, hyper-defensive, far-right, self-serving cause.” Rather, he said, “freedom of religion has been the driving force of almost every enlightened, unshackling, noble cause in American history.” This year, the U.S. bishops have waged a campaign to draw attention to what they describe as “religious liberty under attack” through a variety of governmental policies and societal trends. Chief among the issues they have cited is a mandate from the Department of Health and Human Services that employers provide insurance coverage for contraceptives, including some that can induce an abortion, and sterilization. The USCCB and other religious organizations say an exemption to the mandate for religious employers that consider such services morally objectionable is too narrow. Other concerns highlighted by the USCCB’s summer “Fortnight for Freedom” events included court rulings and policies — such as allowing adoption by same-sex couples — that have pushed Catholic institutions out of adoption, foster care and refugee services. They also cited threats abroad, including attacks on Churches in Iraq, Nigeria and Kenya. Cardinal Dolan, who holds a doctorate in American Church history, said a historical perspective can help explain that the defense of religious freedom “is not some evangelical Christian polemic, or wily strategy of discredited Catholic bishops, but the quintessential American

cause, the first line in the defense of and protection of human rights.”

## Seminarians urged to rely on authentic Catholic teaching by Cardinal

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a letter to seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington, Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl encouraged them to rely on authentic Catholic teaching in their preparation for the priesthood, so that they will be able to share the truth of the Church’s teachings with the people they will one day serve. He urged them to look to the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a sure guide on what the Church teaches. “Your need to be well grounded in authentic Catholic teaching is important, first for your own participation in the great, living teaching tradition of the Church,” the cardinal said in his Sept. 3 letter to the archdiocese’s 74 seminarians. “One reason why you are required to take so many courses in Catholic teaching, history and philosophy is so that you are not only aware of the immense gift of the great Catholic tradition, but that you are also well prepared to access it, understand it, appropriate it and share it,” he added. The cardinal titled his letter “Faith Seeking Understanding in the Life of the Seminarian.” He said that as priests, they will be ministering to people in a materialistic, secular world who, in their worldly culture and by alternative voices claiming to be Catholic, have been taught things that are counter to Church teaching, especially in the area of sexual morality. The cardinal noted that Pope Benedict XVI has warned of college and university theology teachers who have presented “teachings that were never accepted as part of Christ’s Gospel,” as new teachings “in the ‘spirit’” of the Second Vatican Council, and those theologians’ false teachings have been amplified in the secular mass media. Cardinal Wuerl likewise warned of theology teachers, even at Catholic institutions of higher learning, who are “reproposing Christ, His Church and His teaching.”

## US immigration reform at a ‘critical moment,’ say speakers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (CNS) — Christians, especially political leaders of both parties, have a moral duty to address the plight of undocumented immigrants in America — as part of the Gospel message to bring justice to the poor, welcome the marginalized and stand up for the powerless. That was the main point during a recent screening in Charlotte of “Gospel Without Borders,” an award-winning documentary that tells the story of illegal immigrants in several states, including Arkansas and North Carolina. It depicts how Catholics, Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians address immigration from a faith-based perspective, without delving into the partisan divide on the issue. More than 90 people attended a screening of the film Sept. 4 at St. Peter Catholic Church.

## Website offers support, tools, and products for Catholic parish staff

HUNTINGTON — Our Sunday Visitor has recently launched a new website specifically for parish directors of religious education, catechists, pastors and other parish ministry staff, at [www.OSVParish.com](http://www.OSVParish.com).

"The mission of the OSV Parish website is to support and advance parish catechesis through all ages and stages of parishioners' lives," stated Beth McNamara, general manager of Our Sunday Visitor's Curriculum Division. "We have worked hard to make this site as alive and dynamic as the parish."

As a truly interactive site, OSVParish.com is designed for parish staff to direct questions to an exclusive group of national experts in sacramental preparation, adult formation, marriage prep, stewardship, religious education and Catholic teaching. Questions can even be submitted anonymously. Experts include:

- Anne Comeaux, former president of NCCL, diocesan director of religious education, and teacher
- Hosffman Ospino, Ph.D., adjunct faculty for the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College and parish catechist
- Mike Carotta, Ph.D., former executive director of NCEA, catechist and diocesan director of adolescent catechesis
- Joseph White, Ph.D., Catholic child psychologist, national speaker and author
- Father Bob Hater, professor of pastoral and systematic theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio and parish pastor
- Heidi Busse, OSV parish editor and long-time director of religious education.

Busse, the site's editor, is also the author of the "Everyday Faith Blog," which resides at OSVParish.com. "As you click around OSVParish.com, you may notice that this site mirrors many of the facets of parish life," said Busse in her introductory article. "We are striving for the site to be pastoral and vibrant with solid Catholic information."

OSVParish.com also includes an exhaustive resource library with hundreds of searchable articles on Catholic topics and teachings. The "Catechist Help" section is a collection of articles that includes teaching tips, seasonal activities and more.

In order to build peer-to-peer relationships among the website's users it features a community forum.

Registration is free, and visitors can participate in a variety of discussions of interest to parishes such as family faith formation, classroom management, catechist tips, Scripture, doctrine and other parish related hot topics.

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# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## CHARITY-FEST TO ASSIST ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



MARK WEBER

Darrell Dodane and Cheryl Mowan of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Allen County stand among some of the many items to be sold by live and silent auction at a Charity-Fest, on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at The Lantern, 4420 Ardmore Ave., in Fort Wayne. Spike and the Bulldogs will entertain guests as they enjoy beverages and an hors d'oeuvres buffet. Advance tickets are \$20 per person (\$25 at the door) and are available from society members, or at the Thrift Store at 1600 South Calhoun St., or by mailing a check to St. Vincent de Paul Society, Attn: Charity-Fest, 1600 South Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, 46802. Tickets will be returned by mail, or held for pick up at the door on Oct. 13.

catechist training aids, family resources and more. The secure shopping interface is designed to make the entire experience both quick and easy.

## Knights of Columbus donate to St. Vincent de Paul Society

SYRACUSE — The Knights of Columbus Council 6323 of Syracuse made a donation of \$750 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society located at St. Martin de Porres Church. A member of the Knights of Columbus, Doug Shidler, presented Shirley Haggengos of St. Vincent de Paul Society with the check.

## USF hosting faculty lecture series

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) is launching its annual Faculty Lecture Series with "Emergence of Vatican II: Preparation and Session I" by USF Department of Philosophy and Theology Professor Dr. Earl Kumfer on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 3 p.m. in the North Campus auditorium.

Dr. Kumfer will present details on the announcement by Pope John XXIII on Jan. 25, 1959 of the formation of the Vatican Council II, the vast work of the preparatory

commissions and the events surrounding the opening session of the council on October through December, 1962. He will also provide insights into the reason for the council's formation and how it was organized.

The Department of Philosophy and Theology will present lectures monthly through April 2013, with five in the series linked to the 50-year celebration, "Vatican II — Then and Now." All lectures are at 3 p.m. in the North Campus auditorium except a special February event.

- A schedule follows.
- "The People of God: Revisiting 'Lumen Gentium,'" Sister Jacinta Krecek, Oct. 14
- "Inspiration of Scripture in 'Dei Verbum,'" Dr. Lance Richey, Nov. 11
- "An Eastern Christian Assessment of Vatican II," Dr. Adam DeVille, Dec. 16
- "Sacrificing Truth for Comfort," Dr. Lewis Pearson, Jan. 20
- "Christians, Jews and 'Nostra Aetate,'" Dr. John Bequette, Feb. 17
- "Stigmata of St. Francis," Sister Anita Holzmer, March 3
- "Hildegard of Bingen," Sister Felicity Dorsett, April 7

The series is a free service to the campus and regional communities, providing a forum for discussion of important topics within the Catholic and Franciscan tradition.

## Dance Marathon's 5K 'For the Kids'

NOTRE DAME — Dance Marathon at Saint Mary's College is several months away (Saturday, March 23, 2013), but the fundraising for Riley Hospital for Children has already begun.

Riley Hospital, located in Indianapolis, treats sick children from all over the state, including the South Bend area.

Since Saint Mary's students began the Dance Marathon in 2006, they have raised more than \$460,000 for the General Benefit Fund at Riley, which supports the areas of the hospital that have the greatest need. Several local high schools host mini-dance marathons and the totals are included in the Saint Mary's totals sent to the hospital.

The public is invited to participate in the FT5K on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Formerly known as the Trot for Tots, this annual "For the Kids" or FTK run is now called the FT5K.

This is the fifth year for the 5K. It will take place on campus at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The race will begin at the softball fields on the north end of campus. The cost to participate is \$12 and runners/walkers will receive a FT5K T-shirt if they signed up by Monday, Sept. 17. Pre-registration is not required to participate in the run. All proceeds will go towards the dance marathon total.

## Parish mission celebrates 150 years

ARCOLA — Celebrating its sesquicentennial this year, St. Patrick Church in Arcola will host a parish mission titled, "Celebrating 150 Years: Responding to the New Evangelization through God's Divine Embrace in the Sacraments," on Sept. 23-26 at 6 p.m. each evening.

The mission will feature Franciscan Father David Mary Engo and the Franciscan Brothers Minor. Topics each evening include the following:

- Sept. 23 — "Baptism, Divine Adoption"
- Sept. 24 — "Eucharist, Divine Union"
- Sept. 25 — "Reconciliation, Divine Mercy." Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Sept. 26 — Holy Mass with "Confirmation, Divine Love." There will be a social in the parish hall following the Mass.

## Fall festival and open house at Victory Noll Center Sept. 30

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center celebrates the season with a fall festival and open house on Sunday, Sept. 30, from 1-4 p.m.

Held on the beautiful grounds of Victory Noll, the festival will feature activities for the whole family, including a scavenger hunt and a hayride. Refreshments will be available with doughnuts, popcorn and apple cider.

The facilities of Victory Noll Center will also be open for tours, and Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters will be on hand to talk with visitors.

Victory Noll Center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington.

For information on Victory Noll Center, contact the center at (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, or by e-mail at [victorynollcenter@olvnm.org](mailto:victorynollcenter@olvnm.org).

Victory Noll Center is a ministry of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, and is dedicated to fostering spiritual growth and personal development in a welcoming environment, advocating social justice awareness and response, and nourishing people to live and share God's love in today's world.

## Byzantine Divine Liturgy celebrated

FORT WAYNE — St. Andrew's Eastern Catholic Mission will celebrate the Byzantine Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Mother Guérin Chapel on the following Sundays: Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 28. The mission assembles in Fort Wayne under the mutual blessing of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Bishop Richard Seminack of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Nicholas in Chicago. All are welcome.

## JUBILEE MASS CELEBRATES 355 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD



MARK WEBER

Celebrating golden jubilees are, in front, from left, Father James Seculoff, Father David Carkenord, and Holy Cross Father Gregory Green. In back are Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Father Andrew Nazareth, silver jubilee, Father William Sullivan, 40 years, and Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus. Honored but not present were golden jubilarians Father Jacob Gall and Holy Cross Father Ronald Tripi, and Holy Cross Father Thomas Jones, who celebrated 40 years.

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Sharing joy and thanksgiving with five jubilarian priests and 20 of their fellow clergy, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the main celebrant of a Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, Sept. 5. "Our priests are God's coworkers," said Bishop Rhoades. "They plant and they water, and they know that God is the One who causes the growth. We pray at this liturgy that our Lord will continue to bless our priest jubilarians with His love and grace that they may continue to proclaim in Word and sacrament the good news of the kingdom of God, for this is the purpose for which they were consecrated and sent on the day of their ordination."

## Allen County Right to Life announces banquet details

FORT WAYNE — Allen County Right to Life's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet for Life will be held on Monday, Oct. 8, at the Grand Wayne Center in downtown Fort Wayne. The program includes strong participation from area Catholic leaders.

Annually, the Banquet for Life has an honorary host. This year, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is the banquet's host. The keynote speaker for the event is Father David Mary Engo, the superior of the Franciscan Brothers Minor.

Additionally, each year there is an auction during the Banquet for Life where local celebrities and leaders are auctioned off for a future dinner with the highest bidder. The winning bid includes dinner by a professional chef for eight guests and the auctioned person and his or her guest. Past dinners have been five-course meals of the finest appetizers, entrees and desserts.

This year Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus; Fred Tone, retired principal of Bishop Dwenger High School; and artist Mary Hilger are being auctioned off during the banquet. All funds raised by the auction go to defending innocent, human life at all stages.

In addition to the inclusion of local celebrities and leaders in the auction, two tickets to a Notre Dame football game will be auctioned off.

Registration for the Banquet for Life on Oct. 8 is \$45 a person. Attendees can register by calling Allen County Right to Life at (260) 471-1849. The banquet's

social hour begins at 6 p.m. on Oct. 8 with dinner following at 7 p.m.

## Activities planned for 40 Days for Life in South Bend

SOUTH BEND — In addition to the call to prayer, fasting and keeping vigil at the Prayer Peninsula adjacent to the abortion facility located at 2010 Ironwood Circle off Ironwood Road just south of State Route 23 intersection and north of McDonald's, all are invited to participate in 8 a.m. Saturday Masses to be held in the gazebo area of the prayer garden.

The schedule for the upcoming Masses during the 40 Days for Life, which runs from Wednesday, Sept. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 4, is as follows:

- Sept. 29 — Father Terry Coonan, parochial vicar of St. Pius Church, Granger
- Oct. 6 — Holy Cross Father Stephen Lacroix, director, Old College Undergraduate Seminary, Notre Dame
- Oct. 13 — Feast of Fatima's last miracle, Holy Cross Father Ed O'Connor, theologian and author
- Oct. 20 — Holy Cross Father Wilson Miscamble, University of Notre Dame Professor of History and author
- Oct. 27 — Father David Rupert, pastor, St. Anthony de Padua Parish
- Nov. 3 — Father Daniel Scheidt, pastor, of Queen of Peace Parish

## Marian High 'pays it forward' by donating desks to Nicaragua school

MISHAWAKA — "It was a lot of work on a hot day, but it was worth it to help students in need," said Dillon Gohn.

"Even though we had a big game that night, helping others is what really counts," added Joe Walter.

Gohn and Walter, both Marian seniors, along with other students and staff as well as employees of Business Furnishings in South Bend volunteered to load a shipping container full of desks for a school in Nicaragua Aug. 31.

"We have been generously blessed at Marian to have donors who have refurbished most of our classrooms. When Mark Macheca of Business Furnishings introduced this recycling program to us that would allow our original desks to be reused by students who had none, we jumped on-board to do what we could to help," said Carl Loesch, Marian principal.



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Marian High School students and staff of Business Furnishings load the shipping container that will provide desks for students in Nicaragua.

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# St. Thomas students work Seed to Feed program

ELKHART — St. Thomas School, Elkhart, seventh graders have offered many hands to Church Community Services and their newly-developed Seed to Feed program. The students picked over 400 pounds of green beans and corn to supply the downtown Elkhart Food Bank.

Seed to Feed is a collaboration of local farmers, business leaders and organizations with new ideas to help feed the hungry of Elkhart County. Through the efforts of many — farmers who donated unused acreage for planting crops, donors of seed, growers and a host of volunteers — they have completed their first growing season and have

harvested over 2,000 pounds of fresh tomatoes, peppers and green beans for distribution to 150-plus families using the food bank.

As part of this service project, St. Thomas School seventh graders toured the food bank and learned about the food needs in Elkhart County.

St. Thomas School Principal Chris Kolakovich noted, "Service is a fundamental part of our mission at St. Thomas School, and it is important for the kids to recognize and serve those in need right here in our own community. And I believe they had a great time doing it."



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St. Thomas School seventh graders display the fruits of their labors — over 400 pounds of green beans to feed the hungry of Elkhart.

## Roanoke office staff retires

ROANOKE — Diane Ciesielski, who had served as parish secretary for 30 years at St. Joseph Parish in Roanoke, has retired.



DIANE CIESIELSKI

Ciesielski was involved in parish council, rosary society and was a cook for the senior luncheons. Over the past 30 years, she has served all of the people of the parish and worked under the direction of Father Dale Bauman, Father Dan Durkin, Father Phil Widmann and Father Ken Sarrazine. She looks forward to spending time with her husband, Rich, her four children, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She hopes to relax, read and enjoy her free time.



CONNIE PETTS

Also retiring from St. Joseph Church with 15 years of service is Connie Petts. She served as the office bookkeeper for the last 15 years, but also served as director of religious

education and as a religious education teacher.

She is married to Bob, has five children and plans on spending more time with all her grandchildren.

## USF celebrating feast of St. Francis with blessing of pets, other events

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will celebrate the feast of its patron saint, Francis of Assisi, with three liturgical events and a film in the days surrounding Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis. All are free and open to the public.

A Blessing of the Pets in honor of St. Francis will take place Sunday, Sept. 30, at 6:15 p.m. in front of Brookside (former Bass mansion) near the St. Francis statue. Pets of all sizes, shapes and species can be brought for a blessing.

A screening of the short Academy Award-nominated film, "Sun Come Up," will take place Monday, Oct. 1, at 5:15 p.m. in the Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education, lower

level room 063. This film follows the people of Carteret Islands, the world's first "environmental refugees" forced to leave their land because of climate change. The film is made possible by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change. The film trailer can be viewed at <http://www.suncomeup.com/film/Trailer.html>.

The "Transitus," a traditional Franciscan prayer service commemorating St. Francis' passing into heaven, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in Saint Francis Chapel at the west end of Trinity Hall. Through readings, hymns and meaningful ritual, participants will relive the night of Francis' death.

Mass will be celebrated in Saint Francis Chapel at 12:05 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4, in honor of St. Francis' "birth into heaven." University Chaplain Father David Meinzen will officiate, and litur-

gical music will be provided by members of USF Music Ministry and the Sisters of Saint Francis.

University alumni, secular Franciscans and "Franciscans at heart" are especially welcomed. For more information, contact Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life Director Sister Anita Holzmer, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, at (260) 399-7700, ext. 6705.

## Lavallee earns Eagle Scout Award

SOUTH BEND — Thomas Lavallee was presented with the Eagle Scout Award at Madeline Bertrand County Park on May 27, along with fellow Eagle Scout,



THOMAS LAVALLEE

Nathan Ladwig. Lavallee's project consisted of designing and constructing six wooden park benches for Bertrand Park's Disc Golf Course in Niles, Mich. Lavallee also earned the Catholic Scouting award, Ad Altari Dei. Lavallee is a freshman at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend and Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 572 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in South Bend. He and his parents, Mark and Tara Lavallee, attend Christ the King Parish in South Bend.

## Sister Marilyn Ellert remembered

FORT WAYNE — Franciscan Sister Marilyn Ellert was remembered at a memorial Mass on Sept. 19 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Sister Ellert died on Aug. 1 and Mass of Christian burial took place in St. Francis Woods in Frankfort, Ill.



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# OUR SUNDAY VISITOR: THE N

## Greg Erlandson, president, looks to the future

BY VINCE LABARBERA

### What is your view of what the second century holds for OSV?

**Erlandson:** The challenge for anyone in publishing these days, secular or Catholic, is that it's such a fast-changing industry right now. From top to bottom every aspect of technology, distribution channels, how content is packaged — all that is changing. We're all living through it in different ways whether you're at Random House, *The New York Times*, *Our Sunday Visitor* or *Today's Catholic*. In one sense, just predicting what it will be like in five years will be a challenge. If you go back to when I first started here in the fall of 2000 I'm not sure if Google was even up and running then. We were using things like AltaVista, other search engines. You Tube, Wikipedia, iPads, you name it, it didn't exist in that time period — e-Books, Kindle, people were still wondering whether Amazon was going to survive. Digital books didn't exist; we were getting used to podcasts. The technology in just the last 12 years has been phenomenal. It's like a world being created wholly anew. So in looking forward I would say where it's going as an industry, customers want to be able to receive the information they want and need in the format they prefer. The customer is king; that has always been true but it's clearly true now. And that puts enormous pressure on publishers to provide it in different formats.

### Has overall readership of a hard copy in hand declined?

**Erlandson:** It might be moving in other areas — the web site starts growing, other diversity. One thing we've tried to come up with is hybrid or different formats, maybe print. For example, one of our most successful product lines now is pamphlets, which are very old fashioned really. Archbishop (John F.) Noll used to write pamphlets all the time and now we've brought them back. But because they're concise, extremely flexible, it's not a big commitment on the part of the person reading it. We put an extraordinary amount of effort into our pamphlets but the result is an easy-to-use tool. Our readership of pamphlets probably dwarfs everything else.



GREG ERLANDSON, PRESIDENT, OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, INC.

### Is it hard to predict the future due to all the new things coming along?

**Erlandson:** In terms of technology, distribution channels and products I think it's really hard to predict. What won't change is that we want to serve Catholics in the pews. We want to be of service to the Church. We want to reach active Catholics and help form them in their faith, inform them about the world and defend the Church when it comes under attack. Those parts of Archbishop Noll's mission won't change and the audience won't change either. We recognize there are all sorts of other Catholics — intellectuals, theologians, people who have wandered away from the faith or are uninterested in the faith. You have people who are not Catholic who need to be evangelized. But our focus first is the active Catholic, because all those others are reached, but we know the Catholic in the pew, in a sense, is where the new evangelization is a great message combined with Archbishop Noll's vision; because the new evangelization is

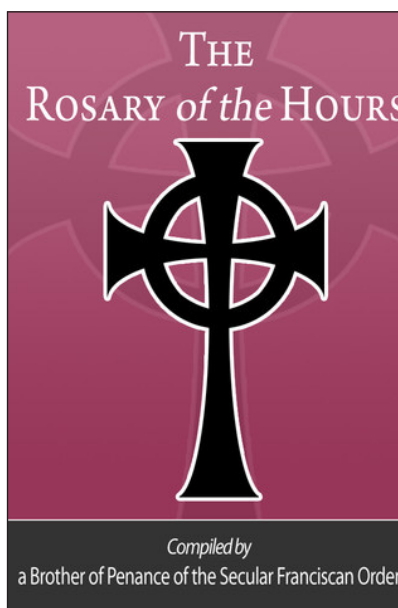
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# EXT 100 YEARS

## Our Sunday Visitor

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### OSV's 100 years

Our Sunday Visitor was first issued and distributed at parish churches on May 5, 1912. The then Father John F. Noll's editorial in those 35,000 inaugural copies stated that "every week this Sunday Visitor will insist on going home with you from Mass and will instruct and entertain you all for the price of one penny a paper."

Joseph White in "Worthy of the Gospel of Christ," analyzed the early issues noting that Father Noll's focus was in response to the anti-Catholic and socialistic propaganda that spewed from a publication *The Menace*. Founded in 1911, with a mission to attack the Catholic Church, *The Menace* bitterly assailed the Catholic Church, accusing its members of planning attacks on American freedom and liberty. *The Menace* did not prevail, disappearing some 80 years ago early in the Depression.

— Tom Castaldi, host of "Historia Nostra" heard on Redeemer Radio WLYV 1450 AM, provided this excerpt.



## Archbishop John Francis Noll 'Priest, journalist, apologist, catechist and publisher'

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John Francis Noll, fifth bishop of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and founder of *Our Sunday Visitor*, was one of the most influential Catholics of his day. His accomplishments were legion; he made his mark on nearly all of the major Catholic ventures of his time, and many of the institutions and works that he founded or influenced are still thriving today, although he died in 1956. His life spanned one of the most tumultuous periods of American Catholic history, from the era of Pope Pius IX and the First Vatican Council to the threshold of change inspired by Vatican Council II. He lived during a period of unprecedented expansion and immigration in this country, when the American Church was growing exponentially. Catholics in America needed a sense of identity, a sense of self-confidence and pride. ... A great churchman, Noll was always concerned with the welfare not only of his own diocese, but also of the Church at large. He stands today as the most outstanding Catholic publisher in America," wrote Ann Ball in a "Preface," who with Father Leon Hutton, authored "Champion of the Church: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Archbishop Noll" — Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 2006.

"John Noll was a missionary

at heart, whose influence extended through the printed word and his work as a bishop in the Catholic hierarchy. Through his leadership and strength of character, he aspired to educate against religious bigotry, racism and prejudice. He fought anti-Catholicism in all its forms. He promoted the values of a nation based on the principle of "One Nation Under God," added Father Hutton in the introduction to "Champion of the Church."

"One of the things that I think is under appreciated is that ... for all intense and purposes he came out of nowhere," said Greg Erlandson, president of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division. "He was what is now known as an early adopter. He embraced the communication tools of his day — print, radio and television — with an eye toward how they could best serve the mission of the Church," said Erlandson in the forward to "Champion of the Church."

"He had an incredible gift for writing and speaking, and was challenging the anti-Catholics in the area. In any sort of national sense, he was a diocesan priest who came from a small town in the northeast corner of Indiana, and he built this

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### Father John Noll's patient

During the first years of Archbishop John F. Noll's priestly service as an assistant pastor, the young priest was called to a mental hospital to administer last rites to a dying patient. There, he was directed to a woman who had been a mental patient of 23 years. As a patient, she had never experienced a lucid moment. Father Noll noticed her lips begin to move in prayer and for only a few moments she was clear of mind to make a private confession. When the nurse who had left the patient's room returned she was astonished to see the woman extend her tongue to receive the Eucharist saying it was the first the patient had been willing to accept anything in days. Father Noll said that it was simply a case of the Lord having been good enough to restore to perfect consciousness a woman who during her life had loved Him and deserved to die in his loving embrace.

### A National Shrine ... a reality

Bishop Shahan, rector of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1920, began building a national shrine honoring Mary's Immaculate Conception. All progress came to a halt when the Great Depression followed by World War II descended upon the nation. Only the shrine's crypt was finished, with the upper church put on hold. In 1946 then Bishop John F. Noll, National Catholic Welfare Conference administrative board member, was asked to help complete the project. Bishop Noll used the reach of *Our Sunday Visitor* newspaper as well as his influence among fellow bishops to pledge their support required to complete the Great Upper Church. The national response was overwhelming. In 1954 the project was completed thanks to Archbishop Noll's efforts from here in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend where he raised \$7,000,000.

### Holding a Family Together

One of the great lines ever to consume the American public's awareness is: "The family that prays together stays together." So basic, so simple, the call to families to pray the rosary together came from the great mind of Father Patrick Peyton. He brought his message to northern Indiana in the Holy Year of 1950 attracting large crowds that were promoted by Bishop John F. Noll. During the month of October that year, Father Peyton held rallies at Zollner Field in Fort Wayne, Notre Dame's Stadium and Roosevelt High School Field in East Chicago. Collectively, 70,000 people came together, prayed the rosary and were asked for their pledge to recite it each day.

— Tom Castaldi, host of "Historia Nostra" heard on Redeemer Radio WLYV 1450 AM, provided these excerpts.

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national and international organization," Erlandson said. "He was really an amazing man and a great treasure for the diocese. And what pride the diocese can take in that one of their own created an enterprise that now is involved with the Vatican — we've published 16 books by Pope Benedict XVI — all of this has come from an idea he had in 1912 for a national Catholic newspaper."

"While an apologist and teacher first and foremost, Father Noll was also a brilliant entrepreneur, and he soon built up a publishing empire," wrote Erlandson in an article titled "Toward a Second Century" published in *The Priest*, September 2012. "He was a prolific pamphleteer, the author of books and a preacher who was unafraid to address the issues of his day. He saw Protestant churches using offering envelopes and was the first to adopt the idea for the Catholic Church," he continued. "He was also an early adopter of new technologies. He owned one of the first radios in Huntington and also one of the first television sets. He traveled widely and was always on the lookout for new ideas that he could adopt or develop."

"... Father John Noll, then pastor of St. Mary's Church in Huntington, Indiana, with funds from his own pocket, purchased a printing press for \$10 and began *Our Sunday Visitor*. ... The greatest example furnished by Father Noll, and an objective of *Our Sunday Visitor* now as throughout its years, has been to summon Catholics — and priests — not to fear, to stand tall, and to speak out. After all, believers — and priests — have in their very faith the most empowering of understandings, and the best of blueprints. 'Come to me all you who are burdened, and I will refresh you,'" wrote Msgr. Owen F. Campion in an article titled "*Our Sunday Visitor* at 100" in the September 2012 issue of *The Priest*, which he serves as editor along with his position as associate publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor*.

"The father of *OSV* was a priest, pastor, journalist, apologist, catechist and publisher. He was also a bishop and then an archbishop and is honored especially as one of the great pioneers in Catholic publishing," Matthew E. Bunson wrote in *The Priest*, September 2012, in an article titled, "The Bish." Bunson is editor of *OSV's Catholic Almanac* and *The Catholic Answer* magazine.

"John Noll was born on Jan. 25, 1875, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and studied for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary of West Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio. Ordained to the priesthood at the age of 23, he was named pastor of St. Patrick Church in Ligonier within a year and served his flock by walking or riding a horse."

"Within a short time after he started in active ministry, Father Noll discovered that there were very determined enemies of the Church across the country, includ-



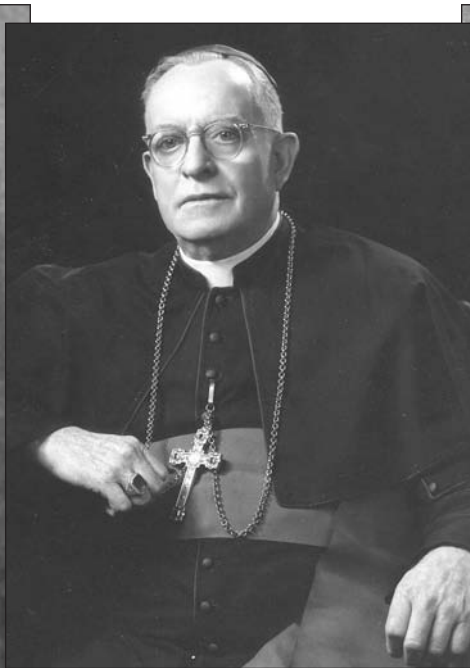
**Bishop Noll started a drive to build a bronze statue of Christ as "Light of the World," in Washington D.C. Using the reach of OSV, the campaign generated \$150,000. The 17-foot statue is now at the front of the USCCB.**

ing Indiana, who were spreading the worst kinds of lies about Catholicism," continued Bunson. "... Father Noll created the first in a series of pamphlets on Catholic teachings that he titled 'Kind Words From Your Pastor.' Given the overwhelmingly favorable response, he began offering them to pastors in the area and soon across the country."

"... To keep up with the demand for subscriptions, Father Noll purchased a local print shop in Huntington, Indiana, where he was assigned in 1910, and hired a staff to help him," said Bunson. "... Noll realized that more Catholic publications were needed, ... and in 1911, he helped found the Catholic Press Association to give technical and material support to Catholic publishers and publications. Next, on May 5, 1912, he officially launched a new national weekly newspaper, *Our Sunday Visitor*, with an initial print run of 35,000 and a determination to serve the Church by offering in each edition a strong, steady and authentic Catholic voice."

"The newspaper cost a penny and was an instant hit. ... For the next 40 years, the priest served as editor and came to be known to the staff simply as 'The Bish,'" he wrote.

"... Noll received the title of monsignor in 1921, and through his accomplishments as a publisher, he was fast establishing himself as a nationally known priest and an influential voice in Catholic publishing," wrote Bunson. "Given his prominence and the level of respect he had earned in the Church in the United States, few were surprised



**Bishop John Francis Noll**

by the news that Noll had been named bishop of Fort Wayne by Pope Pius XI on May 12, 1924. He was ordained a bishop on June 30 and took as his motto, 'Mentes Tuorum Visita,' from the hymn 'Veni Creator Spiritus,' calling upon the Holy Spirit to 'visit the minds of Your people.'"

"... On Jan. 3, 1926, Bishop Noll introduced a diocesan newspaper, essentially a local edition of *Our Sunday Visitor* (ed. note: currently called *Today's Catholic* but no longer a part of *Our Sunday Visitor*)," Bunson continued. The bishop also used *Our Sunday Visitor* facilities to print the newspapers of other dioceses who found his model of Catholic communication a powerful means of evangelization."

"Bishop Noll's prominent national status also made him a valued voice in wider Catholic affairs," wrote Bunson. "He was appointed secretary of the recently founded National Catholic Welfare



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**Bishop Noll spent most of July at his home on Bishop Island. Although it was known as the cottage in Rome City, it was actually a large, comfortable home on Sylvan Lake that had been purchased by Bishop Herman Joseph Alerding and enlarged by Noll. Bishop Noll's sister also owned a home on a nearby island and members of the large Noll family often enjoyed boating back and forth to visit.**

Conference (the early form of today's United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) and used his role in the conference to help start the Catholic News Service and the 'Catholic Hour' on NBC radio. In 1933, he helped to begin the Legion of Decency to resist the growing threat of pornography."

"Bishop Noll next led the national fund-raising campaign to complete work on the National Shrine (later Basilica) of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., using *Our Sunday Visitor* as a means of galvanizing donations. The shrine was dedicated on Nov. 20, 1959, and Noll was honored for his leadership with the title 'Apostle of the Shrine.'"

Bunson continued, "... On Sept. 12, 1953, Bishop Noll was granted the personal title of archbishop by Pope Pius XII, meaning it was bestowed upon him alone and would not be continued by the succeeding bishops of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. ... His passing on July 31, 1956, was greeted with immense sadness across the diocese and the nation. His funeral was attended by more than 10,000 people, 500 priests, 30 archbishops and bishops and two cardinals. ... At exactly the time he was needed most by American Catholicism, Archbishop Noll provided imagination, strength, love for the Church and a willing embrace of innovation in publishing and social communication that are still being felt today."

## In appreciation ...

In a recent issue of *Today's Catholic*, a request was made for financial support to help cover production and mailing costs of the newspaper. If the request was a quiet one, the response was a roar of approval. Checks from all over the diocese came in ... and each signature represented more than a name. Each one was a statement of faith, of confidence and a call for continued spiritual care and guidance.

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about renewing Catholics and recommitting Catholics to their faith, and from that you go out into the world. And that part will always be true and I cannot see that changing.

## Do you measure all of the various devices you use to reach your audiences?

**Erlandson:** We do measure web traffic and sales, such as e-Books — we have 145 available. In terms of e-Books, up to this point, that's been a question about workflow and technology because you have to have it available for the iPad, the Kindle and the Nook.

## Do you see any of this technology being standardized eventually?

**Erlandson:** I hope so in one sense. There are a lot of issues in the technology including pricing and revenue sharing. I think we're going to see some changes over time. It will be interesting to see if it's a PC/Apple analogy or if it's Beta/VHS analogy. What's interesting now is to see the battle between Amazon and Apple, and also seeing the battle between Google and Apple. For the next two to five years I think those will be kind of interesting battles to watch because it will have a lot of impact on us. On one hand, diversity makes it more complicated for us. On the other hand, if one dominates, what happens to competition? So the jury is out. Just like the lawsuit between Samsung and iPhone, the consumer could end up losing, terribly!

## How do you make it known when you introduce a new product?

**Erlandson:** That's a really good question. We have four apps we've introduced in the last several months. We're tending to use email and web channels as the primary source and we'll do some space ads, and we do a lot with social media. In fact we have one person now whose full-time job is managing social media. Again, one more thing that completely did not exist at all in 2000.

## Would OSV be considered a national or world-wide company?

**Erlandson:** We're primarily national, but if you go into the bookstores near the Vatican you'll find our books. We distribute in England, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, so our books circulate and the magazine

goes to other places and into Canada, but the vast majority of our business is in the United States.

## Now that's just the editorial side and does not include the envelope business, correct?

**Erlandson:** Offering envelopes is another huge area, which is the United States again. We are the largest Catholic producer of Church offering envelopes. We do about 600 million envelopes a year. We have three shifts a day, five days a week.

## Would you say that area is more predictable in terms of the future?

**Erlandson:** Yes. We're phenomenally successful right now. Logistically, it's extremely complicated. We're mailing out envelopes to millions of people's homes across the country and we have to time all those mailings so that the October envelopes come at the right time in September, for example. The technical expertise is actually phenomenal. In addition to that, we offer electronic funds transfer. Actually, there are three components to our company: there's the Publishing Division, which includes Huntington and Orlando; Offertory Solutions in Youngstown, Ohio; and then there's the OSV Institute.

## Since you mentioned the Institute, let's talk about OSV's contributions to the diocese over the years. Any idea of what the total amount would be?

**Erlandson:** Not really, but when you look back at everything Archbishop Noll did, for example, you go the Basilica in Washington, D.C., and his statue is there, and his name is there because he basically saved that project. And I think that's true throughout northern Indiana since his diocese extended all the way to Gary. The number of places he impacted included a number of churches during the Depression that were saved from foreclosure because he was using OSV funds to help pay the mortgages. No one kept any records of those things. But if you look at OSV contributions I'd say that with both Bishop (John M.) D'Arcy and Bishop (Kevin C.) Rhoades some of the biggest ones were the funds for MacDougal Chapel (now called St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Cathedral Square, Fort Wayne); the restorations of the cathedral and the chapel; we've contributed money to the University of Saint Francis; and to purchase the (Archbishop Noll) Catholic Center. And what I think we should take pride in, if we take

pride in anything, under Bishop D'Arcy's leadership being able to fund Education for Ministry and the Master's Program. We were able to help the diocese build up an entire cadre of well-educated high-school religion teachers, directors of religious education and catechists. And that is a very tangible way of handing down the faith. I think Archbishop Noll would have been most proud of that program.

## Aren't there a number of scholarships funded by OSV?

**Erlandson:** Yes, we've given more than a million dollars to each of the four (Catholic) high schools to pay for scholarships in two different ways. One was on behalf of Bishop D'Arcy and the other was to commemorate the memory of William Newell, vice chair of our board of directors. In looking at just the last 10 years the number is about \$16 million to all sorts of different programs in the diocese, including the Christ Child Society and Women's Care Center. And we've done some work with the ACE and ECHO catechist programs at Notre Dame as well as a fair amount of funding for other Notre Dame projects. And most recently we provided some funds for Hispanic leadership meetings — the list goes on and on.

## Anything you wish to add in conclusion?

**Erlandson:** Our Sunday Visitor will continue to function as a bridge, seeking to represent the fullness of the truth in its witness to society. That means following the lead of the Holy See and the bishops, and defending the teachings of the Church consistently and across the board. The unofficial motto of Our Sunday Visitor is "What the Church teaches and why." Today, more than ever, it is important for Catholics and for society to see that the unity of Catholic teaching is hinged on the dignity of the human person and on the witness of Jesus Christ.

**Greg Erlandson** oversees the expansion of OSV's parish resources web site, and the creation of its pamphlet and Catholic Parent Know How lines. Before being appointed to his current position as president and publisher of the OSV Publishing Division in 2000, he served as editor-and-chief at OSV since 1992. Erlandson joined OSV in 1989 as editor of the national newsweekly.

As president of the Catholic Press Association, Erlandson is an advisor on the U.S. Bishops' Communications Committee, and is a consultant for the Pontifical Council for Social Communications at the Vatican.

Erlandson serves on the advisory board of the OSV Institute and is a member of the board of directors of Association of Catholic Publishers.

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Below, the Burmese contingency met with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, center, and Msgr. Robert Schulte, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, which offers a parish life for the Burmese Catholic population. The National Conference of Burmese-American Catholics plans to hold its 2013 gathering in Fort Wayne next year.



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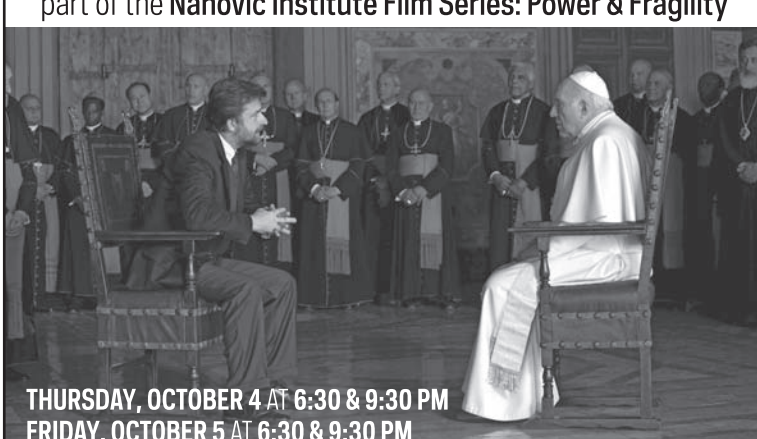
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# An unusual and complicated grief

One day not long ago my 24-year-old daughter Emily and I were driving along a well-traveled country road — the very road on which my husband, Trent, had been killed in an accident 22 years ago. As we reached the fated intersection where the crash took place, I crossed myself, as I'd always done, sending a prayer to the heavens for my dearly departed. A moment later Emily's quiet voice broke the silence.

"It must be hard to relive dad's accident every time you drive through this intersection," she said, startling me with her attentiveness. We'd driven this way countless times before over the years with no exchange, but that day she seemed particularly in tune to that life-changing event of long ago.

With the intention of offering a simple "yes," I instead found myself stepping back in time to

that fateful day. I relayed to my sweet and open-hearted daughter how I learned her dad had been killed more than three hours after the fact on that hot summer morning. I relived the funeral process and the pain I felt seeing my children, four and two at that time, stroking their daddy's face as his lifeless body lay in the funeral home for viewing.

As I told Emily my grief story in painful detail, the tears that flowed surprised me — not my own but those of my daughter who had begun anew to mourn all that she had lost. "I never knew those things," she said softly.

I explained to her that I had only shared what I thought was appropriate for her understanding level in the earlier years.

"Oh," she responded, quietly processing the events she had been too young to recall. And after a long silence she opened her heart to me. She told me that



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she was heartbroken for me for all that I had experienced in the wake of her dad's death and all that I had lost. And with the new information I had shared, she now recognized much more of what she had lost.

Emily was two when her father died. Now as a young adult she mourns the fact that she has no concrete personal memories of what her dad was like or the experience of being with him, though she has heard countless

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# The tools we need for peace, to save souls

The message of Our Lady of Fatima can be complicated to understand, but it is absolutely profound in what it reveals upon further study and contemplation. During these Church-recognized apparitions, the Blessed Mother gave us the tools we need to bring peace to the world and to save souls from hell. After all, Jesus tells us, "... the gate to hell is wide and the road that leads to it easy, and there are many who travel it. ..." (Mt 7:13) It is no major leap in logic to see why these apparitions and Our Lady's requests deserve our attention.

The First Saturdays devotion is part of the Fatima message, and it involves the following actions to be completed on the First Saturday of five consecutive months: 1) go to Confession, 2) receive holy Communion on the First Saturday itself, 3) recite five decades of the rosary, 4) meditate on one or more of the mysteries of the rosary for an additional 15 minutes and 5) do all of these things with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Furthermore, the intention of each Saturday is to make reparation for a specific blasphemy. The five blasphemies were revealed to Lucia (the only surviving Fatima visionary at the time) by Our Lord when He appeared to her in her convent's chapel on the night of May 29-30, 1930. These five blasphemies include offenses made against the Immaculate Heart of His mother and offenses made against Mary's perpetual virginity. The third blasphemy, which is also the focus of this commentary, is those who blaspheme against Mary's Divine Motherhood.

Father Andrew Apostoli, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, wrote in his book, "Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope," that "those who refuse to accept Mary as the Mother of God are actually denying, though they might not realize it, that the Second Divine Person really became man in Jesus Christ. To deny that Mary is the Mother of God is to deny the Incarnation."

Father Apostoli also writes that "... since Mary is the mother of Jesus, the Head of His Mystical Body, then she is also the spiritual mother of all His members, the Mother of the Church. Since Christ died to save all, Mary is also the Mother of Mankind. We see this truth when Jesus gave His Mother Mary to all of us as He hung upon the Cross. He said to her: 'Woman, behold your son!' Then He said to 'the disciple whom He loved,' St. John, who represented all of us at the foot of the cross, 'Behold, your mother!'" — Jn 19: 26-27.

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In "Treasure of Fatima," Father Apostoli proposes some possible reasons for this blasphemy — most revolve around a dysfunctional relationship with one's natural mother. For example, people may fear rejection from Our Lady because of a lack of affection they received from their mothers. Others may think the Blessed Mother's love is conditional rather than realizing her love is never "hot or cold" or unpredictable. Victims of an abusive mother may also prevent one from developing a relationship with Our Blessed Mother.

However, as Father Apostoli points out, "as healing on the natural level grows, there will be greater openness to Our Lady on the supernatural level."

A final difficulty could stem from non-Catholic Christians who may dismiss Marian devotion because it sounds "too Catholic."

Father Apostoli writes that this devotion "might require an admission of a truth they might not want to concede."

For all of these reasons, it is important we make reparation for those who deny or show contempt for Mary's Spiritual Motherhood — a great truth of our Catholic faith.

The Fort Wayne-South Bend Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (a Permanent Public International Association of the Faithful, and therefore, the "teaching arm" of our Mother Church on all matters pertaining to Fatima) hopes to properly educate readers on this devotion and encourages everyone to join us in practicing Five First Saturdays. The focus of our next commentary will be the fourth blasphemy: those who try to publicly implant in the hearts of children indifference, disrespect and hate against the Immaculate Mother.

Father Andrew Apostoli's "Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope" can be purchased from Ignatius Press by visiting [www.ignatius.com](http://www.ignatius.com).

# With Jesus we achieve true potential



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 9:30-37

The Book of Wisdom provides this weekend with its first reading. This book is one of several in the Old Testament classified as "Wisdom Literature." These books were attempts several centuries before Christ by pious Jews to affirm the reasonableness of their ancient religion.

They felt the need to assert this reasonableness because of the surroundings in which they found themselves. They were not in the Holy Land, having left their ancestral homeland to find better conditions elsewhere. Living elsewhere meant that they were in the midst of pagans.

These pagans had all the advantages, and they were firmly in control of everything. They were the sophisticated people, the achievers, and the smart people.

Arguing with them, and their pagan philosophies, was not easy. The Jews seemed absurd, still they held firm to their belief in the One God of Israel, and they insisted that, considering everything, their belief made sense while paganism made no sense.

So, the Jews wrote these books called the Wisdom Literature.

Incidentally, many of these books do not appear in all editions of the Bible. At the time of the Reformation, scholars of the

new Protestant traditions turned to the quite rigid standards to judge validity of Scriptural works concluded by Jewish divines as far ago as the first century AD. Some of these books, written in Greek, a language other than the sacred Hebrew, and written outside the Holy Land, the land given by God to the Chosen People, simply did not qualify.

This weekend's reading very clearly illustrates the struggle between good and, between God and human evil. Evil has no place in the presence of God, and vice versa.

For the second reading, the Church turns to the Epistle to James. This clear and frank message speaks of those human activities that are at the root of evil. The epistle warns that hardness of heart, and wicked intentions, lead humans to unholy but also destructive behavior.

St. Mark's Gospel supplies the last reading. Jesus predicts the Crucifixion. He forecasts being seized and delivered to evil persons. He also declares that after the Crucifixion, in three days will come the Resurrection. He will prevail!

Important in this reading, as so often in all the four Gospels, Jesus gathers together the Apostles as special students and as special companions. They all have been called to build the Church.

Still they are humans, vulnerable to sin and human pettiness. Jesus reminds them that each must be a servant to all. Success is through humility, and through living in the model of Jesus.

### Reflection

Through the biblical readings at Mass these weeks the Church has explained discipleship to us. It has not led us down any primrose path.

If we truly follow Christ, we must walk through a hostile world to our own Calvary.

In this weekend's first reading, from Wisdom, we are reminded once more that today, as centuries upon centuries ago, the world stands away from, or in conflict with, God. We cannot stand with Christ and tolerate, or yield to, evil. We must choose one or the other.

Following Jesus is difficult, however, Jesus is with us. He is with us in the teachings of the Apostles, whom the Lord commissioned to continue the work of salvation. We hear their teachings, applied even now in the visible, institutional Church. He is with us in the sacraments, also conveyed to us through the Twelve.

The first step in discipleship is to acquire the genuine humility to know who we are and what we need. We are indeed humans, with all the dignity belonging to us as creatures of God. Still, sin limits us. We need God. God is in Jesus. With Jesus in our hearts, we achieve our true potential.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 Jas 3:16 — 4:3 Mk 9:30-37

**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

# Deciding about dialysis

Patients and families sometimes struggle with the question of whether dialysis is “worth it.” A young woman wrote recently on a website addressing dialysis patients’ concerns, “My father has been on dialysis for three years, and he’s 62 years old. A few days ago he said he wanted to stop going because he was ‘sick of it.’ We talked to him and told him that it would hurt us if he did that, but now I’m thinking that maybe I shouldn’t have talked him out of it — this isn’t about me and my feelings. This is about what he has to deal with.”

When would discontinuing dialysis be a reasonable and morally acceptable choice? Could discontinuing dialysis ever be tantamount to suicide?

While every person is obligated to use ordinary (or proportionate) means to preserve his or her life, no person is required to submit to a health care procedure that he or she has judged, with a free and informed conscience, to provide little hope of benefit or to impose significant risks and burdens.

Weighing benefits and burdens is at the heart of the question of starting, continuing or stopping dialysis. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has noted: “We have a duty to preserve our life and to use it for the glory of God, but the duty to preserve life is not absolute, for we may reject life-prolonging procedures that are insufficiently beneficial or excessively burdensome. Suicide and euthanasia are never morally acceptable options.”

The benefits of the commonly used procedure known as hemodialysis (filtration of the blood) are well known: as kidney function declines, dialysis performs part of the work that healthy kidneys normally do, filtering toxins from the body. Dialysis can serve as a bridge to a kidney transplant, which can offer the patient a new lease on life. Discontinuing dialysis during complete kidney failure usually means that the patient will

die in a matter of days or weeks.

The burdens of dialysis vary from patient to patient. The procedure can be time-consuming, requiring visits to a dialysis center three times a week for three to four hours at a stretch, with additional time for transportation. One can also feel washed out the next day.

Other burdens may include sharp drops in blood pressure during or after the procedure. Fainting, vomiting, nausea, muscle cramps, temporary loss of vision, irritability and fatigue can occur. Some patients manifest abnormal heart rhythms from electrolyte imbalances, while others may experience allergic reactions or bleeding problems from the chemicals or blood-thinning medicines used during the dialysis.

Long-term dialysis can cause bone and joint pain from a deposit of various proteins known as amyloid in the hands, wrists, shoulders and neck. Cost may represent yet another burden, depending on the patient’s personal finances and insurance situation.

Still other burdens may include problems with the access point made for the dialysis — called a fistula — which usually occurs in the arm. This is a surgical connection made under the skin between an artery and a vein, allowing needles to access blood flow for dialysis. As many as 25 percent of hospital admissions among dialysis patients are due to problems with fistula malfunction, thrombosis, infection and access. Multiple surgeries may be required to assure that a fistula continues to function during the time it is used.

In sum, then, dialysis can prolong and save a patient’s life, but can also impose significant burdens. Depending on the various side effects and problems associated with the procedure, and depending on how minimal the benefits may be in light of other medical conditions the patient may be struggling with, it can become reasonable, in some cases, to dis-



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continue dialysis.

The burdens of hemodialysis can sometimes be lessened by using a different kind of dialysis known as peritoneal dialysis, where fluid is instilled in the abdomen via a permanently positioned catheter and later drained. Peritoneal dialysis can be performed by the patient at home each night.

It’s not possible with the limited information we have to draw any moral conclusions about the case of the father who is “sick of it” and wants to stop dialysis. We need further details, such as: What is the reason for his request? Is he experiencing serious complications and significant burdens from dialysis? Does he have other medical problems besides kidney failure? Is he suffering from depression, for which he could be treated?

We should never choose to bring about our own or another’s death by euthanasia, suicide or other means, but we may properly recognize, on a case by case, detail-dependent basis, that at a certain point in our struggle to stay alive, procedures like dialysis may become unduly burdensome treatments that are no longer obligatory. In these cases, it’s always wise to consult clergy or other moral advisors trained in these often-difficult bioethical issues.

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though there seems no logic to it, she feels guilty that she can’t mourn his loss as those who knew him do.

Emily’s sad but authentic admission of grief brought me to a new understanding of her grief journey. I have discovered that a child learns of death on his/her own cognitive level of understanding with the help of compassionate adults. And each developmental stage they reach brings a new and broader understanding, typically causing a different and sometimes more complex level of grief to surface for them to face, even years following a loss. Emily literally has lost her dad again and again as she entered each new life stage.

As I continue to witness my daughter’s unusual and complicated journey of grief I have seen her grow in compassion and grace. And as she tells me her ever-evolving story of loss, I am

grateful to feel a new awareness taking place within me — and I hope within her as well.

So, look around you. Is there a child or young adult that needs a safe place to tell their story of grief with all its confusion and pain? A listening ear and a compassionate heart is all that’s needed. They will do the rest. Or perhaps you might need to tell your story and acknowledge a loss from long ago that has been swirling in the hidden recesses of your heart. Find a compassionate listener and accept the grace of healing. Together we can all find peace.

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stories of his love for her and treasures photos of their short time together. “I can’t mourn for my dad, the person,” she revealed through her tears, “because I never knew him.”

But, she added that she mourns deeply the hole his death left in her life. She mourns the fact that she had no dad to accompany her to the father-daughter dances of her youth. She misses the relationship of trust and love that could have been. Her life has been void of the guidance with boyfriends only a dad can give his daughter. And on whose arm, she lamented, will she walk down the church aisle on her wedding day?

Emily went on to admit that

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for September 23, 2012

Mark 9:30-37

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: a lesson in service and God’s ways. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| GALILEE    | SON OF MAN  | KILL       |
| THREE DAYS | RISE        | UNDERSTAND |
| SAYING     | AFRAID      | CAME TO    |
| CAPERNAUM  | HOUSE       | GREATEST   |
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| CHILD      | HIS ARMS    | RECEIVES   |
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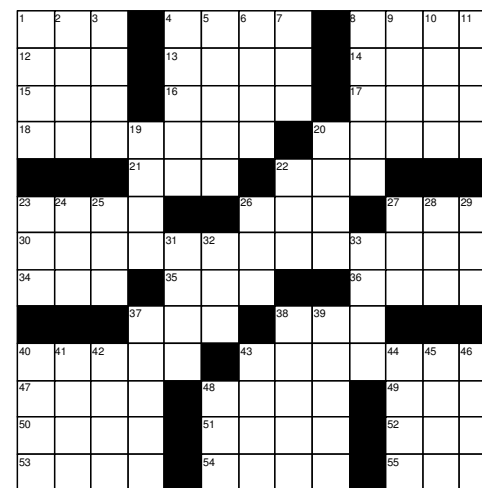
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# The Cross Word

September 23 and 30, 2012



Based on these Scripture Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37 and Num 11:25-29; Ja 5:1-6; Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

- ACROSS**
- 1 Epoch
  - 4 Computer junk
  - 8 Moses saw God’s
  - 12 Governor
  - 13 Angel nimbus
  - 14 False god
  - 15 Kimono sash
  - 16 National capital
  - 17 American Karol
  - 18 Ten times seven
  - 20 Jesus promised to rise in \_\_\_ days
  - 21 Cast millstone into
  - 22 Note of debt
  - 23 What children talk with
  - 26 School group
  - 27 Haze
  - 30 Fan of Mother Teresa
  - 34 Fishermen use
  - 35 Time zone
  - 36 Enemies
  - 37 Vane direction
  - 38 Peanut butter brand
  - 40 Programming language
  - 43 Deep ravines
  - 47 God’s title
  - 48 “{It \_\_\_ Upon a Midnight Clear...”
  - 49 Winged rodent
  - 50 Opera solo
  - 51 Consumer
  - 52 Flightless bird
  - 53 Post traumatic stress

- 54 Put the Just One to  
55 Japanese money

### DOWN

- 1 Self-esteems
- 2 They gave Jesus a purple one
- 3 Tel \_\_\_ (city)
- 4 Transfigured Christ did
- 5 Ziti
- 6 Partner
- 7 Cow sound
- 8 Sheer, triangular scarf
- 9 6th month (Jewish calendar)
- 10 Heart
- 11 French “she”
- 19 Sports channel
- 20 Warty reptile
- 22 Possessive pronoun
- 23 Licensed practical nurse
- 24 Anger
- 25 God does on throne
- 26 Pacific time
- 27 Food & Agriculture Organization (abbr.)
- 28 Only
- 29 Petrol
- 31 Penny
- 32 Vane direction
- 33 Uncertain
- 37 Prophesied in camp
- 38 Author of one Epistle
- 39 Sluggish
- 40 Guard did to Jesus
- 41 Civil wrong
- 42 Colored part of eye
- 43 Casing
- 44 Do with Commandments
- 45 Driving out demons in his \_\_\_
- 46 Daze
- 48 Do to offending hand

Answer Key can be found on page 19



# Sports

**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY RAFFLES ND GAME TICKETS** The Fort Wayne chapter of Christ Child Society is currently holding its annual University of Notre Dame game fundraiser. This year's seats are for the Wake Forest game on Nov. 17. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will draw for the six seats on Oct. 15. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25. Contact any member of the Christ Child Society, Michelle Castleman at (260) 515-4115 or purchase tickets in the lobby of the Archbishop Noll Center on the table outside of the Cathedral Bookstore.

## CYO football Eagles off to a great start

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) had the bye for Week 5 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) gridiron action. The Eagles are off to a great start with a 3-1 record as they head into the final two weeks of the regular season. In their last outing, the Eagles were down just 6-0 headed into the final quarter, but the Cardinals from St. Charles prevailed, 21-0, in the end, handing SJFW their first loss of the season.

Coach Jim Carroll explained, "I am pleased by the overall effort of this team and the progress of our seventh graders and a lot of new Eagle players."

He continued, "I believe the key is nobody quit and they all did their best. We will all continue the journey of CYO football."

Led by their new coach, Mike Bradley, St. Vincent won a thriller over Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 16. The much-improved Panther squad was down 6-8 at the half, but put the game away late in the fourth quarter coming up with a huge 14-8 win over the Crusaders. St. Vincent improves to 4-1.

In the final matchup of the day, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne/St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) got by St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 24-8. Quarterback Blane Cook threw for two touchdowns and over 180 yards in a hard-fought victory for the Knights. Peyton Howe kicked all three extra points in the victory. "The difference maker for us today was clearly eighth-grader Carter Gillie," reported Coach Mike Gigli.

Gillie had two touchdown pass receptions for 80 and 62 yards each and had a ball stripping

tackle and takeaway at the one-yard line that he returned 99 yards for the Knights' final score.

"The defense stepped up for us big on several possessions led by inside line-backers, Sam Verslype and Zach Franz," added JAT's leader. "Our defensive backs had some nice plays and our front five — Gillie, Jimmy Sturm, Joe Spangler, Mitch Gigli and Dylan Barnum kept pressure on all day," continued Gigli, in his 12th season.

Will Schroeder and Joe Deiser came up with crucial interceptions for the Knights, while Vinnie Connett and his big tackles helped limit the Raiders passing attack. Finally, Gigli credited Tomas Vasquez, Jimmy Navarro, Noah Archbold and Brett Isbell on both sides of the ball. St. John, New Haven's score came on a nice pass to knot things up, 8-8, with 53 seconds to go in the half.

### CYO volleyball

CYO volleyball also served up another week of action. At St. Joseph, Decatur, the hosts topped St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 25-18, 25-4. St. Joseph, Fort Wayne/St. Elizabeth 7 then beat the seventh-grade Commodores by scores of 25-11, 25-18.

Also on Sunday, St. Therese downed Queen of Angels in two games, 25-4, 25-12. Finally, the

combined Twins team from St. Louis Academy and St. Joseph, Monroeville improved to 2-0 in league play with a win over St. Mary/St. Joseph.

In her rookie season as head varsity coach, Theresa Renninger was thrilled to start the season off with a pair of wins. "I am looking very forward to working with this group to see just how much better they can become," she said.

In the preseason, Renninger was not sure if she would have the numbers to field a team, but the Twins added two sixth-graders to their roster of three seventh and three eighth graders to make enough.

"We are trying a new offense, a little more complicated than anything we have run before," explained Renninger.

"Eighth-grader Holly Hamman, along with our setters, Grace Castleman and Erica Renninger are stepping up to provide leadership and the whole team has worked very hard at practice and is eager to learn," she concluded.



## ICCL football Panthers earn victory over Saints

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — As fans swarmed the friendly surroundings of Marian High School's Otolski Field, two unbeaten rivals squared off to get the early inside track for the league championship.

The purple-and-gold clad Mishawaka Catholic Saints boasted a potent running game anchored by big back Alexander Horvath, and the St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius Panthers were complimented by a balanced attack featuring their talented quarterback, Tony Carmola.

The Saints started with heavy doses of Horvath, but the Panthers countered with some outstanding open field tackles and eventually Tyler Kleva recovered a bobbled pitch setting up their first drive.

The Panthers put together runs by Charlie McFadden and Blake Beniefel and receptions from Carmola to Andrew Burgess and Walter Ellis mixing and matching plays all the way down the field eventually settling the pigskin at the one.

A handoff for Carmola to McFadden sealed the fate of the 42-yard drive and put the Panthers up, 6-0.

The rest of the half featured three solid drives by the Saints stalled by the stingy defense of the Panthers and the halftime

buzzer. The alternate drives by the maroon-and-gold fashioned squad were ended by two interceptions, one in the endzone by Saint Deontre Nyengo.

The Panther's Carmola started the second half by calling his own number and with outstanding affects terminating the drive with a 30-yard touchdown scamper and adding the two-point conversion making the score, 14-0.

The Saints had their third solid kickoff return by Nyengo to the 45, but the first play under center produced a botched snap and a recovery by Panther J.R. Haley.

After one incomplete pass the Panthers put the ball and the game in A.J. Gyampch's hands and the tailback raced 48 yards to pay dirt. Carmola's kick was good, putting the cats in the driver's seat, 22-0.

The Saints would not quit but just as they got going, Skylar Bays picked off an Alex Morton pass to seal their fate.

Saint running back Julian Keultjes did ruin the Panthers' hope of a shutout as he streaked 33 yards for a late touchdown making the final, 22-6.

"I believe that our strength is our line, both on the offensive side and the defensive side. Our defense did a fantastic job today against the always well-coached

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## Notre Dame to join Atlantic Coast Conference

### Football stays independent but brings five games annually to ACC

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame accepted an invitation Sept. 12 to become a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in all sports except football.

Most Notre Dame athletics programs have been members of the Big East Conference since 1995 after previously competing in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, North Star Conference and as independents. Jack Swarbrick, vice president and director of athletics at Notre Dame, said the university will work with the Big East and ACC on a timetable to transfer athletic membership.

"We have monitored the changing conference landscape for many months and have concluded that moving to the ACC is the best course of action for us," Swarbrick said. "This will enable us to maintain our historic independence in

football, join in the ACC's non-BCS bowl package, and provide a new and extremely competitive home for our other sports.

"We are immensely grateful to the members of the Big East, which has been a wonderful home for us the past 17 years. We also think that the conference has a strong future under the leadership of its new commissioner, Mike Aresco."

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## ICCL

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Saints," commented head coach Kevin Sandor. "Carmola is one heck of an athlete for us and in this league you are successful when you put the ball in the hands of your athletes. The key for the rest of the season will be learning and getting better."

"We played a typically Sandor coached team; fundamentally sound and always prepared," commented Tony Violi, skipper for the Saints. "We have to get back to basics and will be stressing communication in practice this week. It's not about putting the best 11 athletes on the field, it's about putting a cohesive team out there."

In other ICCL action the St. Matthew Blazers stopped the West Side Catholic Cardinals, 20-6, behind touchdown runs by Justin DeClark, Alex Guzman and Jack Tiller. Collin Daniels scored the lone TD for the Cardinals.

ICCL action continues on Sunday at Marian and Saint Joseph High School, and the schedule can be found on the website [www.icclsports.org](http://www.icclsports.org).

## CYO volleyball has good start with season openers

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) volleyball kicked off the 2012 season Sept. 8-9. On Sunday at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, six Blue League teams got off to a good start.

In the first matchup, the defending champs St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel beat Most Precious Blood, 25-9, 25-7. St. Joseph Coach Joyce Dodane lists 15 players on her combined seventh- and eighth-grade squad. After a third-place finish at the preseason tournament, the Squires are now 2-0 downing Queen of Angels, 25-18, 25-15 in their opener on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Dodane details, "We have a tough core group with strong passing and serving this year." Next up, St. Aloysius faced off against St. Therese. The Gators won 25-20, 25-9. They also have an impressive 2-0 record after an opening win over St. Mary-St. Joe.

St. Aloysius Coach Angie Frauenfelder reports that her team works very well together, "The girls really talk on the court and have played together a long time."

Frauenfelder adds, "Serving is

one of our strengths this season."

In the final showdown, Queen of Angels beat St. Rose-St. Louis handily in the first game, 25-13, but the Twins came charging back to win the match 25-24, 15-6. A pleased Coach Theresa Renninger said, "I was very proud of the way the girls fought back and didn't give up."



### CYO football

The St. Charles Cardinals remain the only undefeated team in the league after a 21-0 win over St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel on Sunday, Sept. 9. Now 4-0, the Cards were led by the efforts of Mike Hake who had over 100 total yards and a score. Carl Williams had two touchdowns in the victory, while Riley Miller, Bart Tippmann and Isaac Cornwell helped lead the stingy St. Charles defense to the shut-out. Coach Sam Talarico and the Cardinals will face the team from Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood/St. Jude in Week 5 action at the University of Saint Francis.

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**Bishop Luers plans homecoming events**

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School Homecoming is Friday, Sept. 28, beginning with Mass at 4:30 p.m. with celebrant Father Bill Sullivan, class of 1964. A tailgate will be from 5:30-7 p.m. and kickoff is at 7 p.m. An adult bonfire will follow the game with band Greta Speaks and lead vocalist, Vince Saul, class of 1990.

**Cardinal Fest planned**

Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish will host Cardinal Fest Saturday, Sept. 22, from 3-11 p.m. Indoor and outdoor games will be from 3-5 p.m. with bingo from 5-7 p.m. and refreshments from 3-7 p.m. An adult music tent will be from 7:30-11 p.m.

**Fall festival planned**

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish will have a fall festival Saturday, Sept. 22, with a softball tournament, concessions, silent auction, bingo, chicken dinner, beer tent and more. Call (260) 639-3748 for information.

**Knights of Columbus living rosary**

Huntington — The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Dillon Council 1014 will have a living rosary Sunday, Oct. 7, at 1 p.m. at the Right to Life Memorial Monument behind St. Mary Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson St. Light refreshments will be served following the rosary. Call Dan or Dorothy DeLaGrange at (260) 358-0498 for information.

**Financial classes offered**

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will offer Financial Peace University classes by Dave Ramsey in a nine-week course starting Sept. 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. A free preview will be Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Call Monica Lashure at (260) 639-6978 for information.

**Rodeo planned**

Monroeville — St. Rose Church will sponsor a Bulls and Barrels rodeo on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Monroeville Park Arena. Call Lori Wagner at (260) 602-4492 for tickets or information.

**Harvest House plans fall festival**

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will host the Harvest House fall festival (seniors 55 and older) Wednesday, Oct. 10, with a rosary and Mass at 10 a.m. followed by lunch and entertainment. Tickets are \$10. Reservations by Sept. 30 to (260) 447-3629. No tickets at the door.

**Year of celebration begins**

Plymouth — St. Michael Parish is hosting a "Sesquicentennial Street Fair" to kick off a year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of the parish on Saturday, Sept. 29, from noon to 5:30 p.m. on the grounds. Bands, local artists, a square dance exhibition, Mexican/American food, beer tent, tournaments, contests, games, raffles, a dunk tank and a "bounce house" for the kids will be offered. A bilingual Mass at 6 p.m. will conclude the day. Contact Jorge Mendoza at (574) 248-2877 or Bryan Casper at (574) 892-5074 for information.

**VNHH presents grief workshop**

Fort Wayne — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Rd., will offer the grief workshop "Understanding Your Grief: An Overall View of Grief," with speaker and grief counselor Dar Richardson on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 5-7:30 p.m. There is no cost for the program and a light supper will be served. Reservations are required at (260) 435-3222.

**Franciscan pet blessing**

Mishawaka — A pet blessing is planned by the Franciscan Friars, Sisters, and Secular Franciscans in the south parking lot of Marian High School Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1-3:30 p.m.

**Knights plan spaghetti dinner**

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Sept. 21, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3.50. Carry-out available.

**Red Mass at Notre Dame**

Notre Dame — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will preside at the Red Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 5:15 p.m. A reception will follow at the Eck Hall of Law, Eck Commons (second floor).

**Little Flower Holy Hour**

Fort Wayne — Msgr. Bernard Galic will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Msgr. Galic is pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder.

**Fish fry and salad bar**

South Bend — St. Adalbert Parish will have a fish fry and salad bar on Friday, Sept. 28, from 3:30-7 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Adults and carry-outs are \$9, children 5-12 are \$4 and children under 5 free.

**Cash raffle supports school**

Wabash — Tickets are now available for the cash raffle at St. Bernard School. Only 850 tickets will be sold at a price of \$20 each. Cash prizes are \$5,000, \$1,000 and \$500. The drawing will be held on Oct. 13. To purchase a ticket, call (260) 563-5746. Delivery is available.

**Open House announced**

South Bend — St. Paul's Retirement Community will have an open house at the New Rehabilitation and Wellness Center Sanctuary at Holy Cross, 17475 Dugdale Dr., Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 3-5 p.m.

**Fish fry announced**

South Bend — A fish fry will be held, Friday, Sept. 28, in the Our Lady of Hungary School gym, 735 W. Calvert St., from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4.50 for children 6-12, under 6 free. Carry-out available.

**Deanery to meet**

Fort Wayne — The Deanery of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Assembly Room at St. Joseph Hospital. Cheryl Mowan, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the manager of the Thrift Store will be the guest speaker. Women of the diocese are encouraged to attend the meeting and learn more about the charitable society. For information call Betty at (260) 749-9396.

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Ronald E. James, 58, St. Vincent de Paul

Zlatan Petric, 55, St. Jude

Clifford J. Teders, 78, St. Charles Borromeo

Candido V. Castro Jr., 83, St. Joseph

Marie A. Noll, 82, St. Jude

Joanne A Wagner, 82, St. Vincent de Paul

Joseph W. O'Keefe, 82, St. Jude

Leonard Hopen, St. Vincent de Paul

Michael Zimske, 70, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Roland R. Cameron, 88, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Mark H. Couch, 55, Most Precious Blood

Mary Kathryn Idzi, 53, Queen of Angels

Joanne Pequignot, 81, St. Vincent de Paul

Dolores J. Priller, 84, St. Charles Borromeo

Dorothy J. Knorr, 80, Sr. St. Charles

Gregory James Powers, 49, St. Jude

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Marcelle F. Hesch, 88, St. Bavo

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Eleanor K. Van Der Hagen, 86, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Kenneth H. Miller, 85, Basilica/Sacred Heart

Father David Henry Verhalen, CSC, 84, Basilica/Sacred Heart

Brother Peter Michael Graham, CSC, 71, St. Joseph Chapel

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Ann E. Megan, 92, Christ the King

Julius A. Halasz, 81, Holy Cross

Sister Mary Cynthia Strzalkowski, 81, CSSF, Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, Livonia, Mich.

**New quarterly Catholic networking group forming**

Fort Wayne — The first meeting for a new Catholic networking group will be Friday, Oct. 19, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Archbishop Noll Center Garden

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# LEBANON

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The papal document, called an apostolic exhortation, denounced "religious fundamentalism" as the opposite extreme of the secularization that Pope Benedict has often criticized in the context of contemporary Western society.

Fundamentalism, which "afflicts all religious communities," thrives on "economic and political instability, a readiness on the part of some to manipulate others, and a defective understanding of religion," the pope wrote. "It wants to gain power, at times violently, over individual consciences, and over religion itself, for political reasons."

Many Christians in the Middle East have expressed growing alarm at the rise of Islamist extremism, especially since the so-called Arab Spring democracy movement has toppled or threatened secular regimes that guaranteed religious minorities the freedom to practice their faith.

Earlier in the day, the pope told reporters accompanying him on the plane from Rome that the Arab Spring represented positive aspirations for democracy and liberty and hence a "renewed Arab identity." But he warned against the danger of forgetting that "human liberty is always a shared reality," and consequently failing to protect the rights of Christian minorities in Muslim countries.

The apostolic exhortation criti-

cized another aspect of social reality in the Middle East by denouncing the "wide variety of forms of discrimination" against women in the region.

"In recognition of their innate inclination to love and protect human life, and paying tribute to their specific contribution to education, health care, humanitarian work and the apostolic life," Pope Benedict wrote, "I believe that women should play, and be allowed to play, a greater part in public and ecclesial life."

In his speech at the document's signing, Pope Benedict observed that Sept. 14 was the feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross, a celebration associated with the Emperor Constantine the Great, who in the year 313 granted religious freedom in the Roman Empire and was later baptized.

The pope urged Christians in the Middle East to "act concretely ... in a way like that of the Emperor Constantine, who could bear witness and bring Christians forth from discrimination to enable them openly and freely to live their faith in Christ crucified, dead and risen for the salvation of all."

While the pope signed the document in an atmosphere of interreligious harmony, with Orthodox, Muslim and Druze leaders in the attendance at the basilica, the same day brought an outburst of religiously inspired violence to Lebanon.

During a protest against the American-made anti-Muslim film that prompted demonstrations in Libya, Egypt and Yemen earlier in the week, a group attempted to storm a Lebanese government building in the northern city of Tripoli.

The resulting clashes left one person dead and 25 wounded, local media reported. According to Voice of Lebanon radio, Lebanese army troops were deployed to Tripoli to prevent further violence.

Mohammad Samak, the Muslim secretary-general of Lebanon's Christian-Muslim Committee for Dialogue, told Catholic News Service that the violence had nothing to do with the pope's visit.

"All Muslim leaders and Muslim organizations — political and religious — they are all welcoming the Holy Father and welcoming his visit," Samak said. "I hope his visit will give more credibility to what we have affirmed as the message of Lebanon — a country of conviviality between Christians and Muslims who are living peacefully and in harmony together for hundreds of years now."

Bishop Joseph Mouawad, vicar of Lebanon's Maronite Patriarchate, told CNS that the apostolic exhortation represents "a roadmap for Christians of the Middle East to live their renewal at all levels, especially at the level of communion."

The exhortation will also be a call to dialogue, he said, especially between Christians and Muslims.

Chaldean Archbishop Louis Sako of Kirkuk, Iraq, said now church leaders in each Mideast country must "work on how to translate the exhortation into real life in our communities and also in our Muslim and Christian relationships."

Contributing to this story was Doreen Abi Raad.



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A crowd of at least 350,000 people is seen in an aerial view as Pope Benedict XVI celebrates Mass on the waterfront in Beirut Sept. 16. During the service the pope called on Christians to be "servants of peace and reconciliation in the Middle East."



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Young people hold up a sign that reads "We love Jesus" as they gather for an outdoor Mass with Pope Benedict XVI on the waterfront in Beirut Sept. 16.

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