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Fort Wayne students called to be saints at all-schools Mass

Bishop Rhoades celebrates Mass with Fort Wayne area students

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — “There’s the new saint. There’s the new saint.” That’s the phrase Noelle Voglewede of St. Louis Academy, New Haven, heard as she made her way into the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on a blustery Oct. 30 for the all-schools Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Noelle was dressed as St. Kateri Tekakwitha, a Native North American who was just canonized Oct. 21 by Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican.

Voglewede was just one of eight St. Kateri Tekakwitha-garbed fourth graders who were called to the stage to be quizzed by Bishop Rhoades during his homily.

Bishop Rhoades also asked for those dressed as martyrs on the main floor to rise as he went down to the floor to quiz the students about their chosen saint and hero. St. Lucy, St. Agnes and St. Timothy were among the martyrs discussed in the homily.

“The Church is more than us,” Bishop Rhoades told the schoolchildren at the coliseum. The Church includes the brothers and sisters in the glory of heaven. Those saints, he said, are honored on Nov. 1, All Saints Day.

“They pray for us. They intercede for us,” Bishop Rhoades said.

“The Church also includes those who died and are being purified,” he added. Their feast day is Nov. 2, the feast of All Souls. “They are not ready to see God because of remnants of sins. They are in purgatory and are the suffering Church.”

The canonized saints are “great witnesses of faith and heroes for us,” Bishop Rhoades said. “They teach us by

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JOE ROMIE

Fourth-grade students Luke Adamic, left, and Ben Brennan, from Sacred Heart School, Warsaw, gathered for an all-schools Mass Oct. 30 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

ST. MATTHEW FOURTH GRADE ‘SAINTS’ GATHER



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Fourth-grade “saints” of St. Matthew Cathedral gathered for a photo following the All Saints’ Day Mass on Nov. 1. Students dressed as their chosen hero.

Papal nuncio urges renewal of faith, evangelization

BY JODI MAGALLANES

SOUTH BEND — Follow the voice of Jesus speaking in His Church, so that the graces of the Year of Faith will increase our motivation to be faithful people of God, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano told worshippers at St. Matthew Cathedral Sunday morning.

Archbishop Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, gave that encouragement at the 11 a.m. Mass on Nov. 18 on the occasion of his first visit to the diocese. The purpose of his inaugural visit was to present

a keynote speech at conference that evening. “Seeds of the Martyrs: Telling the Story of Today’s Christian Martyrs” convened at the University of Notre Dame with the intention of raising awareness in the United States and around the world of the ongoing persecution of Christians, and of the Church’s response to it.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Mass, and Archbishop Vigano gave the homily at St. Matthew Cathedral and spoke with the faithful after the liturgy as well.

During his homily he explained that in Jesus’ words and sacraments one finds renew-

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Internal matters top agenda of bishops' fall assembly in Baltimore

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Statements on preaching and ways that bishops can respond using new technologies to modern-day challenges to their teaching authority are among the items the U.S. bishops will consider when they gather in Baltimore for their annual fall assembly.

Set for Nov. 12-15, the assembly also will consider a statement on work and the economy proposed by the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development as a way to raise the profile of growing poverty and the struggles that unemployed people are experiencing.

In addition, the bishops are scheduled to vote on a document encouraging Catholics to see Lent next year as an opportunity to return to regular celebration of the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The document on Confession highlights the connection Pope Benedict XVI has made between the confession of sin and the New Evangelization during the Year of Faith.

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wis., chairman of the bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, said in an Oct. 31 statement that the brief document serves as an invitation from the U.S. bishops to all Catholics "to participate in the sacrament."

The proposed text from the bishops expresses their readiness to welcome Catholics who stayed away from Confession for a long time.

Plans call for distribution of the statement to parishes for inclusion in weekly bulletins, print publications and social media. Teaching resources on the sacrament also are being prepared for distribution to dioceses, parishes and schools.

The document on preaching that the bishops are to consider encourages preachers to connect the Sunday homily with people's daily lives.

Titled "Preaching the Mystery of Faith: The Sunday Homily," the document is the bishops' first substantive statement on preaching in 30 years, said Archbishop Robert J. Carlson of St. Louis, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

The intent to address preaching first surfaced among the bishops six years ago, but drafting it took place over the past year and a half, Archbishop Carlson said.

The bishops also will consider a proposed statement on opportunities to use new media — including blogging and social media — in exercising their teaching authority.

The statement drafted by the Committee on Doctrine, "Contemporary Challenges for the Exercise of the Teaching Ministry of the Diocesan Bishop," has been distributed to the bishops and suggested amendments are being received, said Capuchin Franciscan Father Thomas G. Weinandy, executive director of the bishops' Secretariat for Doctrine. The text, like all of the proposed documents the bishops will consider, has not been made public.

The statement complements a 1989 document on the doctrinal responsibilities of local bishops that sets forth guidelines for a bishop to follow when responding to comments, statements, books or other communication from a theologian that incorrectly portrays Catholic teaching, Father Weinandy told Catholic News Service.

"Given the situation and the speed and breadth in which (a theologian's view) could be circulated, the bishops on the doctrine committee felt it would be good to encourage, in some circumstances, (ways) to put up more quickly a response to these situations," Father Weinandy explained.

An immediate response from a bishop would be followed up with the normal invitation to dialogue with the theologian, he said.

The statement on work and the economy, titled "Catholic Reflections on Work, Poverty and a Broken Economy," is expected to advance



CNS PHOTO/NANCY PHELAN WIECHEC

U.S. bishops gather for Mass during their annual meeting in November last year. They will meet again for their fall meeting Nov. 12-15 in Baltimore. On the agenda are statements on preaching and ways that bishops can respond to modern-day challenges to their teaching authority.

the bishops' priority of human life and dignity to demonstrate the New Evangelization in action, Bishop Stephen E. Blaize of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, explained during the bishops' June meeting in Atlanta.

It would be a follow-up to a Sept. 15, 2011, letter by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. bishops' conference, in which he urged bishops and priests across the country to preach about "the terrible toll the current economic turmoil is taking on families and communities."

The bishops will devote time to discuss whether to revise the norms governing fundraising as covered by Canon 1262 in Church law. The discussion is expected to focus on the need to clarify when a bishop would have to approve any appeal to raise funds based on from where the fundraising appeal originated.

Existing norms on fundraising were approved unanimously by the bishops in 2002 and received approval from the Vatican, or "recognitio," in 2007.

A proposal to establish a new national collection for the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services will be weighed by the bishops. Under the proposal from Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia and Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the military archdiocese, the collection would be taken up every three years.

The U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services provides pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the U.S. armed forces. The archdiocese serves 1.8 million men, women and children in more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the United States in 134 countries.

Liturgical matters also are scheduled to come before the bishops.

In regional meetings, bishops are expected to spend 30 minutes evaluating the implementation of the third edition of the Roman Missal, which was introduced at the start of liturgical year last November. The comments were being solicited by the Committee on Divine Worship to assist in preparing translations of other liturgical books and plans for their implementation.

In addition, the bishops will vote on a proposed "scope of work" for revision of the Liturgy of the Hours submitted by the Committee on Divine Worship. The committee's request comes as the International Commission on English in the Liturgy has started work on revising some parts of the liturgy, specifically hymns, some orations and some antiphons.

The bishops also will vote on a new treasurer and chairmen of five committees. Those elected will begin three-year terms during the bishops' 2013 fall general assembly.

The bishops will choose a new treasurer; the two candidates are Bishop Robert J. Cunningham of Syracuse, N.Y. and Bishop Kevin J. Farrell of Dallas. The treasurer serves as chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

New chairmen of the committees on Consecrated Life and Vocations, Divine Worship, Domestic Justice and Human Development, Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, and Migration also will be chosen.

Members of the boards of the Catholic Legal and Immigration Network, Inc. and Catholic Relief Services also will be elected.

Also under consideration will be proposals to add one staff member in the National Religious Retirement Office and another to serve the Subcommittee on Native American Affairs under the Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church.

The bishops plan to view a Spanish-language video on the promotion and defense of marriage between one man and one woman.

Remembering the dead is profession of hope in eternal life, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Christians remember their beloved deceased, they proclaim that their bonds with them are not broken by death and they profess their hope in eternal life, said Pope Benedict XVI.

Especially by visiting cemeteries and other burial grounds, the pope said, people “reinforce the bonds of communion that death could not break.”

Pope Benedict celebrated a Mass Nov. 3 in St. Peter's Basilica in memory of the 10 cardinals — including U.S. Cardinals John P. Foley and Anthony J. Bevilacqua — and 143 archbishops and bishops from around the world who died in the past year.

The evening before, Pope Benedict had paid a private visit to the grottoes under St. Peter's Basilica to pray at the tombs of the popes buried there.

The November commemorations

of All Saints and All Souls, as well as other memorial Masses traditional during the month, are not simply ways Catholics remember those who have gone before them, the pope said, but they also are expressions of Catholic faith in the reality of eternal life.

“Death opens to life — eternal life, which is not an infinite copy of the present time, but something completely new,” the pope said. “Faith tells us that the true immortality to which we aspire is not an idea or concept, but a relationship of full communion with the living God.”

Remembering the deceased cardinals and bishops, he said, the Church prays that the Lord will give them “the eternal prize promised to faithful servants of the Gospel.”

Pope Benedict said the 10 cardinals and 143 bishops were the “meek, merciful, pure of heart, peace-making disciples” mentioned in the Beatitudes of the Gospel. They were “friends of the Lord who, trusting in His promises — also in times of difficulty or even persecution — maintained the joy of their faith and

now live with the Father forever.”

Reciting the Angelus Nov. 4 with pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, Pope Benedict said the saints are those men and women who tried to live the commandment to love God and to love their neighbors as themselves.

The pope said a deep, loving relationship with God is the best way to ensure that one becomes capable of loving others, “just as a child becomes capable of loving starting from a good relationship with his mother and father.”

And just as parents love their children not only when they are being good, God always loves us and tries to help us see when and where we go astray, the pope said.

“From God, we learn to want to do only what is good and never what is bad. We learn to see others not only with our own eyes, but with the gaze of God,” looking beyond the superficial to see the other person and what he or she needs, the pope said.

“Love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable,” he said.

CCHD collection set for Nov. 17-18

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is slated for Nov. 17-18, the weekend before Thanksgiving. The collection is taken up in parishes and dioceses nationwide. “Fight poverty. Defend human dignity,” is the theme of this year's collection.

CCHD helps others to help themselves. It promotes programs that break the cycle of poverty. Its initiatives enable low-income people to participate in the decisions that affect their families and communities.

The annual national collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. For over 40 years, the CCHD has funded organizations that address the root causes of poverty.

“More than 46 million Americans live in poverty in the United States. With continuing unemployment and increasing costs of living, many families must make hard choices between necessities like health care, child care and even food,” said Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, Calif., chairman of the USCCB's Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. “With its focus on long-term solutions, CCHD's approach is an essential complement to the vital work of our Catholic schools, Catholic Charities agencies, pro-life activities and other direct assistance programs for those in need.”

The Indianapolis Congregation Action Network (IndyCAN) is an example of groups funded by CCHD. It was established in 2011 to develop leadership, increase civic participation, and improve condi-

tions for vulnerable and low-income people in Marion County. With support from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and grant assistance from the campaign, IndyCAN has quickly become an effective vehicle to channel the social justice efforts of 28 parishes and congregations, currently representing 25,000 people.

During the 2011-2012 grant cycle, the campaign put just over \$8 million dollars into community efforts to promote human dignity and fight poverty. Twenty-five percent of each CCHD collection's proceeds stay in the local dioceses where funds are collected to fight poverty as well as foster “liberty and justice for all” in their local communities. Every year, CCHD uses the collected funds to carry out the mission of Jesus and announce the gospel of life to all.

Appreciation for diocesan support from 2011 Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

October 29, 2012

Dear Bishop Rhoades,

I appreciate your contribution of \$33,093.92 from your 2011 Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). With its 75 percent share of the annual collection, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to find ways for improving their lives and neighborhoods. Your generosity has made a difference.

More than 46 million Americans live in poverty in the United States. Many families were already having a difficult time making ends meet before the recession. With continuing unemployment and increasing costs of living, more and more parents have heart-breaking choices between health care, childcare or food for their children. With its focus on long-term solutions, CCHD's approach is an essential complement to the vital work of our Catholic schools, Catholic Charities agencies, pro-life activities and other direct assistance programs to those in need.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development has undergone a serious and substantive *Review and Renewal*. This process reaffirmed CCHD's Catholic moral foundations, the priority for the poor, and the promotion of a culture of life, and has also clarified funding policies and made 10 commitments to strengthen CCHD. We remain devoted to carrying out the life-giving mission of Jesus Christ.

The 2012 CCHD Collection is coming up in most dioceses the weekend of Nov. 17-18.

In this time of uncertainty for so many, your steadfast support reveals the firm and faithful love of God to those lost in the shadows of our society. Let us together pray to the Lord Jesus so that we may further the defense of human dignity and promote the sanctity of all human life. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary sustain these efforts to build the kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven.”

Most. Rev. Jaime Soto

Bishop of Sacramento

Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. — Meeting of USCCB Committee on Doctrine, Baltimore, Md.
- Monday, Nov. 12, 6 p.m. — Meeting of USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty, Baltimore, Md.
- Monday, Nov. 12 to Thursday, Nov. 15 — General Meeting of USCCB, Baltimore, Md.
- Saturday, Nov. 17, 12 p.m. — Visit to Deaf Catholic Retreat, Blessed John Paul II Center, Mishawaka



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, gave the homily at the 11 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, left, at St. Matthew Cathedral Nov. 4. He was joined by Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector, left of podium, and Father Jacob Runyon, parochial vicar, center. Archbishop Vigano delivered the keynote talks at the “Seeds of the Martyrs: Telling the Story of Today's Christian Martyrs” conference at the University of Notre Dame.

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al of life, and that this renewal is greatly needed today. The need for renewal is why Pope Benedict XVI declared the Year of Faith that began on Oct. 13, he said.

Living faith opens one's heart to the grace of God, and promotes evangelism based on that new life that He has transformed.

Just two days earlier, 400 years after the Council of Trent and 50 years after the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict XVI convened the world Synod of Bishops on the theme of “The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith.” Vigano shared some of the Holy Father's words during the opening of the synod.

“In the council's (of Trent) time it was already possible from a few tragic pages of history to know what a life or a world without God looked like, but now we see it every day around us. But it is in starting from the experience of this desert that we can again discover the joy of believing its vital importance to us,” he said. “Living faith opens the heart to the grace of God, which frees us from pessimism. Today, more than ever, evangelizing means witnessing to new life, transformed by God.”

Everyone, whether they realize it or not, is in search of renewal of life — a rebirth in Christ, Vigano continued. But how can the faithful, in the modern world, live out the love that Jesus asked in Sunday's Gospel, taken from Mark 12: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and

with all your mind, and with all your strength” and “you shall love your neighbor as yourself?”

“The answer is simply this: Love becomes real through our faith in action.” Last year, he added, the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter, “Porta Fidei” said it this way.

“Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy. It makes us fruitful, because it expands our hearts in hope and enables us to bear life-giving witness.”

Americans have a special responsibility to witness to the Truth, Vigano noted, because of the challenges to human life and to the sacrament of Marriage, and the current political intrusion on the Church's conscience.

In loving God and our neighbor, in our effort to bring the kingdom of God to others, the Catholic faithful must do everything possible to listen to and follow the voice of Jesus speaking in His Church, he said.

With U.S. elections looming, he encouraged Catholic Americans to “allow the graces that come to us in this Year of Faith to motivate and move us to be a faithful people, especially now in these days ... and letting your voice be heard.”

Vigano extended to the faithful and to their loved ones the pope's greeting and blessing. He also asked that the intercession of St. Charles Borromeo, his own namesake and the saint whose feast day was celebrated Sunday, remain with everyone present. As the Archbishop of Milan, where Vigano studied and near where he was born, St. Charles Borromeo implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent in a way that served as a model for other bishops.

After Sandy, parishes will try to go forward step by step, priest says

BY ANTONINA ZIELINSKA

ROCKAWAY BEACH, N.Y. (CNS) — After Hurricane Sandy swept through the East Coast, leaving untold destruction behind, cleaning efforts were under way at St. Rose of Lima Church in Rockaway Beach.

“Step by step, we will try to go forward,” said Father Wladyslaw Kubrak, parochial vicar, as he shoveled leaves and branches off the church driveway.

Although the church sustained serious water damage and had no power, Father Kubrak was not planning on evacuating. He planned, however, to leave Rockaway Peninsula to recharge his electrical batteries and to bring back fresh food.

He told *The Tablet*, newspaper of the Brooklyn Diocese, that he wanted to stay to continue to console the people coming for guidance after they have lost so much. The church,



CNS PHOTO/SHANNON STAPLETON, REUTERS

A statue of Mary stands amid the remains of homes destroyed by fire and the effects of Hurricane Sandy in the Breezy Point section of the New York borough of Queens Oct. 30. More than 80 homes were destroyed in the tiny beachfront neighborhood.

Catholic Charities USA collects funds to aid victims

Donations can be made online at the Catholic Charities USA website at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org. A link has been placed on the diocesan home page at www.diocesefwsb.org.

Donations also can be made by calling toll-free (800) 919-9338 or by mail to P.O. Box 17066, Baltimore, MD 21297-1066.

The Alexandria, Va.-based agency has begun working with state and local government disaster response agencies and charitable groups to meet emergency needs in communities in New Jersey and New York devastated by the late October storm.

he said, stayed open the night of Oct. 30 for people who needed shelter, and the chapel was open for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Father Kubrak said he also was able to console people with the sacrament of Reconciliation.

A day after Hurricane Sandy ravaged the Brooklyn Diocese with floods, fire and utility outages, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio visited the most affected parishes to gain a better understanding of the state of the diocese and to pray with his people.

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"It's hard to think that this kind of destruction could happen in our city," he said as he rode along the Rockaway Peninsula.

The bishop traveled from church to church and witnessed the devastating effects the ocean's waters had on people's lives, their homes and church buildings.

In Breezy Point in the New York borough of Queens, fires consumed more than 100 homes. Bishop DiMarzio was relieved to see that the church buildings were spared.

Among the parishes that opened their church doors for people whose homes are no longer habitable, was Blessed Trinity Church in Breezy Point. It is located in the mandatory evacuation zone declared for Hurricane Sandy, but Msgr. Michael Curran, pastor, initially remained at the rectory.

He said power went out Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. In the immediate aftermath of the storm, the police set up a command center in one of his church buildings.

Bruce Angle was among the Breezy Point residents who did not evacuate and watched as flood waters forced their way into his

home. He said the water was a couple of feet high and his beds were completely soaked. He spent the next night sleeping in the choir loft of St. Thomas More Church, a worship site of Blessed Trinity Parish.

"There is no heat, but it's still warmer than my house," he said the morning of Oct. 31. He had used a priest's chasuble as a blanket to keep warm during the night.

Msgr. David Cassato, chaplain to the New York City Police Department, and Msgr. Jamie Gigantiello, pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Mill Basin, joined Bishop DiMarzio on his pastoral visit. At every stop people came to speak with them, some in tears and others asking for prayers.

Bishop DiMarzio said he will ask parishes throughout the diocese to take up collections to help with the rebuilding process. He will also coordinate with Catholic Charities' emergency action plan to get people the help they need. He said his message to the faithful is: "Pray for the people of the peninsula. They have a long road to recovery."

That road, however, seems murky to many people affected by

the natural disaster.

"I don't think anyone knows what the process is," said Bill Slattery, who saw his family's secondary residence in Breezy Point reduced to a pile of ash. "All you know is what you hear on the radio."

Slattery has been part of the Breezy Point community for 30 years. He is on the softball team there, and his wife has been part of the community there for her entire life. He said "that's the hardest part because of all the memories of being there — and now what do you do?"

However, he said the people in the community take care of each other.

"There is no one person who is alone, we are all a community," he said, so as soon as information is available to one person, everyone will know, even if they don't have access to electricity or a phone, he said.

In neighboring New Jersey in the Diocese of Paterson, the full extent of damage to the physical plants of diocese's 111 parishes is still being learned by insurance adjusters.



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All Saints' Day calls for deeper belief in eternal life, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The feast of All Saints should prompt Catholics to believe more deeply in eternal life, Pope Benedict XVI said. The day “reminds us of our eternal destiny, where we will dwell, as St. Thomas Aquinas says, in true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy and gladness without end,” he said Nov. 1, reciting the Angelus on the feast of All Saints. He urged people to “believe more strongly in eternal life and feel in true communion with our departed loved ones,” who were commemorated on the feast of All Souls, Nov. 2. “May the intercession of all the saints lead us and our departed loved ones to our everlasting home in heaven,” he told the pilgrims who gathered under stormy skies for the midday prayer in St. Peter’s Square. The feast of All Saints includes a celebration of the holy men and women, “whom only God knows,” but who have not officially been proclaimed saints; they made Christ present in their lives and carried out God’s will, the pope said. The saints show that “being united to Christ, in the Church, does not negate one’s personality, but opens it up, transforms it with the power of love and confers on it an eternal dimension here on earth,” he said.

By virtue of sacrament, Catholic spouses are missionaries, knight says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The sacrament of Matrimony makes Catholic spouses and their families public signs of God’s love and thus missionaries, said the head of the Knights of Columbus. The missionary power of the Catholic family goes beyond any specific commitment they make to a particular project of evangelization or social or political reform, Carl A. Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, told the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization. Anderson was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to be an observer at the synod, which ended Oct. 28. Synod members asked the Church at large to show greater appreciation for the evangelization that happens in and through families and to increase programs to strengthen Catholic families. “Love, which the family has the task of living and communicating, is the driving force of evangelization,” Anderson told the synod. “It is what allows the proclamation of the Gospel to permeate and transform

the whole temporal order. This love alone, when it is authentically lived in families, can be at the basis of a renewal of that genuinely human culture which Blessed John Paul II called a ‘civilization of love.’” Catholic couples need to understand just how seriously the Church views the sacrament that binds them together, forming them into “an icon of God’s own communion” of love in the Holy Trinity, Anderson said. Once Catholic families recognize their importance — even before they undertake any kind of outreach project — they can be “a place of healing and of humanity for the men and women of our time,” he said.

Vatican says it is willing to be patient with SSPX in reconciliation bid

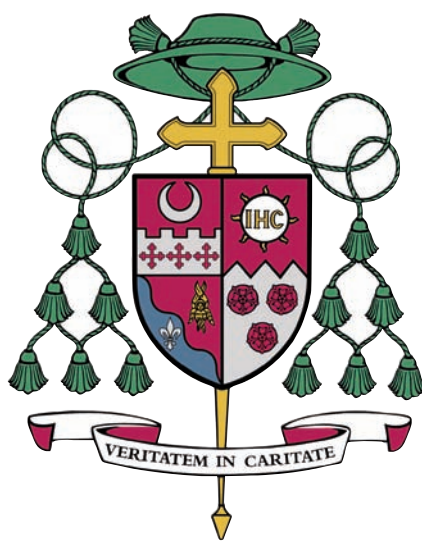
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — “Patience, serenity, perseverance and trust are needed” as the Vatican continues talks aimed at full reconciliation with the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X, said a statement from the Vatican commission overseeing the discussions. The Pontifical Commission “Ecclesia

Dei,” in a statement released Oct. 27, said the leadership of the SSPX had requested “additional time for reflection and study” before responding to Pope Benedict XVI’s latest efforts to reintegrate them into the Church. “A culminating point along this difficult path” was reached June 13 when the commission gave the SSPX a final “doctrinal declaration together with a proposal for the canonical normalization of its status within the Catholic Church,” the statement said. The Vatican initially presented what it described as a “doctrinal preamble” to SSPX leaders in September 2011. While it never released the text, the Vatican had said it outlined “some doctrinal principles and criteria for the interpretation of Catholic doctrine necessary to guarantee fidelity” to the formal teaching of the Church, including the teaching of the Second Vatican Council. The SSPX gave the Vatican its response in April. The Vatican, in turn, gave the SSPX the doctrinal declaration to sign in June and also presented a proposal to establish for SSPX members a “personal prelate,” which is a Church jurisdiction without geographical boundaries. Currently, the Church’s only personal prelate is Opus Dei.

Pope marks 500th anniversary of Sistine Chapel ceiling frescoes

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Standing in the Sistine Chapel under Michelangelo’s famous ceiling frescoes, people are reminded that the world was created by God in a supreme act of love, Pope Benedict XVI said. “With a unique expressive intensity,” the pope said, Michelangelo depicted the power and majesty of God the creator in a way that proclaimed “the world is not the product of darkness, chaos or absurdity, but derives from intelligence, freedom, a supreme act of love.” Pope Benedict made his remarks Oct. 31 during an evening prayer service marking the 500th anniversary of the prayer service led by Pope Julius II in 1512 to celebrate Michelangelo’s completion of the ceiling paintings. Up to 20,000 people visit the Sistine Chapel each day as part of their tour of the Vatican Museums, but, “the chapel contemplated in prayer is even more beautiful, more authentic; it reveals all its richness,” the pope said. With a small group of cardinals, Vatican employees and guests joining him for the prayer service, the pope asked them to try to imagine what it must have been like 500 years ago to look up and see those famous paintings for the first time.

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Kosciusko Right to Life banquet hosts record crowd

WARSAW — A record crowd of 1,000 attended this year's Right to Life banquet held at the Orthopaedic Capital Center in Warsaw on Sept. 26. Keynote speaker was author and voice of Breakpoint radio and 2012 National Prayer Breakfast speaker, Eric Metaxas. Senator Dan Coats and Rep. Marlin Stutzman also addressed the crowd and Heartline Pregnancy Center presented a video depicting their programs. Over \$70,000 was raised for Kosciusko Right to Life projects that will serve Whitley, Wabash and Fulton counties. Pat Miller, who was emcee for the banquet, and Jim Gilmer were recipients of the 2012 Mary Louise Lowe Life Award.

Saint Mary's alumna offers seminar on her work with HIV research

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College will welcome back to campus Mary Anne Luzar '72, PhD, chief of the Regulatory Affairs Branch, Division of AIDS, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health.

Luzar, who works on international AIDS research for the Department of Health and Human Services, will offer a public seminar at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14 in room 105 of Science Hall (<http://www3.saintmarys.edu/campus-map>). Her talk is titled "The Door Finally Opens for HIV Prevention: A Review of the Exciting Results of Two International HIV Prevention Clinical Trials and Their Impact on HIV Prevention Research in the 21st Century."

"Mary Anne's participation in the war on AIDS is astounding," said Saint Mary's College Vice President of College Relations Shari Rodriguez. "She is responsible for the overall regulatory strategy for Division of AIDS-sponsored drug trials and provides guidance for clinical trials, including international trials under FDA Investigation in 47 countries. And to think her higher education began at Saint Mary's with a degree in French Literature and Humanistic Studies. It goes to show where a solid liberal arts education can lead."

The seminar will provide an overview of the highly anticipated results of two clinical trials that made headlines around the world in July during the 19th International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C. The impact of these trials will be discussed along with the globalization of problem solving and the courage of health-care specialists to successfully conduct state of the art scientific research in resource poor settings.

"This is a seminar about a public health crisis that is not yet resolved, but for which the new millennium offers a glimpse into

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Principals, pastors and school board members from parish schools across the diocese attended a school board in-service. Above is the in-service at Bishop Dwenger High School on Oct. 30. Groups broke out into discussions about financing and budgeting, enrollment, technology planning and facilities planning. The in-service results will be assessed and shared with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

a better future for all mankind," said Luzar.

The Division of College Relations and the Career Crossings Office (CCO) are co-sponsors of the seminar. Questions regarding the lecture can be directed to Stacie Jeffers, director of CCO at sjeffers@saintmarys.edu.

Marine flag raising set at Holy Cross College

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College will host its ninth annual Marine Corp flag raising, in honor of the Marine Corps' 237th birthday on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Marines from the Notre Dame NROTC and the United States Marine Corps Reserves, along with those from around the South Bend area and those affiliated with Holy Cross College, will join in honor of the Corps' birthday.

The local flag raising will take place at 8 a.m. at the Col. Brian Regan Flag Complex, located on the campus of Holy Cross. The public is welcome.

Participation needed for cemetery survey

SOUTH BEND — Sacred Heart Cemetery, on the corner of Western Avenue and Pine Road in South Bend, is conducting a survey on cremation interment, in-ground casket burial and an above ground burial option called a columbarium. A columbarium is a permanent granite enclosure that

contains several dozen individual compartments for above ground cremation interment.

The cemetery board is requesting the faithful to complete a short survey to assess community interest in this burial option at Sacred Heart Cemetery. The survey may be completed at www.surveymonkey.com/s/HFQZPTX.

USF Campus Ministry hosting Christian hip-hop concert

FORT WAYNE — Campus Ministry at the University of Saint Francis (USF) will host Christian Hip-Hop Nite in the North Campus auditorium at 2702 Spring St., Fort Wayne, on Friday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m.

Nationally known hip-hop artist Chesternique Rolle, creator of the song "Just Believe," will make a special appearance, along with K-Drama, Da Messenger and 737.

K-Drama, from Cincinnati, has released "We Fit: The Workout Plan" through Cross Movement Records. Popular songs include "Air Jordan" and "Get Your Weight Up." Da Messenger, from Marion, has signed with Holy Soldier Records. The newest album, "Lifeline," features hit songs "Amazing," featuring Montae Clark and "Not Impressed," featuring K-Drama and 737. 737 has released his sophomore album, "Convinced," which also features Level 3:16, Json, D-Maub, and Dillon Chase.

USF ministry major Aaron Smelser organized the event as his ministry practicum, said USF Campus Ministry Director Josh Stagni. "Aaron has a passion for Christian hip-hop music, as I learned when he and I first met about his internship. I wanted to see what he liked so we could figure out what would fit," Stagni said.

The music genre is a new concert focus for USF. "This is an avenue we have never done before. Yes, we've done concerts, but those were mainstream Christian artists," Stagni said.

The purpose is to provide a venue for a less-known type of Christian music. "As I've discussed with Aaron and my peer ministers, you've got to meet students where they are. If they are into this style of music, then let's meet them there but with a twist — music with some artistic quality but with the integrity of Christian lyrics and themes," he said.

This event is open to the public, and general admission is \$5. USF students and staff will be admitted free with ID.

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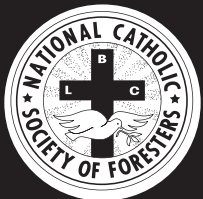
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Sacred Heart School hosts 'Cinderella day' for preschooler

WARSAW — A Sacred Heart School, Warsaw, student's dream came true. Sarah Landrigan, a preschooler at Sacred Heart, celebrated Halloween for the first time by going as Cinderella this year.

Sarah has Mitochondrial Disease, limiting her ability to walk very far, which has kept her from trick-or-treating in the past. For long distances she uses a wheelchair.

Carole Rutledge, former Sacred Heart teacher, and her daughter, Melanie Cameron, administrative assistant there, decided to make a wish come true by creating a special carriage for Sarah's first trick-or-treat experience. They used chicken wire, paper mache, paint, tulle, glitter and sequins to transform her wheelchair.

Sacred Heart parishioners, parents and staff also worked together to create the magical moment by decorating the school stage with stars, a castle and twinkling lights, turning it into a magical kingdom. Sacred Heart parent Angie Sokol created the gown for Hannah, Sarah's sister, who was dressed as Cinderella's Fairy Godmother.

All of the students and staff gathered in the gym where Kindergarten Prep students and PreK 3 students paraded across the stage for a costume fashion show.

Teacher Cindy Hollowell asked Sarah some questions about who she was in her costume while her wheelchair was



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The Sacred Heart School PreK 3 class poses with Sarah Landrigan for a class Halloween picture on Oct 31 in Warsaw.

“magically transformed” into the carriage behind a closed curtain. The student body and Sarah tried to open the curtain by saying “abracadabra and hocus pocus,” but it wasn't until her sister, Hannah, Cinderella's Fairy Godmother, said the magical words, “bibidi bobidi boo,” while waving her magic wand, that the curtain opened to reveal Sarah's Cinderella carriage. Sarah joy-

fully waved to the school as she sat in her special carriage for the first time.

The presentation concluded with a special blessing song as the entire student body, staff, parents and visitors extended their right hands in prayer. Thanks to the Sacred Heart family, a special little hero had a wonderful opportunity to celebrate life and the joy of trick-or-treating.

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Project Moses comes to Fort Wayne

BY MARK WEBER

Active opposition to the Ten Commandments began with the time of Moses and has been freshened up by various individuals and groups ever since.

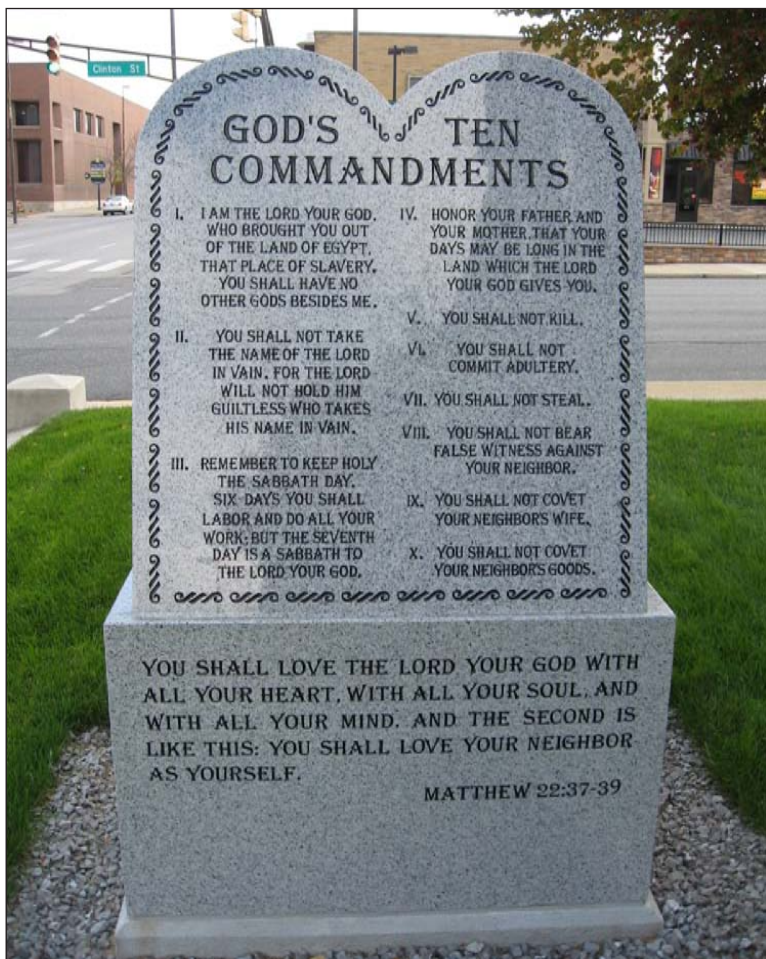
In this country, the cry of outrage begins with "separation of Church and state" and shows signs of a pathological fear of an improvement in human behavior if the commandments are displayed in public ... and, as often the case, attempts at suppression increase publicity.

Recently, increased attention to the commandments began in Kansas City, Mo., when the ACLU threatened the city with a lawsuit because a commandments display was on the courthouse lawn. The suit was avoided when the display was moved nearby to a Catholic church.

This prompted a local businessman, John Menghini, to wonder why more churches didn't display the commandments and decided to promote the idea. His proposal was encouraged by the Kansas City hierarchy and in 2004, "Project Moses" was born.

In time, the commandments displays appeared in 22 states, with considerable help from the Knights of Columbus, and an article about Project Moses was published in a 2006 issue of *Columbia*, the Knights' monthly magazine.

This article sparked the interest of Gene Rose who was wintering in Sun City, Ariz., and took the commandments display idea to



MARK WEBER

The Ten Commandments memorial on Cathedral Square is located at the corner of South Clinton and Jefferson Boulevard. The project was supported in spirit and financially by 11 Knights of Columbus councils and private donations.

the pastor at St. Clement Church, who encouraged Gene Rose to seek help from the Knights of Columbus there. And with financial support from the Knights,

Project Moses added one more site.

Three years later, Rose wondered why Project Moses couldn't be brought to Fort Wayne. Once



Two active fathers of the Knights of Columbus Faith, Family and Fatherhood festival, are John Kuhn, left, and Gene Rose. Rose first brought the Ten Commandments memorial proposal for a Fort Wayne location, and John Kuhn repaired the St. Joseph statue, which symbolized the fatherhood theme in the festival.

more he began at the parish level and as it advanced for the bishop's approval, the diocese was in transition; waiting for a new bishop to be named, so the proposal went on hold and eventually was approved by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

The bishop's approval was the brightest green light for the project, but now money was needed, so Gene Rose sought the support of his brother Knights at Father Brandon Council in Fort Wayne. There, under the chairmanship of John Murray, a personal appeal to each Knight in the 11 Fort Wayne councils was made and on the spectacular occasion of Faith, Family and Fatherhood festival in August, 2012, on Cathedral

Square in Fort Wayne, the Ten Commandments monument was blessed and dedicated by Bishop Rhoades.

A close friend of Gene Rose, John Kuhn, whose daughter is married to Gene's son had an active "behind the scenes" part in the festival. He repaired and repainted the St. Joseph statue, which symbolized the fatherhood theme of the festival. The repair was a major job and required Kuhn to fashion an entire new hand and staff for the statue, which was surrounded by flowers and carried aloft in a majestic procession from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne.



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Bishop Rhoades visits Holy Family School

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — In an unexpected turn of events, during a Mass marking the solemnity of All Saints Day at Holy Family Parish, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades had the pleasure of interviewing one of America's newest saints.

Well, not exactly.

As a part of his pastoral visit to Holy Family School, the bishop began with an all-school Mass that included fourth-grade students who were dressed as their favorite saints. Among the students was Alexis Moran, who was dressed as Kateri Tekakwitha, a Native American who was canonized on Oct. 21 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Bishop Rhoades asked Alexis to come with him to the pulpit where he interviewed her on the background of St. Kateri. Moran's information on the saint resulted in accolades from the bishop and applause from the congregation.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades asked the students to repeat the phrase "beatific vision," which means seeing God in the glory of heaven. He explained that beyond the souls of those in heaven are those in purgatory that are in need of purification before they see God.

"That's why it is important to pray for the dead, to pray for those in purgatory," said Bishop Rhoades. He added that the Church "includes Christ's disciples here on earth, the saints in heaven and the people being purified, which make up the communion of saints."

Bishop Rhoades' visit included a tour of the school's facilities and answering students' questions within their classes. Eighth-grade students were very interested in getting information about Confirmation and the selection of their new saint name during the process.

Holy Family School opened on Sept. 6, 1954 with 236 students

in grades 1-6. The school was the 14th Catholic grade school in the diocese and was staffed by five Felician Sisters from Livonia, Mich. Seventh and eighth grades were added in 1955 and 1956, and in 1978, a kindergarten was opened. Due to a need for increased enrollment, a preschool was added in 1991.

Felician Sister Joan Marie Shillinger has been the principal of Holy Family School since 1993 and is pleased with new structural changes and updated educational programs at the school.

Last summer new windows were installed in all of the classrooms with hallway windows to be completed in the next phase of school remodeling. In addition, updating technology through the use of Smart Boards or Polyvision boards and projectors has been added in the classrooms. Sister Joan Marie noted that the school would like to update computers in the labs and classrooms and have all teachers receive updated notebook computers for their classrooms as well.

Holy Family fourth-grade students have participated in the past few years in a Water Safety and Aquatic Emergency Program presented by the South Bend Fire Department, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, South Bend Parks and Recreation Department and St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center. Notre Dame allows the school to use their Knute Rockne Pool. This "hands on" program is an expansion of a 90-minute program that was presented to all the parochial and South Bend Community School Corporation students a number of years ago.

Sister Joan Marie said, "While this program will not 'drown proof' the children, it does teach them respect for the water, how to prevent water accidents, and in the event of an aquatic emergency, how to properly respond to save themselves or someone else, while minimizing the danger



PHOTOS BY KEVIN HAGGENJOS

The exterior of Holy Family School is shown above. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades made a pastoral visit to the school on Thursday, Nov. 1. At right, Bishop Rhoades poses with by Father Chuck Herman, pastor, and Felician Sister Joan Marie Shillinger, principal.

to themselves."

Some of the topics covered are CPR, self-rescue, survival swimming and floating, HELP and huddle positions, life jackets, lifesaving skills, water and medical emergencies and special water emergencies. Additionally, parents are invited to a special demonstration at the end of the five-week program.

Two active priests from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are alumni of Holy Family School.

Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne recalled, "Holy Family Parish and

School were very important in my formation in becoming a priest because, after my family, the parish and school were the most important factors in teaching me the Catholic faith and bringing me the sacraments."

Father Andrew Curry, pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester, and St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton, and chaplain to the Catholic Newman Group at Manchester College, has fond memories of the school.

"I remember having fun with friends from my class such as when we would stay after school to play the card game Uno with Mr. Bob Budzinski, (a teacher at

Holy Family School for 25 years and currently the assistant principal)," said Father Curry.

Father Chuck Herman, pastor of Holy Family Parish, offered his assessment of what makes the school successful.

"At Holy Family we strive to provide a well-rounded education for all of our students, in helping them to grow spiritually, mentally and physically. A Catholic education is so important today because of our very secular society. It is our mission to teach positive Christian values to our students, which will enable them to live good lives," Father Herman concluded.



Left, a student choir leads the music at the all-school Mass at Holy Family School in South Bend. Right, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades talks about the communion of saints during his homily at Holy Family Church on Nov. 1.



Students raise their hands in one of the classroom visits at Holy Family School on Nov. 1.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades watches a volcano exhibit with students from Holy Family School in South Bend.



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Fourth-grade students participate in the Water Safety and Aquatic Emergency Program at Holy Family School. The school uses the Knute Rockne pool for the class.



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Helmke completing 21-year career at Vincent Village

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — “It’s been a great journey even though it got stressful at times, especially during the recession, but I’ve loved every minute of it,” said Ann Helmke reflecting on more than 21 years as executive director of Vincent Village, Inc.

She retires Dec. 31 and will be succeeded by Denise M. Andorfer.

Her initial job in Fort Wayne was at Crossroads Children’s Home when Helmke, serving as a treatment specialist for less than a year, in October 1991 spotted a newspaper ad from Vincent House seeking an executive director. She sent a résumé, underwent two interviews and was offered the job the day after interviewing. “I’ve never regretted that decision,” she added.

Helmke is most proud Vincent House has grown “from a simple shelter to a village,” she said reflecting on her career. “Vincent Village actually *is* a village,” she stressed, “with neighbors who know each other and a support system for families to keep them moving forward.”

The village concept began in 1995, she mused, when she thought about the empty building — the former St. Hyacinth Parish rectory — next to her office in the transitional shelter then known as Vincent House.

“I called the bishop’s office,”



Ann Helmke

she related, “and spoke to Shirley Vorndran, Bishop (John M.) D’Arcy’s secretary. “I asked if I could use that building for the needs of the homeless,” she recalled. Ten minutes later Helmke’s telephone rang. It was Vorndran who told her Bishop D’Arcy said “It’s yours!”

Following some publicity including an open house, the building initially was made into a duplex for families completing a stay in the transitional shelter program. Soon the Homebuilders Association called, Helmke said, and wanted to rehab a house in the neighborhood as a charitable project. She began writing grants for housing acquisition, working with the State through IHCD (Indiana Housing

and Community Development Authority). It wasn’t long before there were 15 houses neighboring Vincent House. Currently, the neighborhood consists of about 32 once vacant and abandoned single-family homes renovated and furnished for families. To more accurately reflect the expanded role in housing and neighborhood revitalization, Vincent House, Inc. changed its name to Vincent Village, Inc. in 2008.

Other programs Helmke is most proud of initiating include Pathways to Success and Youth Services for Homeless Children which provide a long-range solution to family homelessness.

Following retirement, Helmke initially will try to relax a little, she said. She enjoys “reading mystery novels and watching ‘brainless’ TV shows because it gives my brain a rest,” she joked. She also spends a great deal of time with family activities, especially now following the death of her father last July and her mother’s serious illness. She likes to travel, especially by train, and is active in the Northside Neighborhood Association. She attends St. Jude Catholic Church. Helmke also works part-time in behavior health at Parkview Hospital. “There’s no grass growing under my feet,” she quipped.

In conclusion she said, “I have a desire to do something about jobs for the unemployed. Maybe it’s a



Denise Andorfer

calling, but something keeps needing at me. We have programs in place for the homeless, childcare and other services — everything except jobs,” she emphasized.

Helmke’s successor, Denise Andorfer said she is a “seasoned nonprofit executive specializing in resource, board and program development, able to provide leadership and strategic vision to improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness.”

A Fort Wayne native and the youngest of five brothers and sisters, Andorfer graduated from Bishop Luers High School. She attended Butler University and graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, with a

bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. She also earned a master’s degree in psychology from the University of Saint Francis.

Andorfer said, “Vincent Village is one of the best kept secrets in Fort Wayne,” adding that she would like to spend some time getting out more publicity for the organization and bringing in additional tours. “It’s a long-term thing,” she said. “Interested individuals may not become donors for six months to a year,” adding that the “A Place at Our Table” dinner/fundraiser event on Nov. 15 is “a great opportunity for us to share our mission and feature some of the clients that we serve.”

Recently, Andorfer earned a master’s degree from Indiana Tech and currently serves as an adjunct faculty advisor teaching nonprofit management, grant writing and an occasional psychology class. She’s a mentor for the Boys and Girls Clubs in Fort Wayne and enjoys fitness classes. Mostly, however, what keeps her busiest, she said, is raising her 14-year-old daughter who is a freshman at Bishop Dwenger High School.

“Fort Wayne is a very generous, compassionate community with so many fantastic people willing to give of themselves,” she concluded. “I’m looking forward to serving as Vincent Village’s executive director!”

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Beloved school cook, Rosie Munson retires

BY SANDRA GUFFEY

FORT WAYNE — Oftentimes on a cold, autumn morning, students entering St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne would encounter the warm, welcoming aroma of Rosie Munson's cinnamon rolls wafting through the hallways.

The first question everyone asked when they heard kitchen director Rosie Munson had announced her retirement was, "Who will be making cinnamon rolls for us?"

Those rolls along with prayers to the Blessed Mother and spiritual advice have been constants for the past 33 years during which Munson has ruled the kitchen. She calls every one of the people she serves "angels" and treats them as the most special people in the world.

"I wanted to be a teacher, but that

wasn't in God's plan. Instead he gave me all of you wonderful angels," Munson said to a packed gymnasium during the Family Rosary Friday afternoon, Oct. 5. The student body thanked her following the rosary by giving her cards, banners and a bouquet of roses.

Teachers and parents in attendance had tears in their eyes as they listened to Munson express her love for the Catholic Church and the important place it fills in her life.

Besides the delicious food she prepares, such as her famous spaghetti sauce, modeling her faith is what most people know about the cook.

"Rosie has a true servant's heart," said Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor at St. Vincent. "She has a love for the Lord and the Church. Her love for the Eucharist is very clear in her life."

As a mother of eight children

herself, Munson learned early to cook for lots of people. She recalls the day she was called in 1975 by St. Vincent's then-cafeteria manager Louise Burnt.

"She asked if there was any way I could help them cook. She said since I already cooked for so many, I could just cook a little more," said Munson.

During her time at the school, she has worked with her mother, aunts, sisters and children, all volunteers at one time or another. Traditionally the family has served Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at the school for all who wish to attend or who may not have anywhere else to go.

Munson learned as a young girl from other family members associated with St. Vincent de Paul Parish that working for the Lord was important.

"I figured I was just continuing



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Rosie Munson, who has cooked for St. Vincent de Paul School students and staff for 33 years, poses between school Principal Sandra Guffey, left, and Assistant Principal Elizabeth Kleber following a reception that honored her as she retires.

my grandfather's work. He (Henry Bobay) was the custodian of the old church," said Munson, referring to the brick building at the corner of Auburn and Wallen roads, which was recently demolished.

Now that she is retired, Munson's future includes babysitting for her 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, the legacy of her marriage to Doug Munson who died in 1998.

"I'm going to live on love and hopefully, do whatever God has in mind for me to do," Munson said, adding, "God's much smarter than me. I learned that a long time ago."

Students and staff will miss Munson's smiling face every day as she served meals in the school cafeteria.

Msgr. Kuzmich commends Munson as a person "dedicated to her work, who loves children and has always prepared food that is nutritional and appetizing."

St. Vincent held an open house in Rosie Munson's honor on Sunday, Oct. 21, in the Parish Hall.

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Marian service fair forges spirit of commitment to volunteerism

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — Complimenting the school's motto of "They shall know us by our deeds," a service fair was open to Marian High School students from Oct. 29 through Nov. 2 during lunch periods in the school cafeteria. Over 20 local nonprofits were in attendance to highlight the importance of student involvement in volunteering for community service.

Diane Coiro, a Marian High School board member and volunteer coordinator for the service fair, described the purpose of the event. "The students of Marian have done volunteer work since our establishment in 1964. Our students are already tremendously active within the greater community. I organized this event as a means of bringing our students into direct contact with a variety of agencies in an effort to enhance their volunteerism with new opportunities," said Coiro.

Marian Principal Carl Loesch expanded on the objectives of conducting a service fair. "Service to others is a critical part of our Catholic faith. There are two purposes for our service fair; first, we wanted to inform our students about the many wonderful agencies in our community, and second, we wanted to encourage our students to explore new opportunities for service."



Marian High School students ask Michael Weathers from Habitat for Humanity about building projects during the school's service fair.

KAREN CLIFFORD

Loesch continued, "Instead of having a mandatory voluntary service requirement that can turn wonderful service experiences into questions of 'does this count for my required hours,' we want to encourage our students to choose to give of themselves through service. In this way, they will discover the joy of service, develop and share their God given talents, and discern possible vocations and careers."

Marian teachers Mary Dlugosz and Jenny Gargac noted the importance of student involvement through service in shaping the student's spiritual and moral identity.

"To truly be a witness to Jesus Christ as teacher and servant, we all must use the time, talent and treasure entrusted to us by God. These service projects provide an opportunity for us to put our words into action," Dlugosz explained.

Gargac observed that often students do not know where to begin in searching out volunteer opportunities. "Many Marian students are already committed to some form of volunteering, so the service fair allows them to learn about additional opportunities. For students who are not yet involved in service, the fair introduces them to service

organizations and needs in our community of which they might not have been aware," Gargac said.

Among the nonprofit organizations present at the fair were representatives from Chiara Home, the Christ Child Society and the Logan Center.

"Marian High School students provide the extra attention, love and dignity our guests need and deserve. As Chiara Home strives to provide respite care to over 400 families caring for a loved one with disabilities, an extra set of loving hands can make all the difference," noted Chiara Home Executive Director Brenda Emmerth.

Christ Child Society of South Bend is an all-volunteer organization serving the needs of children living in poverty. South Bend Christ Child President Kathy Seidl emphasized the importance of Marian High School volunteers.

"They assist the Christ Child volunteers with sorting, folding and distributing of clothes to the children. Our many volunteers truly appreciate all of the help these students provide. They are vital to our organization," said Seidl.

Nicole Maguire, volunteer coordinator from Logan Center observed that students and those they serve at the center both profit from the volunteer experience. Said Maguire, "Through their volunteer experience, these students carry away with them an increased

understanding and awareness of people with developmental disabilities. Like the ripple effect, the opening of the hearts and minds of these students has the potential to go a long way in furthering acceptance of people with differing abilities."

In the end it was the students who were responsible for the service fair's success. Freshman Sam Gill, who intends to do more service work in the upcoming year, noted that helping others is a strong motivator for volunteering in the community. Senior Tracy Wang, who currently volunteers on a weekly basis at Ironwood Nursing Home, found the service fair a convenient way to look at and sign up for the various nonprofit organizations.

And junior Kendall Eme, who has volunteered at Saint Joseph Hospital and St. Vincent de Paul Society, expressed the personal growth she has experienced from working with organizations like those present at the service fair. "My motivation to do service work is my love for helping people and the learning process that comes with helping. I love how good you make the people you're helping feel. I volunteer because I am fortunate enough to have all of the necessities and I believe it is human nature to give back," said Eme.



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'On the third day He rose again from the dead'

Death cannot hold Him who is Life. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, His triumph over sin, death and the dominion of those principalities and powers who had rebelled against God, is our hope. Too many people in our world feel trapped: trapped by their own past (often disastrous) decisions, trapped by their job, trapped in an oppressive or numbing relationship, or by a general sense that forces beyond their control keep them from the happiness to which they aspire and which our culture (disingenuously) promises is so easily within their reach.

The life to which Jesus calls us, the life He makes possible by His death and resurrection, is no mere extension or betterment of the life we now live, an extension of endless duration of our current, mundane existence. When

Jesus raises Lazarus, for example, He is simply restoring him to his earthly life; while foreshadowing and anticipating the Resurrection of Jesus, it is, technically, not an experience of resurrection but rather, resuscitation.

The life which Jesus offers us, the abundant life of which He speaks in St John's Gospel, is of a different order than our current existence, it's a kind of life that is more real than we have ever experienced: for in Him, we are made capable of sharing in the very life of God. Not mere immortality (the state of being no longer subject to death), but life — of body and soul — restored to its original harmony and further enriched by being given what, in the estimation of many of the Fathers of the Church, Adam and Eve had not yet attained in Paradise (subverted by

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their own desire to grasp peremptorily what was to be theirs by gift): full filiation as God's sons and daughters made possible through the Incarnation of His own eternal Son. The Fathers of the Church speak of *theopoiesis*, or "divinization," not in the sense that a human can become "god," but that God offers to us by grace what His own Son is by nature: this is what St. Paul means by

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Trust in God requires humility and wisdom



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 12:38-44

The First Book of Kings furnishes this weekend's first reading from the Scriptures.

Political governance, in the minds of the ancient Hebrews, was not the chief function of their kings. Rather, assuring the nation's faithfulness to God and to the law of God given through Moses, was their kings' primary duty.

Since this religious function was so vital, it is not surprising that many stories in the Books of Kings revolve not around the monarchs, but around the prophets who were active at the time.

Such is the case this weekend. The central figure in the story is Elijah, the prophet. In this story, Elijah appears at the gate of a city and encounters a woman collecting twigs and branches to use as firewood.

She obviously is quite poor. She must forage for fuel. She needed food to provide for her son. The impression left is that she was a widow, and her son was a child.

In fact, she is so poor that she tells Elijah that after she and her son consume whatever she can bake using the meager amount of flour and oil on hand, she and

the son will die. There is nothing else.

Elijah tells her that she and the son will not die. He says that if she will feed the prophet, then God will provide. The story ends by telling us that she prepared food for Elijah, and her flour and oil never ran out. He calls her to trust.

For its second reading, the Church this weekend gives us a passage from the Epistle to the Hebrews. Building upon traditional Jewish themes, the author writes about Jesus in the most soaring language.

The reading declares that God has ordained that all people must die, but God also has ordained that all may live if they turn to Jesus. This is possible because of the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary, and because of the reality of Jesus as a human and as the Son of God, in the mystery theologians call the Incarnation.

St. Mark's Gospel offers us the last reading. It is a familiar story, appearing also in Luke, but not in Matthew. In the story, the Lord speaks quite sternly about scribes. Scribes, able to read and write in an era when religious knowledge mattered more than anything else, were specialists in interpreting the law of Moses and were well regarded as such.

Jesus does not belittle the law of Moses but the self-satisfaction and even sinful pride of the scribes.

He presents a contrast. At the time, in that culture, widows could be very vulnerable. The poor widow who gave to the temple a small donation, but great for her in her poverty, is the paragon of love for God and trust in God. Jesus spoke of her as such.

Reflection

The widow's mite is a story beloved by Christians for generations. It is a story of generosity. Even sinners, however, at times can be generous.

This widow's generosity is a sign of her trust in God and of her understanding that the work of God on earth, such as the worship provided through the religious treasury, was entitled to her cooperation.

Trusting in God has its challenges. The times may be uncertain, leading us to fret about warnings and dire possibilities in the future. As in everything, the world, the flesh and the devil distract us.

The wise are humble. Humility is about recognizing that we belong to God, and that God is supreme. The wise trust. We can never fully control our futures in this world. Reversals may, and usually do, come. We can assure for ourselves a place in eternity by never failing to love God and to obey God.

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1-6 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8

Affirmative action and Catholic schools

In October, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Fisher v. University of Texas*. The issue was affirmative action at public colleges and universities.

Nine years ago, in a case from the University of Michigan, the court held that public universities can consider race as one factor among many in admissions. The University of Texas does that for some of its undergraduate applicants. But Texas also admits all applicants from the top 10 percent of each high school's graduating class — a colorblind program that produces a fairly diverse mix of students.

Abigail Fisher is a white student who did not finish in the top 10 percent of her high school class. Thrown into the color-sensitive segment of the school's admissions program, she was rejected. Her case may prompt the court to re-examine the Michigan decision.

Affirmative action has done a lot of good in higher education. It has given many young people opportunities their parents and grandparents never had. And it has contributed to interracial understanding and acceptance. America is a better place for these changes than it was 50 years ago.

There is, to be sure, some tension between affirmative action and other principles we hold dear — like the moral irrelevance of race. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream that his children would not be judged by the color of their skin. The Supreme Court has suggested that we resolve this tension by thinking of affirmative action as a temporary expedient. The Fisher case will decide whether the time has come to end that expedient.

The University of Texas is a state school whose behavior is governed by the equal protection clause. The Catholic University of America, where I am president, is a private school. The equal protection clause does not apply to us.

But Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act does apply to us, and the Supreme Court has held that it imposes the same rule on us that the Constitution imposes on public schools. Right now, Title VI allows us to consider race as a factor in admitting students. It would be unfortunate if a change in the constitutional rule meant there must be a similar change in the statutory rule.

There are many situations where we allow private institutions to behave differently from public ones. The First Amendment forbids public schools to profess or favor a particular faith. But it lets Catholic schools prefer Catholics in hiring and admissions. Sex is another example. The equal protection clause frowns on sex-segregated state universities. Private schools



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are different. Smith College has admitted only women since 1871.

The distinction between public and private institutions presupposes that private ones can pursue ends beyond the government's competence. The Holy Spirit guides the Catholic Church — but perhaps not the state of California — in her efforts to know, love and serve God.

Sometimes we may think this way about race, too. Whatever the Supreme Court may decide is appropriate for the University of Texas, we would never dream of forcing the United Negro College Fund to ignore race in awarding scholarships.

So, too, with admissions at private schools like ours. As the national university of the Catholic Church, we aim to educate the Church's future religious and lay leaders. Given that 54 percent of Catholics born here in the past 30 years are Hispanic, we would not be doing our job if we failed to serve what will soon be the majority of American Catholics.

If we are to serve the faithful well, and all of them equally, then it is Catholic University's business to concern itself with race, ethnicity, language, culture, customs, devotions, movements and other characteristics that enrich and distinguish groups within the Church.

If this entails some consideration of race or ethnicity in admissions and hiring, that is a good and necessary thing.

John Garvey is the president of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Building sibling bonds

I was invited to talk to a mother's group last week and the subject of brother and sister relationships came up. *How do you get your children to get along? What do you do about building sibling bonds?*

Well. ...

Although no family is perfect, there are some ways to foster great relationships between our children and their siblings:

First, recognize that selfishness is the result of the fallen nature of man. And many sibling squabbles and rivalry comes from selfishness. That selfishness is a tendency does not mean it is acceptable, but recognizing the root will help eliminate it. The primary way to build sibling bonds, then, is to lead a rich sacramental life as a family — frequent Confession and Mass — and to have parents authentically loving one another and demonstrating patience and unselfishness.

Second, experts often tell us that siblings will seek out conflict to gain the attention of parents. Pre-empt this by making sure you are fully present for your children every day. Limit YOUR time on the computer, phone and watching television. Look into your children's eyes when they speak and really listen. Children who feel they have the attention of their parents are less likely to misbehave, tattle or fight with their siblings.

Third, implement some family-building strategies:

• **Find ways for siblings to work together.** This may be setting the dinner table when they are very small or in joint meal planning and preparing when they are older. Solving problems together is a team building activity, so anything that involves working together toward a common goal can help.

• **Give them time apart.** Everyone needs some personal space, to allow positive interaction with others. Let your children have some space and time alone to think, pray, read or do nothing. This will help recharge them mentally, physically and spiritually and help allow them

to be their best selves when they interact socially.

• **Foster respect.** Help your children respect siblings' personal spaces by reminding them to knock before entering their sibling's room, to not touch personal and private belongings of their brothers and sisters, and to respect the opinions of their siblings. Do not allow interruption or demeaning or sarcastic remarks. Begin young. Teach by example. Encourage encouragement in your home.

• **Manage your children's outside activities and teach service.** It is difficult for children to learn unselfishness if they are immersed continually only in activities that benefit them. While certainly it is our responsibility as parents to help our children develop their gifts and talents, we must balance that with opportunities for genuine service, both publicly and in the home.

An older sister can help a younger one wash up, brush her teeth and get into her pajamas, read her a few books before mom and dad come up to pray with them. A teenaged brother can throw the football with his younger sibling, offering tips and learning patience in the process. This will help build a sibling bond.

• **Build memories.** Something you do the same way over time will become a tradition and can create treasured memories. Saying nightly prayers together, having short weekly family "meetings" over Sunday dinner or instituting an occasional family "poetry reading night" or family backyard game of baseball or croquet are all ways to cultivate family time and encourage bonding.

• **Consider your children's friends.** Are they a help or hindrance in sibling bonding? If an honest assessment reveals your children are too peer dependent, think of ways to gently pull them back to the family unit.

• **Engage your children in birthday planning for their sibs.** Enlist the kids in making rhyming clues around the house leading to a sibling's birthday present. Have them create a birthday quiz. Flip



Theresa A. Thomas

through baking books with your children and ask them to help you find a perfect cake design for their sister. When these types of activities are implemented over time, the benefit is building thoughtfulness and sibling bonds.

I love seeing my 17-year-old daughter, who aims for a career in animation, ask her seven-year-old sister if she wants to draw with her or to hear that my adult son who lives in Atlanta is planning a trip to California to visit his brother, just for fun. And it is wonderful when I peek outside while making dinner on a cold autumn Saturday afternoon and spot four sisters sitting on the back swing, laughing and talking together.

I'm sure you've experienced moments like these in your own families. They really warm a parent's heart. With a little planning and effort we can help encourage more and more moments like these and establish strong sibling relationships in our families. These relationships will, after all, continue to bless our children long after we are gone.

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our being "in Christ," that we relate to the Father just as Jesus does, not by our own merits but by His life poured into us through Baptism.

In our Baptism, St. Paul tells us, we have died with Christ, so that we might rise with Him. We are *incorporated* into Christ at Baptism, grafted into His Body, the Church, and it is our identification with Him (and, moreover, His identification with us) that makes our death, like His, efficacious. Christ frees us not from what St. Augustine calls the "first

death" — despite our Baptism we remain obviously and painfully mortal. Rather, Christ saves us from the "second death" — an eternal separation, an eternal isolation, an existence so turned in upon itself that it cannot but be an eternal misery. And He offers us a share in that new life, the risen life He experiences, His very life, body and soul.

What precisely this risen life looks like is not easy to say. What we do know is that it is patterned on, and made possible only by, Christ's own risen life. We know from the Gospels that Jesus was not bound by space and time in the same way we are (He could manifest Himself in locked rooms) and yet He goes to great length to demonstrate that

He is no mere phantasm, vision or fond memory: He dines with striking regularity with His disciples *after* the Resurrection. It is that life we hope to share on the Last Day, when Christ returns in glory and completes His saving work on a cosmic scale. On that day, as the prayer of the Church says, Christ "will raise up in the flesh those who have died, and transform our lowly body after the pattern of His own glorious body." Then it is our hope that, "seeing You, God, as You are, shall be like you for all the ages." — Eucharistic Prayer III.

Msgr. Michael Heintz is rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 11, 2012

Mark 12:38-44

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the two coins of the poor widow. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Don't take signs of strokes lightly

BY RICK COPENHAVER

My daily rosary on the way to work usually relaxes me and prepares me for the day and creates the right focus. Recent work had been very stressful. We had acquired a new business. There was so much to learn in such a short time. Everyday that went by there were more things I didn't get done. My balance of spiritual, physical, family and work life was out of whack.

I went out with a friend for lunch at a pizza place. It's a lunch I'll remember. I lost 40 percent of my vision for 10 minutes. Across the table from me I could only see the shape of my friend but not make out his face. Could he tell I couldn't see him? When my vision came back he showed no concern. Thank goodness. The lack of vision happened one more time during lunch. Just as I was ready to ask my friend to dial 911 my vision came back.

Back at the office I had strange headaches and was having some issues speaking, but nothing severe enough to take action.

At the end of the day I went to an urgent care and within minutes I was in the hospital ER. I was admitted as a precautionary measure. Between tests I called my wife and told her to stay home for now. She told me to say rosaries during the tests.

By the grace of God I am fine. I

had a TIA, which in layman's terms is a mini stroke. I share my story so that others can recognize a stroke.

Here are some signs to look for:

- Changes in hearing, taste, alertness
- Clumsiness, dizziness,
- Confusion or loss of memory
- Difficulty swallowing, reading, writing
- Lack of control over the bladder or bowels
- Loss of balance and coordination
- Muscle weakness in the face, arm, or leg (usually just on one side)
- Numbness or tingling on one side of the body
- Personality, mood or emotional changes
- Problems with eyesight, including decreased vision, double vision or total loss of vision
- Sensation changes that affect touch and the ability to feel pain, pressure, different temperatures or other stimuli
- Difficulty speaking or understanding others speaking
- Difficulty walking

Here is how to help prevent stroke. Reduce stress. Balance your life.

I had been working too much. Things were getting to me. Doctors said exercise isn't an option anymore — it's a must to exercise 30 minutes a day. The exercise will reduce stress.

Eat dark green leafy vegetables. In your daily prayer time stop asking for this and that and start listening.

Sports

FOOTBALL TEAMS ADVANCE TO REGIONALS Diocesan high schools will compete this weekend in regional play. Mishawaka Marian will play Heritage at Marian. The Marian Knights defeated Saint Joseph, South Bend, on Nov. 2, 21-7, in Class 3-A competition for a sectional title. Bishop Dwenger High School will play Concord at Dwenger. The Bishop Dwenger Saints defeated Norwell, 14-7, in Class 3-A competition for the sectional title on Nov. 2. Bishop Luers will play Tipton at Tipton for the regional title in Class 2-A. The Bishop Luers Knights defeated Churubusco, 21-0, in sectional play Nov. 2.

St. Matthew Blazers take Division 1 Championship, St. Charles Cardinals win Division 2

BY MATT SOBERALSKI

SOUTH BEND — The final weekend of the 2012 diocesan football schedule concluded at Saint Joseph High School's brand new Father Bly Field with championship matchups that brought the best from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend together. The first game of the double header saw the St. Matthew Blazers take on the St. John the Baptist Eagles, while in the second it was the St. Anthony Panthers and the St. Charles Cardinals.

The orange-and-black-clad Blazers did not take the beautiful November weather for granted as they took advantage in the first quarter. The Eagles fumbled the ball away on fourth down giving the ball to the Blazers in their own territory. On the Blazers' second play from scrimmage Nick Monnin broke a huge 70-yard run that put the Blazers deep in Eagle territory. A few players later Cole Kaznia plunged into the end zone from one yard out to give the Blazers an early lead.

The Eagles got the ball back and used the big play themselves as quarterback Brayton Goebel found Chance Ritschard for a 25-yard gain. On the next play, Goebel threw a jump ball up to Gareth Brouwer who caught it for the Eagles first score of the day. The extra kick tied the game at 8.

Big plays continued to be the theme of the first quarter as Kaznia broke loose for a 52-yard touchdown scamper as the Blazers regained the first quarter lead, 16-8. However, it only took the black-and-white-clad Eagles one play to bring the score closer as Goebel found Ritschard for a 58-yard touchdown pass.

The light bulbs on the scoreboard kept flashing for the Blazers as it only took them one play of their own as Kaznia made another big time play as he broke tackles and eventually wound up in the end zone for the third time on a 60-yard touchdown, putting the score at 23-14 at the end of only the first quarter.

St. John's Eagles calmed down and drove methodically down the field as Goebel connected on five straight passes. Jonathan Silvers took a rare carry and hit the end zone running hard for a touchdown from eight yards out. With the two-



RAY DERUCKI

The St. Matthew Blazers of South Bend defeated the St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, Eagles on Sunday afternoon to take the Division 1 diocesan championship title at Father Bly Field at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend.

point kick the Eagles were back within one point of St. Matt's at 23-22.

With the momentum on their side, St. John's tried to surprise the Blazer special teams by attempting an onside kick, but the kick only went nine yards and the Blazers took over. The Eagles would come up with a giant defensive stop and took over on downs.

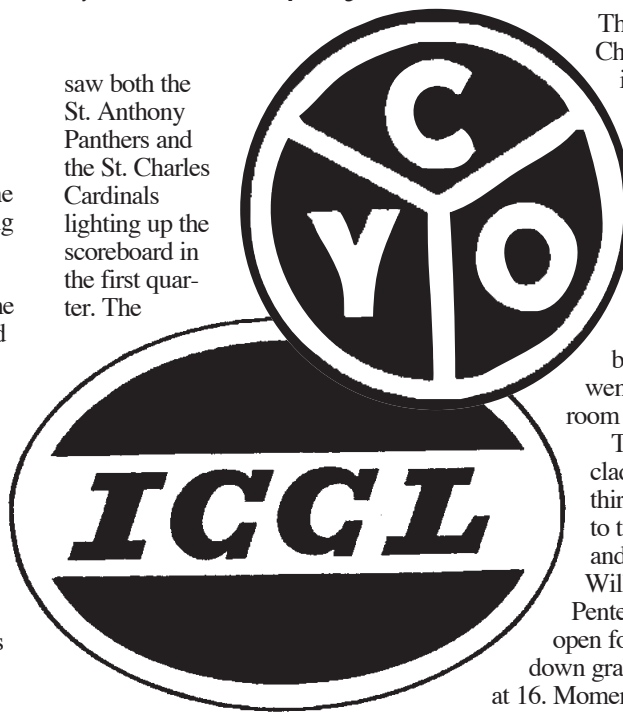
The defenses for both teams found their footing as it became a slugfest as both teams would trade turnovers when Ritschard intercepted a Justin DeClark pass right before the half. DeClark would get revenge though on the first possession of third quarter when he snuck through the line to put the Blazers up, 29-22.

The Eagles started driving again, but Goebel threw a jump ball toward the end zone that ended up in the wrong hands as Alex Guzman came up with an interception at the one-yard line. The Blazers took the ball and never gave it up as they methodically drove down the field and used up the game clock. The Blazers turned the ball over on downs with only 36 seconds left in the game. St. John's Eagles' final desperation hook and lateral play was snuffed out by the Blazers' Jordan Brown, who clinched the Division 1 Championship for the St. Matthew Blazers.

Division 2 game

Just like the first game of the day, the second game of the day

saw both the St. Anthony Panthers and the St. Charles Cardinals lighting up the scoreboard in the first quarter. The



Panthers drove the ball down the field and Blake Beniefel got the scoring started with a 25-yard touchdown run that gave the early advantage to the Panthers.

St. Charles took no time getting down the field as Mac Hippenhammer broke a 45-yard run down to the 12-yard line. Carl Williams would cap the short drive off by scoring from 8 yards out tying the game at 8.

Beniefel took the Cardinals kick off back 40 yards setting the Panthers up with great field position. The maroon and gold attacked the Cardinals with their running game and Charlie McFadden eventually scored from 5 yards out to give the lead back to the Panthers at 16-8.



RAY DERUCKI

The St. Charles Cardinals of Fort Wayne were the Division 2 champions of the diocesan playoff game with St. Anthony Panthers of South Bend.

The Cardinals of St. Charles took the ball in the second quarter and would use most of the game clock as they drove it down the field before a Hippenhammer fumble halted the drive. Nolan Sage recovered the fumble and the Panthers went into the locker room with a 16-8 lead.

The red-and-white clad opened the third quarter looking to tie the game up, and they looked to Williams again as Jack Pentenburg found him open for a 57-yard touchdown grab that tied the game at 16. Momentum would stay with the Cardinals as they forced a turnover on downs and then proceeded to take the ball and set themselves up to take the lead. They would take the lead, 24-16, when Williams scored from 17 yards out.

The fourth quarter intensified as the Panthers were looking to make a run at the game as they drove the ball down the field and looked to tie the game up. Milking the fourth

quarter clock put the Panthers in a good position when Tony Carmola scored the game-tying touchdown with 28 seconds left in the game.

Mac Hippenhammer was not looking to play extra football on this particular Sunday. On the kick off after the Panthers tied the game, he would take the ball at his own 30-yard line and shed tacklers before ultimately finding a hole where he would score the go ahead touchdown with only 19 seconds left in the game. The kickoff return was a 70-yard scamper.

Carmola would try to lead an improbable comeback and those dreams were dashed when he was sacked by Zach Wolf that ran the clock out. The Division 2 champions would end up being the St. Charles Cardinals.

Another great season of diocesan football is officially in the books and it could not have been done without the support of all the parents and volunteers who help make this league run. Along with the parents and volunteers, the beautiful facilities and the people who open those facilities do an excellent job each week. Finally, the most important part of the league is the kids who showcase their love for football each week and show great sportsmanship.

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Church teachings have given them 'true freedom' as women

BY MAUREEN BOYLE

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Helen Alvare, former U.S. bishops' pro-life spokeswoman, is the co-author and editor of a new book, "Breaking Through, Catholic Women Speak for Themselves," the idea for which came about, she said, from pages of notes she's been jotting down for the past 15 years.

However, the concept officially took off when the recently coined and politically charged phrase, "war on women" entered into the American lexicon, used by some to characterize opposition to a federal mandate requiring most religious

employers to provide free coverage of contraceptives for employees.

"It forced me to make a response," said Alvare, who with several of her co-contributors recently talked about the book at the Catholic Information Center in downtown Washington. "This is a book that tries to be the intersection of faith and reason."

The recent claims about "war on women" fail to acknowledge Catholic women who value religious liberty, said Alvare, who is a law professor at George Mason University Law School.

Along with her co-authors and 36,000 women, Alvare signed an open letter she and fellow book

contributor Kim Daniels wrote to the Obama administration, saying religious freedom must be preserved not only for private worship, but also for public expression.

In her remarks Oct. 5 and in a similar presentation at the National Press Club Oct. 16, Alvare said the book, "Breaking Through, Catholic Women Speak for Themselves," grew out of a women's movement, Women Speak for Themselves, established to defend religious freedom and to put forth a more thoughtful and complete vision of women's freedom.

Published by Our Sunday Visitor, the book is a collection of essays on a range of topics, including dating, marriage, children, religious life, women as the family breadwinner and single motherhood. The authors are Catholic women, writing about how their faith has shaped their lives, guided them through the secularism of today's society, and how they embraced the true freedom found by living according to the rich teachings of the Catholic Church.

"Nine Catholic women tell their stories of living out their faith joyfully, authentically and without fear," said Alvare.

In her talk at the Catholic Information Center, she addressed religious liberty as it relates to the contraceptive mandate issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It requires all employers, including most religious employers, to cover the costs of

contraceptives, including some that can cause abortions, and of sterilizations in employee health plans.

In her chapter "Fear of Children," Alvare writes about how when she was growing up and as a young adult, she wasn't always fond of the idea of having children. That notion changed, she said, when she looked to the Catholic Church and its wisdom on sacrificial love, and it opened her "heart and mind to children."

"Living for myself — or as a couple — would be a terrible temptation toward materialism, ego and selfishness. Self-giving to a sacrificial extent is just more likely to happen when it's in your face, in your house, where you get relentless opportunities to rise above your own weaknesses, and to take care of others for decades," Alvare writes.

Dr. Marie Anderson, an obstetrician-gynecologist with the Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax, Va., describes in her essay her journey from beginning her medical career as a doctor who prescribed contraception and returning to her faith and joining a pro-life medical practice, a decision she has never regretted, she said.

As a child of the 1960s, Anderson said, she went to medical school and "checked my faith at the door."

"When I came back to the Church, I had to do this in a public arena and that meant leaving that practice, showing my interior soul, but I grew so much," Anderson said.

Speaker Elise Italiano, another essayist, talked about life as a single Catholic young woman. She said her life at age 28 is very different from her mother's life decades earlier. She also said many young adults' lives mirror their college days, resulting in delayed marriage and careers as the driving force of their lives.

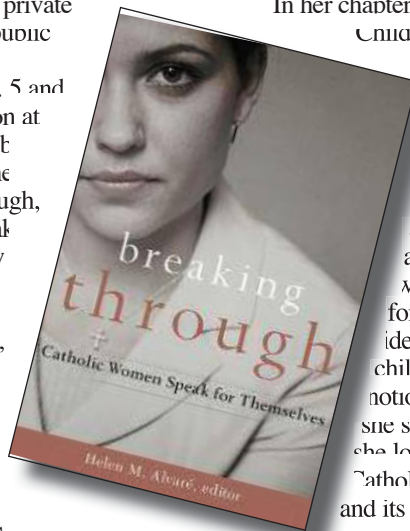
"There are lots of single Catholic women in the world, but not of the world," she said. "And they have many questions."

Italiano, who teaches at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington, said the Church needs to reach out pastorally to its single population, especially young Catholic women. "The Church can help her battle against a life of mediocrity and offer crucial support toward a life of sanctity," she writes.

Daniels, a mother of six, a lawyer and coordinator of Catholic Voices USA, who contributed an essay on "Beyond Politics — Everyday Catholic Life," said Catholics can fight the tide of secularism and build up the culture through strong ties to one another in families, parishes and friendships.

"In our families, build a domestic Church, where children learn beauty, goodness and truth. We need to root ourselves in a parish and build relationships," she said.

Maureen Boyle writes for the *Catholic Standard*, newspaper of the Washington Archdiocese.



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FUND RAISERS

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 5-6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Catholics on a Mission teen group.

Hot food for a cold day

Fort Wayne — St. Mary Parish will have a chili cook-off featuring six different recipes, on Sunday, Nov. 11, in Oechtering Hall, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. A free-will offering will be taken to vote for the best chili. There will also be a bake sale before and after Mass. All proceeds will benefit the Ave Maria House. Contact Dottie for information at (260) 705-1690.

Win a Thanksgiving turkey

Fort Wayne — Win a Thanksgiving turkey at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth HASA's turkey bingo Sunday, Nov. 18, in the school cafeteria. Doors open at 12:15 p.m. with bingo from 1-3 p.m. Donations accepted for Bingo cards. Winners will take home one of 11 turkeys. Pizza, pop and snacks will be offered for sale and every item purchased will enter to win SCRIP certificates. Non-perishable items for St. Vincent de Paul Society will also be collected.

Christ Child Festival plans for 61st year

Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Festival will be held at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum Dec. 14-16. There is no admission fee,

however the Coliseum charges for parking. Refreshments will be available at no charge. Attendees are encouraged to bring a donation for the Associated Churches Food Bank.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3.50. Carry-out available.

Fish fry

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will host a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 9, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the council hall. Price is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12; all carry-outs are \$8.50. Bring two or more non-perishable food items and save \$1 off your dinner price. The Knights will also host a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 11, after 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Proceeds will benefit seminarian Chris Sindelar.

Annual fall festival planned

South Bend — St. Casimir Parish, 1308 W. Dunham St., will have a fall festival Sunday, Nov. 11. Chicken dinner served from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults \$9, children (5-12) \$4, children under 5 eat free. Call (574) 287-9551 for tickets. Music begins at 2 p.m. provided by the Tim Deka Trio. Games of chance, raffles, prizes and pastry booth offered.

CRAFT FAIRS

Not Your Grandma's Christmas Bazaar

Churubusco — St. John Bosco Parish, 216 N. Main St., will have a bazaar Friday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Homemade pastries, hand rolled noodles, handcrafted items, gently used shop and a raffle with a chance to win a quilt, jewelry or other prizes. Cinnamon rolls, coffee, homemade soup and sandwiches served all day.

Kris Kringle craft show

South Bend — Little Flower Parish will have a Kris Kringle craft show Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eighty-eight juried crafters, hayride, shuttle, food drive, bake sale, raffle and lunch available.

Music Boosters plan craft show

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters craft show will be Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Nelson's Chicken will also be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the music programs at Bishop Dwenger High School.

Craft bazaar

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym. The Altar and Rosary Society will be holding a raffle for various items from local merchants. The eighth-grade class will be selling lunch.

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Annual Holiday Bazaar

Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish, 4508 Vistula Rd., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 60 craft vendors, bake sale including a Piggy Raffle and refreshments. Raffle tickets on sale through Nov. 10 at the parish office. Grand prize \$975.

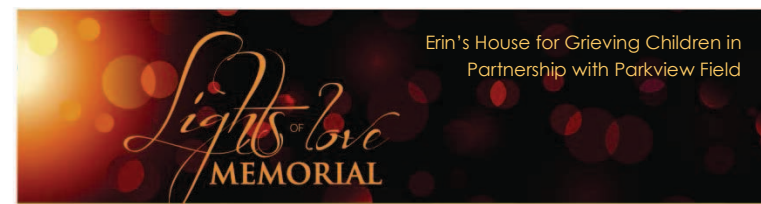
Shopping extravaganza

Monroeville — The St. Joseph School HASA will have a shopping extravaganza on Saturday,

Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Monroeville Fire Station. Vendors on hand include Scentsy, 31 Bags, Longaberger, Gold Canyon, Tupperware and others. Handmade items will also be available. The Friends of St. Joseph will host a bake sale and lunch will be served by the Fire Dept. auxillary.

Craft bazaar planned

Avilla — St. Mary Parish will have a craft bazaar on Sunday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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SAINTS

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their example.”

Bishop Rhoades asked each of the eight girls who chose St. Kateri Tekakwitha to share something about the new saint.

“She is a role model,” the first girl told the bishop.

“She had smallpox,” the second girl said. Bishop Rhoades explained how smallpox took the lives of her parents and left Kateri with scars.

“She is the patron saint for children who lost parents,” the third girl said.

“At the moment she died, the smallpox marks disappeared from Kateri’s face,” the fourth student said.

Kateri was raised by an uncle who was not Catholic and she was criticized for her Christian faith, the bishop noted. Kateri wanted to give her life to Jesus rather than marry and was baptized at the age of 20. She died when she was only 24.

Kateri lived near Auriesville, N.Y., and was born just eight years after the death of the eight North American Jesuit martyrs, whose shrine is also in Auriesville.

“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of Church,” Bishop Rhoades quoted. And years later, another saint is recognized from the area.

“All of us are called to be saints,” Bishop Rhoades said.

He encouraged the students to speak with God in prayer and to allow some silence to hear His response.

Bishop Rhoades also reflected upon the day’s Gospel about the rich man who obeyed the Commandments but did not want to sell his material goods and follow Jesus.

“He went away sad,” Bishop Rhoades noted.

He encouraged the young people,



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invites those dressed as St. Kateri Tekakwitha to the stage during the homily and asked each student to share a fact about their chosen hero.

“When we follow Jesus, we experience great joy. ... Make Him the most important person in our lives.”

He encouraged those of all ages, the church militant, and pilgrim Church, to answer the call to be saints. “You are called to serve Him with your life,” Bishop Rhoades said, whether that be a religious vocation or as a holy husband and wife.

Students from the area brought offertory gifts of food to the Mass.

The Bishop Dwenger High School choir led the music for the Mass, and high school students from Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers coordinated parking and ushering services.

After Mass, Elias Hilger of St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne told *Today’s Catholic* he chose the saint he was named after. Hilger said St. Elias was a Spanish martyr and priest and explained that the saint was fed by ravens.

Hilger said the fourth graders at St. Vincent enjoyed being inter-

viewed by their first-grade “spirit pals” and relaying stories about their saints.

Stephen Weissert, of St. Jude School, Fort Wayne, chose St. Stephen as his hero. “St. Stephen,” Weissert said, “was the first Christian martyr and was stoned to death.”

Weissert passionately described his saint and said he knew his facts well because they could not use their notes during their report in class. They had to know it “from their heart,” he said.

Weissert explained the reeds he carried: “They symbolize flexibility and strength because his soul would not bend under the pressure of his trials.”

He added, “I am very excited to represent my school down on the floor this year.”

Michelle Castleman contributed to this article.



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades highlighted the martyrs at the all-schools Mass. Students shown above are from St. Charles School.



Singers and musicians from Bishop Dwenger High School lead the liturgical music at the all-schools Mass at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Oct. 30.



Fourth graders from St. Vincent School, Fort Wayne, dressed as their favorite saints, gather at the coliseum for the annual Mass.

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