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Teens told 'don't be a robot' with your faith

BY TIM JOHNSON

WARSAW — "Don't be a robot." As part of the Year of Faith, Faithfest took the theme of New Evangelization and encouraged participants to make their Catholicism a part of everyday life. The high school teens were encouraged to not just let the words of the Creed roll off one's tongue, but to think of the words' real meanings.

Over 300 high school teens and youth leaders from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend gathered at Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw on Nov. 18. The sheer number of fellow Catholic youths was reassuring to Vicki Harris, a sophomore at Warsaw High School and member of Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw who was attending her second Faithfest. "I like coming to these retreats and the feeling you are not alone in your beliefs," she said.

Harris' Warsaw High School classmate and fellow parishioner Diane Wack was encouraged by her older siblings to attend Faithfest for the first time. She was not disappointed by her siblings' encouragement. "I love the music of Popple," she told *Today's Catholic*.

The Catholic musical group Popple — consisting of Dan Harms and Kyle Heimann — entertained the high school students with their lively music and ice-breaking routines, but their music also carried a serious Catholic message for the retreatants. Popple also provided the liturgical music for the Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke the need of the New Evangelization. Although the Church is alive in the United States, "it is not as alive as it should be," the bishop noted.



TIM JOHNSON

St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, youth group members pose with Catholic author Mark Hart, center, also known as the "Bible Geek." Hart was the keynote speaker at Faithfest, held Sunday, Nov. 18, at Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw. Over 300 participants spent the day in prayer, catechesis and learning more about their role in the New Evangelization during this Year of Faith.

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Black Catholic advisory board to share traditions, cultures

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Black Catholic Advisory Board is determined to make a stronger black presence in the Catholic Church and around the diocese.

Since their first meeting after attending the National Black Catholic Congress XI that was held in Indianapolis in July the group has been working on a plan. Soon they will be ready to reach out to black Catholics to share the richness of their traditions and culture with others in the diocese in meaningful ways.

One theme of the congress was faith in action and the board is currently working on a plan of action.

November is considered Black Catholic History month and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-

South Bend wanted to recognize that history. It all began in 1990, during a convention at Fordham University in New York, where the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States voted to establish November as Black Catholic History Month. November was chosen because of the number of important dates associated with the world's Black Catholics that fall within this month. Dates such as Nov. 1, All Saints' Day — an opportunity to incorporate the lives of the hundreds of black saints, especially in the first 300 years of the Church, and Nov. 2, All Souls Day — a time to remember all those Africans lost to cruel treatment in the Middle Passage crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, according Black Catholic Congress website.

Recognizing the rich history of black

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MAY LEE JOHNSON

Members of the Diocesan Black Catholic Advisory Board from left, front, Wendy Summers, Leslie Morgan and Annie Tardy, and back, James Summers, Jenario Morgan, Holy Cross Brother Roy Smith and Deacon Melvin Tardy. The board was formed after their experience at the National Black Catholic Congress in Indianapolis last July, and is working on a pastoral plan for the diocese.

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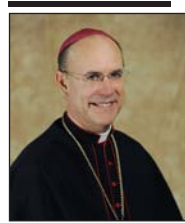
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe



IN TRUTH
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CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. On this day, we contemplate the kingship of Jesus our Redeemer.

Blessed John Paul II said that "if it is assessed according to the criteria of this world, Jesus' kingship can appear 'paradoxical'. Indeed, the power he exercises does not fit into earthly logic. On the contrary, his is the power of *love and service* that requires the gratuitous gift of self and the consistent witness to the truth (cf. John 18, 37)."

In this Sunday's Gospel, we will hear Saint John's account of Pilate's interrogation of Jesus before the sentence of crucifixion. Pontius Pilate asks Jesus: "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answers: "My kingdom does not belong to this world." He then goes on to answer Pilate's subsequent question "Then you are a king?" by stating "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This dialogue between Pilate and Jesus reminds us that Our Lord's kingship is real, yet it is unlike political kingship. He did not come to rule over peoples and territories.

For Him, to reign was to serve! His throne was the cross where He revealed His power, the power of love. With this power, Christ the King set people free from the slavery of sin and reconciled them to God the Father. Throughout His earthly life, Jesus witnessed to the truth that God is love. On Calvary, He witnessed this truth to the full with the sacrifice of His own life. He conquered Satan, the "ruler of this world" (John 12:31).

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has spoken of the power of Christ the King in this way: "It is not the power of the kings or the great people of this world; it is the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death. It is the power of Love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness."

Jesus told Pilate that He came into the world to bear witness to the truth. During this Year of Faith, we are called to embrace this truth more deeply. When we embrace this truth, the truth of the Gospel, the truth of Jesus, the truth of Love, we are not guaranteed success in this world. Remember, Christ's Kingdom is not of this world. But we are assured of the peace and joy that only Christ can give us. This is a lesson we learn from the lives of the saints and martyrs of the Church.

In this Year of Faith, the Church invites us to be renewed in our faith in Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, and to be authentically converted to Him. He alone gives us true life. He alone is our salvation. We need to be ardent witnesses of the faith to those who do not believe or whose faith has grown lukewarm. We are witnesses when we follow and imitate the King who

reigned through self-giving love and service. Following Christ in our increasingly secularized world can entail great sacrifices, but our faith in Him strengthens us and frees us from all our fears and insecurities so that we can live in freedom and happiness.

We gather in our churches this Sunday, as we do every Sunday, to worship Christ our King. We celebrate the memorial of His death and resurrection. The King of the Universe comes to us under the humble forms of bread and wine to nourish us with His true Body and Blood. Our Eucharistic King strengthens us to overcome evil with good, and hatred and violence with forgiveness and love.

It is our choice whether or not we wish to accept and serve a king whose kingship is not based on human power, but on loving and serving others. When Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925, he wanted to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy claimed by dictators at that time. In our day, we need this reminder that our first allegiance must be to Christ the King, especially as we face the temptations of our growing culture of secularism and relativism. Our promotion and defense of religious liberty is also vitally important so that we are indeed free to serve our King through the Church's many ministries of service in society.

From the Cross, our King pours out his gifts upon humanity of all times and places. We praise and thank Him for freeing us from the slavery of sin and the dominion of death. May we serve, honor, and obey Him in our daily lives! May Christ's peace reign in your hearts!

Bishops agree on need for better preaching, more penance

BALTIMORE (CNS) — During their annual fall general assembly in Baltimore Nov. 12-15, the U.S. bishops voted down a document on the troubled U.S. economy, passed documents on penance and better preaching, approved a reorganization of their Communications Department and endorsed the sainthood cause of Dorothy Day.

The bishops were to meet in executive session Nov. 14 and 15, which were not open to the media.

On the assembly's opening day, the bishops discussed the nation's troubled economy and what their response to it should be, but a day later their proposed document "The Hope of the Gospel in Difficult Times: A Pastoral Message on Work, Poverty and the Economy" did not gain the two-thirds vote required for passage.

When it was introduced Nov. 12, some bishops criticized the document for being too long to be practical and for failing to include a variety of points and historical references.

On the assembly's second day, the bishops approved their first new document in 30 years on preaching. The document, "Preaching the Mystery of Faith: The Sunday Homily," encourages preachers to connect the Sunday homily with people's daily lives.

The document was prepared by the U.S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, chaired by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson of St. Louis.

When he introduced the document Nov. 12, the archbishop said preaching must be done "more effectively in the context of the New Evangelization. ... Our people hunger for better preaching, preaching that would help them rediscover their faith."

The bishops also overwhelmingly approved — in a 236-1 vote — an exhortation encouraging Catholics to take advantage of the sacrament of Penance, or Reconciliation.

The text was prepared by the bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, chaired by Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wis. The exhortation, to be made available in pamphlet form, will aim to ease the fears of Catholics who have not gone to Confession for some time.

It will be made public in time to allow for dioceses to prepare for Lent 2013.

On a voice vote, the bishops endorsed the sainthood cause of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement.

New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, USCCB president, is promoting Day's cause; her Catholic Worker ministry was based in New York City. The cause was first undertak-

en by one of Cardinal Dolan's predecessors in New York, Cardinal John O'Connor.

Cardinal Dolan and other bishops who spoke Nov. 13, including some who had met Day, called her sainthood cause an opportune moment in the life of the U.S. Church.

The bishops also approved expanding the memorial for Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a German-born Redemptorist priest who ministered throughout antebellum-era America for more than 20 years. Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Ala., noted that Blessed Seelos ministered at a time when "immigrants were not welcomed well in many circumstances," which he said has contemporary significance.

A year after U.S. Catholics began using a new translation of the missal at Masses, the bishops agreed to begin revising the Liturgy of the Hours — updating hymns, psalms, various canticles, psalm prayers, some antiphons, biblical readings and other components of the liturgical prayers used at various parts of the day.

Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans, chairman of the Committee on Divine Worship, said the work would probably take three to five years to complete and

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Hispanic faithful 'Arise'

BY JODI MAGALLANES

SOUTH BEND — The Arise Together in Christ parish renewal process is reaching Hispanic Catholics who are both spiritually hungry and open to the Holy Spirit, say coordinators in the diocese's Spanish-speaking parishes.

Earlier this year the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend rolled out Arise, which encourages the faithful of all languages and heritages to come together and share their personal experiences in a faith-based architecture. Thousands responded, including large numbers from each parish that ministers to Spanish speaking individuals.

Enid Roman, diocesan Hispanic ministry coordinator, said that effective training of parish-level coordinators, along with the program's simple premise, made participants feel comfortable with Arise.

"We are very pleased that we got the participation we had hoped for," Roman said. "You always hope that even more will come, that people who haven't been involved in the past will continue to come in. But overall we've had a very good response. And we have a good group of facilitators leading them, which we hope is the new leadership of their parishes."

Zulma Rodriguez, a parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Goshen, and Father Fernando Jimenez, associate pastor, said that the support they received made all the difference in Rodriguez's success as a first-time ministry volunteer.

"That's the beauty of it. Even if you think you don't know how to be a minister, everything is right here," Rodriguez said of her coordinator's booklet. "We have fliers that explain everything. We have people to call for help if we have questions."

Father Jimenez sees that Arise is opening participants up to each other and to the idea of letting God work in their lives. "As Hispanics, you know, in church, people invite you to prayer service, they invite you to their homes, but some people need a push to sincerely allow Him to work in their lives. This has been helping people to do that."

"You're going to share your own personal experience. And you know how when someone smiles at you or gives you an encouraging word, how it changes your day?" added Rodriguez. "That's what happens here, and it makes people feel comfortable. It's that personal experience that will lead people to evangelization."

At St. Adalbert Parish in South Bend, Arise — or "Levántate: Unámanos en Cristo" as it's known in Spanish, played right into the work that ministers were already doing.

"We were already gathering together — some for prayer, Christ Renews His Parish, las Guadalupanas (those with a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe), marriage preparation and other programs and ministries, but this adds formation. And I love the structure of



Becky and Pepe Ruvalcaba lead the opening prayer at the sixth and final meeting of Friday night Arise small faith communities at St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, while Emanuel Alvarez places the Bible in a place of prominence.



PHOTOS BY JODI MAGALLANES

As they gather for the sixth week of Arise Together in Christ group meetings, Ramon Gonzalez serves up warm drinks.

the book," Jesusa Rivera, the coordinator of St. Adalbert's Levántate program, said.

Implementation of Levántate was phenomenally successful at St. Adalbert, starting with the group of 40 or so ministers who were brought together in June for conversations and program training.

"It was extremely positive and energizing. This was a desire. They wanted to do this," Rivera said. "We know that, at the end of the day, we want to be in a relationship with God. But what will that relationship look like? We started talking about that, and that's the positive we saw in it — that it was taking us to the next level."

Their excitement, in turn, has been rewarded by how much they wound up liking the Levántate process.

"I was at the oración (prayer) group the other night, and the people were saying, 'We just want to keep going! We say that the 90 minutes are over, but they just stay afterward ... it's just been so positive.'"

Before they met for the last session last week, each of the over 40

Levántate groups at the church had between seven and 15 members, which meant that between 300 and 400 parishioners were participating. Most of the groups were Spanish-speaking, although a couple of sessions were conducted English. Rivera is optimistic that even more people will respond to the second phase of the program early next year. "I think that if we speak about our good experience and engage people prior to then by giving testimony, they'll respond."

One thing that proved both helpful and inspirational was Holy Cross Father Peter Pacini's involvement, Rivera continued. "He was at every one of our meetings. So it wasn't just that the people were getting excited about it on their own. They were being led from the top down."

At the end of each Arise/Levántate lesson are suggestions for how to turn faith into action. Some of the Levántate groups at St. Adalbert decided to carry them out as a unit. One got together to pray for the sick and another collected canned goods and donated them to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Tuesday, Nov. 27, 9 a.m. — Meeting with Catholic High School Principals, Windham Gardens Hotel, Warsaw
- Tuesday, Nov. 27, 12 p.m. — Meeting with Council of Teachers, Windham Gardens Hotel, Warsaw
- Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6 p.m. — Meeting with Diocesan School Board, Windham Gardens Hotel, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1 p.m. — Meeting with Diocesan Finance Council, Holiday Inn, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Nov. 28, 6 p.m. — Mass of Dedication of Chapel of Saint Joseph High School, South Bend
- Thursday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m. — Annual Corporation Meeting of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 29, 3 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Nov. 30, 8:15 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Saint Joseph School, Hessen-Cassel
- Saturday, Dec. 1, 5:30 p.m. — Mass at Saint Francis University Parish and Newman Center, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana

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the aim would be to more accurately reflect the original Latin texts.

The bishops approved a reorganization of their Communications Department that would include hiring a director of public affairs who would work to unify messages on the activities and stances of the USCCB — not individual dioceses or bishops — and better carry out Church campaigns related to New Evangelization, according to Cardinal Dolan.

Cardinal Dolan said the USCCB's communications effort must take advantage of new communications technologies. The cost of hiring a public affairs director and support staff and other services is estimated at \$400,000 annually, according to the supporting document.

The plan calls for a reorganization of the Communications Department, which includes a media relations office, customer and client relations, creative services, which is responsible for online and video messages, and Catholic News Service.

The bishops were also urged to broaden their support for their national collections. In a Nov. 13

report, they heard that a decline in diocesan participation in these collections since 2009 has been a loss of \$8.7 million to Catholic programs that benefit from the collection.

Bishop Kevin J. Farrell of Dallas, chairman of the Committee on National Collections, described the collections as "an important mechanism for mobilizing collective action in the church universal and a way for all the faithful to participate in solidarity with the rest of the Church."

The bishops were initially scheduled to consider a document titled "Contemporary Challenges and Opportunities for the Exercise of the Teaching Ministry of the Diocesan Bishop," developed by the Committee on Doctrine. The document urged bishops to take advantage of new technologies — social media, blogging and cell phone technology — to respond and explain Church teaching when it is portrayed inaccurately, particularly by theologians.

Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, committee chairman, decided to withdraw the document in favor of a more comprehensive statement in line with the bishops' new communication plan and the ongoing work throughout the USCCB related to the New Evangelization. The bishops Nov. 12 agreed in a voice vote to the appointment of a

working group — made up of the committee chairmen for doctrine, evangelization and catechesis, and canonical affairs and Church governance — to draft the document.

The bishops voted for a strategic plan that will guide the USCCB's work for the next four years, a "road map" to shape conference programs and activities to strengthen the faith of Catholics and help them actively live out their faith.

During the first year, the focus will be on faith and activities closely tied to the Year of Faith. In 2014 and 2015, initiatives will strengthen parish life and worship. The final year calls for Catholics to be witnesses to the wider world.

The bishops also approved a 2013 budget of \$220.4 million and agreed to add a national collection for the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services. The budget for 2013 represents a 1.3 percent increase from 2012.

The new collection for the military archdiocese would begin in 2013. Under the plan, it would be taken voluntarily in parishes every three years. Bishop Michael J. Bransfield of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va., USCCB treasurer, said the 2013 budget includes a surplus totaling more than \$749,000. He also told the bishops that there was a projected surplus of \$250,000 for 2014, meaning there was no need to seek an increase in the annual diocesan assessment for USCCB operations.

In his presidential address to open the assembly, Cardinal Dolan Nov. 12 told the bishops they cannot engage culture, dialogue with others or confront challenges unless they first recognize their own sins and experience the grace of repentance.

The cardinal also said the sacrament of Penance was something the USCCB planned to stress for all Catholics year-round with reflections on re-embracing Friday as a day of Penance, including the possible reinstatement of abstinence on all Fridays.

The bishops' assembly, which



Meeting Highlights

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- Approved a document on preaching, encouraging preachers to connect the homily with people's daily lives.
- Rejected a fast-tracked statement intended to offer support and hope to people who are suffering because of the economic downturn.
- Approved an exhortation encouraging Catholics to take advantage of the sacrament of penance.
- Endorsed the sainthood cause of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement.
- Approved an expanded memorial for Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a German-born Redemptorist priest who ministered in antebellum-era America
- Agreed to begin a revision of the Liturgy of the Hours
- Approved the hiring of a public affairs director.
- Heard a request that they broaden support for national collections, which have had a decline in diocesan participation.
- Adopted a strategic plan for the next four years to shape conference programs and activities.
- Agreed to hold a national collection for the U.S. Archdiocese for Military Services.
- Approved a 2013 budget of \$220.4 million.
- Took part in a workshop on using online and social media.

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opened nearly a week after Election Day, included discussions about religious liberty, marriage and immigration.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, said Nov. 12 the work of

defending religious liberty would continue despite "setbacks or challenges."

San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, chairman of the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, said Election Day was "a disappointing day for marriage," which points to the need to "redouble our efforts."

In a statement issued Nov. 13, Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, as chair of the migration committee chair, urged President Barack Obama and congressional leaders to work together on a bipartisan immigration reform bill. He also encouraged people to make their voices heard in support of an immigration system "which upholds the rule of law, preserves family unity and protects the human rights and dignity of the person."

During a news conference just after the statement was released, several bishops underscored their support for immigration reform.

Contributing to this report were Mark Pattison, Patricia Zapor and Dennis Sadowski in Baltimore and Carol Zimmermann in Washington.

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New Evangelization calls all Catholics to share faith, says cardinal

BY MARK ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Church's New Evangelization and its call to share the faith is the responsibility of all Catholics, said Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington.

"It's our moment ... it's our turn to share in this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, this new Pentecost," he said.

That sense of a "new Pentecost" unfolding in the Church, he said, was shared by the 250 bishops from around the world who participated in the world Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization convened by Pope Benedict XVI Oct. 7-28.

Cardinal Wuerl was appointed by the pope to serve as the relator of the synod, summarizing and reporting on the bishops' suggestions and recommendations. In that role he introduced the synod's work Oct. 8 with a global overview of the challenge of evangelization today, and laid out the values that he said must be the foundation of the Church's outreach.

After his return to Washington, he gave an overview of the synod Nov. 5. On the first day of the U.S. bishops' annual fall general assembly in Baltimore, a couple of the U.S. bishops who were synod delegates gave a brief report to the body of bishops.

In a recent talk at the Catholic Information Center in downtown Washington, he gave an overview of the synod.

Just as the first disciples were called by Jesus to be his witnesses, Cardinal Wuerl said, today's Catholics must be witnesses to the good news and help others encounter the risen Christ in a world where many have not heard the Gospel or have drifted away or grown lukewarm in their faith. The challenges that the early Church faced in bringing Christ to an indifferent or even hostile culture mirror those of our times, he said.

"We have to inspire (others) with the witness of our own faith, by our own lives," the cardinal said.

Pope Benedict's call to Catholics to take up the work of the New Evangelization is a key priority of his papacy, Cardinal Wuerl noted. "Who's involved in the New Evangelization? ... The answer is, every one of us."

Bishops at the synod emphasized the central role of families in sharing the faith, the cardinal said. "It begins in families. The task of telling the story of Jesus, of passing it on begins in every family."

Young people have a key role in the New Evangelization, Cardinal Wuerl added. Many young Catholics, he said, realize there's more to life than what the secular world offers.

Cardinal Wuerl said the synod also underscored how people must remain connected to the Church



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Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington talks with a cardinal before a meeting of the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization at the Vatican Oct. 9. The Church's New Evangelization and its call to share the faith is the responsibility of all Catholics, the cardinal said in a talk in Washington after his return from the synod.

and its teachings as they deepen their own faith, grow in confidence in its truth, and share that truth with others. Bishops at the synod also emphasized that the New Evangelization must unfold at parishes, where people encounter Jesus sacramentally and hear the word of God proclaimed.

The synod "was positive, united and pastoral," the cardinal said, and emphasized a practical, not a theoretical, approach for Catholics to take up that call.

"We were there to talk about how to renew the face of the earth, to proclaim again that Jesus Christ is Lord, and invite people into that personal encounter" with Christ, he said.

The cardinal said that Pope Benedict in his opening homily for the synod emphasized three elements of the New Evangelization. "The first element is recognizing the need for renewal of our own personal faith," Cardinal Wuerl said. "You can't participate in sharing something if it has not been renewed and revived in your own heart."

Prayer and studying Scripture, the cardinal said, are critically important to that personal renewal of faith. "That's how we learn of the presence of God in our lives."

With the renewal of faith comes a confidence in the truth of its message, which is the second element of the New Evangelization, the cardinal said. Recent generations of Catholics had poor catechesis, and many don't understand what the Church teaches and lack confidence in what they believe, said the cardinal, who has encouraged Catholics to use the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a sure guide for the Church's authentic teaching.

The third element, the cardinal

noted, "is the willingness to share the faith. That's probably where we're the shyest. We Catholics tend to be reluctant evangelists. ... We're so reluctant, even with friends, to talk about the important things. Young people are much more open to talking about the place of the Lord in our lives."

Especially in the face of today's challenges — an ever-growing secularization of society, materialism and individualism, to name a few — today's Catholics are called to pass on the faith, he said, so people come to know and love Jesus who was crucified, rose from the dead and sent the Holy Spirit to guide his Church.

On the opening day of the U.S. bishops' annual fall general assembly Nov. 12-15 in Baltimore, two archbishops who were U.S. delegates to the synod gave a brief report on the proceedings.

Both Archbishops Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio and Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles cited the presence of Pope Benedict at many sessions — and for considerable lengths of time — as a highlight.

"The New Evangelization continues to be the task of communicating that experience to the people who have never met Christ (as well as) those who have heard of Jesus Christ but have never experienced him as living water," Archbishop Garcia-Siller said. He added the New Evangelization calls for "the locus of the parish as a unit of faith, where movements, and all pastoral endeavors, should meet."

Archbishop Gomez quipped that with the strict five-minute time limit given for synod speakers, "every time I come close to a microphone, I get really nervous."



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Cross International Catholic Outreach Supports Efforts Of Heroic Mission Team in Africa

It began with a calling from God — a soft whisper in one woman's heart, urging her to serve the poor in Christ's name.

That woman is Olinda Mugabe, a Catholic lay missionary, and she has since turned God's calling into a life-changing ministry for poor children in Mozambique, Africa.

In 1998, Mugabe and a group of her friends launched Reencontro, a Catholic ministry with the mission to save the lives of AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children in Mozambique. Olinda knew there were thousands of orphaned children who needed help — she had witnessed the AIDS pandemic firsthand and had seen how it was racing through the population, striking down parents by the thousands.

The eyes of the forgotten children left behind as orphans of that crisis haunted Olinda and filled her prayers at night.

"When the people who were living with HIV started to die, their children were left without anybody," Olinda said. "So I was grieving for the children. I knew I would need other people to help me find a way to support these children."

The outreach had humble beginnings, serving about a hundred children, but it grew

quickly as others discovered the importance of the work and learned of the integrity of its founders. One of those early sponsors was Cross Catholic Outreach (formerly known as Cross International Catholic Outreach). Among other things, it helped Reencontro add staff, purchase equipment, and open a new office.

Today, Reencontro supplies aid in various forms to 7,000 orphans and has expanded its services to include medical care and a house-building program that keeps families of orphans together under the care of an older sibling.

Cross Catholic Outreach, the Florida-based charity, was created specifically to provide this kind of support. Rather than create its own centers overseas, Cross Catholic Outreach serves the poorest of the poor by finding local Catholic ministries like Reencontro, supporting them with help from its benefactors in the U.S.

Such support has allowed Olinda to answer God's call to help the "least of these" in Mozambique — the forgotten children orphaned by AIDS.

"I can only carry out my dreams, my mission, because of the people that are



Reencontro's founder, Olinda Mugabe, meets with Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, to discuss the AIDS crisis in Africa. Together, they hope to do more.



A Reencontro staff member locates another child in need — a young girl living in poverty.

supporting this outreach," Olinda said. "We know the support of American Catholics does not come easy because they have got money problems there also, but thankfully they rise above that. The American people have goodwill to support others that suffer, and they have a true dedication to God. That is a blessing for us. It has allowed us to rescue a lot of children because of their help."

Cross Catholic Outreach and its supporters see this support of Reencontro quite differently.

"I've gotten letters from benefactors to Cross Catholic Outreach, thanking us for letting them know about Olinda and the work of her team," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. "They are amazed

by her personal sacrifices and the wonderful work these women are doing in Africa. They consider it a cause worthy of our support, and they say they consider it a privilege to play a role in its success."

The point is made.

There is honor in supporting a heroic effort like Olinda's mission — and American Catholics are proud to be a part of it.

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"Cross" Now Endorsed by More Than 50 U.S. Bishops, Archbishops

As Cross Catholic Outreach (formerly known as Cross International Catholic Outreach) continues its range of relief work to help the poor overseas, its efforts are being recognized by a growing number of Catholic leaders in the U.S.

"We've received an impressive number of endorsements from American Bishops and Archbishops — 60 Catholic leaders at last count," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO). "They're impressed by the fact that we've done outreaches in more than 40 countries and that we undertake a variety of projects; everything from feeding the hungry and housing the homeless to supplying safe water and supporting educational opportunities for the poorest of the poor."

Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis

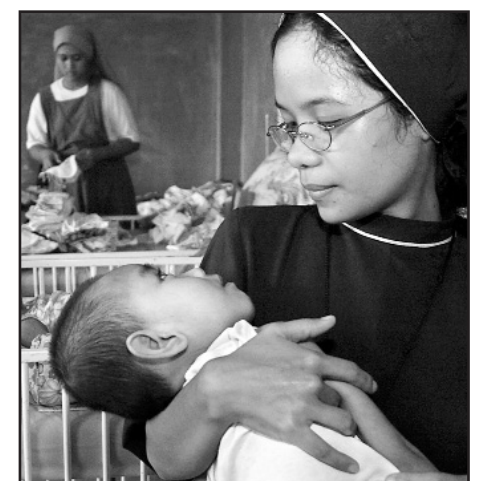
sent one of the more recent letters of encouragement, writing: "It is my hope that this ministry will continue to flourish and reach as many people as possible. I will inform the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis of the important work that Cross Catholic Outreach does and elicit their prayerful and financial support for the service you provide to the less fortunate around the world."

In addition to praising the work CCO accomplishes, many of the Bishops and Archbishops are also impressed by the unique collaborative relationship Cross Catholic Outreach has with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum in Rome. This allows the charity to participate in the mercy ministries of the Holy Father himself. In his praise of CCO, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati underscored this unique connection.

"Cross Catholic Outreach's close collaboration with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum is a source of encouragement," the Archbishop said. "The Holy See has unique knowledge of local situations throughout the world through its papal representatives in nearly two hundred countries and through its communications with Bishops and others who care for the poor and needy in every corner of the world."

CCO president, Jim Cavnar, explained the significance of this connection.

"Our collaboration with Cor Unum allows us to fund outreaches in virtually any area of the world and we have used that method in special cases — to help the victims of natural disasters, for example," he said. "It only represents a small part of our overall ministry, but it can be a very important benefit in those situations."



CCO's outreach helps priests, nuns and Catholic lay leaders throughout the world.

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Modern Day Daniel Faces Own “Lion’s Den” Of Hardships — But Perseveres With Help From American Catholics

The biblical story of Daniel centers on one man’s immense trust in God during a horrifying ordeal: a night trapped in a den of hungry lions.

Daniel trusts God to save him, and the Lord sees his innocence and intercedes. The biblical Daniel endured only one night of danger, but for Daniel Namapala, an eleven-year-old orphan in Mozambique, the “lions” threatening his life surround him every single day.

Instead of teeth and claws, little Daniel’s lions are loneliness, fear and desperation. Like the biblical Daniel, all he can do is trust God.

When Daniel was 2, his mother died of AIDS. His father left him with his elderly grandmother. He later passed away of the same disease. Daniel has no siblings and no recollection of his parents — not even a single photograph.

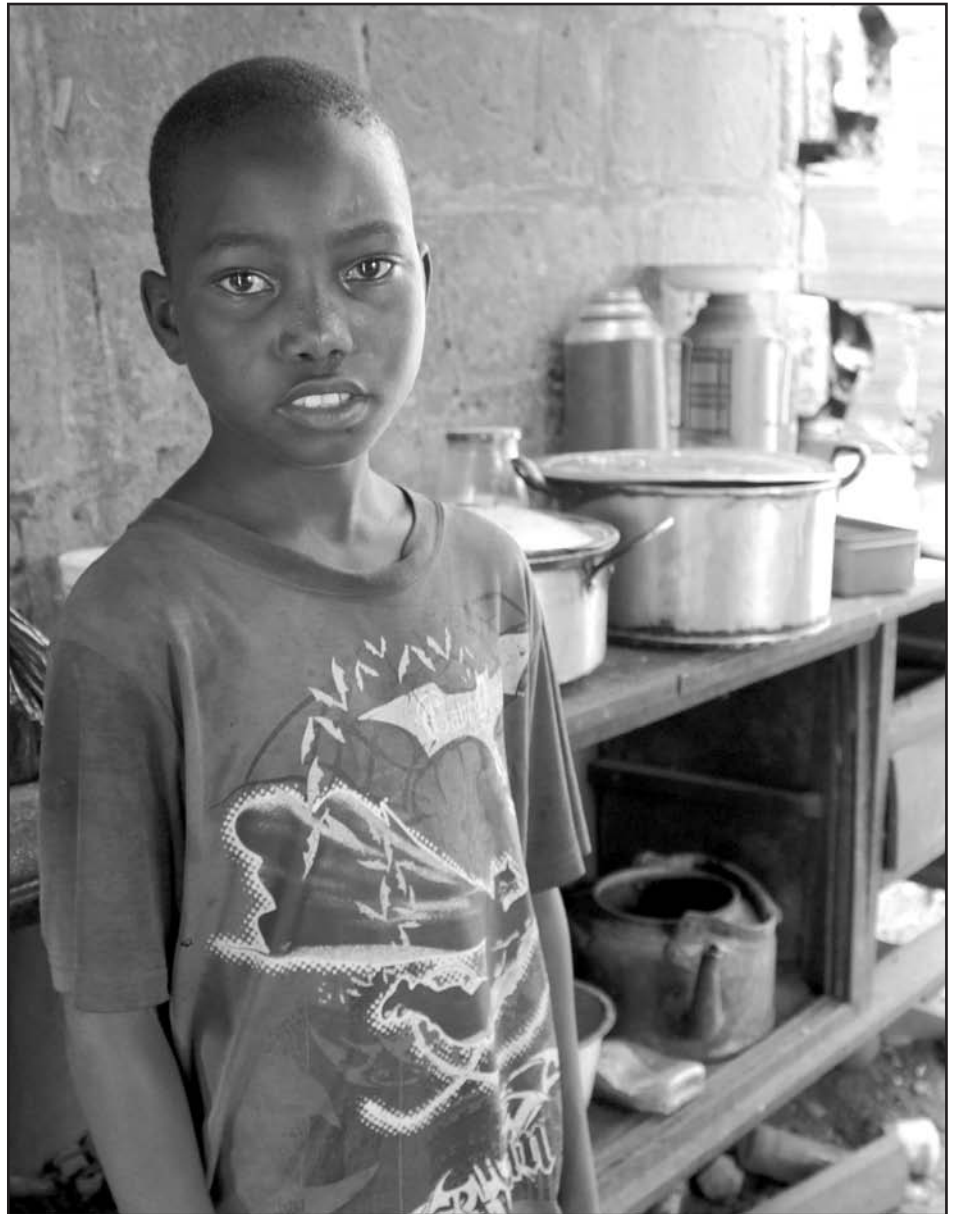
Daniel’s elderly grandmother and sole caregiver is very sick and can’t protect him, let alone afford to feed, clothe and educate him. He is often hungry, rarely happy and almost completely reliant on the few dollars he earns in the streets by selling odds and ends he makes.

Millions of orphaned children in developing countries share stories similar to Daniel’s.

all but wiped out in some places, especially in Africa, due to the AIDS pandemic. There simply aren’t enough grandmothers, aunts or neighbors who can care for orphans,” Cavnar said. “Malaria, tuberculosis and treatable illnesses caused by unsanitary conditions are also to blame. Whatever the cause, innocent children are left behind, and there’s no place for them to turn.”

To help solve this terrible problem, Cross Catholic Outreach partners with local parishes and ministries caring for orphaned children in developing countries. As a result, tens of thousands of children worldwide now lead better lives.

The many ministries Cross Catholic Outreach funds provide food when orphans are hungry; medicine when they are sick; shelter when they are homeless; educational support when they can’t afford to attend school; and loving counseling when they are hurting. For orphans mired in poverty, the impact of this support is profound. Cross Catholic Outreach’s assistance literally means the difference between a “normal” childhood and a life of despair. For those taken into the program, there is a much better chance of a



Catholic support from the U.S. forever changed Daniel Namapala’s fate for the better.

No longer struggling to survive, Marta is now a thriving 18-year-old who, thanks to educational support from Reencontro, speaks fluent English and has plans to study at the university level.

Left to her earlier fate, she might never have survived, and would certainly not have been blessed with such opportunity.

“Children like Marta are examples of what God can do through Catholic lay missionaries — and through the loving Catholics who support them financially,” Cavnar said.

Like Reencontro, dozens of Catholic ministries are also dedicated to orphaned and vulnerable children in countries around the globe, including Ethiopia, Ecuador, Haiti, the Philippines and Mozambique. Many of these also depend on Cross Catholic Outreach for financial support — and Cross Catholic Outreach remains committed to aiding them in Christ’s name.

“That’s only possible because we continue

to have the help and support of American Catholics. It is in their name we make our pledges of support,” Cavnar said. “I’m confident our American benefactors will continue to help us give children like Daniel the resources they need to become successful adults like Marta. When God calls Catholics to help in his name, they always seem to answer — even if it is from the other side of the globe!”

For Daniel, receiving this help will ultimately mean obtaining practical things like food, school and medical care — but it will also mean new hope. The volunteers who have become his mothers and who counsel him will show him what it means to have a family for the first time.

“Yes, they *are* my mothers,” Daniel said, “I feel happy when they come to visit me. I pray every day they will never leave me.”

If Cross Catholic Outreach has anything to say about it, Daniel will never face that “lion” of loss again.



When Marta was discovered living in a straw shack, she was caring for several younger siblings. Today, she has a home and hope — her life has improved and her future is bright.

When their parents die as a result of preventable diseases, they have no relatives or neighbors to take them in; they live in dilapidated shacks, are forced to drop out of school, and must work odd jobs to earn a few pennies for food.

Sadly, the number of young children who could tell these heart-breaking stories is vast — literally measured in the thousands.

“The plight of orphaned and vulnerable children in developing countries is extreme because, in most situations, they live in poverty so intense they can’t go to school, see a doctor when they’re sick or even eat each day,” said Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach (formerly known as Cross International Catholic Outreach), a ministry involved with alleviating poverty among children worldwide.

According to Cavnar, the number of orphaned children around the world has reached a “critical mass,” meaning there are thousands more orphans than potential caregivers.

“An entire generation of parents has been

prosperous adulthood too.

“Reencontro” is one of the key Cross Catholic partners involved in this type of outreach. Reencontro was launched by Catholic lay women who provide services for up to 7,000 poor orphaned or vulnerable children in Mozambique.

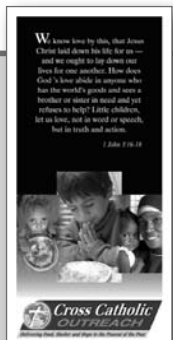
One of their many “success stories” is Marta Macomb.

Marta was only 13 when her father died and left her, the oldest child in the family, to head the remaining household. She cooked meals, fetched water and firewood, washed clothes and ground corn into flour with a mortar and pestle. She and her younger brothers and sisters lived alone in a decrepit shack made of reeds left to them by their parents. At such a young age, she could barely scrape together enough food for her siblings, let alone find time or money to attend school.

Reencontro discovered Marta and immediately enrolled the family in Reencontro’s programs.

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Notable black Catholics

November is National Black Catholic History Month. The following faithful have made an impact on the Catholic Church in America.

Father Augustus Tolton



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Father Augustine Tolton, also known as Augustus, is pictured in a photo from an undated portrait card. Born into slavery in Missouri, he was ordained a priest April 24, 1886. He served as pastor at St. Joseph Church in Quincy, Ill., and later established St. Monica's Church in Chicago. The canonization cause of Father Tolton was opened in Chicago in March of 2010.

Father Augustus Tolton is the "first identified black priest in the United States," according to Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago.

Born the son of slaves in Missouri, he studied for the priesthood in Rome because no American seminary would accept him. Sent to what was then called the Diocese of Quincy (now Springfield) in southern Illinois, he later came to Chicago to start

a parish for black Catholics. He was only 43 years old at the time of his death.

"He is described as one who worked himself to exhaustion," said Bishop Perry, reading a biography on the priest. Father Tolton died during a heat wave walking home from a retreat. He was one of two priests in the city who died that week of heat exhaustion, the bishop said.

Throughout his life, Father Tolton endured racism on every level, even in the Church. But through it all, he remained faithful to the Lord, his Church and his people.

"He never dished back the prejudice thrown in his face," Bishop Perry said.

At present, there are no recognized saints from the Civil War or Reconstruction periods or the civil rights era in the United States, so, if canonized, Father Tolton would be the first.

"He is a holy model for anyone who wants to serve God," Bishop Perry said. "His story highlights how the United States of America is a work in progress." For more on the sainthood cause, visit www.toltoncanonization.org.

— *Catholic News Service*

Venerable Henrietta Delille



On March 29, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI advanced the sainthood cause of Mother Henriette Delille, a freeborn woman of African descent in 19th-century New Orleans, declaring that she had lived a life of "heroic virtues."

She can be beatified once a miracle is attributed to her intercession. If her cause advances, she could become the first African-American saint.

In 1842 Mother Henriette founded the Sisters of the Holy Family, a congregation of black sisters that cared for the poor and disadvantaged and taught slaves and free blacks. This was during a time under Louisiana law when doing anything to "disturb" black people — in other words, educate them — could be punished by death or life imprisonment.

Today, the congregation's more than 200 members operate schools for the poor and homes for the elderly in Louisiana and several other states. They also have a mission in Belize.

Mother Henriette's sainthood cause was opened in 1988 and the New Orleans archdiocesan investigation was completed in 2005. Her cause was endorsed unanimously by the U.S. bishops in 1997.

Mother Henriette was born in 1812 and died in 1862. Her only recorded writing was penned in the inside cover of an 1836 prayer book: "I believe in God. I hope in God. I love God. I want to live and die for God."

Documentation for her sainthood cause included records from the 1820s that suggested that as a teenager, she may have given birth to two sons, each named Henry Bocno.

Henriette Delille, a free black woman born in New Orleans around 1810, set aside the life expected of her and made a courageous choice to live for God, said her biographer, Father Cyprian Davis. His book, "Henriette Delille, Servant of Slaves, Witness to the Poor," chronicles the life of the founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

Both boys died at a young age.

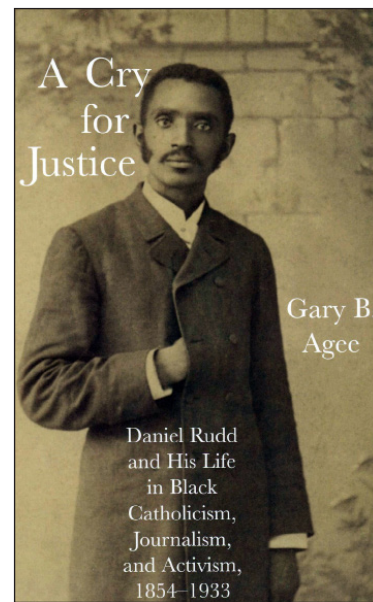
There is also a possibility that the teenaged Henriette brought in an abandoned child and the priest mistook her for the mother, according to the archdiocesan archivist Charles Nolan.

In a 2005 interview, Nolan said the newly uncovered funeral records would not affect the cause, because even if she had given birth to two children out of wedlock, it happened two years before her Confirmation in 1834.

"When the second child died, she took a whole different course in life," Nolan said, noting she decided to dedicate herself "to live and die for God."

Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis, who wrote a definitive biography of Mother Henriette, said in 2005 that "there was this change in her life, there was this turning completely to God. That's really what counted — her life from that point on." — *Catholic News Service*

Daniel Rudd



"A Cry for Justice: Daniel Rudd and His Life in Black Catholicism, Journalism, and Activism, 1854-1933" by the Rev. Gary B. Agee. The author profiles the life of Rudd, a trailblazer who was born in 1886 in Bardstown, Ky., to Catholic parents who were slaves. He was an enterprising local businessman and published the first black Catholic weekly newspaper in Cincinnati, the *American Catholic Tribune*.

celebrated High Mass.

Daniel Rudd orchestrated five Black Congresses in his time. One was held in 1894 at St. Peter Claver Church Hall, in Baltimore, Md., and an opening dinner was held at historic St. Francis Xavier Church on the east side of the city. Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis, noted historian, states that Daniel Rudd is one of the most important figures of the 19th and 20th century since he published the newspaper and promoted the congresses. — *NBCC website*

BOARD

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Catholics, a follow-up meeting with the members of local parishes who attended the National Black Catholic Congress in July occurred. Members of the newly formed Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Black Catholic Advisory Board discussed their plan now that the congress is over.

"In July, after I returned from the National Black Catholic Congress I was on fire!" said Wendy Summers of St. Pius X in Granger, and a member of the board. "In my home parish I am well fed spiritually, and although St. Pius X is a welcoming community, I still lack a cultural connection with my faith. I came home from Indianapolis and

thought, 'now what?' Then my husband, James and I were contacted and asked to be part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Black Catholic Advisory Board. I understood this was the next step."

"This is what I feel called to be a part of," Summers added. "But right now it is a little difficult to see as we have only met once as a group. I think we have agreed this is something we want to move forward with. As of right now, we are still working on a plan."

"For St. Augustine, a historically Black Catholic Parish, the advent of this advisory board is exciting and encouraging," said Deacon Mel Tardy of St. Augustine Parish in South Bend. "Blacks are involved in parishes, schools and institutions across the entire diocese, from Fort Wayne to South Bend; not just at St. Augustine's Parish."

"I appreciate the sincere concern of Bishop Rhoades and diocese for our issues, especially regarding the evangelization of blacks — a particular concern shared by many of us at St. Augustine," he added.

According to Mary Glowaski, Secretariat for the Office of Evangelization and Special Ministries in the diocese, the board was formed to help those who serve the diocese to consider the gifts and needs of black brothers and sisters.

"This board is newly formed and still developing. Our hope is to consider how we can develop a local response to the national pastoral plan issued by the NBCC this year," she said. "Those who attended the first gathering of the advisory board were passionate and excited about the opportunity to begin exploring ways for the

diocese to embrace the gifts and traditions of our black community members."

According to board member Wendy Summers the initial board meeting determined to move forward with developing a pastoral plan for the diocese, being more responsive to the needs of black Catholics, evangelizing those who are currently unchurched or attending churches of other faiths, improving catechesis for black Catholic youth, especially those not attending Catholic schools, deepening spiritual knowledge through Bible study, adult faith formation, day of reflection, and more, and educating not only black Catholics but all Catholics in the diocese on the rich history of black Catholics in this country.

"I have already suggested some ideas to the bishop and *Today's Catholic* newspaper of ways for parishes integrating programs,

acknowledging the gifts like the music and oral traditions and celebrating black saints and their lives," said Jenario Morgan, member of Holy Cross Parish in South Bend. "Every ethnicity is unique and offers a special message, but from the African-American perspective it is more communal. Like during the peace of Christ, a more physical embrace is a part of the African-American tradition. And holding hands during the 'Our Father' helps promote unity."

The diversity of the team members on the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Black Catholic Advisory Board provides a unique perspective on ways to reach Black Catholics across the diocese and has the support of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Mary Glowaski reports, "Bishop Rhoades has a deep appreciation for the traditions that have and will continue to enrich our faith."

St. Pius X School holds annual Thanksgiving feast

GRANGER — St. Pius X School celebrated its fifth annual Thanksgiving feast on Monday, Nov. 19, with parent donations of apple juice, Jell-O Jigglers and desserts that completed a school Thanksgiving meal of turkey, dressing and all the fixins'. Students were joined by family members and staff during their lunch period for the feast and over 60 volunteers were on hand throughout the day to assist with set-up, greeting, food service and cleanup for the event.

"The Thanksgiving feast at St. Pius School allows parents and other family members to come in and have lunch with their children. It is a wonderful community building event for our families," said Elaine Holmes, principal. Since the opening of the school in 2008, the Thanksgiving feast has continued to be a tradition for the school, offering a unique opportunity for children to participate in a meal with their teachers and classmates, as well as, their own families. "We host the Thanksgiving feast to celebrate how thankful we are for the St. Pius X School community, faculty, students and parents," said Stephanie Molnar, assistant principal.

Guests of the feast will have the opportunity to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society's annual Christmas Program by donating food items to be included in gift baskets that will be distributed to hundreds of families in need of assistance at Christmas.

New donations provide momentum for USF Haiti orphanage project

FORT WAYNE — With \$34,000 of an estimated \$50,000 cost for the

construction of a new orphanage in Haiti collected by University of Saint Francis Formula for Life students, a new gift opportunity has arisen for the public's involvement.

The organization Food for the Poor will provide one and possibly two shipping containers for donations of construction supplies, surgical supplies and bulk food for direct receipt by Father Andre Sylvestre, the Haitian orphanage director.

"This is significant because it can dramatically cut construction costs for us if we get donations of building supplies," Amy Obringer, Formula

for Life faculty adviser, said. "If we wanted to ship a container to Haiti, it would cost us \$10,000. Food for the Poor arranges this for only a few hundred dollars. Also, Father Andre will be at the receiving end of the donations. Only he can open the locked trailers."

To donate contact Obringer, at aobringer@sf.edu or (260) 399-7700, ext. 8210, to ensure the donation is appropriate for the Haiti project. Donations will be taken through Jan. 10, 2013.

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Jenna Muncey, left, and Christina Loshe donate money for Breast Cancer Awareness to Olivia Hess who rallied the student body of St. Joseph School in Decatur last month to wear pink and contribute monetarily to Relay for Life, a community walk that supports cancer research. The school-wide Pink Out collected \$132.

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'From there He will come to judge the living and the dead'

Karl Barth, a well-known Protestant theologian, once said this, "Someday, a company of men will process out to a church yard and lower a coffin and everyone will go home; but one will not come back, and that will be me." It sobers us to realize that one day we will die. This is a reality that our culture attempts to ignore, to put off, even to escape. We try everything in our power to stay young. It is drilled into us that we must eat right, exercise right, do everything in our power to stave off death, and while taking care of our bodies properly is a duty, we cannot live as if to hold off death forever. Death will come to us, indeed, to all of us.

It is also certain that after death we will all be judged. As the Letter to the Hebrew reminds

us, "Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment" (Heb 9:27). However, this judgment is not some kind of random event in which the judge metes out reward or punishment based on whim or preference. It is by the grace that Jesus won on the cross that we come to salvation, but God does not force salvation on us. We must respond to the grace that He offers us, and the judgment after death is a judgment concerning our "yes" or "no" to God, our "yes" or "no" to following in His way. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully puts it, "Then will the conduct of each one and the secrets of hearts be brought to light. Then will the culpable unbelief that counted the offer of God's grace as nothing be condemned. Our attitude

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about our neighbor will disclose acceptance or refusal of grace and divine love. On the last day Jesus will say: 'Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'" (CCC No. 678)

Jesus is the one who will judge each of us. He is the universal judge, and He has won this right by His cross. Again,

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Christ the King will never leave us



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Feast of Christ the King Jn 18:33b-37

This weekend, in great joy and thanksgiving, the Church closes its year. As it looks back through the days and months of 2012, it gives thanks for salvation achieved in Christ the Lord. He is king, and justice and peace only occur when Jesus truly is acknowledged as Lord.

The Book of Daniel supplies the first reading. When this book, was written, God's people were experiencing many trials. The book includes a certain literary exaggeration among its techniques, impressing upon readers the depth of the troubles being faced by God's people at this time but also dramatizing God's redemption and protection. God subdues every evil force.

In this reading, a certain unnamed representative of God appears. He is identified by his title, "Son of Man." He is not always eagerly received, however. Still, His forbearance clearly is a model to follow. He will prevail. (In the New Testament, Jesus was called the "Son of Man.")

For its second reading, the feast's liturgy looks to the Book of Revelation. Of all the New Testament books, none is as dramatic and indeed mysterious as Revelation. The reading is straightforward and bold, leaving no question as to its message. The

message simply is that Jesus, the holiest and the perfect, rose from the dead, rules the world, and vivified with eternal life and with strength all who love God. Jesus has no equal. He has no substitute. His way is the only way. His example alone is worth imitating. He gives life. He is victorious.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a bittersweet reading for this great, joyous feast. In this scene, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the Holy Land, called "Palestina" at the time of Jesus, goes immediately to the heart of the charge against Jesus.

Is Jesus a king? Does he rival the mighty emperor of Rome? Jesus replies, but by referring to a reality very different from what Pilate has in mind. Pilate is interested in the political and social stability of the Roman Empire. Jesus is speaking of a kingdom much more profound, that of human hearts, an eternal kingdom.

Jesus affirms kingship. He is indeed the king, anointed by God to bring all people back to the Father in heaven.

He is the sole provider of everlasting life. He gives peace of heart and strength of purpose. He provides direction. He is Lord.

Reflection

Even in this country, people have an image of kingship, although it may not be clear. It is not about sheer power, but rather it is about inspiring patriotism and high ideals, or at least that is what the modern European monarchies are about.

Jesus is our king. Perfect, holy, good and generous, the Lord alone gives everlasting life. No power can wrest this life away from those who earnestly love the Lord. His example alone is worth following.

Thinking clearly about consciousness and abortion

Imagine a deadly scenario like this: a successful businessman is rendered unconscious by medical professionals to help him heal after a serious car accident, using powerful pharmaceutical agents to cause a medically induced coma. A few days later, a business competitor, wanting him dead, enters the hospital and kills the comatose patient. During his trial, when questioned about the murder, the competitor tries to argue, with an unnecessarily detailed explanation, that, "the medically-induced coma rendered him quite incapable of feeling any pain, because those parts of his brain involved in sensory processing and pain perception were clearly decoupled from consciousness. So killing those who are unconscious, at least on the grounds that they might feel pain, should not be seen as problematic nor should it be restricted as a personal choice."

Anyone would appreciate the absurdity of such an argument, much as they ought to recognize the unreasonableness of a similar conclusion reached by neuroscientist Dr. Daniel Bor in a recent piece in *The Dallas Morning News*:

"The evidence is clear that a fetus can respond to sights, sounds and smells, and it can even react to these by producing facial expressions. The evidence is equally clear, however, that these responses are generated by the most primitive parts of the brain which are unconnected to consciousness, and therefore these actions don't in any way imply that the fetus is aware. Furthermore, the fetus is deliberately sedated by a series of chemicals produced by the placenta, so even if it had the capacity for consciousness, there is almost no chance it could ever be conscious in the womb. Consequently, it can't consciously feel pain. ... There are therefore no scientific reasons for restricting abortion on the grounds that the fetus will experience pain, at least until very late in pregnancy. This evidence has heavily influenced my views here, and consequently I am very much pro-choice."

As a neuroscientist and an ethicist myself, it's clear how Dr. Bor's conclusion does not follow from his premises. He seeks forcibly to crown consciousness as king, turning it into the highest good, elevating it above life itself. Consequently, he misses the deeper truth that human consciousness (and particularly self-consciousness) is a feature of certain kinds of beings, namely human beings, who are valuable in and of themselves. Our humanity precedes our consciousness, and affords the necessary basis for it, with our value and inviolability flowing not from what we might be capable of doing (manifesting consciousness or awareness) but from who we intrinsically are (human beings and members of the human family).

Regardless of whether we might or might not be able to manifest



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

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consciousness at a particular moment (as when we are asleep, under anesthesia, in a coma, or growing at early timepoints *in utero*), our humanity is still present and deserving of unconditional respect. Those who lack consciousness or awareness are still human, and should be cherished and protected as much as anyone else with limitations or disabilities.

Some might reply that a sleeping or comatose person's consciousness is merely dormant. If they wake up, they will have memories, awareness, etc. For a very early human embryo, on the other hand, no consciousness exists yet, since the brain has not developed, or may not have developed sufficiently. Until that development occurs, the argument continues, there is "nobody home," and therefore nothing important can be stripped away by abortion.

But it would be false to conclude that "nobody is home." As that embryonic human continues to grow up, she will develop a brain, as well as memories, awareness and consciousness. Such carefully choreographed and remarkable embryonic development will occur precisely in virtue of the kind of being she *already is*, namely, a very small human being. All of us, in fact, are embryos who have grown up. The human embryo is special because of her humanity, not because of her consciousness, which will invariably arise as long as she is afforded even the smallest chance at life. We actively deny her the right to manifest her future personality, her individuality, her consciousness and her genius by selecting her for termination.

Hence, we should appreciate an argument like Dr. Bor's for what it really is, namely, an attempt to carve out a subclass of human beings (those deemed weaker than the rest of us due to their diminished personal consciousness) so that they can be singled out for death by abortion. This move constitutes an unjust form of discrimination against a voiceless class of humans, cloaked in a specious intellectual construct that misconstrues both the essential character of being human, and the essential moral obligations we have towards each other.

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The crisis of second Obama administration

President Obama's re-election and the prospect of a second Obama administration, freed from the constraints imposed by the necessity of running for re-election, have created a crisis for the Catholic Church in the United States. In the thought-world and vocabulary of the Bible, "crisis" has two meanings: the conventional sense (a grave threat) and a deeper sense (a great moment of opportunity). Both are applicable to the Church in America these next four years.

The immediate threat, of course, is the HHS (Health and Human Services) mandate requiring Catholic institutions and Catholic employers to include coverage of contraceptives, sterilizations and abortifacient drugs in the health insurance offered to their employees. The legal challenges mounted against this obvious violation of the first freedom, religious freedom, may well be vindicated. But with Obamacare now seemingly set in concrete, the Church will face a host of such implementing "mandates" and it will be imperative to contest those that are morally unacceptable, time and time again. Authentically Catholic health care in America is now in mortal danger, and it is going to take a concerted effort to save it for future generations.

A further threat comes from the gay insurgency, which will press the administration to find some way to federalize the marriage issue and to compel acceptance of the chimera of "gay marriage." Thus it seems important to accelerate a serious debate within American Catholicism on whether

the Church ought not pre-emptively withdraw from the civil marriage business, its clergy declining to act as agents of government in witnessing marriages for purposes of state law.

If the Church were to take this dramatic step now, it would be acting prophetically: it would be challenging the state (and the culture) by underscoring that what the state means by "marriage" and what Catholics mean by "marriage" are radically different, and that what the state means by "marriage" is wrong. If, however, the Church is forced to take this step after "gay marriage" is the

law of the land, Catholics will be pilloried as bad losers who've picked up their marbles and fled the game — and any witness-value to the Church's withdrawal from the civil marriage business will be lost. Many thoughtful young priests are discussing this dramatic option among themselves; it's time for the rest of the Church to join the conversation.

Yet another threat to the integrity of the Church comes from the re-election of a vice president of the United States who has declared "transgender discrimination" to be "the civil rights issue of our time," who has openly celebrated the abortion license; who has grossly misrepresented the Church's teaching on the life issues; and who is, in myriad ways, an ecclesial embarrassment. So are Catholic members of the House and Senate who not only vote against truths known by moral reason, but then have the gall to justify their irresponsibility by a faux commitment to "pluralism" or, worse, by recourse

judges oneself, receives according to one's works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love." (CCC No. 679)

So as we contemplate this mystery of the judgment, on the one hand we must always have before us the truth that all of us will die and come to judgment before the throne of God. We cannot fall into laziness regarding the seriousness of our salvation nor can we fall into the trap of our modern culture, which seems to believe that one can live in any way whatsoever and find salvation. On the other hand, we



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

to what they are pleased to call "social justice Catholicism."

Thus pastors and bishops must continue to explain why the life issues are "social justice issues," and indeed priority "social justice issues." And some effective way must be found to make clear, publicly, that men and women like Vice President Joe Biden and Representative Nancy Pelosi are living an auto-defined Catholicism so incoherently that their communion with the Catholic Church is severely damaged. Absent such clarity, ill-catechized Catholic voters will continue to misunderstand both the nature of discipleship and the responsibilities of citizenship.

As for the opportunity embedded in this crisis, it is nothing less than to be the Church of the New Evangelization, full-throttle. Shallow, tribal, institutional-maintenance Catholicism is utterly incapable of meeting the challenges that will now come at the Catholic Church from the most aggressively secular administration in American history. Only a robustly, unapologetically evangelical Catholicism, winsomely proposing and nobly living the truths about the human condition the Church teaches, will see us through the next four years. Radically converted Christian disciples, not one-hour-a-week Catholics whipsawed by an ever more toxic culture, are what this hour of crisis, in both senses of the term, demands.

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should always be filled with great hope, the hope that God wishes every human person to be saved. God never ceases in His work of leading us through our earthly life to final salvation where we will be perfectly united with all the saints and where God will be all in all.

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Thus it seems important to accelerate a serious debate within American Catholicism on whether the Church ought not pre-emptively withdraw from the civil marriage business,

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 25, 2012

John 18:33b-37/ Revelation 1:5-8

Following is a word search based on the Gospel and second reading for the feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the church year. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PILATE	JEWS	JESUS
ANSWERED	YOUR OWN	PRIESTS
HANDED YOU	BORN	VOICE
CHRIST	FAITHFUL	WITNESS
FIRSTBORN	WHO LOVES US	FREED US
OUR SINS	BLOOD	GLORY
FOREVER	PIERCED	AMEN

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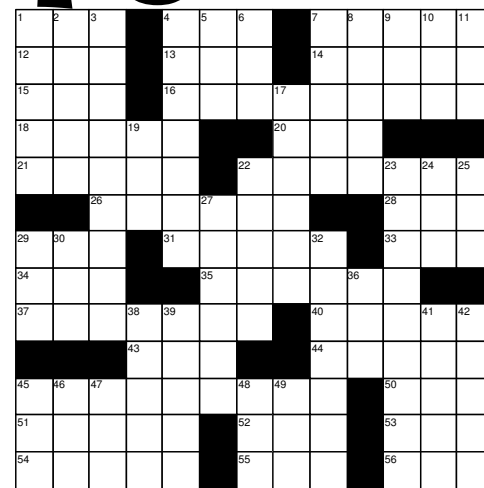
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The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13: 24-32 and Dn 7: 13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

ACROSS

- 1 Resort
- 4 Adam's wife
- 7 Breathing device
- 12 Noah's second son
- 13 Christmas tree
- 14 Add up
- 15 Shall see Christ coming
- 16 The sky
- 18 Slowly
- 20 Miner's goal
- 21 Monk
- 22 Righteousness
- 26 Christ the King has

- many
- 28 Sister
- 29 Pressure unit
- 31 Dead do in dust
- 33 Bishop's land
- 34 Abbey drink
- 35 Over the top
- 37 Methods
- 40 Agricultural
- 43 Wing
- 44 Composition
- 45 Impediment
- 50 Central Intelligence Agency
- 51 Galloped
- 52 Central Daylight Time

- 53 Jesus went to mountain
- 54 Soak fire
- 55 Affirmative
- 56 Fast plane

DOWN

- 1 Book holder
- 2 Money handler
- 3 Features
- 4 Labors
- 5 Next Pope Paul will be
- 6 Sin
- 7 Heaven's lights
- 8 May have been Bethlehem star
- 9 North American Indian
- 10 Prohibit
- 11 Alternative (abbr.)
- 17 Cat
- 19 Thai
- 22 Crowd sounds at Crucifixion
- 23 Catechist does
- 24 Baby bear
- 25 East northeast
- 27 South American animals
- 29 Old-fashioned Dads
- 30 Crafty
- 32 Adam & Eve, our first
- 36 Pecan
- 38 Legends
- 39 Escape captors
- 41 Auf Wiedersehen
- 42 John did in womb
- 45 Not "New" Testament
- 46 Dove's song
- 47 Central processing unit
- 48 Frosty
- 49 Psalm

Answer Key can be found on page 15

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as the catechism beautifully puts it, "Christ is Lord of eternal life. Full right to pass definitive judgment on the works and hearts of men belongs to Him as redeemer of the world. He 'acquired' this right by His cross. The Father has given 'all judgment to the Son.' Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life He has in Himself. By rejecting grace in this life, one already

All Diocese Team

Today's Catholic joins the Serra Club in sponsoring the All-Diocese Team, highlighting athletes from Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These student-athletes are recognized in character, sportsmanship, leadership, athletics and Catholic values. The athletes are selected by their coaches. The All Diocese Teams will be featured for fall, winter and spring sports.

BISHOP LUERS

Volleyball



Nancy McNamara
12
Defensive Specialist
St. Joseph,
Fort Wayne



Tamara Griggs
12
Setter

Cross-country



Sean McManus
12
St. John the Baptist,
Fort Wayne



Alex Williams
9



Robin Schafer
12

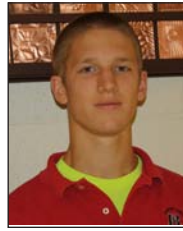


Madison Busch
9
St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton

Boys' soccer



Nate Huth
12
Defender
St. Mary,
Fort Wayne



John Wellman
12
Goalie
St. Charles



Mason Wigen
12
Defender
St. John the Baptist,
New Haven

Golf



Megan Hanke
12
Golf - Captain
St. John the Baptist,
New Haven



Heather Hanke
12
Golf - Captain
St. John the Baptist,
New Haven

Tennis



Sam Scheer
12
St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton



Isaiah Klotz
10

Girls' soccer



Kelly Dwire
12
Offensive
Midfielder
St. John the Baptist,
Fort Wayne

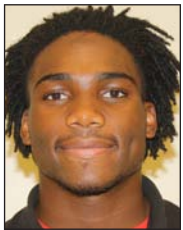


Patsy Berghoff
12
Defender
St. John the Baptist,
Fort Wayne



Addie Reibold
11
Center
Midfielder
St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton

Football



Jaylon Smith
12
Outside
Linebacker



Dan Beckman
12
Defensive
Tackle
St. Peter,
Fort Wayne



Aaron LaMaster
12
Linebacker
St. Joseph,
Fort Wayne



Marc Cotter
12
Defensive Nose
Guard
St. John the Baptist,
Fort Wayne



Matt Williamson
12
Safety/Receiver
St. Peter,
Fort Wayne

BISHOP DWENGER Boys' cross-country



Luke Miller
12
St. Jude



Mark Berghoff
12
St. Charles
Borromeo

Girls' cross-country



Karen Echrich
10
St. Jude



Claire Manning
9
St. Vincent
de Paul

Girls' soccer



Kellee O'Shaughnessy
10
St. Vincent de Paul



Kathryn Jenkins
12
St. Charles
Borromeo



Madeline Pollifrone
12
St. Vincent de Paul

Boys' soccer



Ben Collis
12
St. Jude



Alex Bruns
11
St. Jude



Dominic Garrett
11
St. Charles
Borromeo

Volleyball



Gabrielle Rahrig
12
Middle Blocker
St. Vincent de Paul



Jennifer O'Daniel
11
Setter Opposite
St. Vincent de Paul

Boys' tennis



Luke Mlakar
12
No. 1 doubles
12-5 record
St. Vincent de Paul



Matt Woodrum
12
No. 2 doubles
10-4 record
St. Vincent de Paul

Girls' golf



Nellie Lee
11
St. Joseph-St.
Elizabeth



Julie Mueller
12
St. Vincent de Paul



Jen Hipskind
12
St. Charles
Borromeo

Football



Keenan Centlivre
11
Wide Receiver
St. Charles



Ryan Watercutter
11
Tight End,
Defensive Back
St. Vincent de Paul



Shawn Ryan
12
Tackle
Queen of Angels



Blake Bowers
12
Center,
Interior Line
St. Vincent de Paul



D'Marcus Moon
11
Running Back



Stephen Colligan
11
Punter
St. Vincent de Paul



Nick German
12
Defensive Back
St. Vincent de Paul



Ben Evans
12
Defensive End
St. Patrick,
Arcola

**SAINT JOSEPH
Cross-country**



Elizabeth Taylor
12
Christ the King

SAINT JOSEPH

Football



Casey Coleman
11
RB/DB
Holy Cross



Connor Edmonds
12
TE/LB
Christ the King



Garrett Gutermuth
11
OL/DL
Christ the King



Kevin McFadden
11
RB/DB
St. Joseph



Matt Monserez
11
QB
Christ the King



Brendan Fraleigh
11
Mid
St. Pius X



Max Florea
12
Def
Schmucker



Jonathan Westerhausen
12
F/M, N/A



Amanda Hastings
11
Mid
St. Pius X

Girls' soccer



Morgan Scott
9
Def
Christ the King



Kelly Welsh
10
Def
St. Pius X



Brianna Hart
9
St. Pius X



Anna Wilcoxson
11
Holy Cross



Jason Rink
12
Little Flower



Michael Wroblewski
10
Corpus Christi



Lauren Gillis
12
MH
St. Pius X



Alex Wong
12
DS
St. Joseph



Dylan Dominello
12
Christ the King



Gabby Lucchese
10
Midfielder
St. Thomas,
Elkhart

Cross-country

**MARIAN
Football**



Phillip Brier
12
Defensive End
St. Joseph,
South Bend



Thomas Cook
12
Offensive Line
St. Matthew



Vincent Ravotto
12
Quarterback
St. Joseph,
Mishawaka



Andrew Schafer
12
Linebacker
St. Thomas,
Elkhart



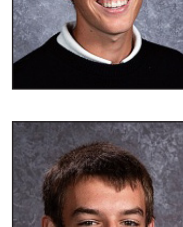
Joseph Walter
12
Linebacker
St. Joseph,
Mishawaka



Joseph Berends
12
Midfielder



John Gruber
12
Defense
St. Pius



Jack Ravotto
11
Defense
St. Joseph,
Mishawaka



Shannon Hendricks
10
Midfielder
Christ the King

Girls' soccer



Denise Veldman
10
Forward
Holy Family



Nicole Bourgeois
10
St. Pius X



Paige Weber
12
St. Pius X



Allison Ketcham
11
OH/S
St. Joseph,
Mishawaka



Jordan Bueter
10
OH
Holy Family



Christopher Meyer
11
Holy Family



Adam Duvall
11
St. Monica

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Maggie Pendergast
12
St. Matthew



Girls' cross-country

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Girls' cross-country



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12
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Crusaders, Panthers lay claim to A and B teams ICCL championships

BY JOE KOZINSKI

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY — The Inter-City Catholic League crowned two additional football champions on the last weekend of the October as the A and B team (fifth and sixth grade) squads finished on a note of development and accomplishment.

The Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders held off the St. Anthony (St. Joseph/St. Pius) Panthers and kept their season at a perfect 6-0 out scoring their opponents by a total of 179-6.

The contest was decided by a score of 20-6 as Gran Stefanek rushed for touchdowns of 86, 60 and 35 yards in the Crusader win.

The Panthers were complimented with a touch down by JP Lewis, the only score given up this season by Holy Cross.

The Panthers of St. Anthony in the B team division shutout the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders, 13-0, to lay claim to the junior title.

Brady Gumpf and Mitchel Floran did the damage as each raced for scores in the season ending triumph.

The hoops will be scorching in the upcoming weeks as regular season play tips off for boys' basketball.

A complete list of game schedules can be found at www.icclsports.org.

Annual baseball game supports JESSE kids



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Pictured is Blake Lane, a second-year player from Columbus, playing catch with local JESSE kids.



DONALDSON — The Ancilla College men's baseball team hosted their annual game with students from Joint Educational Services in Special Education (JESSE) Nov. 9.

The JESSE Kids from area schools, including Plymouth, Knox, Rochester, gathered together with the Ancilla Baseball Team

for the day and played baseball.

Coach Joe Yonto said, "I want to thank all those who helped, from the support for the kids on the field from those watching and cheering, the admissions office for the donation of water bottles which the kids love, the Ancilla athletic department and the Jesse staff."

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Bishop Luers performs Annie
Fort Wayne — In honor of the 30th anniversary of the Broadway opening of "Annie," Bishop Luers Drama Department, will perform "Annie" Friday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and can be reserved by calling (260) 456-1261 x 3114 or (260) 414-8026.

Mission planned before Advent
Bristol — St. Mary of the Annunciation, 411 W. Vistula, will have a mission the week of Nov. 25-28 at 7 p.m. The theme "Open the Door to Christ," will include talks by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus. The themes are Sunday — "Faith;" Monday — "Prayer;" Tuesday — "Reconciliation;" Wednesday — "Eucharist." Refreshments will be served every night except Tuesday.

Teen retreat planned for First Saturday
Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Brothers Minor and the World Apostolate of Fatima will have a teen retreat on Saturday, Dec. 1. "Fatima's Call to Youth: A Marian Retreat for Teens" will begin with 7:30 a.m. Mass and First Saturday devotions and ends at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Oratory, St. Andrew's

Church, 2610 New Haven Ave. The day will include food, activities and talks by Franciscan Father David Mary Engo. There is no cost to attend, and no RSVP is necessary.

Little Flower Holy Hour
Fort Wayne — Deacon James Fitzpatrick will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations.

Third Order of Carmel forming
Fort Wayne — The local community of the Third Order of Carmel will begin first year formation in the new year. The charism is one of prayer and community. For information visit www.fwtoc.org. Meetings are the second Saturday of the month from 8-10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel. Contact Nancy Simmonds at (260) 417-1540 for details.

Christmas party planned
South Bend — Daughters of Isabella Notre Dame Circle 572 will have a Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 3, at noon at Waterford Estates Lodge, 52890 State Road 933. For reservations call (574) 232-1779 by Nov. 26. Cost is \$15. Members are asked to bring nonperishable food items to be distributed to the needy.

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St. Jude Christmas Boutique
Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish, 2130 Pemberton Dr., will have a Christmas boutique Saturday, Nov. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church hall and school auditorium.

St. Monica plans Cookie Walk
Mishawaka — St. Monica Rosary Society will have a cookie walk Saturday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church lower level, 222 West Mishawaka Ave.

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William Charles Brinkley, 60, Corpus Christi

Shirley C. Pate, 81, Our Lady of Good Hope

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Elizabeth L. Doyle, 80, Our Lady of Hungary

Whitney R. Towns, 22, St. Charles Borromeo

South Bend
Susan T. Cholis, 62, St. Patrick

Wabash
Catherine Marie Baker, 64, St. Bernard

Christ Child Society annual Holiday Cookie Walk to benefit local children
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will have a Holiday Cookie Walk to benefit children in need Saturday, Dec. 1, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Vincent de Paul Church on Wallen Road. All proceeds of the sale will be used to fund the programs of the Christ Child Society.

Craft bazaar planned
Bristol — Winter Wonderland Craft Bazaar at Saint Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church will be Saturday, Dec. 1, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the church is located at 411 W. Vistula St. A variety of hand made crafts will be available including purses, jewelry and throw pillows. There will also be a Scentsy representative selling products.

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

Christmas cookie and candy sale
Monroeville — The St. Rose Ladies Guild will have a Christmas cookie and candy sale Saturday, Dec. 8, from noon to 3 p.m. in the school basement.

Cookies and candy will be sold by the pound.

The Culver Academies perform at PHJC Ministry Center
Donaldson — The Culver Academies Choir, Band and Orchestra will present a program of Christmas music on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. in the Ancilla Domini Chapel. The choir will sing in St. Peter's Basilica as part of the Rome International Choral Festival in Rome, Italy, during a week in June 2013. A reception in Cana Hall at the PHJC Ministry Center will follow the free concert.

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

Breakfast with Santa
South Bend — St. Patrick Parish will host a breakfast with Santa Sunday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parish center, 308 S. Scott St. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 4-12 and free for children 3 and under. Family ticket is \$12. Tickets available through parish office or call Phil Niswonger at (260) 335-9927. All proceeds benefit ministry programs.

TV MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

2012	Feast Day	Fort Wayne 10:30 a.m. WFFT-TV, Ch. 55	South Bend 10:30 a.m. WNDU-TV, Ch. 16
Dec. 2	First Sunday of Advent	Most Rev. John M D'Arcy Bishop Emeritus Fort Wayne/South Bend	Msgr. Bruce Piechocki St. Monica Mishawaka
Dec. 9	Second Sunday of Advent	Msgr. Bernard Galic St. Aloysius Yoder	Msgr. Michael Heintz St. Matthew Cathedral South Bend
Dec. 16	Third Sunday of Advent	Rev. Ed Erpelding Parkview Medical Ctr. Fort Wayne	Rev. Glenn Kohrman St. Vincent de Paul Elkhart
Dec. 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Most Rev. Kevin Rhoades Bishop of Diocese Fort Wayne-South Bend	Rev. Tom McNally, CSC Notre Dame
Dec. 25	Christmas	Rev. Jason Freiburger Live from Fort Wayne 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Rev. Jason Freiburger Live from Fort Wayne 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Dec. 30	Feast of the Holy Family	Rev. Andrew Budzinski St. Vincent de Paul Fort Wayne	Rev. Matthew Coonan St. Vincent de Paul Elkhart

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For example, he said, over 70 million people identify their religion as Catholic. Of that number 17.5 million are weekly Mass participants. Another 20 million say they go to Mass occasionally. Thirty million or so only go to Mass on Christmas or Easter. "We have many who have grown lukewarm in the faith," Bishop Rhoades said.

Bishop Rhoades also spoke about the Greek word "parousia" means "coming" or "arrival," and in Christian terms — the Second Coming of Christ in power and glory. The Sunday readings spoke extensively of the end times.

The time of Christ's return is known only to the Father, but Jesus elaborated that before His return there would be great distress and tribulation.

"We do know that there will be attacks by the evil one — by Satan," Bishop Rhoades said. "And what we do know from Scripture is that the Church will pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers."

Bishop Rhoades spoke of the antichrist, a situation when there will be a lot of religious deception, "that man and human beings will glorify themselves in place of God," he said.

Some of the signs are prevalent now, Bishop Rhoades noted.

"Man is saying, 'I am the ultimate. I decide what is good and evil,'" Bishop Rhoades said.

Christ will come and then the Church will enter the glory of the kingdom. "At the end, the kingdom will be fulfilled," Bishop Rhoades said.

At the final judgment, there is the resurrection of our bodies, where our bodies will be resurrected with our souls.

"We should always have this mind," Bishop Rhoades said. "There will be a judgment at the end of our lives and at the end of the world."

"What we should be focused on

is living our faith every day to the full," he said.

After Mass, Bishop Rhoades returned to the auditorium to answer questions that were texted to him.

The first text said "please tell your friends Notre Dame is going to beat USC." Wearing a Notre Dame sports cap, Bishop Rhoades said he was confident of that.

Students' texts asked about death, how to resist sin, the difference between the Catholic Church and the community church, the bishop's memorable moments, music, movies, and "what is the meaning of life." The bishop summed it up in one word — "Christ."

The texting session was meaningful to Samuel Schroedl, another Warsaw High School sophomore and Sacred Heart parishioner. "It's kind of cool how people like the bishop use texting to bring people back to the faith."

Mark Hart, the "Bible Geek" who is the executive vice president for Life Teen, offered the keynote talk before lunch and breakout sessions of the afternoon followed by XLT Eucharistic Adoration.

Hart entertained the Faithfest participants with a story about an airplane trip he once took that ended in an emergency landing. He told God he would go to Confession if he made it. When the plane landed in a small remote airport in New Mexico, a priest was sitting there. Hart poured out his hurt and sins to the priest.

It's easy to go through the motions of Mass. Very seldom do people ask "why." Why would God give us the Eucharist, Confession, the saints, His Word, Hart asked.

Hart said he didn't ask the "why" question.

"At the end of the day, if you're not asking 'why,' then you are missing something," Hart said.

"A lot of you have people in your lives — your family, your friends — who don't know Christ, and who would never go to something like this (Faithfest)," Hart said. "It takes courage."

The diocesan Office of Youth Ministry coordinated the Faithfest, which is open to all high school students.



PHOTOS BY TIM JOHNSON

Dan Harms, left, and Kyle Heimann, right, who comprise Popple, provided the music for Faithfest at Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw on Sunday, Nov. 18.



Faithfest included a time to "sport" some athletic prowess and have fun at the Sunday festival.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades talks about the purpose of the New Evangelization and the Sunday readings pertaining to the end times during his homily at the Faithfest Mass.



Mark Hart, executive director of Life Teen, delivers the keynote talk at Faithfest.

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