

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Right-to-life rally speaker says it is 'time to speak'

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — "If you do have something to say, if you have something to say that is positive, if you have something to say that is powerful, that is filled with hope, if you have something to say that affirms life, that changes life, then it is not time to be silent, then it truly is — time to speak." Those were the words that Dr. Jim Lamb, executive director of the National Lutherans for Life and keynote speaker at the Allen County Right to Life's 39th annual Fort Wayne March for Life and rally marking the 40th anniversary of legalized abortion.

"And we as the Christian church have such a message. It is the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ," Lamb added.

And Lamb's favorite thing to say is the "Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most positive, and the most powerful, life affirming, life changing message in the universe."

The message, Lamb said, is tailor-made for issues of life and death, for pain and suffering, for issues of regret and grief and guilt.

"Christians have a positive and powerful message 'To Speak' — the Gospel of Jesus Christ," Lamb shared with *Today's Catholic*. "It is tailor-made for the life issues."

"We need 'To Speak' it to one another in the church so that more will see that these issues are

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JOE ROMIE

Right to life participants march through the streets of downtown Fort Wayne as witnesses for life at the 39th annual Allen County Right to Life rally and march on Saturday, Jan. 19.

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Pro-life movement most needs modern saints

South Bend Knights sponsor pro-life march, program

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — "Roe v. Wade is a legal fiction made up out of whole cloth," Holy Cross Father John Patrick Riley declared. He preached the homily at the prayer service, which was part of the Jan. 20 annual South Bend area Knights of Columbus Right to Life march and program.

Father Riley said that abortion is not a matter of the arguments made back and forth about freedom of choice, constitutional law, legislation or appointing the right judges. "It's a matter of life and death. It's about the simple acceptance of life or the toleration of killing, pure and simple," he said.

He explained that it is a spiritual battle, a struggle against selfishness and sin or the acceptance of life in faith. He noted that Pharaoh ordered the extermination of newborn Hebrew males to protect himself from a perceived threat to his power. Herod did

likewise in ordering the slaughter of the Holy Innocents. Father Riley held up Mary as the perfect model of the acceptance of life in faith.

He encouraged his listeners to persevere in the struggle for the right to life, affirming that, "For God all things are possible." He urged that efforts continue to offer extra help to women having difficulty accepting the gift of life.

Fred Everett, co-director of the diocesan Office of Family Life, gave the principal talk. He noted that America has changed since Roe v. Wade. Prior to its imposition most states' laws permitted abortion only as a last case resort to save the life of the mother. Forty years later, Everett said, it is likely that if Roe v. Wade were overturned that very few states would revert to that almost complete restriction. He blamed this cultural shift on an advancing and pervasive secularism and materialism.

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The Life Center, located next to the South Bend abortion business, which is in the process of interior remodeling, will hold an adoration chapel and offices for Saint Joseph County Right to Life, 40 Days for Life, Natural Family Planning, Rachel's Vineyard (post abortion forgiveness and healing) and Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency.

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Celebrating Catholic Schools



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Next week is the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week, beginning Sunday, January 27th. It is a time to celebrate the blessings of Catholic education and to renew our commitment to this important mission of the Church: the education of our children and young people in the Catholic faith and the Christian moral life. I am very proud of the Catholic schools in our diocese and their educational success: our five Catholic colleges and universities, our four diocesan high schools, and our 41 parish or inter-parochial elementary schools.

Last week, I had the joy of celebrating Mass and making a pastoral visit to Bishop Dwenger High School. It was a great day. I was edified by the wonderful school spirit and the very tangible Catholic atmosphere of the school. Visiting various theology classes allowed me to see first-hand the excellent catechetical formation our young people are receiving. I was perhaps most impressed by the conversations I had with students, particularly the very impressive Student Council representatives with whom I enjoyed lunch. We spoke on a variety of topics. One of the young men intends to enter the seminary next year. They all manifested an enthusiasm for their Catholic faith. I left the school with renewed hope for the future of the Church.

Catholic education began in our diocese in the 1840's and has grown and flourished through the years. It began when a French missionary priest, Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin, along with six Holy Cross brothers arrived at Notre Dame du Lac. They began a humble school in a two-story structure they built in 1843 that still stands on the campus of the University of Notre Dame and is now called "Old College." It now houses the Holy Cross undergraduate seminarians at Notre Dame. In that first Catholic school of our diocese, boys of grade and high school age received a Catholic education, as did young men of college age, the first students of the University of Notre Dame.

The Congregation of Holy Cross also provided the first teachers for Catholic schools in Fort Wayne, in late 1843. Father Sorin sent one of the Brothers of Holy Cross to teach school for Father Julian Benoit, the pastor of the Catholic community in Fort Wayne. Father Benoit also recruited Catholic laymen to teach at the first Catholic school in Fort Wayne at Saint Augustine parish (later to become the cathedral parish).

In 1846, at the request of Father Benoit, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin sent her Sisters of Providence to Fort Wayne to staff the first Catholic school for girls in the diocese: Saint Augustine Academy. The Sisters of Providence and the Brothers of Holy Cross, along with some lay Catholics, were the pioneer Catholic school teachers of our diocese. The Marianite Sisters of the Holy



JOE ROMIE

Student council members of Bishop Dwenger High School provide an impressive conversation with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades who made a pastoral visit to the Fort Wayne high school on Jan. 15.

Cross followed closely with their opening of Holy Angels Academy in Mishawaka and Saint Mary's Academy (now College), at Notre Dame. They set the course for the future of many other religious communities, especially of women, who would serve in our schools for the next 150-plus years.

Catholic schools expanded rapidly throughout the diocese in the 1850's and after. When our first Bishop, John Henry Luers, arrived here in 1857 and the diocese was established, there were ten Catholic schools. By 1864, there were 33 Catholic schools. Today our Catholic schools are primarily staffed by lay teachers, men and women of faith and commitment who continue the holy mission of Catholic education.

In the beginning, there were many attacks on Catholic schools during that time of much anti-Catholic bigotry in Indiana and in other areas of the United States. The bishops, priests, religious, and lay faithful saw the need to establish Catholic schools to hand on the faith in a culture often inimical to Catholicism. In the 19th century, Catholic schools were a top priority of the Church in our country. At the first Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1852, the U.S. bishops urged the foundation of Catholic schools, urging Catholics to "make every sacrifice which may be necessary for this object."

Catholic schools remain a priority for us in 2013. Though we live in very different historical circumstances from those of the 19th century, we face new challenges in light of the growing secularism and relativism of our culture. I believe our Catholic schools are needed today as much as they were needed 150-160 years ago.

In our diocese today, we have 17,010 students attending the five Catholic colleges and universities in our diocese. We have 3,185 students in our four diocesan high schools. We have 10,220 students in our Catholic elementary schools. Many sacrifices have been made, and continue to be made, so that our children and young

people have the opportunity for an excellent education that includes formation in the Catholic faith, strong moral values, and prayer.

Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity not only to celebrate our Catholic schools, but also to renew our commitment to the Catholic mission and academic excellence of our schools. Catholic education, if it is worthy of the name, must be centered in the person of Jesus Christ. Catholic schools should be known for their witness to the Gospel, led by educators who are committed to the teachings of the Church and the moral demands of the Christian life. The Catholic school should be a genuine community of faith, faith that is lived in loving service of others. The Catholic school curriculum should integrate faith, culture, and life. In sum, Catholic schools must be "Catholic" in deed as well as in title.

In 2008, during his apostolic visit to Washington, DC, Pope Benedict XVI said to Catholic educators: "Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the good news. First and foremost, every Catholic institution is a place to encounter the Living God, who in Jesus Christ, reveals his transforming love and truth."

In this age of the new evangelization and in this Year of Faith, I wish to state that our Catholic schools, when faithful to their mission, play a critical and irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. I thank all the principals, teachers, administrators, and staffs of our Catholic schools for their hard work and dedication. I thank our priests, school board members, and benefactors for their commitment to our schools. I thank Dr. Mark Myers, our superintendent of schools, and the staff of our diocesan Catholic Schools Office for their leadership. And I thank our parents who make many sacrifices to provide for the Catholic education of their children.

May the Lord bless our Catholic school communities with renewed faith and ardor for their holy mission! Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, pray for us.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Monday, Jan. 28, 11:30 a.m. — Light of Learning Luncheon, Fort Wayne Marriott, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m. — Light of Learning Luncheon, Hilton Garden Inn, South Bend
- Wednesday, Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m. — Dinner and Blessing of Dismas House, South Bend
- Thursday, Jan. 31, 8 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Saint Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart
- Saturday, Feb. 2, 8 a.m. — Mass and Breakfast Speech, Little Flower Parish Men's Breakfast Group, South Bend
- Saturday, Feb. 2, 4:30 p.m. — Mass for World Marriage Day, Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church, Bristol

Deacon: Rev. King's civil rights advocacy marked by faith, hope, love

BY STEVE EUVINO

GARY, Ind. (CNS) — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. may have been a reluctant leader, “but he was willing to put himself out there,” said Deacon Melvin R. Tardy Jr.

He was “the right person for the moment” in the civil rights movement, said the deacon, an academic adviser at the University of Notre Dame. What separated Rev. King from other contemporaries was faith, hope, and love, he added.

Deacon Tardy made the comments at the Gary Diocese's sixth annual King tribute Jan. 13 at Holy Angels Cathedral.

Rev. King, the product of a long line of pastors, was a gifted orator, yet down to earth, and his audience “felt what he felt,” the deacon said. Using what then was the fairly new medium of television, Rev. King not only touched his audience with a sense of right and wrong, but he also walked the walk.

Following the example of Gandhi, Rev. King used nonviolent direct action, Deacon Tardy said, to protest yet remain true to his beliefs. “He used civil disobedience to call people to crisis,” the deacon said. “He became a prophetic witness.”

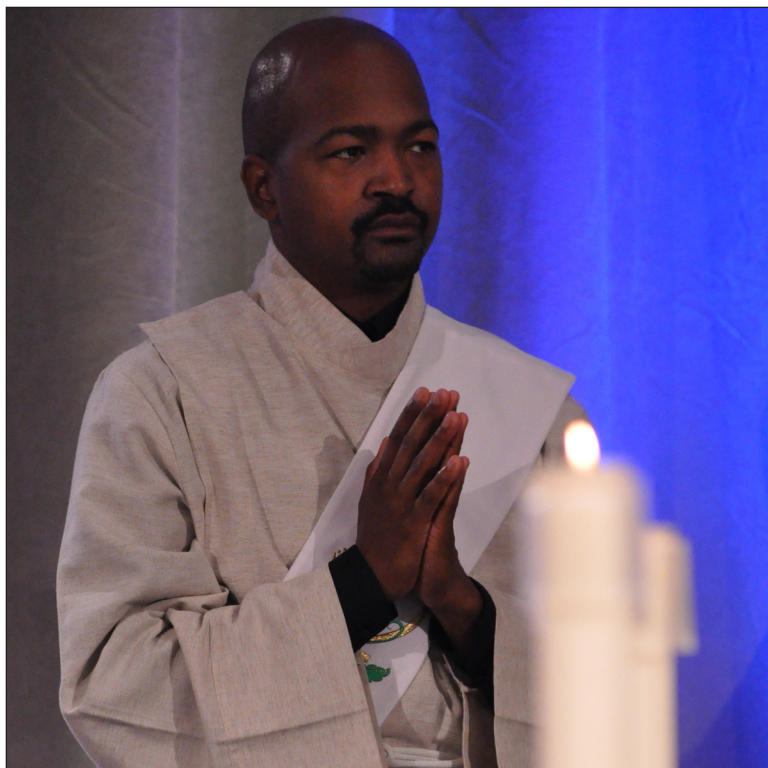
Rev. King believed the kingdom of God was “something we can have today,” Deacon Tardy said, and “he had that sense that innocent suffering can be redemptive,” turning enemies into friends.

Rev. King also embraced agape — to love one another “as Jesus loved” — and he believed that “I will love this person because God loves this person,” the deacon noted.

The civil rights leaders also loved the United States, and his dream was “deeply rooted in the American dream,” he continued.

Faith, hope, and love, the deacon continued, made Rev. King a “game changer for this country.” His hope “impacted people of all backgrounds.”

An academic adviser in Notre Dame's “First Year of Studies,” Deacon Tardy is an author, artist, musician and teacher. He was



TODAY'S CATHOLIC FILE PHOTO

According to Deacon Melvin R. Tardy Jr., an academic adviser at the University of Notre Dame, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was “the right person for the moment” in the civil rights movement.

ordained a permanent deacon in 2011 for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Formerly assistant director of the university's Office of Undergraduate Admissions, he also works with student athletes, diversity programs and disability services at Notre Dame.

Recalling how the university's recent quest for a national championship in football ended in defeat to Alabama, Deacon Tardy said that if the game were played in 1950, things would have been much different. Stadium seating, public transportation, lodging, water fountains and medical care would all have been segregated. Alabama would not have had any African-American student athletes, as the first black student was admitted there in 1956. Notre Dame's first African-American graduate came in 1947.

After centuries of slavery and segregation, World War II helped to change race relations, as African-Americans were trained in combat and leadership positions and were accepted in Europe. Then, Deacon Tardy

said, came *Brown v. Board of Education*, the 1954 Supreme Court decision that desegregated the schools. The case dealt with racial segregation in Kansas schools.

“There was a new sense of hope,” Deacon Tardy said, as African-Americans found a “new ally in the Supreme Court.”

Although some conditions have improved, Deacon Tardy and other speakers at the King tribute encouraged young people to continue to protest injustices. These include bullying at school, gangs, drugs, low graduate rates, challenges in the home, abortions and the high rates locally of children born to unwed mothers and born into poverty.

Noting how Rev. King turned to youths during his struggles, Deacon Tardy encouraged young people “to be about speaking truth. ... We can overcome.”

Steve Euvino is a staff writer at the *Northwest Indiana Catholic*, newspaper of the Gary Diocese.

Engage the imagination to introduce nonbelievers to Jesus Christ, says speaker

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The United States is more religious than Western Europe, but many people here are nonbelievers, and the best way to reach them with the Good News of Jesus Christ is by engaging their imagination.

This was the message delivered by Dominican Father Timothy Radcliffe in a lecture at the University of Notre Dame Jan. 17 before a standing-room-only audience of students, faculty, staff and local residents. Father Radcliffe is a former master general of the worldwide Dominican order, and when he is not on the lecture circuit he resides with his local Dominican community at Blackfriars, Oxford, England.

Father Radcliffe engaged his audience immediately by displaying a ready sense of humor and an unusual command of amusing anecdotes. Yet, he challenged the audience, too, by asking them to find creative ways to introduce nonbelievers to Jesus Christ and His teachings.

The Dominican priest recounted seeing the atheist Richard Dawkins recently debate Anglican Archbishop Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury. Archbishop Williams spoke beautifully he said, but Dawkins, “couldn't get it” and “seemed incapable of entering the Christian imagination of Rowan Williams.”

By contrast, Father Radcliffe told about attending the film “Of Gods and Men” when it played at Oxford to a mainly secular audience. The film recounts the 1996 decision of French Trappist monks to stay at their monastery in Algeria during the civil war there to keep ministering to the local people who depend on them. The monks knew they likely would be killed by Islamic extremists if they stayed, but they opted to stay anyway and were murdered.

Father Radcliffe observed that even that Oxford audience of nonbelievers saw the “paradoxical victory of goodness,” “a love that can't ever be defeated.” The audience was touched by the film because it was about particular people, he said.

“This is the scandal of particularity: From the beginning, saints have touched the Christian imagination because they have taken the risk of being particular people, the people God created them to be.”

On the other hand, he said, celebrities often give the illusion of being real people but really are just made-up images. People may try to imitate

celebrities with the hope they will be real too, but that is a delusion, for: “Virtue is the hard work of becoming someone, shedding the generic, pre-fabricated identities of the marketplace.”

Father Radcliffe said that often people are not interested in religion because it is abstract, and people want to meet God face-to-face.

“What we have to offer to people is some sense of the proximity of God: Emmanuel, God with us,” he said.

The future vitality of Christianity, he continued, depends upon recovering a “sense of the beauty of doctrine,” and “we share our faith by helping people get caught up in the story of death and Resurrection.”

Transmitting the faith, he continued, is much more than repeating what others have said, for the “mystery of orthodoxy” occurs when we share our faith and transmit the Good News. The spark of the Gospel is often transmitted when the hearer makes some new sense of it that the transmitter may not have intended, he explained.

Often a generation will look upon the next generation with fear that young are trying to undo what the previous generation has done, he continued.

“But actually the transmission of faith happens precisely when you hand it on, and something new will happen. What you have to do is enter the imaginative journey of another generation.”

Father Radcliffe gave the example of Pope John Paul II, who as a young Polish bishop successfully opposed communism by “the drama of a poetry of resistance” that enriched the imagination of the Polish people so that they could imagine a different world than the difficult one in which they lived.

“If we are to touch the imagi-

nation of our contemporaries, we need to be involved with the most creative artists of our time,” Father Radcliffe said, using the examples of great artists and composers of the past who have enriched the Church so much.

In today's world, the story of the faith needs to be told by not

only artists and composers but also by the most imaginative bloggers, filmmakers, television writers, novelists, etc., Father Radcliffe said.

His lecture at Notre Dame was sponsored by the university's Institute for Church Life. While he was in South Bend, Father Radcliffe also spoke at the Sunday night Vespers service at St. Matthew Cathedral Jan. 13.

“What you have to do is enter the imaginative journey of another generation.”

Roe v. Wade at 40: What now?

BY FREDERICK W. EVERETT

Forty years provides us with a fitting period in which to look back and see from where we have come, where we are now, and where we are going. Forty years ago this very week, the Supreme Court of United States handed down its infamous Roe v. Wade decision that shook the nation then and roils our political debate to this day. It was a 7-2 decision that baldly asserted that the Constitution of the United States implicitly provides a right to privacy that also implicitly includes a right to abortion at any stage of pregnancy and for virtually any reason.

Despite the fact that abortion is nowhere mentioned in the Constitution, seven justices decided to impose their own values and beliefs upon the people of this country by using the judicial system in a way that it was never intended to function. While there is no evidence to suggest that these justices did not believe that they were serving a greater good, it was not the first nor would it be the last time that those bearing the public trust would justify their actions by that great lie that sometimes good ends justify dishonest means.

Of course, the imposition of a regime of abortion on demand upon all 50 states was not a greater good. It was an evil of almost unfathomable dimensions, as is evidenced by the fact that over 55 million innocent lives have since been taken.

Did those seven justices realize the magnitude of the horror that they had imposed upon our country? I surely hope not. Nevertheless, the judicial imposition of abortion on demand has had a clearly corrosive effect on our political institutions and has poisoned our national dialogue.

It is interesting to note that on Jan. 24, 1973, the *New York Times* wrote an editorial expressing its approval of the Roe v. Wade decision. It incorrectly stated that the decision had only legalized abortion in the first trimester. This is one of those common myths that continue to this day. The editorial also expressed the hope that this decision would now settle the political debate so that the public could now focus on other important and pressing issues. This would not be the last time that the editorial board of this venerable institution would miss the mark so widely. Seven justices did not resolve the issue 40 years ago, and it is still not resolved today.

Still, there is no question that the Church, which is at the heart of the pro-life movement here and around the world, has not been able to overturn that decision and return to what was the state of the law in Indiana and in most states of the union. What was the state of the law 40 years ago in Indiana the day prior to Roe v. Wade being handed down? Abortion was illegal except in the very rare circumstance where the life of the mother was at stake. Period. It was not legal because a mother simply preferred not to be

pregnant. It was not legal in cases of fetal deformity. It was not even legal in cases of rape or incest. Abortion was widely recognized not as a routine medical procedure, but only as a last resort in cases of necessity.

America has changed in the past 40 years and not altogether for the better. While the Church's identity and mission have become clearer and stronger in this period, the culture has become more secular and materialistic. Once we might have thought that were the Supreme Court decision to be overturned, abortion would surely go back to being largely restricted. Today, were the decision overturned, there would likely be very few, if any, states that would restrict the practice only to those cases where the life of the mother was at stake. According to national polls, just a fifth of the public would now support that position.

The fact is that a majority of Americans has come to embrace the practice of abortion to varying degrees. Some want to limit it to the hard cases of rape, incest and fetal deformity. Others would expand it to the entire first trimester — where the great majority of abortions occur. More than a fifth of our fellow Americans support abortion for any reason and at any stage of pregnancy — including during the birth of a child.

To get an idea of where we are heading as a nation, it is helpful to look at the values and beliefs of our young adults. While surveys over the past few years show indications of a growing pro-life sentiment among young adults — a designation that in fact makes them the most pro-life age group — other trends are not so positive.

In a number of recent groundbreaking studies, young adults have been shown to be particularly ambivalent about imposing their values on others. Most do not believe that there are objective right and wrong actions that apply to everyone. Even among those who believe that objective right and wrong do exist, they often feel ambivalent about imposing their own values and beliefs on others, especially those from other cultures. Today's young people, as a whole, are characterized by a very individualistic and relativistic morality, by a consumerist approach to life that minimizes the importance of helping others, and by a reluctance to become involved in political and civic affairs. Such attitudes do not bode well for the future of our nation, let alone the future of the pro-life movement.

To begin to formulate an answer to what we need to do now, we need to recognize that abortion is but a symptom of a larger and much deeper problem. The increasingly prevalent idea of freedom as the ability to do and to get what we want is a perverse idea of freedom. True freedom, as Blessed John Paul II would continually remind us, is the ability to do and to give what we ought. As the Holy Father wrote in his great encyclical, "Evangelium vitae": "In seeking the deepest roots of the struggle between the 'culture of life' and the 'culture of death,' we cannot restrict ourselves to the perverse idea of freedom mentioned above. We have to go to the heart of the tragedy being experienced by modern man: the eclipse of the sense of God and of man, typical of a social and cultural climate

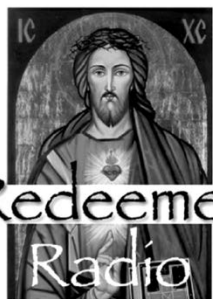
dominated by secularism, which, with its ubiquitous tentacles, succeeds at times in putting Christian communities themselves to the test. Those who allow themselves to be influenced by this climate easily fall into a sad vicious circle: when the sense of God is lost, there is also a tendency to lose the sense of man, of his dignity and his life; in turn, the systematic violation of the moral law, especially in the serious matter of respect for human life and its dignity, produces a kind of progressive darkening of the capacity to discern God's living and saving presence."

Despite the pro-life movement's successes in providing direct services and saving lives through excellent agencies such as the Women's Care Center; despite the passage of numerous state laws and regulations limiting the evil effects of abortion; and despite the reduction in the numbers of abortion clinics and of total annual abortions; there are still over a million unborn children killed each year in our country.

Undoing Roe v. Wade will not be possible unless we change the direction of our culture. Only once the culture begins to turn back to God will the political process become less polarized and more open to a civil dialogue marked by truth and love. Only a New Evangelization of our nation will be able to change the hearts of our young so as to embrace a culture of life. Only when we return to God and His commandments will Roe v. Wade find itself in the dustbin of history.

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Vatican laments European Court denial of conscientious objection right

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While applauding the European Court of Human Rights' recognition of the right of a British airline employee to wear a cross on her uniform, the Vatican lamented the court's denial of the full right of conscientious objection in other cases claiming religious discrimination in the United Kingdom.

Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, the Vatican secretary for relations with states, said the cases demonstrate how "questions relating to freedom of conscience and religion are complex, in particular in European society marked by the increase of religious diversity and the corresponding hardening of secularism."

No matter how complex the questions, though, "regarding morally controversial subjects, such as abortion or homosexuality, freedom of consciences must



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Nadia Eweida, 60, a Coptic Christian, poses for a photograph in the Temple Church in London Jan. 15. Eweida, an employee who was asked by British Airways to remove a cross from around her neck, has won a religious discrimination case at Europe's human rights' court, but three other claimants lost similar cases.

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School choice expansion on the horizon at state capitol

INDIANAPOLIS — Over 9,000 Hoosier children gained access to a nonpublic school of their parent's choice for the 2012-2013 school year — an opportunity they would not have otherwise had, “an opportunity the Church supports as a matter of social justice, parental rights and good public policy,” said Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director, who serves as the public policy spokesman for the Catholic Church in Indiana.

“Not only does the Church place a high priority on the issue of supporting school choice expansion, but school choice expansion is expected to get significant attention this year,” said Tebbe.

Tebbe expects lawmakers to improve access for families seeking a school choice voucher. “One major obstacle to the current school scholarship law is that a significant number of children must attend a public school for at least two semesters before they could be eligible for a voucher,” said Tebbe.

“This provision basically knocks out many current Catholic school families from receiving a voucher even when they meet the income requirements to get a voucher,” said Tebbe. “This is an obstacle that at least two lawmakers are trying to change.”

In the Senate, Sen. Carlin Yoder, R-Bremen, has authored a bill to grant voucher eligibility to siblings of current voucher recipients. Yoder's proposal,



SEN. CARLIN YODER

Senate Bill 184, received a hearing mid-January in the Senate Education Committee. Yoder told lawmakers during the recent hearing that he wants to provide

school choice for entire families so siblings may attend the same school. Yoder said he believes if one child is having success in the nonpublic school, the siblings in that family should not be required to try the public school first as current law requires.

The Senate panel heard two hours of testimony on the bill from school choice advocates and opponents. Advocates including Tebbe, who testified in support of the bill, expressed to members of the Senate panel that the Church supports the bill primarily because it helps parents be better engaged in their children's education.

“It is counterintuitive and counterproductive to require children to be in two different school systems, as one requirement of gaining access to a voucher,” said Tebbe.

School choice advocate, John Elcesser, executive director of the Indiana Nonpublic School Association (INPEA), said that it's best for siblings to be in the same school and other voucher programs across the country have a sibling provision.

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School choice supporter Derek Redelman of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce clarified that in the original voucher bill lawmakers intended to include siblings.

“We have always objected to the concept that parents must first give public schools a try,” said Redelman.

Opponents of SB 184 including public school advocates and individual teachers expressed concerns over the constitutionality of the current voucher law, and that school choice takes money away from public schools. However, the first year of the voucher program resulted in nearly \$4.2 million in savings, which was redistributed to public schools across the state.

In the House, Rep. Robert Behning, R-Indianapolis, is carrying a comprehensive school choice expansion proposal, which Tebbe expects to move this year. Behning's proposal, House Bill 1003 includes several significant expansion components. Some of the proposed changes in the bill include an increase in the tax credit from \$1,000-\$3,000

for unreimbursed school related expenses; a preschool scholarship tax credit program; eligibility inclusion for special needs children, children in foster care, military families and inclusion of siblings who currently receive school scholarships; (a provision in SB 184) and an inclusion for current nonpublic school families that meet the income requirements.

Tebbe said, “Another important aspect to consider is that HB 1003 contains portions of Gov. Mike Pence's school choice initiative namely the automatic voucher inclusion of military families, special education students and children in foster care. The governor's support will be helpful in getting the bill passed.”

Lindsey Brown, executive director of School Choice Indiana, said she hears positive feedback on a daily basis from families who receive vouchers.

“These families are so grateful to have the opportunity to find

a better fit for their child,” said Brown. “Many families comment about the individualized attention their child gets, the faith-based component of these schools and the family-friendly environment present.”

The School Scholarship Act, the most comprehensive school voucher program in the country, passed in 2011, allows income eligible families to receive a partial scholarship to use to pay tuition at a nonpublic school of the families choice.

At last count by the Indiana Department of Education, that number doubled from last year from roughly 3,900 to over 9,000 for the 2012-2013 school year. According to the national organization, which tracks school choice, Alliance for School Choice, this school year, approximately 150,000 children nationwide are benefiting from 16 school choice programs in nine states and the District of Columbia.

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be respected,” the archbishop said in an interview Jan. 16 with Vatican Radio.

The archbishop was commenting on the European court's ruling Jan. 15 on four claims of religious discrimination against English Christians.

The court found that Nadia Eweida, 60, a Coptic Christian, suffered discrimination when she was told by British Airways, her employer, to stop wearing a cross on her uniform.

But the court dismissed the cases brought by Gary McFarlane, a relationships counselor fired after he said he had a moral objection to offering therapy to same-sex couples; Lillian Ladele, a registrar who objected to presiding over civil partnership ceremonies for same-sex couples; and Shirley Chaplin, 57, a nurse who said she was forced from her job for wearing a cross in breach of uniform policy.

McFarlane and Chaplin said they would appeal the judgment at the court's Grand Chamber.

The court decided that in the case of Eweida there had been

a violation of Articles 9 and 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which protect freedom of thought, conscience and religion and prohibit unjust discrimination. It awarded her \$2,670 in compensation and a further \$40,000 in costs.

The four took their fight to Europe after the highest British courts defended their former employers.

Speaking after the Jan. 15 judgment, McFarlane said, “I simply wanted to do my job in light of my Christian identity, but I was policed and punished for my thoughts, for my beliefs.”

McFarlane added: “Recent equality legislation has not led to greater respect for difference but to the punishment of difference of opinion.”

In fact, Archbishop Mamberti said, “rather than being an obstacle to the establishment of a tolerant society in its pluralism, respect for freedom of conscience and religion is a condition for it.”

The archbishop quoted Pope Benedict XVI's Jan. 7 speech to diplomats serving at the Vatican: “In order effectively to safeguard the exercise of religious liberty it is essential to respect the right of conscientious objection.”

Moral relativism is becoming the predominant social norm in

Europe, he said, and there is a real risk that it will “undermine the foundations of individual freedom of conscience and religion.”

The archbishop said, “the erosion of freedom of conscience” seen in the European court's decisions also is an expression of “pessimism with regard to the capacity of the human conscience to recognize the good and the true.”

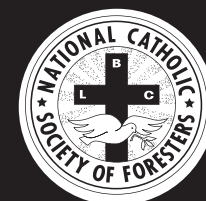
But the Church, he said, affirms that “every person, no matter what his beliefs, has, by means of his conscience, the natural capacity to distinguish good from evil and that he should act accordingly. Therein lies the source of his true freedom.”

Contributing to this story was Cindy Wooden at the Vatican and Simon Caldwell in Manchester, England.

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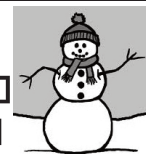
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Federal court panel dismisses ACLU challenge of USCCB trafficking grant

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A federal appeals court dismissed an American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts legal challenge to a contract between the Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, saying the case had become moot because the contract had expired. In a unanimous ruling Jan. 15, the three-judge panel of the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals also vacated an earlier ruling by District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns upholding the ACLU's claim that the contract violated the Establishment Clause of the Constitution. "It's good that the decision is vacated," attorney Henry C. Dinger, representing the USCCB, told Catholic News Service Jan. 16. The decision leaves unanswered the legal question of religious accommodation in the delivery of services under a federal contract. "It doesn't resolve anything on the merits (of the ACLU's claim)," Dinger said. "The important thing to emphasize is that Judge Stearns' decision is now vacated and no longer has any effect." Stearns ruled March 23 that HHS officials improperly delegated to the bishops' conference the decision on which services to offer or not offer to foreign-born victims of human trafficking under a federal contract. Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, USCCB director of media relations, said the dismissal represents a legal victory for the bishops' conference, but only in a limited way because the core issue of whether the conscience clause in the contract with HHS violated the Establishment Clause. "The court also didn't reach the more peripheral, but still important, question of whether ACLU alone has standing to challenge the contract solely as an interested association of taxpayers," she added.

Citing conscience laws, Illinois judge halts contraceptive mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Catholic owners of an Illinois health services consulting company have won a temporary restraining order against the state's contraceptive mandate. Judge Terence M. Sheen of the DuPage County Circuit Court granted the order Jan. 15 to Christopher and Mary Anne Yep and their company, Triune Health Group Inc., saying Illinois' conscience laws take precedence over the state mandate that the health insurance they provide to their employees must cover abortion, sterilizations and contraceptives. "The unique thing about this order is that it's the first recognition by an Illinois court that the state's contraception mandate may be preempted by our religious freedom and conscience laws," said attorney Peter Breen, executive director of the Thomas More Society, the Chicago-based public interest law firm representing the Yeps, who are Catholic. In a parallel case, the Yeps and Triune won a preliminary injunction Jan. 4 in U.S. District

NEWS BRIEFS

BLESSING OF ANIMALS OUTSIDE ST. PETER'S SQUARE



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A well-decorated mule is seen during an event for the blessing of animals outside St. Peter's Square in Rome Jan. 17. Italian Cardinal Angelo Comastri blessed animals brought by members of an association of farmers and ranchers during an event called the "farm under heaven."

Court for the Northern District of Illinois against the Department of Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate. Breen told Catholic News Service Jan. 17 that the Yeps were pleased with Sheen's decision, which cited conscience protections outlined in the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act and Health Care Right of Conscience Act.

Archbishop Aquila offers prayer for healing at theater reopening

AURORA, Colo. (CNS) — The path to peace requires rejecting violence and giving to God the desire for vengeance, hatred, bitterness and anger, Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila of Denver said during a ceremony marking the reopening of a movie theater, the site of a chaotic mass shooting in July. Archbishop Aquila recalled the 70 victims of a gunman, including the 12 who died and 58 who were injured in the July 20 incident, quoting Blessed John Paul II after he was shot in 1981. "The redemption of the world," he said, "is rooted in suffering," the archbishop said. The archbishop was one of several clergy and public officials to speak during what organizers called a "special evening of remembrance and reopening" Jan. 17 at the Century Aurora 16 theater. Archbishop Aquila closed the

ceremony with a reflection and a prayer that called for healing and for the community to unify to prevent violence and live in peace. "In suffering, and in the love of God, dawn breaks before us. We are here tonight with one another to remember, to celebrate the lives of those we've lost and to support those who were wounded and continue to heal. We are here to stand together in mourning, in suffering, and we stand together in redemption," he said.

Everyone, even atheists, has human desire to know who God is, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The desire to see and know God is innate in everyone, even nonbelievers, Pope Benedict XVI said. But it's especially important that people don't just seek God when they need Him but make room for Him throughout their busy lives, he said during his weekly general audience in the Vatican's Paul VI hall Jan. 16. At the end of the audience, the pope also greeted U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, a Catholic. The brief encounter came during the so-called "baciamento," the moment when the pope offers a select group of prelates and special guests a brief handshake one-by-one rather than a private audience. The pope spoke at length with the former CIA director, who was smiling

and gently holding both of the pope's hands, and gave him one of the medallions reserved for special guests. Panetta said later that the pope told him, "Thank you for helping to protect the world." Panetta said he replied, "Pray for me." Panetta, who was stepping down as Pentagon chief, was in Rome as part of a Europe-wide tour to meet with European defense ministers to discuss the conflicts in Afghanistan and Mali.

Nearly 7,000 Catholic schools will have chance to see televised Mass

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Almost 7,000 Catholic schools across the country will have the opportunity to tune in to the second annual televised Mass celebrating National Catholic Schools Week when it airs live Jan. 29 on the Eternal Word Television Network. "We thought it was a wonderful way for all of us to open the new academic year," said John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America. The university is sponsoring the Mass of the Holy Spirit with the Dominican House of Studies in association with the National Catholic Educational Association. It will be celebrated in the Crypt Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in

Washington. EWTN's broadcast begins at 12:10 p.m. (Eastern time). Dominican Father Brian Martin Mulcahy, prior provincial, will be the celebrant and will deliver the homily. NCEA President Karen Ristau praised advances in technology that allowed students from many different schools to come together in a Mass "that will serve as a powerful reminder of the ties that bind us together as Christ-centered places of learning."

Two Americans receive new assignments as Vatican diplomats

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI gave new assignments in mid-January to two U.S. archbishops serving as Vatican ambassadors. Archbishop Joseph S. Marino, a native of Birmingham, Ala., who will be 60 Jan. 23, was named the Vatican's first nuncio to Malaysia, as well as nuncio to East Timor and apostolic delegate in Brunei. Archbishop Charles D. Balvo, a 61-year-old native of Brooklyn, was named nuncio to Kenya, as well as observer at the U.N. Environment Program and its Agency for Human Settlements, both based in Nairobi. Archbishop Marino moves from Bangladesh, where he has been nuncio since 2008, to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital. The Vatican and Malaysia announced the establishment of full diplomatic relations in mid-2011. Almost 60 percent of Malaysia's 29 million residents are Muslim, while Catholics account for just over 3 percent of the population. In neighboring Brunei, which has a population of about 408,000 people, about 67 percent are Muslim and almost 5 percent are Catholic. By contrast, close to 98 percent of the 1.1 million people of East Timor are Catholic. Archbishop Balvo moves to Kenya from New Zealand, where he has served as nuncio since 2005.

Pope names successor to head of Church in Ireland

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Msgr. Eamon Martin as coadjutor archbishop of Armagh, Northern Ireland, making him the designated successor to Cardinal Sean Brady as the head of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Vatican announced the appointment Jan. 18. After serving as vicar general of the Diocese of Derry, Northern Ireland, last year Archbishop-designate Martin became its diocesan administrator upon the retirement of Bishop Seamus Hegarty. In brief remarks to the media in Armagh, Archbishop-designate Martin said, "There is need for renewal in the Church, so that the message of Christ, in all its richness, is presented in ways which engage a new generation. There is a need for a mature relationship between Church and society, in both parts of this island, and people of faith have a vital role to play. "It would hugely impoverish our faith if we were expected to 'leave it at home' or 'keep it for Sundays,' excluding it from our conversations and actions in daily life," he said.

Catholics Returning Home series offered

WARSAW — Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw, will conduct an ongoing series called Catholics Returning Home on six consecutive Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Living Well Center beginning Feb. 7. These sessions are for nonpracticing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church.

There will be informal sharing and update of the Catholic faith. For more details, call Shirley at (574) 453-1808 or Bill at (574) 267-3860.

Bishop Luers Show Choir Minstrels recognized

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School Show Choir, Minstrels, earned Grand Champion at the Twin Lakes Show Choir Invitational in Monticello. The Minstrels also received Best Band, Best Visuals and Best Vocals in the invitational.

Hudson Fairchild, freshman, was recognized as Dynamic Performer. Anna Stachofsky, junior, and Stephen Stachofsky, senior, was recognized as Best Female and Male Vocalist in a Show respectively.

Following the first month of invitational competitions, Bishop Luers Minstrels were listed as No. 1 in the nation by <http://showchoirranking.webs.com>.

K of C and Hannah's House offer spaghetti dinner

MISHAWAKA — The Knights of Columbus Council 1878 and the board and staff of Hannah's House will begin a year-long celebration of Hannah House's 20th anniversary of serving pregnant women and their babies in Mishawaka with an "all-you-can-eat" spaghetti supper on Feb. 8, from 5-7 p.m. at 114 W. 1st Street in Mishawaka. Adult tickets are \$8, children 5-12 are \$5, and children under 5 eat free.

For the benefit of Hannah's House moms and their babies, guests are invited to bring a donation of household paper products, bath, laundry and dishwashing soaps, household cleaning products, baby wipes, gift cards for Martin's, baby shampoos, toothpaste and soaps, etc. Items will be collected at the entrance to Council 1878.

Photographer lecturing at USF on work and career

FORT WAYNE — Internationally renowned photographer Greg Gorman will present his work and career highlights as part of the Closer Look lecture series at the University of Saint Francis on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium. The lecture is sponsored by Canon Explorers of Light. It is free and open to the public.

Gorman will discuss his career as an analog photographer and his

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transition to digital photography. He will present a slide show of imagery spanning his 40-plus-year career in tandem with the lecture. The slide show will include excerpts from his award-winning motion picture campaigns, a commercial body of work, "We the People," and images from his two most recent books, "Framed" and "In Their Youth."

He will also introduce the work of his two forthcoming book projects and discuss the pursuit of his passion for wine and education. For more on Gorman's work, visit www.gormanphotography.com/.

Students recognized in math competition

FORT WAYNE — Two Fort Wayne Catholic school students received top honors at the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 8 Middle School Math Competition hosted by the University of Saint Francis.

Kevin LaMaster from St. Jude Catholic School in Fort Wayne earned the gold award for the overall highest score. In addition to taking the top spot, LaMaster made the national Distinguished Honor Roll for ranking in the top 1 percent of

scores in the United States. Krystka Bugajski from St. Charles Catholic School in Fort Wayne earned the award for the highest score for grades 5 and 6.

The competition, sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America, is given worldwide. Over 119,000 students participated in the United States.

The University of Saint Francis will host the state's only American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 10/12 for high school students in grades 9-12 on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the Pope John Paul II Center.

Activities will begin at 6 p.m. with food and refreshments, and the 75-minute test will follow. A program will be available to parents during the test, and the event will wrap up with awards. Depending upon scores, students may have a chance to advance to national-level competition.

An optional two-hour preparatory session will be offered in the Pope John Paul II Center on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m. For additional practice materials go to: amc.maa.org. To register for the competition, contact Carolyn Exner at cexner@sf.edu or (260) 399-8067.

St. Anthony De Padua School to hold open house

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School will hold an open house on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 12-2 p.m. In addition to tours and conversation about the school's academics, athletics, extracurricular activities and learning environment, there will be a school representative available to speak with interested families about the Indiana School Choice Voucher Program that could provide up to the full cost of tuition for new enrollees at St. Anthony School for the 2013-2014 school year if income eligibility requirements are met.

In addition to this Open House, St. Anthony will be holding two open houses geared specifically toward their pre-school programs. They offer pre-school for ages 3, 4 and 5. These open houses will be held at St. Anthony School on Thursday, Jan. 31, and Feb. 21 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Call the school at (574) 233-7169 to schedule a tour for those who cannot attend an open house.

Central Catholic High School seeks memorabilia

FORT WAYNE — Central Catholic High School is collecting memorabilia for their archives. Please contact Leanne Oddou Mensing at (260) 485-0290 or Mary Lou Thieme Morris at (260) 485-6164 with items or for additional information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS PROMOTE PRO-LIFE INITIATIVES



MARY STUTZMAN

In remembrance of the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, religious education classes at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol held their second annual pro-life March. Greeted with rousing applause, the pro-life marchers processed solemnly through the halls of the education center, through the adult education area, around Annunciation Hall, and finally through the high school classroom as they remembered the almost 50 million babies who have lost their lives through abortion since 1973.

Question-answer session, Mass — Bishop Dwenger students get quality time with Bishop Rhoades

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In an unscheduled question-and-answer session with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the students at Bishop Dwenger High School received a rare and special gift. It came just before the final blessing at the first all-school Mass of the new year on Monday morning, Jan. 14. Bishop Rhoades stepped down from the altar area, took the microphone and opened the floor to questions from the Saints.

Jason Schiffl, who was named principal in 2004, told students before dismissal from the gymnasium back to the classrooms they were just given a treasure.

“We are running about an hour behind and will have to skip third period today,” he said, “but it is okay. This was a great opportunity to get to know your bishop on a personal level. Growing up, I only knew Bishop John D’Arcy as the head of our diocese. It was not until my administrative years that I had the privilege to get to know him on a personal level.”

Schiffl was also pleased with the students’ behavior. “The bishop is always impressed with our reverence here at Bishop Dwenger, but it is good to have some fun, loosen up and be flexible, too,” Schiffl added.

And have some fun they did. Bishop Rhoades shared all about his recent vacation to Florida, his front row seats for the bowl game and how he was able to play tennis for four days straight in the warm sunshine. Then for nearly one hour, students asked Bishop Rhoades questions about everything from his favorite prayers to his favorite sports teams.

The topics ranged from light-hearted stories about old high school sweethearts to his most moving spiritual experiences and his deep discernment and call to the priesthood. Bishop Rhoades seemed in no rush and was thoroughly enjoying his leave from the office, which he referred to as “just like a vacation day,” spending time in one of his favorite ways — with the young people of the diocese.

Bishop Rhoades opened Mass asking students to join him in the Hail Mary for Bishop D’Arcy. He updated them on the bishop emeritus’ battle with cancer and assured them he has spoken often with the former shepherd of the diocese. Bishop Rhoades asked all to pray for a special intention — that Bishop D’Arcy will have the strength after his radiation treatments to be able to return to the Fort Wayne area.

Bishop Rhoades’ homily for the Saints centered around the beginning of Mark’s Gospel where Jesus begins His public ministry and performs His first miracle, casting out the demon from the man with the unclean spirit. Bishop Rhoades explained how it made



perfect sense that the Son of God who came to destroy all evil would immediately be assaulted by the devil and went on to share his own experiences with exorcisms.

The bishop told about the many signs of a possessed person and how careful he must be when making the determination to warrant an exorcism. Although he has never executed one personally, Bishop Rhoades has had the duty of assigning priests to perform exorcisms and captivated his audience with the details of removing the infestation of a demon from a couple’s home as a young priest in Harrisburg.

“It was bizarre to see furniture moving and windows opening for unexplainable reasons,” Bishop Rhoades explained. He went on with his story that after research they discovered the previous owners were drug dealers involved in satanic rituals.

Next, the bishop shared his own personal spiritual reality when he felt the incomprehensible urge to get off of a train. He was 22 years old. After visiting relatives in Greece, he and a buddy planned a trip via the Eurail traveling up from the boot of Italy to Austria in August 1980 while in the seminary. Early in their well-planned journey, Bishop Rhoades insisted they change their course and get off at the first stop in Bari to visit the tomb of St. Nicholas.

“Something unexplainable came over me. It was very uncharacteristic for me to stray from a schedule, but I knew we had to get off that train,” he described. The tourists spent the day in Bari praying at the tomb and found a youth hostile for



the night. The next morning they read the headlines of the Bologna massacre — terrorists bombed their very train at the next stop and 85 were killed.

He summed up his message warning the teenagers to always be aware of the spiritual beings among us — both angels and demons — “Be attentive to your spiritual lives. We all have temptations, but Christ’s power is greater than any of our weaknesses. Keep in the state of grace. Keep in close friendship with God. Receive the sacraments often so that you can receive His joy even in your times of trial. Form the habit of daily prayer and Satan will have no power over you.”

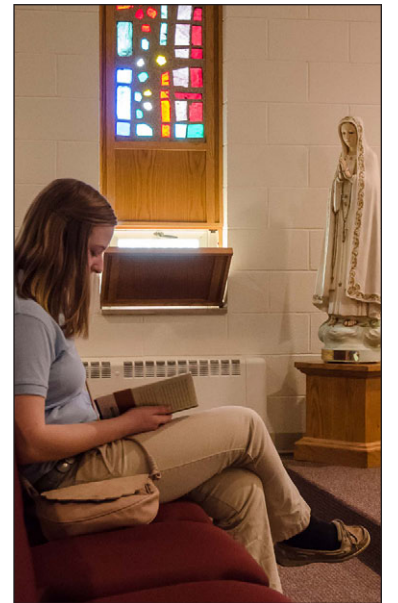
In his final remarks at Mass, Bishop Rhoades commended the choir for their fine performance. “When I closed my eyes and lis-

tened to you sing, I felt as if I was at St. Peter’s Basilica, not a high school gymnasium,” he said.

Bishop Rhoades encouraged the Saints to add to the 17,000 recorded on-site chapel visits and continue their great contributions to the vocations of the diocese. He was pleased to learn that 43 percent of the current seminarians are Bishop Dwenger graduates. And he challenged them to be on fire with their faith during this Year of Faith.

The rest of the day was slightly abbreviated but Bishop Rhoades was able to visit three different classrooms. In Tom Kenny’s Sacred Scripture class Bishop Rhoades told seniors how much he loved the connections between the Old and New Testaments.

“We begin our journey to the promised land through our Baptism. Keep studying Scripture



PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades takes questions from students after celebrating an all-school Mass on Jan. 15 at Bishop Dwenger High School. Above, a student prays in the school chapel. Below, Bishop Rhoades speaks about ecumenism in Greg Bercaw’s class. Senior Brian Polhamus shows the bishop an article used in class from *Today’s Catholic*.

all your lives,” he said.

Bishop Rhoades found seniors in Greg Bercaw’s ecumenism class currently studying an article he wrote for *Today’s Catholic* newspaper. He told them about his international efforts and leadership role in dialogues with other faiths. The bishop encouraged the students to always work towards Christian unity, and said, “Build on what you have in common and never be satisfied that there is division among Christians.”

In his final drop in, he stressed the importance of always standing up for the truth to the juniors in Jessica Hayes’ morality class.

After a decade of the rosary and before meal prayer with a group of students in the chapel, the student council reserved a special spot for the bishop at their lunch table as they tried to sway him to start a Twitter account during their conversation.

Ben Evans, senior member of the student council and stand-out wrestler weighing in 182 pounds, marveled, “I enjoyed the question-and-answer session and being able to get to know the bishop a little better.”

Students then presented the bishop with a gigantic paper prayer chain. A similar set of colorful links is being mailed to Bishop D’Arcy.

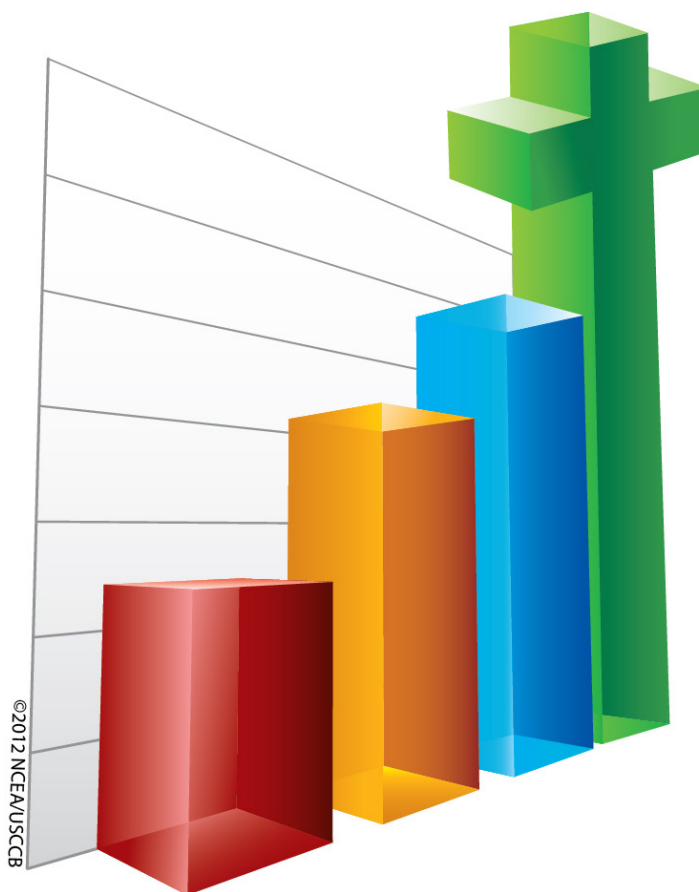
Bishop Rhoades ended his visit meeting with the campus ministry and theology teachers and a one-on-one with Principal Schiffl.

“It has been a great day. The students always look forward to the bishop’s visit,” summarized Amy Johns, assistant principal-director of curriculum and tour guide for the day.

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CATHOLIC Schools Week

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards." The annual observance runs Jan. 27 to Feb. 2. Schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and the community at large. The 2013 theme supports the recent launch of the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, that ensure the effective operation and responsible governance of Catholic schools across the country, thus promoting high academic standards and Catholic identity. The logo designed for the week illustrates a chart of steady growth culminating in the highest achievement of all, a cross representing the faith that underscores all Catholic education.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Raise the Standards

Strengthening Catholic schools: The Holy Father's decree on teaching and learning Latin

BY DR. MARK MYERS

In a development that will require thought and planning by school leaders, late last fall, Pope Benedict XVI wrote a decree to create a pontifical academy to reintroduce and enhance Latin studies in Catholic schools, seminaries and universities. According to Nicole Winfield of the Associated Press, the pope wrote the decree and founding statutes in Latin as one of the premises for the New Evangelization.

The decree specifically calls for the reintroduction of Latin in Catholic middle schools. After the announcement was public, educators, researchers, curriculum experts and scholars worldwide shared concrete and convincing research and data to show Latin not only contributes greatly to the formation of the child's faith, but is critical for development in all phases of teaching and learning, particularly in the k-12 Catholic school environment.

Researchers have found a litany of residual benefits for learners of Latin. Winfield reports the pope has reintroduced the use of Latin himself in numerous Vatican celebrations and events; the faithful of Vatican City have heard the Gospel in Latin frequently since 2005. Catholic scholars and lay educators have recalled Latin is a universal language and represents the universal Church, thus contributing to strengthen and solidify a strong and present Catholic identity. Regrettably, some Catholic schools in America have reduced the num-



DR. MARK MYERS

ber of Latin classes and course offerings over the last 10 years.

As Indiana lawmakers evaluate strategies and methods to help children improve academic skills, Catholics educated in parish schools 50 years ago understand Latin helps immensely with English grammar as well as all disciplines and subjects. Jessica Calefati reports during the last decade the number of students completing the national Latin exam has increased from 30,000 students to 135,000 students.

Renowned educator and author Dorothy Sayers speaks directly about the effects of teaching and learning Latin:

"I will say at once, quite firmly, that the best grounding for education is the Latin grammar. I say this not because Latin is traditional and medieval, but simply because even

a rudimentary knowledge of Latin cuts down the labor and pains of learning almost any other subject by at least 50 percent."

N.S. Gill, a Latinist and freelance writer reports our English grammar rules are rooted in Latin; the "Latin grammar" system guides the learner's thinking about his own vernacular language as well as any new language acquired, such as Spanish or Italian. Students of Latin have the foundation to become prolific writers — a critical skill that seems to have been greatly compromised today. Technological limitations of texting and e-mail frequently restrict proper English word usage among children.

Marsha Jordan, former high school biology teacher and associate superintendent reminds us that many science words have their basis in Latin as well; for example, biology. "Bio" means "life," and "ology" means the "study of." Zoology is the study of animals; ecology, the study of eco systems; nephrology, the study of the kidneys. Gill shares practical benefits of Latin proficiency as well.

It is widely known and accepted that Latin greatly strengthens the test-taker's ability to discern correct responses on national college admissions exams such as the SAT and ACT. Knowledge of Latin greatly improves the probability of a high score on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), the Graduate Records Examination (GRE), and the Medical College Admissions Test (MCATS).

The statewide, Indiana, norm-referenced ISTEP tests scores may

improve dramatically by virtue of a strong Latin curriculum. Children with Latin instruction tend to be more accurate in their general thinking according to Professor Emeritus William Harris of Columbia.

"From another point of view, the study of Latin does foster precision in the use of words. Since one reads Latin closely and carefully, often word-by-word, this focuses the student's mind on individual words and their usage. It has been noticed that people who have studied Latin in school usually write quite good English prose. There may be a certain amount of stylistic imitation involved, but more important is the habit of reading closely and following important texts with accuracy."

Concurring with Pope Benedict's decree, Sayers encourages 11-year-old children to begin Latin studies formally. While reading specialists define reading achievement in terms of vocabulary and comprehension, Sayers notes 50 percent of English is comprised of Latin root words.

What can schools do?

Parents and Catholic educators could begin discussions about the pope's decree and how to strengthen our present Latin programs. Typical school fund drives and events could be redirected to commit additional resources to support Latin instructors and teachers.

Schools may have active, registered parish members who could volunteer to tutor children or teach Latin.

The Catholic School's per-

sonnel office is ready to help identify, recruit and refer capable teachers of Latin. The reintroduction of Latin Clubs offering theater or presentations would contribute toward making the study of Latin more widespread. Father Romano Nicolini, an Italian priest who is encouraging more Latin courses in Catholic middle schools notes, "Latin teaches us to show respect for beautiful things and it also teaches us to value our roots."

We can encourage our children to attend a Latin Mass and have discussions related to content introduced in the daily Latin school curriculum. Parents can reinforce the applications of learning the language of our faith.

This much is clear: Changing the curriculum requires effort by many stakeholders working within the school; however, engaging traditional Catholic teaching methods known to be effective pedagogy while implementing Pope Benedict's decree, offers fresh and exciting opportunities for our children, parents and grandchildren to show respect for beautiful things and value our Catholic roots at the family dinner table.

Dr. Mark Myers is the superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend



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African adventure

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — The scene is a sandy beach on the African coast; palm trees, a cyan-colored sea and rolling surf drumming the phrase, "far from Indiana ... far from Indiana."

That is where 20-year-old Kristopher Andorfer, a 2010 graduate of Bishop Luers High School, found himself last May facing the results of his decision to volunteer for a program called Teach on the Beach, an international charitable concept designed to educate impoverished children in Ghana, Africa — a coastal nation independent since 1957 and about the size of Oregon.

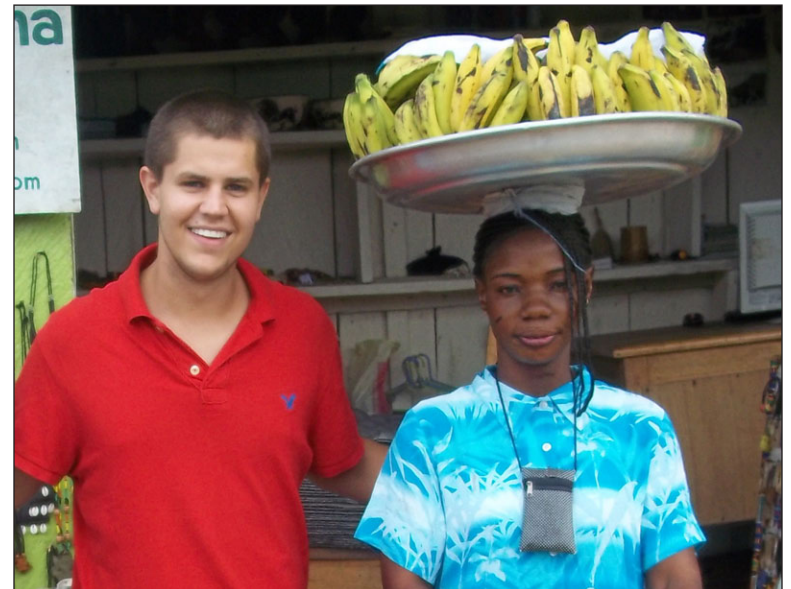
Andorfer was one of 18 Bishop Luers students who volunteered for the Ghana trip directed by Megan Ryan, Bishop Luers faculty member and mission coordinator. Ryan, Andorfer and Ross Barrientos spent three months in Ghana; the others were there for a three-week session.

The beach scene is the pretty part of the picture, which changes to gritty black and white when the third world living conditions emerge and the idealistic urge to educate is reduced to just that, since schools there have no paper, pens, texts or items generally associated with the classroom. Such are the conditions in Busua, a village of 500 in Ghana, where Teach on the Beach, now in its fifth year, slowly grows with continued hope and determination.

Since the Ghanaian schools do not even meet the primitive standard, volunteers such as Kris Andorfer teach in an improved structure, which could be compared to a small renovated hotel called the Beach House. The session is called an "After School Program" and provides the classroom necessities so lacking in the government schools.

It is slow going. Andorfer taught kindergarten to youngsters who as infants had never seen an alphabet block or coloring book or any learning toy so taken for granted in other cultures. After his three months there, where the official language is English, he was thrilled that his students had advanced from learning the alphabet to using words and phrases.

Personally, Kris Andorfer handled the culture shock of moving



PROVIDED BY KRIS ANDORFER

Kris Andorfer, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne, parishioner, was one of 18 Bishop Luers High School student volunteers who saw a different side of life in a far away place when they taught in Ghana, Africa, last year with the "Teach on the Beach" program.

from the comforts of home in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne to a Third World existence as though he were well padded. Considering that in his village, there was no fresh water on tap, only water in sealed bags, a menu of rice served three times daily, squadrons of bugs and flies, part-time electricity, shared quarters next to the classroom, and a bout with malaria, one could understand why Andorfer would say that it was an enriching experience but in the future he would just mail a check to charity. But no, he didn't want to leave Ghana, and returned only at the urging of his parents. He wants to go back!

He wants to go back to Ghana, but first, he has accepted at Bishop Luers High School a position as director of a newly-organized men's choir and plans to return to college to pursue studies which will

equip him for a leadership position in a charity such as the one that brought him face to face with beautiful, wondering children destined for illiteracy in a culture where success is seen as being a taxi driver.

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What galvanizes such sacrifice? What motivates students to sign up for a steady diet of rice, occasional bathing, bugs everywhere, and the possibility of malaria to work in a school system which would be overrated as primitive? Is it because he or she believes there is an outside chance that one flies thousands of miles and delivers a

spark switching apathy to appreciation for learning and thereby teaching and leading others to see new horizons of personal and cultural fulfillment? A handful of students may provide a handful of answers, but the final shake out would probably be "Luers Spirit."



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Catholic School Student Council members gather to grow in leadership and faith

BY KIM MAUCH

GRANGER — St. Pius X School in Granger held the first-ever Student Council Conference on Saturday, Dec. 15. Complete with a continental breakfast, keynote speakers, break-out sessions and a few games, students from various area Catholic schools including St. Matthew, Christ the King, Queen of Peace, St. Joseph Grade School, St. Pius X and Marian High School had the opportunity to share ideas, make new friends and build community.

“We think the idea for the



Students from South Bend Catholic schools participated in a Student Council Conference at St. Pius X School in Granger. Kim Mauch, coordinator of the event, hopes to extend an invitation to Fort Wayne and other diocesan Catholic schools for the next conference.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY KIM MAUCH



Student Council Conference is the first of its kind. We wanted to give area Catholic school student leaders the opportunity to meet one another, talk about how they serve and lead their schools and form new friendships,” said Kim Mauch, student council advisor. The conference was designed for students serving in a leadership position at the elementary and middle school level. High school student council members from Marian High School served as

keynote speakers for the event. “We wanted these young leaders to learn how student government works at the next level — high school,” said Shirley Koloszar, student council advisor.

The day’s agenda began with a prayer, a welcome and continental breakfast. After the keynote presentation, students rotated to break-out sessions to discuss four topics: the campaigning and voting process, Catholic Schools Week, special events and extra-

curricular opportunities and stewardship and service.

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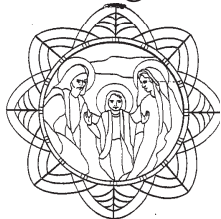


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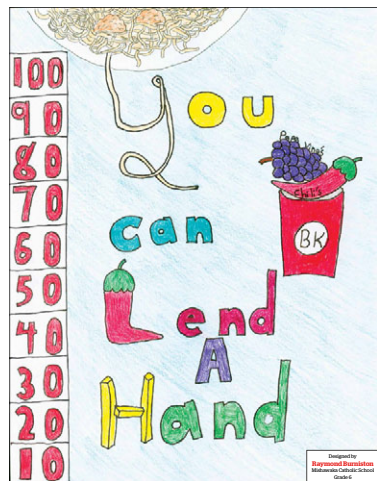
BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — Since its opening in the fall of 2011, Mishawaka Catholic School has established its own unique niche within the Catholic education community.

The three campuses that are part of the school include; St. Bavo for students in early childhood through second grade, St. Joseph for third through fifth grade, and St. Monica for sixth through eighth grade. Mishawaka Catholic principal Vikki Wojcik notes that programs have been developed for each campus and intercampus that emphasizes the complete education of the student.

"A complete education has to include the arts, because for so many children this is where they find their giftedness. This is sometimes where they find their talent. If they don't have the opportunity to go deeply into the arts, they may never know the giftedness they have," says Wojcik.

In addition to core subjects of math and English taught at the St. Monica campus, several elective programs have been developed that include art, African drumming, theater, school newspaper, robotics, sign language, Latin and Spanish.



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The "You Can Lend a Hand" fundraising campaign supports Catholic schools throughout northern Indiana, western Michigan and southeastern Michigan. This year's local area winner is Mishawaka Catholic sixth-grader and art student Raymond Burniston. Burniston's artwork, above, was Quality Dining's coupon book sales tracking poster for the upcoming Lend a Hand fundraising campaign.

Each year, Quality Dining Inc. sponsors a contest for its "You Can Lend a Hand" coupon book sales tracking poster for all area schools. The "You Can Lend a Hand" fundraising campaign sup-

ports Catholic schools throughout northern Indiana, western Michigan and southeastern Michigan. This year's local area winner is Mishawaka Catholic sixth-grader and art student Raymond Burniston.

"I tried to use something from each of the three restaurants in each of the words. 'For the 'Y' in you, I used a noodle coming off of a plate (Papa Vino's Italian restaurant), for the 'L' in lend I used a chili pepper (Chili's restaurant), and for the 'H' in hand I used some French fries (Burger King)," explains Burniston.

Under the direction of music teacher James Hornor, African drumming has become a popular course for middle school students. "You have a lot of the musical fundamentals that you can teach them with rhythm and notes. But the way that we are approaching it here is a self-exploration sort of thing where a lot of the pieces they are performing in the (Christmas) concert they wrote themselves. So it is a lot of creativity and a lot of communication, because each member had to contribute a part to the piece," notes Hornor.

Wojcik emphasizes that middle school participation in electives helps students take responsible risks. "For example, taking a theater class when you are shy, taking a sign language



PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD

During one of the "Minds in Motion" activities at the St. Bavo campus, students practice depth perception by stepping over blocks without looking down. Mishawaka Catholic Principal Vikki Wojcik observes the activity.

because it is something you have thought about or taking the newspaper class because you commit your writing for everyone to see, are responsible risks we hope our students develop," says Wojcik.

For the young students at the St. Bavo campus, the program "Minds in Motion" is being taught by physical education teacher Jacque Welsh. The approximate four-minute instruction integrates physical and mental activity among stations that are rotated on a weekly basis.

"The program helps with bal-

ance, bilateral brain function and strengthening the muscles in their eyes," says Welsh. "One station helps with ocular control so they are more fluid in their reading. Stepping over boxes at another station helps with depth perception without looking down to the ground. And the puppy dog crawl helps to organize both hemispheres of the brain because it is a cross integrated exercise."

Welsh explains that these exercises stimulate the vestibular system of a child. Without that stimulation, the brain has diffi-

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culty telling the body what to do. Wojcik adds that studies indicate the program aids students who have trouble reading.

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The Catholic faith is incorporated in catechesis at each grade level within the three campuses. But Wojcik emphasizes that faith goes beyond a religion class. "What is particularly wonderful in our Catholic schools is that they can see the connection of their faith and how it permeates our entire environment, and how it is a thread in their life and every subject that we teach. Religion goes throughout all of our curriculum," she says.

One of the intercampus activities Wojcik is most proud of is the school's faith family pro-



The Our Father prayer is shown by Marian Uebbing's sign language class. They are shown signing the word "into," from the line "lead us not into temptation."

gram, which includes all students from each of the three campuses. Faith family groups consist of one student each from kindergarten through eighth grade. Every month there is a faith family activity with Mass for all grade groups first thing in the morning. The monthly activity travels from campus to campus. Activities

for faith families have included sharing Bible lessons and card making, and in the spring a joint Seder meal with other faith families.

Wojcik concludes that faith families bring the school community closer together and "gives the eighth-grade students a chance to experience leadership."



Mishawaka Catholic music director James Hornor leads the African drumming class at the St. Monica campus.

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The Catholic University of America will commemorate Catholic Schools Week during the Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29. The Mass will be broadcast live by EWTN.

Often schools will celebrate the parish family on Sunday (this year, Jan. 27); the community on Monday (Jan. 28); students on Tuesday (Jan. 29); and religious and clergy on Thursday (Jan. 31). In addition, schools often set aside time during the week to honor grandparents.

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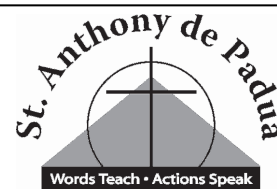
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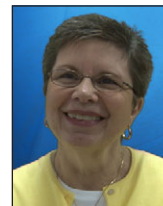
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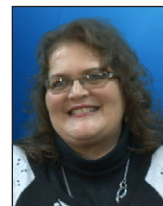
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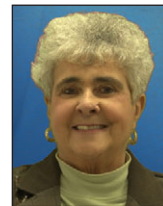
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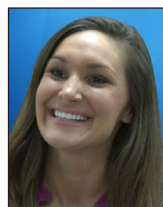
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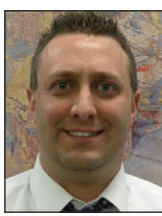
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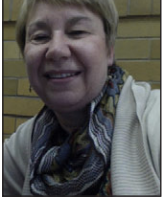
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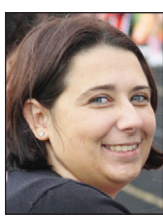
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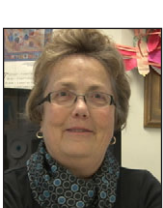
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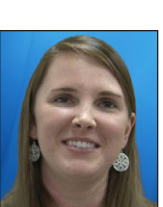
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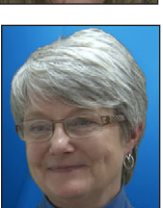
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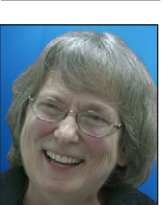
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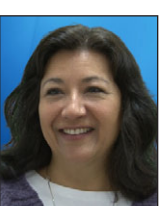
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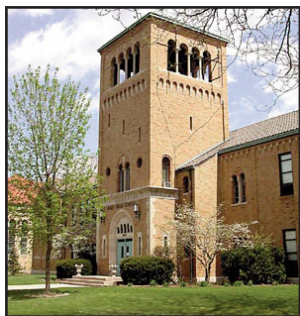


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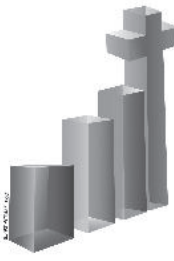
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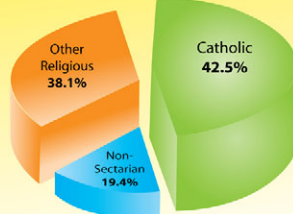
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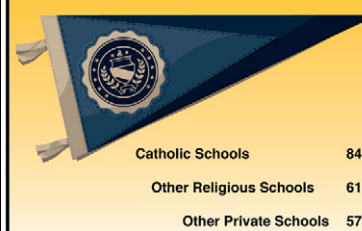
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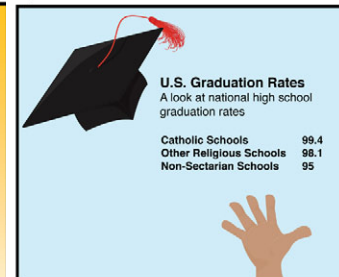


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The Pill as health care?

Physicians will sometimes prescribe a hormonal regimen (in the form of a hormonal contraceptive like the Pill) to treat certain gynecological problems like heavy menstrual bleeding, dysmenorrhea (painful periods), PMS (pre-menstrual syndrome), endometriosis or other conditions like severe acne. In these cases, the Pill is used not as a contraceptive, but as a therapy for a medical condition.

This can be morally permissible under the principle of double effect, which allows for the treatment of a serious medical problem (the good effect), while tolerating its unintended consequences, when other less harmful treatments are not available. In this case, the unintended consequences would be the impeding of one's fertility and the potential health risks and side effects of the Pill (the evil effect).

Married couples may sometimes

struggle with the question of whether a pathology is serious enough to warrant the therapeutic use of the Pill. The wife of one couple I worked with reflected on the matter and concluded, "Yes, the bleeding is intense, and I'm basically wiped out for at least two or three days each month, but it's not so debilitating that my husband and I can't manage, and we'd really prefer, morally and medically speaking, not to get mixed up with a powerful pharmaceutical like the Pill."

Other treatments beside the Pill may at times be available to remedy these medical conditions without having to impede fertility. Some young women, though, may be content to opt for a treatment that also offers more latitude for sexual activity. Approaching the medical use of the Pill in this way can raise concerns about ambiguous intentions. A friend of mine who dated several young women who were on the Pill for a



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medical condition described his own experiences and struggles this way:

"Those I know who have done this also tended to be the ones who were sexually active. ... I believe it does have an effect on one's psyche and soul. In fact, in the past I've dated two women who were doing this and it made it really, really hard at times to be chaste. When I brought up alternative ways to treat something that doesn't involve the Pill, they got very defensive. So I think

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Salvation is fulfilled in the Lord



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 1:1-14, 4:14-21

The Book of Nehemiah furnishes the first reading for this weekend. As is the case in all the Old Testament books, this book has as its chief concern the reinforcement of the people's fidelity to God. In this reading, Ezra, who was a priest, called together men, women and children old enough to comprehend. He admonished this gathering to listen carefully to the Scripture.

After hearing the reading of the Scriptures, the people in this audience affirmed their faith. Ezra continued by interpreting what he had read.

Finally, Ezra and Nehemiah called the people to rejoice. God had spoken to them. God was guiding them.

St. Paul's First Epistle to Corinth provides the next reading. Always in reading the epistles to the Corinthians it is important to consider the atmosphere in which the Christians of Corinth lived. Corinth was an important commercial center and meeting point, a very large city.

Even in the empire, in which vice and greed reigned supreme, the inhabitants of Corinth had the reputation of being exceedingly licentious.

This was the atmosphere. In many respects, the evils in this

atmosphere were contagious, drawing to them many Christians. Paul mentions this fact in these two epistles.

Paul constantly had to call the Corinthian Christians away from the temptations the pagan environment surrounding them pressed upon them.

He also had to contend with the competitiveness among the Christians. They vied with each other, even in the Church. They quarreled with each other. They schemed against each other. They gossiped about each other.

In this reading, Paul insists that all the baptized are in the Body of Christ. However, the body has many members. Each has a vocation. There is no place for competition.

Finally, St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. Midway in this reading, the Gospel directly addresses Theophilus, using the honorific "Your Excellency." Luke's Gospel seemingly was written for one person and to one person.

Scholars debate if this person had the name of Theophilus, or was it the Gospel's title, since "Theophilus" in Greek means "friend of God." In any case, the person apparently enjoyed some prestige, hence the use of the words "Your Excellency."

In this reading, Jesus appears in the synagogue of Nazareth to explain the mission of salvation. It is clear. Salvation, a gift from God to people who had lost all by sin, was unfolding in Jesus.

God's mercy is everlasting. Humans are not left to their doom. Jesus reads from Isaiah, the prophet, who called people in times long past to be renewed in God's mercy.

Reflection

The Church has celebrated Christmas, the feast of the birth

of Jesus, and the feasts of the Epiphany of the Lord, and of the Baptism of the Lord. In the lessons of these great liturgical events, the Church has introduced us to Jesus. It has identified Jesus. He is the son of Mary, therefore human. He was the Son of God. He was the Redeemer.

Now the Church begins to tell us about salvation. It comes only from Jesus. To know it, humans must repent.

First Corinthians sets the stage. If we have accepted Christ into our hearts, we belong to God. Each of us has a personal vocation, because each of us is part of Christ, if we truly are true to the Gospel. God provides for us in our individual vocations.

Union with Christ is the only hope. The congregation's amazement at hearing Jesus in the synagogue is a good reminder that the Lord also has the advice humans need to reach eternal life. The people that day saw that salvation was fulfilled in the Lord. This acknowledgement is the beginning of the faith that all must possess if they truly unite with Jesus.

READINGS

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Are you listening?

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

We all must discover God's call, His plan for our lives. It is a great responsibility. We all go through this discovery in one way or another.

Each of us has a unique call — one only we can answer. Discovering our primary call from God isn't easy. Unfortunately no one can do it for us. It takes hard work to find out the best way to live out our Christian lives. It takes prayer and reflection that includes serious discernment.

When I did campus and vocation ministry, often I was asked how a person gets to know God's will for his or her life. There are no easy answers, but there are some things that can help us discover where God might be leading us.

First and foremost, it is important to remember that God calls everyone. You have a vocation. You received your most important call at Baptism. In that primary sacrament of our faith, you became members of Christ's body, the Church and were called to help bring about the reign of God in this world. It is not just a role reserved for religious brothers and sisters or ordained ministers. Through Baptism each Christian shares in the priesthood of Jesus Christ and in His mission to reveal God's love to the world. The challenge is to discern, or to figure out, how God wants you to help carry out His mission and to best use the gifts He has given you.

The majority of Christians have a vocation to the sacrament of Marriage. They have a call to marriage and parenthood. Others are called by God to live the single, ordained or consecrated life as a religious brother or sister.

One of the best ways to discover what God asks of you is for you to listen to the deepest desire of your heart. For instance, most persons have a deep longing to share their lives with one special person and to raise a family. Others have a passion to give their entire lives to the Lord through prayer, community and service. Some are conflicted. They feel a pull between Marriage and a Church vocation. (Actually many of the same qualities are

needed in both vocations.)

There are many ways God's call is revealed. One primary way is through prayer, taking quality time to actively listen to God. Another way is to seriously take notice of what other significant people say to you. For example, maybe several people have asked you if you have ever considered priesthood or religious life, or observed that you would make a wonderful mother or father. Very often those comments plant seeds or confirm what you might already have been thinking and you should take them seriously.

In high school one of the teachers asked me what my plans were after graduation. She suggested I consider religious life. At first it was a shock, but then I began to seriously reflect and pray about that possibility. And here I am many years later. I often wonder what my life would be like today had I just ignored her or didn't really believe it was a possibility for me.

There are some things you can do to make the good choice. One way to start is to list the pros and cons of each option, pray about them and listen to the ones that speak to you the most and give you a clear sense of peace. During a class in graduate school at Boston College I remember one of my professors saying that the deepest desire of our hearts is usually God's will for our lives. Listen to what your heart tells you.

Finally, once I saw a videotape about community life that I have always remembered. The presenter offered this advice: She said the key to discovering your vocation in life is to discern which lifestyle will make you happy, healthy and holy. To be happy really means having inner joy and peace. A spiritually healthy life is one that enables you to use your gifts and gives you the desire to grow into the person God wants you to be. A holy life is one that gives God a primary place in your life.

My prayer for each of us is that we will discover our best way to live happy, healthy and holy Christian lives as we strive to live the Gospel.

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Saint of the Week



John Bosco

1815-1888
January 31

Born to a poor family in Italy, this patron saint of editors and laborers is considered one of the great social saints. Ordained a priest in 1841, he was sent to study theology in Turin, where he became a magnet for neglected youths during a turbulent period of rapid industrialization and revolutionary politics. Don Bosco, who once hoped to become a foreign missionary, founded the Salesians in 1854. The order sheltered more than 800 orphan boys, then opened workshops for shoemakers, tailors, bookbinders and other trades. Don Bosco was also a prolific writer, and co-founded a women's congregation to work among girls. When he died, more than 40,000 people in Turin filed past his coffin to show their love and respect.

The Marriage Debate II: What states really can't do

In his acute analysis of the character and institutions of the United States, "Democracy in America," Alexis de Tocqueville, a 19th-century French liberal, stressed the importance of what we call "civil society." American democracy, Tocqueville understood, wasn't just a matter of the state, *here*, and the individual, *there*. "Between" the state (or government) and the people there were the many free, voluntary associations that formed the sinews and musculature of America. Those free associations also performed many essential social functions: they educated the young, served the poor, and cared for the sick.

Writing a century and a half after Tocqueville, Pope John Paul II also highlighted the importance of voluntary associations for the free and virtuous society. Those associations, the pope argued, shape the human personality of a political community — what John Paul called, in his philosopher's vocabulary, the "subjectivity of society." Thus, in a democracy — a way of self-government that depends on the character of a people — the institutions of civil society are schools of freedom: the elementary schools of democracy.

Think about it this way: Every 2-year-old is a natural-born tyrant, a beautiful bundle of willfulness and self-absorption who demands (sometimes winsomely and often loudly) that he or she get what he or she wants — *now*. Who, or what, turns all those 2-year-old tyrants into democrats: mature men and women capable of being democratic citizens? Where do we learn what Tocqueville called the habits of mind and heart, and what moral philosophers from Aristotle to John

Paul II have called the virtues, that are necessary for the machinery of democracy to work well?

We learn them first in the family, which is the fundamental, irreplaceable institution of civil society. We also learn those habits of heart and mind in friendships and in school, in clubs and sports and in religious communities. Men and women who, later in life, take responsibility for making government work first learned how to do so, not from the state, but from the civil society institutions in which they grew up. Adults who take the responsibilities of citizenship seriously did not learn their sense of civic obligation from a governmental agency: they learned to be responsible and civil and tolerant, flexible but principled, in more humane schools: the free, voluntary associations that Tocqueville and John Paul II celebrated.

Democracy means, among many other things, that the government is not everything; thus Mussolini's definition of totalitarianism ("Everything within the state, nothing outside the state, nothing against the state") is the absolute antithesis of democracy — indeed, the very antithesis of freedom. Throughout history, just states (whether democratic or not) have understood that there are limits to their powers: there are certain things that just states simply cannot do.

With rare exceptions, the just state cannot interfere in the doctor-patient relationship or the lawyer-client relationship; it can never interfere in the priest-penitent relationship; it ought to be extremely chary of interfering in the parent-child relationship (save in obvious cases like abuse); and there are limits (always subject to debate and adjustment) about the state's reach into the employer-

forms, and sanctions the misguided view that "health" means we have the right to practice consensual indiscriminate sex without consequences.

The Pill, when chosen strictly for these contraceptive purposes, fails the test of being healthcare because it does not heal or restore any broken system of the human body. On the contrary, it actually breaks a smoothly working system — the reproductive system — by disrupting the delicate balance of hormonal cycles regulating a woman's reproductive well-being and fecundity.

When taken for lifestyle purposes, the Pill is quite the opposite of health care — being, in fact, detrimental to women's health — in light of its frequent side effects of weight gain, headaches and depression, as well as its heightened and well-documented risk of thrombotic stroke, myocardial infarction (heart attack) and breast cancer. The International Agency for Research on Cancer, an arm of the World Health Organization, classifies hormonal contraception as a Group 1 carcinogen.

When a married couple has a proportionately serious reason not to become pregnant — for example, when pregnancy itself would seri-



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employee relationship. The just state acknowledges the integrity of these primary, fundamental, civil society relationships and protects them legally. It has no business reinventing or redefining those relationships, for the just state exists to serve civil society, not vice versa.

Marriage is the primordial civil society relationship, for it is the basis of the family, which is the primordial civil society institution. That is why, for millennia, states have protected marriage, understood as what-it-is: the stable union of a man and a woman ordered to the begetting and raising of children. When a state claims the right to alter the definition of "marriage" to include same-sex relationships, it is tacitly claiming the right to redefine the number of persons who may make a "marriage" (why stop at two?); it is also tacitly claiming the right to redefine, by governmental fiat, every other pre-existing free association of civil society.

That claim is antithetical to the freedom of individuals, families and society.

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ously threaten the woman's life or health — they can opt for periodic abstinence during part of her cycle by assessing various indicators of fertility. This is sometimes referred to under the general heading of "Fertility Awareness Methods," and offers a morally acceptable, safe and effective approach to spacing children.

To sum up, then, the use of the Pill for medical (non-contraceptive) purposes requires a disciplined approach to the matter. Alternative medical therapies should be seriously considered, the great good of fertility should be respected, and unspoken sexual agendas should not be allowed to trump the duty to exercise moral responsibility and sound medical judgment.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for January 27, 2013

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: where Luke begins recounting the Good News. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

UNDERTAKEN	WRITE	THEOPHILUS
GALILEE	POWER	NEWS
NAZARETH	TO READ	SCROLL
PROPHET	ISAIAH	THE LORD
THE POOR	THE BLIND	OPPRESSED
FREE	YEAR	LORD
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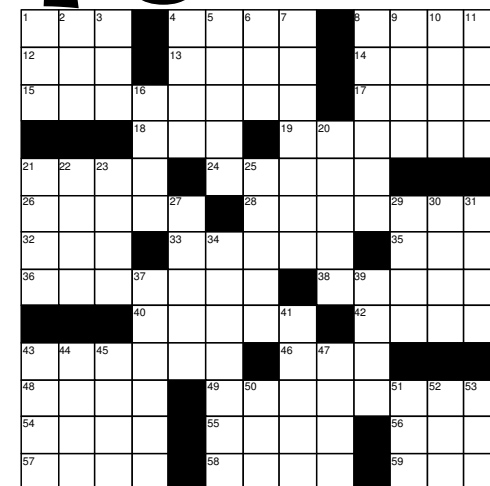
it definitely blurs a line even in the minds of the most faithful Catholics who rationalize that this is what the doctor ordered.

Lines can blur not only in the minds of those who may be dating, but also in the minds of medical students, who may be taught to prescribe the Pill almost reflexively for various gynecological issues rather than addressing the root cause of the problem. As Lili Cote de Bejarano, M.D., has noted: "For most of these conditions, the Pill is only treating the woman's symptoms, while her underlying medical problem — the cause of the symptoms — remains unaddressed and undiagnosed."

Lines become further blurred when medical professionals start to insist that the Pill, taken purely to avoid pregnancy, is "health care." It is not, in fact, health care, but a lifestyle decision. This lifestyle decision is frequently made in the midst of a cultural backdrop that encourages "neutered" sex in an endless array of

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11 and Neh 8: 2-4z, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

ACROSS

1 Time period
4 Dirty area
8 Exchange
12 Angel struck Jacob's
13 Don't do that
14 Detroit state
15 No longer ____
or desolate
17 Make over
18 I am with you
until its end
19 Leg band
21 God's mountain
24 Froth
26 Advises

28 A gift of the Spirit
32 Neither's partner
33 Wrong
35 "On the first ____"
36 Physics'
motion tendency
38 Dance step
40 Nobility "chieftain"
42 Monks' brews
43 Athens' goddess
46 Abbess
48 Philippians
49 Groups of priests
54 Wizeded
55 Satan is Father
of ____

56 Caustic substance
57 Gazed at
58 Jewish priest
59 Downwind

DOWN

1 Extremely high
frequency (abbr.)
2 ____ de Janeiro
3 Often an Easter month
4 Tear
5 Prods
6 God is ____
7 Speaking in ____
8 Sour herb
9 Sharpen by rubbing
10 Joshua was to Moses
11 Glad tidings to
16 Rational
20 Main liturgy (2 wds)
21 Member of an
Arizona Indian tribe
22 Rule with a rod of this
23 Giant
25 Vial
27 Father in 55 Across
29 False god
30 Blessed be the
____ of God
31 Cheats
34 Jesus' sign
37 Pulled in a fish
39 Zest
41 Grimace
43 Church's vault
44 Those people
45 Employ
47 ____ Major
(Big Dipper)
50 Movie star Taylor
51 Peaked
52 ____-witnesses
53 Bishop's turf

Answer Key can be found on page 23

Sports

LADY COUGARS WIN AGAIN The ninth-ranked University of Saint Francis Lady Cougars won over Grace College in a game of survival from the Lady Cougars' perspective. The Crossroads League win for USF improves its record to 18-2 overall, 7-1 in conference play and left the Lady Cougars in sole possession of second place.

St. Anthony, Holy Cross battle on the hardwood floor

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Size is measured in various ways. In a matchup between the Panthers of St. Anthony and the Crusaders of Holy Cross the yardstick wasn't used to quantify formidable height, it metered the strength of will and heart.

The battle featured big men from St. Anthony, Myron Henderson and Nick Crites, against the center of Holy Cross, Joe Garwood.

The large in stature players traded blows one by one in the first quarter and found no leader as the stanza ended in a campaign worn draw at fours as they all staked their claim to the painted area.

The cohesive team play of the purple-and-gold-clad Panthers pushed the lead to six, more than doubling the output of their pesky opponent and holding them scoreless for the entire quarter. Then just as the horn sounded, one of the smallest and the youngest players on the hardwood wound up and heaved

a shot just inside of the half court line finding nothing but net and decreasing the deficit to only three.

Though down, the momentum had swung the way of the Crusaders as Elliott Zyniewicz's magical shot created a euphoric energy as his teammates bounced their way into the locker room as if to have won the Super Bowl.

The refreshed and focused Holy Cross team came out of the intermission with purpose and scored the next six out of eight points taking the lead by one at the end of the third.

Crusader Mason Drajer knocked down a tough shot but two free throws by the Panthers' Chris Riley followed by a big bucket by Gabriel Martinez put their team back on top by one, 16-15.

With 2:44 remaining it would become a free throw shooting contest as the Crusaders inched themselves back into the lead one charity shot per possession for three straight.

Despite the best efforts of the Panthers, the Crusaders finished

the job off from the line as Noah Gutierrez made three of four down the stretch making the final, 24-20, and giving them their fifth victory of the season.

"We blew big leads in both the Thanksgiving and Christmas tournaments to St. Anthony and I think the kids handled the pressure at the end of the game much better," explained Crusader Head Coach Jason Ball. "Zyniewicz (who ended the game as high scorer with eight) really sparked our team and turned the contest around because of his heart, soul and energy."

There were 10 other contests during the weekend as the mighty St. Pius X Lions dispatched Holy Cross, 57-10, and Our Lady of Hungary, 57-25. Trenton Stoner, Tony Carmola, Reese Jackowiak and Brian Garsky all had double-digit performances for the northeast juggernaut.

Christ the King stayed on top of the standings with the rival Lions as they also knocked off the Bulldogs from Our Lady of Hungary, 38-18,

behind Michael Manion's 10.

The Panthers from St. Anthony were also on the short end of their matchup with St. Joseph, 42-12, as the Eagles' Cameron Campbell led all scorers with 13.

St. Joseph also conquered the Falcons of St. Jude, 44-18, to add to their convincing victories over the two-day stanza.

Alexander Horvath's 16 sparked the Mishawaka Catholic Saints over Queen of Peace, 38-17.

The west siders took two as the Holy Family Trojans were victorious over the Corpus Christi Cougars, 27-16, and edged out the

Spartans of St. Thomas, 45-35, behind Justin Groves' 21. Daniel Schafer netted 14 in the loss.

St. Thomas did prevail in their game against Queen of Peace, 53-25, splitting their weekend schedule.

The other big winners were the Blazers of St. Matthew as they pounced on the Falcons of St. Jude and then proceeded to finish off the Mishawaka Catholic Saints, 49-17.

The ICCL resumes play at both Saint Joseph and Marian high schools this weekend. A full list of times and dates are available on their website www.icclsports.com.

CYO Cardinals off to great start

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Coach Rick Donovan's Cardinals are off to a great start with a 3-0 league record and 14-6 overall.

St. Charles has beaten St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, and St. Jude in their first three conference outings.

"We have worked hard all season on the defensive end, which has helped us remain competitive if we are struggling to make shots," explained Donovan.

He added, "We continue to look for more consistency on the offensive end and have seen improvement in that area, team wide, in the past few weeks."

St. Charles has had seven different scoring leaders in their games this season resulting in five dif-

ferent players averaging between 6-12 points per game — Carl Williams, Campbell Donovan, Zach McKenna, Jack Pentenburg and Riley Miller.

Donovan continued, "This is a very unselfish group of kids with a few that we rely on to fill many roles for us. We have some tough games ahead of us, so we hope our emphasis on balance will be effective down the stretch and serves our kids well as they continue to develop as ballplayers."

Next up for St. Charles will be St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel on Saturday morning, Jan. 26.

In junior varsity girls' hoops action, St. Rose-St. Louis outlasted St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, and will host St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel in a four-team tournament on Jan. 18-19.



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Presenter: Mary Glowaski

Mary has served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in different capacities for more than 25 years including as pastoral associate of St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne. Currently, Mary is the Division Director (Secretary) for the Secretariat of Evangelization and Special Ministries for the diocese.

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St. John plans Parish Mission

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist will have a Parish Mission from 7-8 p.m. each evening beginning Sunday, February 24 with the topic faith. On Monday, Feb. 25, the topic will be prayer. On Tuesday, Feb. 26, the topic will be Reconciliation, (sacrament available). On Wednesday, Feb. 27, will be the closing Mass with Bishop Rhoades and the topic Eucharist. The mission is handicap accessible and there will be adult-supervised child-care (infant through fourth grade). Transportation is available through the rectory by calling (260) 744-4393. A break-out session on Monday is specifically for youth (grades 6-8). Refreshments available each evening after the presentation.

St. Adalbert open house

South Bend — St. Adalbert Catholic School will host an open house on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 2-4 p.m. in the school at 519 S. Olive St. Information, entertainment and refreshments will be offered in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Trivia night planned

South Bend — Saint Joseph High School Athletic Association will have a Trivia Night Saturday, Jan. 26, in the school gym. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the game will begin at 7 p.m. A table of 10 is \$100 — \$50 goes to the sport of your choice. Bring your own food and enjoy a cash bar. Special Guest MC is Holy Cross Father Michael Mathews. Email Kevin Drajer at kdrajer@yahoo.com or call (574) 229-7999 to reserve a table.

Fish fry supports Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club

Fort Wayne — A fish fry will be Friday, Feb. 15, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the Bishop Luers' Cafe. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-11, 5 and under are \$1. Drive-through and carry-out available. Proceeds will help fund a new washing machine for the athletic department.

Memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child planned

South Bend — The diocesan Office of Family Life is sponsoring a Memorial Mass for parents, grandparents and families who have lost a child, including through miscarriage and abortion, on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral. Msgr.

Michael Heintz will preside and preach, and there will be a light reception following.

Catholic Business Network Group

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Feb. 1, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the Cathedral Center by guest speaker Pam Leach of St. Vincent's American Heritage Girls. Refreshments will be provided by the The American Heritage Girls, and presented by Andy Daily.

Fish fry announced

South Bend — St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fifth annual IOOF Fish Fry on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Holy Family Parish Center 5405 Mayflower Rd., from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets are adults \$8, children 5-12 \$4. Carry-out available.

USF students collecting cameras for "Recycle. Reshoot. Remember."

Fort Wayne — Members of the University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts Public Relations Society and Photography Club are collecting donations of gently-used digital cameras for Vincent House, which provides transitional housing for the homeless in Fort Wayne. The fundraiser will run from Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 21 through April 22. Collection boxes are

located at the University of Saint Francis Rolland Art Gallery on Leesburg Road, Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne on Coliseum Blvd., Sunny Schick Camera Store, 407 W. Washington Blvd., Wunderkammer Company, 3402 Fairfield Ave. and Carroll High School on Carroll Road. For information, contact the School of Creative Arts at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001.

St. Joseph School plans breakfast

Decatur — St. Joseph School will have a breakfast Sunday, Jan. 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$5.50 for adults and \$3 for children. Call (260) 615-0967 for information.

Theology on Tap Winter Series

South Bend — Theology on Tap's Winter Series, a Catholic speaker series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, to share in food, fellowship and faith, will begin on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at The Backstage Grill. On Jan. 29: "Living as Neighbors" — Connie Mick; Feb. 5: "Living Out Loud: Witnessing to the Faith" — Father Jacob Runyon; Feb. 12: "Living Joyously: Mardi Gras Party." Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/tot for more information.

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partum or premenopause starting Sunday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register call (260) 489-1856 or email mshannon11@frontier.com.

Early Baroque music to be performed

Fort Wayne — The Bach Collegium has two upcoming events — on Friday, Feb. 15, there will be a German dinner benefit at 6:30 p.m. and Early Instruments Concert at 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 202 W. Rudisill. Tickets are \$20 for the dinner and \$15 for the concert (Students \$5). On Sunday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m., the Bach Collegium, together with the Fort Wayne Children's Choir, will perform J.S. Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" with excerpts

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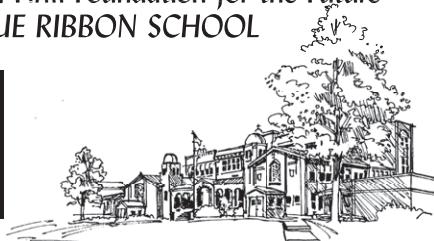
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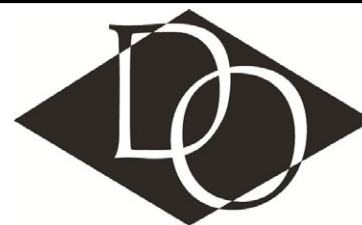
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more than political, but also spiritual," he said. "We need to properly motivate more people to get out of their comfortable pews and into the public square. Then we need 'To Speak' to our society and bring our Christian influence to bear in a reasonable and loving manner, but never leaving behind the Word of Truth of the Gospel, for it alone has the power to bring true and lasting change. People with changed hearts will change society."

Human life has value because every human being is the work of God's hands, Lamb noted in his address to the nearly-filled-to-capacity University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center in downtown Fort Wayne.

"Every human being has value because every life is someone God desires to call into an eternal relationship with Him and hold them by the hand," Lamb said, "created by God's hands, redeemed by Christ's hands stretched out on the cross, and someone desires to hold His hand — that is what gives value to life, that is what gives value to every life — be it an embryo in a petri dish or grandma in a care center. And nothing else matters!"

Lamb offered encouragement to rally participants by reflecting on David and Goliath.

He reflected when the ruddy shepherd boy David asks, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

"When you defy life, you defy the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier," noted Lamb.

"But it's not the death of the giant that concerns us today, it's the giant of death," Lamb said. "And he is defying us."

David picked up five smooth stones. Lamb said he was convinced that David knew victory.

"That's what we need to do, too," Lamb said. "We have lots of stones."

Lamb spoke of the political stone — to vote our convictions. He spoke of the activist stone, the service stone, the education and the witness and prayer stones — all stones to take down the giant.

It wasn't the stone the defeated Goliath, noted Lamb, for David used Goliath's own sword for the defeat of the giant.

"And to defeat this giant of death we're going to need a sword, not just stones — and for that we have a sword — the Word of God," Lamb said. "Take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" to combat the giant of death.

The Knights of Columbus led march participants to the E. Ross Adair Federal Building where those in attendance heard the heart-wrenching testimonies of those who experienced the harm of abortion and told their stories through the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.

Other rally participants included Rep. Marlin Stutzman (Ind.-3), clergy from the Shepherds United coalition, musicians Katelyn Cresse and Jonah Baker, Allen County Right to Life Executive Director Cathie Humbarger, Sen. Dan Coats' District Director Paul Lagemann, Allen County Right to Life President Dr. Peter Scaer, Rev. Charles Howard of Southern Heights Baptist Church and Father Jacob Meyer of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

"Today's crowd (of an estimated 1,700) demonstrates that the citizens of Allen County are committed to defending innocent, human life," said Humbarger, event organizer. "This march has been annually occurring for 39 years. As long as our country condones abortion, you will find us marching for life. We are taking a stand and sending a message to our government that life is worth protecting."

Humbarger added, "We will not take a moratorium on social issues as long as innocent babies are dismembered and discarded with surgical waste. All innocent human life has worth and deserves protection. Forty years of legalized abortion is 40 years too long."

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Everett gave a statistical overview of Americans' views on abortion. He noted that while people under 30 are the most pro-life Americans, that as a whole they "are characterized by an individualistic and relativistic morality, by a consumerist approach to life that minimizes helping others, and by a reluctance to become involved in political and civic affairs."

Everett quoted Pope John Paul II in his encyclical "The Gospel of Life": "The roots of the contradiction between the solemn affirmation of human rights and their tragic denial in practice lies in a notion of freedom which exalts the isolated individual in an absolute way, and gives no place to solidarity, to openness to others and service of them. ... It cannot be denied that such a culture of death, taken as a whole, betrays a completely individualistic concept of freedom, which ends up being the freedom of 'the strong' against the weak, who have no choice but to submit."

The pope also warned that moral relativism at work in politics and governments has led to the undermining of the inviolable dignity of the human person such that "democracy, contradicting its own principles, effectively moves toward a form of totalitarianism."

Everett observed that "undoing Roe v. Wade will not be possible unless we change the direction of our culture," away from secularism and "turn back to God ... only a New Evangelization of our nation will be able to change the hearts of our young so as to embrace a culture of life. Only when we return to God and His commandments will Roe v. Wade find itself in the ashbin of history."

Key to this New Evangelization is for each person to have "an intimate friendship



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Shawn Sullivan, an attorney and moderator of the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in Service of Human Life, described how the Life Center, located next to the South Bend abortion business, will hold an adoration chapel and offices for Saint Joseph County Right to Life, 40 Days for Life, Natural Family Planning, Rachel's Vineyard (post abortion forgiveness and healing) and Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency.

with Jesus Christ" driven by an ardent love and not some imagined burdensome obligation. "Only a love that is passionate will attract others to the truth," Everett concluded. "What the pro-life movement most needs today are modern saints who radiate the truth and love of God. Nothing else will do. To this greatest of ends let us rededicate ourselves today."

Attorney Shawn Sullivan has been the driving force behind a new pro-life venture known as the Life Center, located next to the South Bend abortion business. The new center, which is in the process of interior remodeling, will hold an adoration chapel and offices for Saint Joseph County Right to Life, 40 Days for Life, Natural Family Planning, Rachel's Vineyard (post abortion forgiveness and healing) and Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency.

Sullivan described his response in faith to a seemingly impossible quest when all efforts to find a building near the South Bend abortion business had failed. In a sudden and unexpected turn of events, the owner of the building next door to the abortion business, who had already entered into an agreement to sell it to another party, gave Sullivan 40 days to come up with the money for the purchase. The deadline was All Saints Day, which Sullivan took as a certain sign against all human odds that his effort would be successful.

The improbable did happen. Exterior remodeling has been completed and features two A-framed roofs, each topped by a Celtic cross. The Life Center is an outreach of the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in the Service of Human Life, which Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has approved. Sullivan is the moderator.

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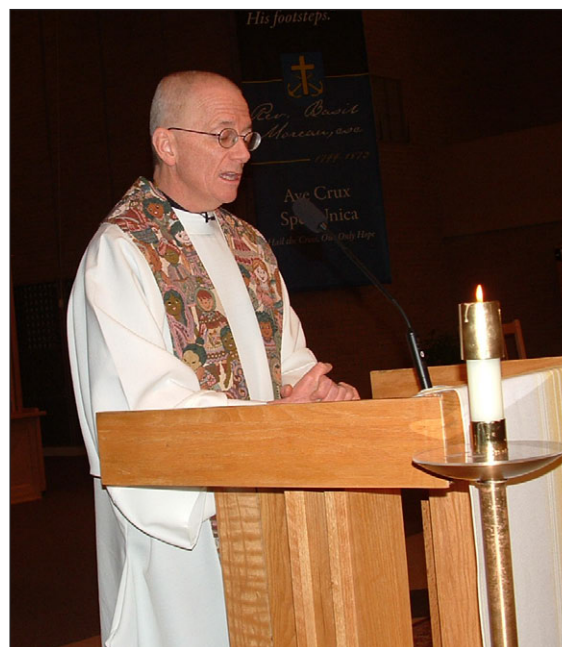
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Holy Cross Father John Patrick Riley, associate pastor at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, gave the homily at the prayer service held at St. Joseph Church on Jan. 20. At right, Fred Everett, co-director of the Diocesan Office for Family Life, gave his talk on the current condition of the culture with respect to the Right to Life and how to change the culture.

