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From humble servant to simple pilgrim

BY CAROL GLATZ



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Pope Benedict XVI blesses people gathered in the town square after arriving in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Feb. 28. It was his final public appearance before he drew to a close his papacy.

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI, who began his papacy describing himself as a “humble servant in the Lord’s vineyard,” described his retirement as a time of being a “simple pilgrim, who begins the last stage of his pilgrimage on this earth.”

The 85-year-old pope arrived in Castel Gandolfo Feb. 28 about two-and-a-half hours before the end of his pontificate.

He planned to spend about two months at the papal villa south of Rome before moving into a former monastery in the Vatican Gardens.

The pope arrived in a helicopter from the Vatican and rode by car through the fields and formal gardens of the papal villa before reaching the residence.

Hours before he arrived, townspeople, pilgrims and visitors began filling the main square outside the papal residence. As they waited for the pope, they prayed the rosary.

As soon as he entered the residence, the pope went upstairs and, standing on the balcony overlooking the main square, he greeted the crowd.

“Dear friends, I am happy to be with you, surrounded by the beauty of creation and by your friendship, which does me such good,” he told them.

“You know that for me, today is different than the days that have gone before. You know that I am no longer supreme pontiff of the Catholic Church — until 8 o’clock I will be, but not after that.”

“I am a simple pilgrim who begins the last stage of his pilgrimage on this earth,” he told them. “But with all my heart, with all my love, with my prayers, with my reflection, with all my interior strength, I still want to work for the common good and the good of the Church and humanity,” he told them.

Pope Benedict thanked the people for their support and asked them to continue to pray and work for the good of the Church, too.

“With all my heart, I impart my blessing,” he told them, before giving a simple blessing, in Italian, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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In farewell to cardinals, Pope Benedict pledges obedience

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Clementine Hall is traditionally the place where cardinals bid farewell to popes at the end of a pontificate, but usually when the pope in question is lying in state before his funeral.

But on Feb. 28, hours before resigning from the papacy, Pope Benedict XVI briefly addressed the College of Cardinals, calling for unity and harmony among the men who will choose his successor and pledging his “unconditional reverence and obedience” to the next pope.

Pope Benedict addressed 144 cardinals, including many of the 115 under the age of 80 who are eligible and expected to vote in the upcoming conclave.

“I will continue to be close to you in prayer, especially in the next days, that you may be fully docile to the action of

the Holy Spirit in the election of the new pope,” Pope Benedict told the gathering in the Vatican’s Apostolic Palace. “May the Lord show you what is wanted of you. Among you, among the College of Cardinals, there is also the future pope, to whom today I promise my unconditional reverence and obedience.”

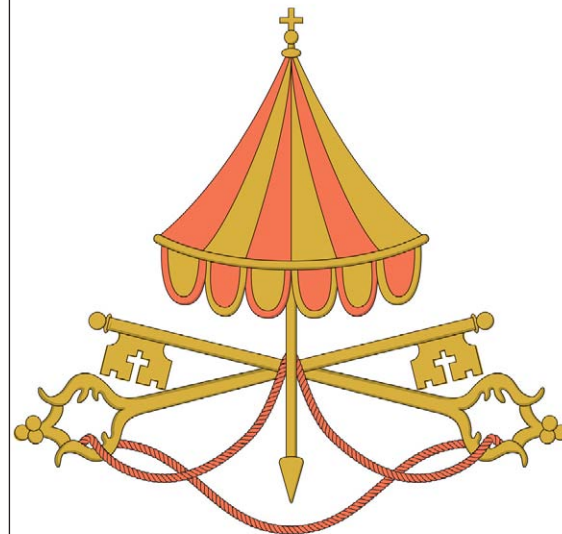
The cardinals began meeting March 4 to plan the papal election.

Looking back on his almost eight-year pontificate, Pope Benedict recalled “very beautiful moments of radiant light on the path of the Church, together with moments in which the occasional cloud thickened in the sky.”

The pope invoked God’s help in building unity, “so that the College of Cardinals might be like an orchestra, where diversities, expressive of the universal Church, always run together to a superior and har-

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This is the Vatican insignia representing the “sede vacante” (vacant see). The emblem is used between the death of a pope and the election of a new one — a period known as the interregnum.

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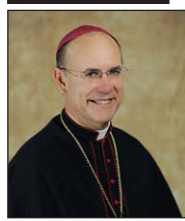
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Our Lenten journey and the papal conclave



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Lenten Way of the Cross

We are midway through our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a good time to reflect on our spiritual itinerary, how we are observing the Lenten season. If we have not been observing Lent as we should, it is not too late to re-commit ourselves to the way of penance and the path of conversion. As I wrote last week, it is particularly beneficial to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during this holy season.

As we continue in this Lenten season, it is good to reflect on the Passion of Our Lord. I especially encourage praying the Stations of the Cross. The cross is the supreme expression of Christ's love for us. He allowed Himself to be nailed to the cross for our sake.

Every time we look upon the crucifix, we see Christ with His arms outstretched on the cross. This gesture is one in which we recognize Jesus embracing us, with all our sins and failings, inviting us to accept His love and mercy.

Our Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, once said that "Christian wisdom is the wisdom of the Cross." The cross teaches us that sin and evil are overcome not by violence and force, but by the power of love and goodness. God triumphs over sin and death on the cross, a victory that brings reconciliation and light to this world. In our own personal lives, through our friendship with Christ, we are filled with the grace that frees us to love and strengthens us to carry the cross with Him.

When we gaze at the crucifix, we see the immensity of God's love for us. In Lent, it is good to pray before the crucifix, asking the Lord to take away all that separates us from Him. The Lord invites us to enter into His outstretched arms, to entrust our lives to Him. When we do, we experience the joy of knowing that He loves us and the desire to love Him in return and to bring His love to others. It is in following the path of love, the way of the cross, that we find true joy and peace.

The election of a new pope

As the Cardinal electors prepare for the conclave, let us continue to remember them in our prayers. It is probably not a coincidence that Pope Benedict announced his resignation just two days before Ash Wednesday. This allows the Church to pray especially during the season of Lent for this very important intention. His Holiness has begun a new period of his life dedicated to prayer. We pray with him during these days for his successor.

Sometimes in the media, the election of a



KAY COZAD

This sixth Station of the Cross is depicted in larger-than-life bronze statues on a mountainside at Lourdes, France, of Veronica wiping the face of Jesus where Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and over 100 diocesan youth and young adult pilgrims prayed before attending World Youth Day in Spain in 2011. Bishop Rhoades, in his column, encourages praying the Stations of the Cross especially during Lent, saying, "The cross is the supreme expression of Christ's love for us. He allowed Himself to be nailed to the cross for our sake."

new Pope is presented as something akin to an American political event. Yet we know that the election of a new Pope is primarily a spiritual event. The Cardinals know that their votes are before God alone and their concern must be only for the good of the Church and the salvation of souls. They promise to observe absolute and perpetual secrecy concerning all matters related to the ballots cast and to the election.

If you have ever been to the Sistine Chapel, where the conclave takes place, you know that it is a place very conducive to an awareness of the presence of God. In voting, each Cardinal brings his completed ballot to the altar and says the following oath: *I call as my witness Christ the Lord who will be my judge, that my vote is given to the one who before God I think should be elected.* In front and above him is the huge painting of *The Last Judgment* by Michelangelo.

During this time when the Apostolic See is vacant, let us be united in a special way

with the Cardinal electors of the next Pope, supporting them with our fervent prayers to the Holy Spirit. Let us ask God to grant us another holy successor of the Apostle Peter.

The Knights of Columbus have distributed a Prayer for the Church during this period of the *Sede Vacante*. I invite you to say this prayer during these important days:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Supreme Pastor of Your Church, we thank you for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI and the selfless care with which he has led us as Successor of Peter, and Your Vicar on earth.

Good Shepherd, who founded Your Church on the rock of Peter's faith and have never left your flock untended, look with love upon us now, and sustain Your Church in faith, hope, and charity.

Grant, Lord Jesus, in Your boundless love for us, a new Pope for Your Church who will please You by his holiness and lead us faithfully to You, who are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

Shoes, signs, stamps, serenades, field art: creative tributes to pope

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — They said it with signs, serenades and even a field of grain.

Catholics in Rome and all over the world found myriad ways to pay homage to Pope Benedict XVI before his resignation Feb. 28.

A farmer near the northern Italian city of Verona plowed the image of a giant dove in his pasture. The six-and-a-half acre "portrait" includes the word "Benedictus XVI." The "land artist" was able to position the dove's beak near a tree so that it appeared to have an olive branch in its mouth.

Young people in the Archdiocese of Campinas, Brazil, launched a campaign on Facebook asking people to "wear red shoes in homage to Pope Benedict on Feb. 28."

People were encouraged to take a picture of themselves wearing red slippers, high-tops, sandals or any kind of footwear, as long as it was red, then to post and share the snapshot on the "JMJ Campinas" page on Facebook. Participants were eligible to win a YouCat, a supplement to the catechism created for young people.

Students in Dublin were planning to tweet "Beannacht De Ort" (God bless you) and other messages of thanks to the pontifical Twitter account, @pontifex, after the pope left the Vatican.

Numerous greetings were appearing on Twitter with various hashtags like #ThanksPontifex and #pope #goodbye.

The city of Rome plastered posters around the city with the pope's picture and the words: "You will always be with us. Thank you."

The Italian post office parked a mobile van not far from the Vatican to sell commemorative stamps issued in 2005 celebrating Pope Benedict's election.

The Vatican office was offering special collectors' packs, envelopes, stamps and cancellation marks commemorating the pope's resignation.

The Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, issued a special four-page color insert with its March 1 edition offering a timeline of Benedict's eight-year pontificate; his April 24, 2005, homily at his installation Mass; his June 29, 2012, homily on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul; and his Feb. 11 announcement of his intention to resign.

Vatican Radio was providing back-to-back, live coverage with special guests in the studio to reflect on Pope Benedict's legacy as well as on-the-ground reporting of the pope's last day at the apostolic palace and his journey by helicopter to the papal residence in Castel Gandolfo.

In a final tribute, the Swiss Guard was to give the pope an honorary salute as he was to leave the apostolic palace around 5 p.m. A smaller regiment was to keep watch



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A poster erected by the city of Rome thanking Pope Benedict XVI is seen near the Vatican Feb. 28. The poster says in Italian: "You will remain always with us. Thanks."

over the pope after he arrived 30 minutes later at Castel Gandolfo.

But at 8 p.m., the soldiers guarding the main door to the villa were to ceremoniously close the doors and leave, returning to the Vatican by car. Only an active pope is watched over by the Swiss Guard, while the security detail for the retired Pope Benedict will be the Vatican police.

Parishes all over the world were holding special Masses, morning prayer services and moments for Eucharistic Adoration offered in honor of Pope Benedict Feb. 28, his last day as pope. For all services scheduled before 8 p.m. Rome time, it would be the last time parishioners could use Pope Benedict's name in the Eucharistic Prayer.

Masses and prayers were also being offered for the pope during his retirement and the College of Cardinals as they prepare to elect a new leader of the universal Church.

Some churches in Rome and Castel Gandolfo were planning to toll their bells at 8 p.m., the time the pope's resignation was to go into effect and begin the "sede vacante."

The choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. was going to offer a musical tribute to the pope after a Mass of Thanksgiving.

Students from 58 different schools in the Archdiocese of Dublin dedicated three days of concerts in Dublin's Helix theater, including readings from texts written by the pope.

Those who could showed their support and affection by attending the pope's last Angelus address Feb. 24 and last general audience Feb. 27. A total of at least 200,000 people attended those events and expressed their thoughts from afar with cheers and homemade signs.

The organist paid homage to the pope at the start of the general audi-

ence by playing a musical piece by Johann Sebastian Bach, one of the pope's favorite composers.

The Rome youth group, "Papaboy," held an afternoon serenade under the pope's window the day before his departure, singing Bach's "Stay with us, for evening falls" in Italian and praying the rosary in Latin.

Later that evening, about 100 people gathered with candles under a nearly full moon singing "Jesus Christ, You Are My Life" and other past World Youth Day songs.

Thousands of messages had been pouring in to the pope with good wishes and prayers, and many world and Christian leaders released public statements paying tribute to the pope and his legacy.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, a Catholic, thanked the pope for his "years of service and dedication to God, the Catholic Church, and world peace." He said he would keep the pope in his prayers and wished "him well as he enters into retirement."

On behalf of the government and people of Ireland, Prime Minister Enda Kenny praised the pope for having "given strong leadership and great service to the Church and her people for many decades."

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople paid tribute to the pope's commitment to Christian unity, saying he has left "an indelible mark on the life and history of the Roman Catholic Church, sealed not only by his brief papacy, but also by his broad and longstanding contribution as a theologian and hierarch of his church, as well as his universally acknowledged prestige."

Contributing to this story was Lauren Colegrove in Rome.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Monday, March 11, 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, Washington, D.C.
- Thursday, March 14, 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Hispanic Apostolate, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw
- Friday, March 15, 3 p.m. — Pueri Cantores Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m. — Mass with Blessing of Chapel, Women's Care Center, Notre Dame Avenue, South Bend
- Saturday, March 16, 4 p.m. — Mass at Saint Augustine Church, South Bend
- Saturday, March 16, 6 p.m. — Dinner and Auction, Saint Joseph High School, South Bend

Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty Holy Hour

- Monday, March 11, 7-8 p.m. — Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame, will hold a Holy Hour in the crypt

Between popes: Vatican business continues as usual — almost

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Pope Benedict XVI officially left office at 8 p.m. Feb. 28, most of the top-level Vatican officials lost their jobs, but that does not mean the majority of Vatican employees get a vacation.

Although Catholics inside and outside the Vatican love to complain about its unwieldy bureaucracy, coordinating the universal ministry of the Church involves a steady flow of paperwork, correspondence and meeting planning. All of that continues even when there is no pope.

However, the publication of documents, the nomination of new bishops and the approval of statutes for Catholic universities and religious orders are suspended. Anything that must be issued in the name of the Vatican or in the name of the pope must be approved by Pope Benedict's successor.

"The general rule is that all ordinary business continues," the secretary of one Vatican congregation told Catholic News Service during the "interregnum" — the period between popes — in 2005. "Like in most bureaucracies, most of our business is ordinary business."

Commissions and subcommittees continue to meet, reports continue to be prepared, letters are answered and Vatican officials try to tidy their desks enough to be able to inform the new pope about exactly where their various projects stand.

Under long-standing Church rules, updated by Blessed John Paul II in 1996, the Vatican secretary of state, the prefects of Vatican congregations and the presidents of

pontifical councils lose their jobs the minute the papacy is vacant; the offices are run by the congregation and council secretaries during the interregnum.

However, the prefects and presidents don't pack up their offices before they leave. Sixteen of the 22 prefects and presidents are cardinals who will be participating in the conclave to elect a new pope. Generally, immediately after the election of a new pope, the prefects and presidents are asked to take up their old jobs again, at least temporarily.

While Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone leaves his position as secretary of state, with the interregnum the real work begins for his position as camerlengo or chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church; during the period when there is no pope, he is charged with administering the temporal goods of the Church.

The other person who does not lose his job is the head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, currently Cardinal Manuel Montiero de Castro. The Apostolic Penitentiary is a Vatican court dealing with matters related to the sacrament of Confession and to indulgences. His position is not suspended because he is the person who ensures penitents guilty of serious sin and seeking forgiveness can receive absolution.

Portuguese Cardinal Montiero de Castro's responsibility continues even while he is in the Sistine Chapel voting for a new pope. His aides may send petitions for absolution to him even inside the conclave — one of the very few exceptions to the rule that the cardinals be out of contact with the outside world.

SPARC ready to burst into fire for Christ

BY VINCE LABARBERA

CHURUBUSCO — Sixteen men sat around four, eight-foot tables arranged in a U-shape in the basement of St. John Bosco Church in Churubusco on a Lenten Wednesday evening. Their idle conversations suddenly were interrupted by the sounds of the folding chairs scraping across the floor as all stood in silence for Bible enthronement.

Three men carried a crucifix, a lighted candle and a Bible to a place of reverence at the open end of the U. Another biweekly meeting was underway of SPARC (Small Parishes Actively Receiving Christ).

After listening or singing along with a recorded song, the SPARC chapter meeting in Churubusco continued with opening prayer, introductions and Scripture reflection. Following a short break for refreshments, the hour-and-a-half-long meeting resumed with catechesis, announcements and shared prayer.

"We're trying to open up SPARC to other small parishes," said Doug Fischer, outreach committee chairman for Rekindle The Fire (RTF) and SPARC. "We call it 'A Meeting in a Box,'" he added, referring to getting the SPARC manual and other materials together to distribute to any parish that is interested. "Basically, if they follow the guidelines laid out in the manual, they could have a SPARC meeting/chapter started with relative ease."



VINCE LABARBERA

SPARC team members of St. John Bosco Parish, Churubusco, reflect on a Scripture passage.

"We are very much interested in spreading RTF and SPARC throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and possibly beyond," said Fischer, who also serves on the RTF central core team.

Nearly 1,100 men, primarily from the local diocese, attended a daylong Rekindle The Fire Men's Conference on Feb. 9 in South Bend.

"RTF not only hosts the annual men's conference, but they have a program for men's meetings that is now hosted in seven parishes around the diocese," Fischer continued. RTF

meetings are geared for larger parishes, while SPARC is for smaller parishes, he explained. "SPARC has worked very well at St. John Bosco in bringing men closer to Christ. There is also a SPARC chapter in Kendallville (at Immaculate Conception Parish). We would like to spread it to any and all interested parishes throughout the diocese," he emphasized.

"I am very happy to recognize and recommend the SPARC movement in our diocese," said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. "This offshoot of the 'Rekindle The Fire' movement is an excellent

opportunity for Catholic men to gather as brothers in Christ in prayer, study and fellowship.

"There is a great need for the invigoration of our faith and a rediscovery of the presence and love of Christ in our everyday lives," Bishop Rhoades continued. "The SPARC movement helps men to experience anew the truth, beauty and power of our Catholic faith and to grow together in that faith."

The history of the RTF/SPARC movement in the Churubusco area is quite recent. As men from neighboring parishes attended Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, they were left with a yearning to keep their fire for Christ burning, Fischer related. These men would return to their parishes only to feel their renewed fire for Christ slowly fading. And because these parishes were too small to generate something as inspiring as CRHP on their own, the men from St. John Bosco Parish began to attend RTF meetings at St. Vincent de Paul.

RTF saw a need for a New Evangelization through a men's

apostolate, said Fischer, which would help spread the love of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to the smaller parishes in the diocese. SPARC was conceived by the RTF central core team tailored to the needs and characteristics of smaller parishes. SPARC is a more condensed version of the RTF format but remains true to the basic concepts of what has made RTF so successful. Although SPARC and RTF are different in structure, they still share the same mission: "We are Catholic men who seek to rekindle the fire of Christ's love within us, and become better leaders, friends, husbands, fathers and sons; the men God calls us to be, through prayer, fellowship, faith and spiritual service to our family, parish and community."

In early 2011, the men of St. John Bosco Parish, who were active members of RTF, were approached with this new idea. "When asked to be the first to implement SPARC at St. John Bosco, the men responded with an enthusiastic 'Yes!'" said Fischer.

The first SPARC meeting convened in April 2011 at the parish. The men of RTF from St. Vincent de Paul brought a mission team to conduct the first few meetings. They were spent in fellowship discussing Scripture and expanding knowledge of the Catholic Church through catechesis. The original format envisioned for this group was adhered to but timelines and discussion periods eventually were finely tuned.

"SPARC was formed for men and by men who were set on fire for the Lord and His Church. Just as all fires need to be fed, so, too, does the fire for Christ. Through fellowship, Scripture, catechesis and shared prayer, SPARC feeds the fire for Christ that has been ignited within us," explained Fischer.

Parishes, both large and small, interested in beginning a RTF or SPARC chapter may contact outreach coordinators Doug Fischer at (260) 341-9081 or dmfisher5@frontier.com, or Jamey Fischer at (260) 443-3590 or jameyfischer@aol.com.

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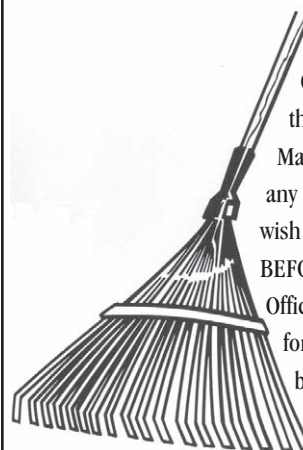
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Early childhood programs to assist low income families advance

INDIANAPOLIS — Hoosier lawmakers passed a pilot program initiative to grant 1,000 low income children access to a high-quality prekindergarten education. The proposal, HB 1004, which passed the Indiana House of Representatives, 93-6, and is expected to also pass the Senate by the end of April. The Church supports the measure.

The bill, authored by Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis; Rep. Suzanne Crouch, R-Evansville; and Rep. Shelli Vandenburg, D-Crown Point, initiates a preschool pilot program for 1,000 students in five counties across Indiana. The plan targets low income children who would receive a voucher to attend a state approved, high-quality preschool program.

“We have done a lot in moving education and education reform forward. The greatest need where we have not done a lot is the area of early childhood education,” said Behning. “There is no question. Indiana is behind the rest of the nation in providing early childhood education especially to children of poverty.”

Under the bill, eligible students would come from families at 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which is \$43,567 for a family of four according the federal Health and Human Services Department. According to Behning, the state budget is allocating \$7 million for the pilot program. Students selected for the pilot program would receive \$6,800 to attend a high-quality preschool program.

Behning said it also the intent of the state to maximize Title I, and Head Start money, prior to using the state money to pilot the program. HB 1004 also creates an early childhood advisory panel to track data and create accountability.

Rep. Suzanne Crouch, R-Evansville, said she got involved with this issue when she was approached by business and community leaders in her area that told her the state needed to be involved in early childhood education.

“This is an initiative that business and community leaders have taken the lead on,” said Crouch. “This is about the future of our business development, future economic development, and the future of our children.”

Rep. Shelli VanDenburg, D-Crown Point, said, “I’m glad to see we have a starting point for early learners. We’ve been talking about this for several years. I’m very supportive of the plan.”

Leaders from the business community around Indiana spoke in favor of the legislation. Mark Gerstle, vice president of community relations for Cummins Engine, said the research their company had conducted showed that 67 percent of kindergartners in southwestern Indiana did not pass the kindergarten readiness test.

Gerstle told lawmakers that Cummins piloted a three-year program on early childhood education and their data showed a “total correlation” between kindergarten readiness and graduation.

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“Our goal is 100 percent graduation rates for high school. And like 60 percent going on to a two- or four-year college. For us it is a business prerogative because we are trying to hire people,” he said. “Cummins, like Lilly and others have put a lot of money into this.”

Gerstle said that the findings of the pilot showed that 100 percent of the kids who got the early childhood education were ready for kindergarten.

Connie Bond Stuart, regional vice president for PNC Bank of Indianapolis, also testified in support of the bill noting that PNC bank has

committed \$350 million over multiple years to assist in early childhood initiatives. Highlighting the significant body of research showing the positive results, Stuart said that for every \$1 invested in early childhood education renders a savings of \$16 in later remediation. Stuart said, “Every child deserves a chance to be prepared to learn and ultimately be successful with a productive life.”

Mike O’Connor, state director of government affairs for Eli Lilly and Company, also in favor of the plan said, “We can’t get to where we need to be without statewide early learning initiatives.” O’Connor said there wasn’t a silver bullet in terms of producing a quality workforce, but if there was reaching children in those first developmental years would be the closest thing to it. O’Connor said, “Looking at early childhood development as a business value proposition, investment in early learning nets immediate and long lasting results.”

Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic

Conference executive director, said, “The program outlined in HB 1004 will provide needed assistance to families who may experience more obstacles and whose children are often without sufficient opportunities that benefit their social and cognitive development,” said Tebbe. “Public policy should maximize the quality of educational opportunities for all children by ensuring that all parents have access to and the financial capability to exercise the right to choose the school they believe is best for their children.”

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Cardinal welcomes opportunity to discuss mutual concerns with Obama

WASHINGTON (CNS) — New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan in a letter to President Barack Obama accepted a White House offer to continue discussing the Catholic Church's concerns about abortion, traditional marriage and federal rules governing implementation of the Affordable Care Act. "We accept your invitation to address these areas together, always with the civility we have both encouraged in public discourse," the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said in the letter Feb. 22. "We welcome specifically an opportunity to resolve the perplexing issue of the redefining of our religious ministries," Cardinal Dolan wrote. "Surely we should be able to find some ground where neither of us is asked to compromise conscience." In response, a White House official said Feb. 28 that Cardinal Dolan's warm wishes were welcome and that the president "looks forward to continuing our respectful collaboration." The cardinal also renewed good wishes and offered prayers for Obama as he prepared to tackle a long list of goals for his second term that were outlined in his inaugural and State of the Union addresses. Recalling a meeting with Obama at the White House, Cardinal Dolan pointed to the president's stated desire "to cooperate with us for the good of our beloved country," particularly in the Church's educational, charitable and health care services.

Father Kapaun, Korean War hero, to receive Medal of Honor in April

WICHITA, Kan. (CNS) — Father Emil Kapaun, whose actions as a U.S. Army chaplain during the Korean War saved the lives of dozens of soldiers in the field and in a North Korean prisoner of war camp before his death, will be awarded the Medal of Honor. A priest of the Diocese of Wichita, Kan., Father Kapaun will be honored during ceremonies at the White House April 11 and at the Pentagon the next day, said Todd Tiaht, a former Kansas congressman who has advocated for the honor for years. Citing a letter from an Army staff member preparing for the ceremony, Tiaht said the award is well deserved. "What he did in the face of adversity at the risk of his own life was remarkable. I'm very pleased by the award. I think it's justified fully," Tiaht told Catholic News Service March 1. "I'm very excited that Father Kapaun is getting this recognition," he said. *The Wichita Eagle* reported that President Barack Obama called Father Kapaun's sister-in-law, Helen Kapaun, of suburban Bel Aire, in December to tell her the news. She and her family were expected to be on hand to receive the medal. An announcement is expected later in March from the White House and the Pentagon. Tiaht has long advocated for Father Kapaun to receive

CARDINAL BERTONE PRAYS AS HE CARRIES OUT TASKS AT START OF 'SEDE VACANTE' PERIOD AT VATICAN



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Italian Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, center with red skull cap, prays with assistants as the ceremonies and tasks of the "sede vacante" begin at the Vatican Feb. 28. The red velvet-covered scepter before him is the symbol of his authority as camerlengo or chamberlain. He is charged with administering the temporal goods of the Church following the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI.

the honor, asking in 2001 then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to review the priest's record.

Sargent Shriver a 'good man' formed by his deep faith, not achievements

ANAHEIM, Calif. (CNS) — Sargent Shriver wasn't a "good man" because of his notable public achievements, of which there were many, but because his profound Catholic faith informed him throughout his 95 years of life, according to his son Mark Shriver. "After my father died, I wanted to figure out what it meant to be a 'good man,'" said the 49-year-old father of three, who is senior vice president of U.S. programs for the international charity Save the Children. "Some 'great' people stand up here and have the spotlight on them, and when the spotlights are off, they aren't good people," he said in a Feb. 23 keynote address at the Religious Education Congress 2013 in Anaheim. "I wanted to dig in and try to figure out what (waitresses, airport workers and the garbage man) meant when they said he was a good man," Shriver said. The accomplish-

ments of the elder Shriver included being founding director of the Peace Corps, being the architect of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty and helping his wife, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, expand the Special Olympics worldwide. He also was a former ambassador to France and the Democratic vice presidential candidate in 1972.

Deficit forces layoffs, ministry consolidation in Chicago Archdiocese

CHICAGO (CNS) — The Chicago Archdiocese has laid off 60 pastoral center employees and must consolidate some of its agencies because of a deficit in the budget of its administrative operations, according to Cardinal Francis E. George. He announced reduction in staff and other changes in his column in the March 3-16 issue of the *Catholic New World*, the archdiocesan newspaper. "Like so many other families and institutions, the Archdiocese of Chicago has suffered during the economic downturn of these past few years," he said. "The archdiocese remains a financially secure institution with a strong asset base."

However, he said, the archdiocese's "administrative operations have run operating deficits of more than \$30 million in each of the past four years. Since this trend is unsustainable, I want to set out the measures we are taking to ensure prudent stewardship of our resources for years to come," he explained. The ongoing deficit has required the archdiocese to reduce the costs of its pastoral center operations, he said, which means eliminating 75 positions. Besides the 60 employees who have been laid off, the archdiocese will not fill 15 vacant positions. Of the 75 positions, 55 were full time, Cardinal George said. Those now out of a jobs will receive severance pay and continued health insurance coverage and can access services of an outplacement firm contracted by the archdiocese to help them find new jobs, he said.

Arkansas is eighth state with fetal pain law; court challenge expected

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (CNS) — Both houses of the Arkansas Legislature voted to override Gov. Mike Beebe's veto of a fetal pain bill, outlawing most abortions after

20 weeks of pregnancy. Medical evidence suggests that the unborn can feel pain beginning around 20 weeks of life. In a 19-14 vote Feb 28, the state Senate reaffirmed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The House of Representatives voted 53-28 a day earlier to overturn the veto. Both votes fell largely along party lines with Republicans mostly supporting the override. Pro-life activists praised passage of the measure, a legislative priority for the Diocese of Little Rock and Arkansas Right to Life. "It's a great day in the state of Arkansas," said Rose Mimms, executive director of Arkansas Right to Life and member of St. Theresa Church in Little Rock. "This law is going to protect many unborn babies from excruciatingly painful deaths by abortion." The measure, introduced by Republican Rep. Andy Mayberry, became law immediately. It provides exceptions in cases of rape, incest or to save the mother's life but does not include any exemption for fetal disorders. The new law builds upon the state's Unborn Child Pain Awareness and Prevention Act of 2005 that requires doctors to review printed material discussing fetal pain at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed on women whose pregnancy is 20 weeks or longer. Few later-term abortions are performed. The Arkansas Department of Health reported that 4,033 abortions occurred in the state in 2011, and 46 of them occurred at 20 weeks and two occurred at 21 weeks or later.

Pope names Glasgow archbishop administrator of Edinburgh Archdiocese

GLASGOW, Scotland (CNS) — In one of his final appointments, Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Peter Tartaglia of Glasgow, Scotland, as administrator of the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh. Archbishop Tartaglia announced the appointment in a letter Feb. 27 to Catholics in the archdiocese. The appointment follows the resignation of Scottish Cardinal Keith O'Brien, 74, who stepped down in the wake of a report in the British newspaper *The Observer* Feb. 23 that three priests and a former priest had accused the cardinal of "inappropriate conduct" with them going back to the 1980s. Cardinal O'Brien has admitted the past acts of sexual misconduct in a statement March 3. Archbishop Tartaglia told parishioners that he and the priests are united with them "in these unfortunate circumstances. These are painful and distressing times for this venerable archdiocese," Archbishop Tartaglia said in the letter. "You have lost your cardinal archbishop in the most difficult circumstances. I am so sorry for everyone involved and I assure them of my prayers. I too feel pained and distressed. The people of the archdiocese are having to bear the impact of these sad events as you go about your daily lives in your communities and at work. You have to cope with disturbing media reports, and you have to face the questions, the critical comments, the unkind remarks and the jibes," he wrote.

Bishops place call for fasting

WASHINGTON — A new "Pledge to Fast" webpage has been developed as part of the U.S. bishops' Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty: www.usccb.org/fast. Those interested in joining can sign up for regular e-mails and can text "FAST" to 99000 for weekly reminders and prayer intentions. The bishops' call is a wonderful opportunity to live Lent in this Year of Faith with fervent prayer and sacrifice.

In particular, as the Supreme Court begins during Holy Week to consider the two most significant marriage cases in the history of the nation, the prayers and sacrifices for the protection of marriage and for Supreme Court justices are important. A Facebook event page is available at the [usccb](http://www.usccb.org) website.

Ancilla College launches new CNA program

DONALDSON — Ancilla College is gearing up to launch a new nursing assistant training program this April. The new program will prepare students to become Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs).

Registration for the program is open to anyone over the age of 18. "We are offering this program to the public, not just Ancilla College students," said Ann Fitzgerald, head of the college's nursing program. "With the CNA program we are working to meet the needs of both the local workforce and the need for trained nursing and medical assistants in regional healthcare facilities."

The new classes start April 3 at Ancilla College. The CNA program can be seen as an entry-level ramp into health-related occupations.

"Ancilla College is offering a state approved course for CNA training that you can complete in just two months — in 105 hours you can launch a new career and open new opportunities in a fast growing, high employment field," said nursing faculty member Elizabeth Bailey.

Nursing assistants work in a range of healthcare settings supporting other medical staff in patient care, safety and basic healthcare tasks.

The college offers more details at Ancilla's website at www.ancilla.edu/cna.

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center's House Raffle begins March 5

MISHAWAKA — The Foundation of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRC) has announced that the House Raffle 2013 began on Tuesday, March 5. This year marks the 22nd Annual House Raffle, a fundraiser benefiting SJRC's Sister Maura Brannick, CSC Health Center and the Women's Care Center. House Raffle offers were available for purchase beginning Tuesday, March 5, at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, located at 5215

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MATH-A-THON BENEFITS ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



KARLA HORMANN

The third graders at St. Joseph School, Decatur, have been busy gathering sponsors and doing extra math problems to participate in a math-a-thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. The students raised \$1,330.05 to help the young patients and their families there. Shown are St. Joseph students, from left, in back, Joshua Myers and Jamison Rumble and in front Ella Kintz, Trinity Mishleau, Dana Schirack and Isaiah Wellman.

Holy Cross Parkway, Mishawaka, in the lobby.

Offers are \$150 each. Sale hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays only. Only 3,950 offers are sold and 42 House Raffle prizes are drawn — making the odds of winning one in 94. To view the house, a community-wide open house will be held on March 9 and 10 from 2-4 p.m.

On Monday, March 11, an "Early Bird" winner will be drawn from all paid entries received and recorded by noon that day. The early bird prize is \$2,013 and the winner is still eligible for the House Raffle drawing on Friday, May 3. Built by Place Builders, specifically for SJRC's House Raffle, this year's grand prize house is located at 18175 Baldwin Dr. in Bradford Shores at Knollwood.

The 2,415 square foot house is valued at approximately \$350,000, and features a two-story great room with fireplace, specialty woodwork in the dining room, large kitchen with eat-in dinette area, first floor master suite with garden tub, three bedrooms on the second floor, two and a half baths, three-car garage, first floor laundry, a deck and a beautiful stone accented exterior. The alternative cash prize is \$105,000.

Bradford Shores at Knollwood, an Adams Road Development community, is located southwest of the intersection of Adams and Ironwood Roads. The second-place winner

can choose either a 2013 Honda Civic LX or a 2013 Volkswagen Jetta S, provided by Gurley-Leep Automotive Group. Second place alternative cash prize is \$15,000. Forty cash prizes ranging from \$5,000 to \$175 will also be awarded.

Proceeds benefit SJRC's Sister Maura Brannick, CSC Health Center, which provides healthcare to the underserved, and Women's Care Center, serving new moms and their babies. SJRC's House Raffle has made it possible for these organizations to return over \$4.1 million in services to needy families, babies and children throughout the community. The House Raffle 2013 drawing will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 3, at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. Winners need not be present to win. For more information, call the House Raffle 2013 Hotline at (574) 335-1525 or visit www.sjmed.com/house-raffle-2013.

Building a future for young engineers, one Lego at a time

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame's Graduate Career Services office hosted the Indiana Automotive Consortium Road Show at Stinson-Remick in January. The road show featured representatives from Chrysler, Cummins, Honda, Mursix and Subaru showcasing employment

opportunities within the state of Indiana for Notre Dame engineering students. In conjunction with the event, the Cummins Young Engineers Club, which is designed to motivate and inspire pre-college students to excel in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), sponsored a Lego replica build of one of its engines.

During the event, Cummins engineers and Notre Dame engineering majors joined members of South Bend's St. Matthew's Middle School Robotics Club in constructing a four-foot-by-three-foot-by-two-foot replica of Cummins' new high-horsepower diesel engine, called the QSK95. The replica engine was built with approximately 30,000 Lego bricks and was designed to help students and engineers share stories and experiences involved with becoming an engineer.

Each St. Matthew's student was paired with Notre Dame engineering students, who were to provide guidance in assembling parts of the engine. Cummins engineers then directed the groups in assembling the engine as a whole.

St. Adalbert students visit Legoland

SOUTH BEND — Second and third graders of St. Adalbert School headed to the Chicago-area for a

fieldtrip on Feb. 20. Thanks to a Target Educator's Fieldtrip Grant and generous donations by friends of St. Adalbert School, these students landed at Legoland in Schaumburg, Ill., for a fun-filled day of experiential learning.

The group of students, staff members and parents was filled with awe as they viewed the Chicago Skyline exhibit, Jungle World exhibit and hero-inspired Lego friends throughout the center. Students enjoyed the 4-D Lego movie experience and the Lego Factory tour that demonstrated how Legos are made.

The highlight of the fieldtrip was the Tall Towers Workshop in which the students worked in small groups to construct Lego towers that would withstand the "Earthquake Stress Tester." Students laughed when their towers came crashing down.

The day continued with a visit to the Construction Zone to build cars, castles and more. Students took a break from the demanding design work to bounce through the indoor jungle gym and take a spin on the Technicycle Ride. St. Adalbert Principal Andrew Currier could not resist the Lego fun as he handed out Legoland crowns to the budding architects, industrial and auto designers.

The students look forward to applying their newly acquired design skills to a much-anticipated tower building project back at school. These students have been collecting cardboard boxes (cereal, shoe, tissue) for weeks and will soon be constructing their own towers of St. Adalbert.

Author and EWTN host brings Chesterton to life

SOUTH BEND — G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), the highly quotable and insightful British Catholic author, poet and journalist who visited South Bend in 1930, returned to the city on Feb. 18-19, in a manner of speaking. Actually, it was Dale Ahlquist, president of the American Chesterton Society, who did the speaking as he addressed audiences at the University of Notre Dame and St. Joseph Parish.

Ahlquist, author of three books and host of an EWTN series, brought the "Apostle of Common Sense" alive using an array of quotations and observations that he said showed Chesterton's mix of faith and reason to be just as relevant today as it was in his own time.

Some of the quotations provided recently came from Chesterton's two visits to America, which are discussed in a chapter of Ahlquist's latest book, "The Complete Thinker: The Marvelous Mind of G.K. Chesterton."

But others were drawn from that thinker's thousands of essays, plus poems, mystery novels and non-fiction books — a collection including reflections on Jesus Christ that were transformational for Christian writer C.S. Lewis.

Ahlquist pointed out, "Lewis was an atheist until he read 'The Everlasting Man.' That was the book that turned his whole life around."

— William Schmitt

History may hold clues in divining impact of resignation,

BY CAROL GLATZ

ROME (CNS) — The halls of history might hold some clues as to what kind of impact Pope Benedict XVI's resignation will have on the Church and how to navigate a smooth transition, said a U.S. scholar.

"All these problems surrounding how to treat Benedict, what to call him, how he will be dealt with in his life after the papacy, how his death will be dealt with, all of these are new" questions, said Joshua Birk, a fellow at the American Academy in Rome and expert in medieval Mediterranean history.

To find some answers or at least some guidance, "we sort of have to go back to these medieval cases (of papal resignation) because we literally have nothing else" to go by, he told Catholic News Service Feb. 15.

There's not much in the annals to sift through, however. Papal resignations are extremely rare with only four in the past 1,100 years, he said. And almost every case involved popes who were pressured to step down.

Only the voluntary resignation of St. Celestine V in 1294, he said, can offer relevant parallels to help the Church make sense of the free and willful resignation of Pope Benedict.

The case of Pope Celestine also resulted in some innovative changes that he brought with his decision to resign, he said.

For example, Birk said, the principles behind Pope Celestine's decision to step down and "how Celestine articulated the ability of a pope to resign are incredibly important," as is the papal bull he issued establishing rules for an abdication.

The late 13th-century pope also "established the ground rules for how papal conclaves will operate in selecting the pope," said Birk, who teaches history at Smith College in Northampton, Mass.

The formal process used for centuries to select a new pope, a process that generally follows the death of a pope, is actually the model St. Celestine established for "how to select a pope after a resignation," he said.

Before Pope Celestine, the selection process was "less formalized" and often operated much differently from one papal selection to the next, he said.

"Celestine is the one who really lays down the papal bulls establishing the rights of the conclave and how they'll act under these circumstances" of a vacant see, he said.

Just as Pope Celestine's bold move carried with it important and lasting norms and traditions, so too, may Pope Benedict's decision usher in a new approach, the scholar said.

"For a pope that is generally viewed as incredibly conservative and very traditionalist, this resignation actually shows a remarkable innovation on his part," Birk said.

While the idea of resignation

may have been bandied about with other popes, only Pope Benedict has really embraced it with the "modern understandings of health, illness and the abilities of modern science to prolong life even in times of sickness," he said.

"The innovation Benedict has shown in resigning may give the College of Cardinals more leeway and may allow them to be more innovative and perhaps more forward-thinking in their selections," he said.

It's difficult to evaluate the problems caused directly by Pope Celestine's resignation and those caused by his successor, Pope Boniface VIII, the historian said. Boniface imprisoned his predecessor out of fear his many political enemies might "use Celestine against him," try to set him up "as an antipope or even make the argument that Celestine's resignation is illegitimate and that Boniface isn't exactly pope."

The Church will have to grapple with what having a retired pope in the wings will mean, he said.

Though there is no danger of any harsh medieval treatment, the Church will have to simply look at "how this transfer is negotiated" or handled and Celestine's case "can be tremendously useful for us to look at."

Birk said Pope Benedict felt a great affection for St. Celestine.

He declared a Celestine Year from August 2009 to August 2010 to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's birth and he visited the saint's relics twice during his pontificate. During a trip to L'Aquila in 2009, Pope Benedict placed the long woolen pallium he received when he was elected on the saintly pope's casket and left it there as a gift.

Pope Celestine is mostly remembered for "his reluctance to take up this sort of burden of the Apostolic See" and "actually flees when he hears word he is going to be made pope," Birk said.

He was plucked at the age of 79 from his secluded life as a Benedictine monk and hermit and thrust into the pontificate after the College of Cardinals broke a two-year-long deadlock and elected him in 1294.

While he never fled, Pope Benedict never kept his reluctance to become pope a secret.

The then-78-year-old pontiff told a group of German pilgrims the day after his installation that he equated the growing consensus among cardinals to elect him pope as "an axe" getting ready to fall on his head. He had been looking forward to a life of peaceful retirement and said he felt "inadequate" for a job that demanded great "dynamism" and strength.

Pope Benedict's coat of arms features a bear carrying a pack, symbolizing the weight of the episcopate. Pope Benedict has said the image gave him the encouragement to carry out his ministry like a beast of burden, but with confidence and joy.

Pope Benedict places white stole on remains of St. Celestine V during 2009 visit to basilica



Pope Benedict XVI places a white stole on the remains of 13th-century Pope St. Celestine V during his 2009 visit to the *basilica di Collemaggio* in L'Aquila, Italy, April 28. Pope Benedict said he would resign at the end of February because he no longer had the strength to govern the universal Church. St. Celestine V, a hermit who was elected at the age of 80 and became overwhelmed by the office of the papacy.

Conclaves: Vatican Library official shares interesting, strange facts

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Ambrogio Piazzoni, vice prefect of the Vatican Library and author of the book, "History of Papal Elections," shared facts and curiosities with journalists at the Vatican Feb. 20:

- Electing a pope is the main and most serious responsibility of members of the College of Cardinals. In the last several hundred years, Piazzoni said, cardinals have missed a conclave only if they were seriously ill or if they were impeded from traveling to Rome by their governments.

- The upcoming conclave to elect a successor to Pope Benedict XVI "will be, technically speaking, the 75th conclave" in the history of the Church, he said. He dates the conclaves — elections conducted while the cardinal-electors were closed off in a room — to Pope Boniface VIII, who was elected in 1295 and inserted the conclave rules into the Code of Canon Law.

- During World War II, Pope Pius XII, like several of his predecessors who were popes in times of war, left a document informing

the College of Cardinals that if he were taken prisoner, he was no longer to be considered the pope, so the cardinals were to hold a conclave and elect a new pontiff.

- Pope Gregory XV, elected in 1621, was the last pope to be elected by "spontaneous acclamation" when all the cardinals, believed to be acting under the influence of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the same candidate to be pope. Piazzoni said almost immediately after taking office, Pope Gregory changed the conclave rules to require that such a "spontaneous acclamation" be confirmed immediately with a written ballot in the conclave.

He also was first to rule that the cardinals must cast their votes secretly, in writing, rather than verbally.

- Election by acclamation is no longer considered valid, nor is the "election by compromise" in which the cardinals, after a stalemate, unanimously decide to choose a few of their members and delegate to them the power to elect a pope. The last pope elected with that method, Piazzoni said, was Pope Clement IV in 1265 who was elected by two cardinals.

- Pope Paul VI was the pope

who clarified the exact moment when a candidate becomes pope: It is the moment he accepts his election, as long as he previously had been ordained a bishop. If the cardinals choose someone who has never been ordained a bishop, the ordination takes place immediately, then the election as pope becomes valid.

- When Blessed Gregory X was elected by a cardinals' meeting in Viterbo, Italy, in 1271, he was not present and he was not even a priest yet.

- Pope Nicholas II, who served from 1059-61, was the pope who ruled that only cardinals were eligible to vote to elect a pope.

- "To put an end to discord" created when two or more candidates received a similar number of votes, Pope Alexander II in 1169 established the rule that a candidate must receive a two-thirds majority to be elected.

- Pope John Paul II was the first pope to specify that a conclave must take place in the Sistine Chapel. Previous popes recommended the chapel, but throughout history the conclaves have been held in a variety of churches in Rome and elsewhere.

expert says

in Italy



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Earthquake-damaged Basilica of Santa Maria Major has the energy to exercise his ministry. Benedict XVI was the last pope freely to resign from office.

Inside the Conclave

The world watches with interest as cardinals gather in conclave — literally under lock and key — to elect the next pope. The rarity of the event, the ceremony and secrecy add to the intrigue.

Sistine Chapel

The centuries-old chapel adorned with Michelangelo's frescoes has been the site of every papal election since 1878.

Its marble floor is covered with wood. The windows and doors are shut as the Master of Papal Liturgical Ceremonies exclaims, "Extra omnes!" ("Everybody else, out!") A sweep is performed for electronic devices.

Cardinal Electors

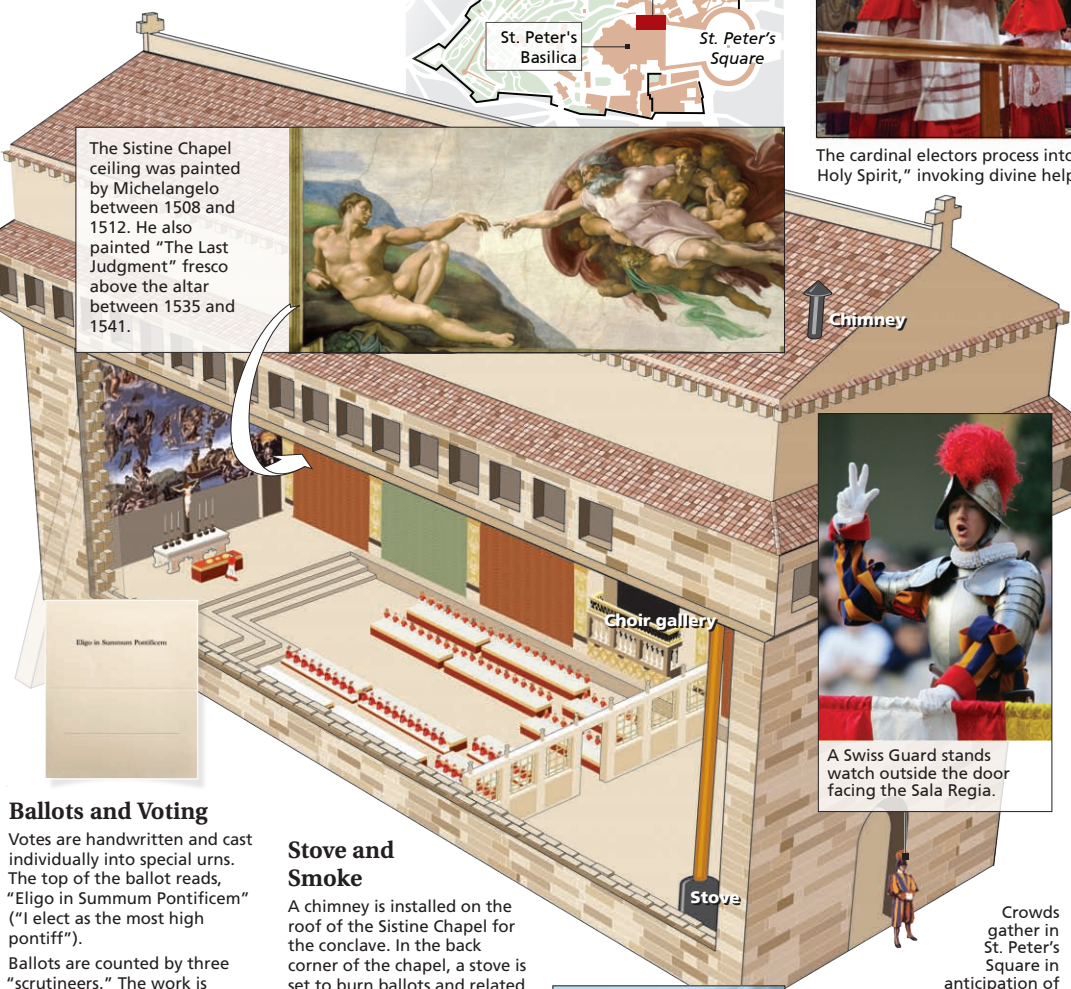
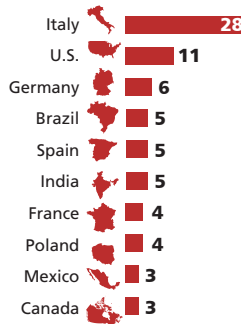
Placing a hand on the Gospels, each one swears to uphold the rules and secrecy of the conclave. Any communication with people outside is forbidden. They may not receive messages or news.

Cardinals under the age of 80 may vote in the conclave. There are 117 eligible cardinals this time.

Cardinals per region



Countries with the most cardinal electors



Ballots and Voting

Votes are handwritten and cast individually into special urns. The top of the ballot reads, "Eligo in Summum Pontificem" ("I elect as the most high pontiff").

Ballots are counted by three "scrutineers." The work is checked by three "revisers." The ballot counters and verifiers are chosen by lot at the start of the conclave.

One round of voting is expected the first day. Each day after, two votes are taken in the morning and two votes in the afternoon until a successful vote.

A two-thirds majority is required to elect the new pope.

Stove and Smoke

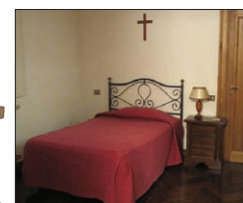
A chimney is installed on the roof of the Sistine Chapel for the conclave. In the back corner of the chapel, a stove is set to burn ballots and related papers, including notes taken by the electors, each morning and afternoon.

If balloting is not successful, the smoke burns black with the help of an added chemical.

If balloting is successful, a chemical is added to produce the celebratory white smoke — the signal that the church has a new pope.



The cardinal electors process into the chapel chanting "Come, Holy Spirit," invoking divine help with their decision.



During the conclave, cardinals stay in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, a hospitality residence on the edge of Vatican City. They take short bus rides or walk to their twice-daily voting sessions.



A Swiss Guard stands watch outside the door facing the Sala Regia.

How long will it last?

The last six conclaves lasted only a few days.

POPE	DAYS	BALLOTS
Benedict XVI	2	4
John Paul II	2	8
John Paul I	1	4
Paul VI	2	6
John XXIII	3	11
Pius XII	1	3



Crowds gather in St. Peter's Square in anticipation of the announcement.

"Habemus Papam"

The elected cardinal is asked if he accepts the election as pope. If he accepts, he chooses the name he will take.

From the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, the senior cardinal deacon proclaims, "Habemus papam!" ("We have a pope!"), and announces his name.

The new pontiff appears on the balcony and imparts his first papal blessing.

Age matters: Popes elected as young as 24, as old as 81

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Pope Benedict XVI, 85, announced his resignation, he said that "both strength of mind and body are necessary" to carry out the papal ministry in the modern world.

He was elected in 2005, just after his 78th birthday. Of the 102 popes whose exact age at election is known, Pope Benedict was one of 17 churchmen elected bishop of Rome while between the ages of 71 and 80.

Ambrogio Piazzoni, vice prefect of the Vatican Library and author of a book on the history of papal elections, distributed a sheet of "some curiosities" about elections to reporters Feb. 21, the day after briefing journalists at the Vatican.

On the topic of the age of the pope at election, he said:

- Three popes were under the age of 25. The last was Pope Gregory V, who was 24 when

Pope Benedict XVI, when he resigned Feb. 28, was the fourth-oldest pope in history.

elected in 996.

- Seven were between 25 and 40 years old. The last was Pope Leo X, who was 37 in 1513.

- Eleven were between 41 and 50. The last was Pope Clement VII, who was elected in 1523 at the age of 44.

- 24 popes were in their 50s. The most recent was Blessed John Paul II, who was 58 years old when he began his papal ministry in 1978.

- 37 were between 61 and 70 years old. The last was Pope John Paul I, who was 65 when he began

his 33-day papacy in 1978.

- Only three popes were over 80 when elected. The last, chosen by cardinals in 1406, was Pope Gregory XII. He was 81.

FAMOUS LASTS
Piazzoni also provided a list of "lasts":

- The last pope who was not a cardinal yet when elected was Pope Urban VI in 1378.

- The last who was not even a priest yet was Pope Leo X.

- The last born in Rome was Pope Pius XII, elected in 1939. (He was also the last serving

Vatican secretary of state elected.)

- The last African was Pope Gelasius, elected in 492.

- The last native of Dalmatia, an ancient Roman province, was Pope John IV in 640.

- The last Frenchman elected was Pope Gregory XI, in 1370.

- The last Greek was Pope Zachary in 741.

- The last Englishman was Pope Adrian IV in 1154.

- The last Italian was Pope John Paul I.

- The last Dutchman was Pope Adrian VI in 1522.

- The last Palestinian was Pope Theodore in 642.

- The last Pole was Pope John Paul II in 1978.

- The last Portuguese was Pope John XXI in 1276.

- The last Syrian was Pope Gregory III in 731.

- The last Spaniard was Pope Alexander VI in 1492.

- The last German was Pope Benedict XVI, elected in 2005. It had been 950 years since a German — Pope Victor II — had been elected.

	LEO XIII	CLEMENT XII	CLEMENT X	BENEDICT XVI
years of pontificate	1878-1903	1730-1740	1670-1676	2005-2013
age at death or resignation	93 years, 140 days	87 years, 305 days	86 years, 9 days	85 years, 318 days

Sources: CNS, HarperCollins Encyclopedia of Catholicism and New Catholic Encyclopedia

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Preparation key to first Communion for second-grade students

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

"Receiving Holy Communion connects, in the Person of Christ, our love of God and love of neighbor." — Father Daniel Scheidt

Catholic second-grade teachers throughout the Church are preparing their students to receive their First Communion. At Christ the King in South Bend and Queen of Peace in Mishawaka, teachers are using several methods to explain the Eucharist in tangible ways for students.

Religious education catechist Liz Slatt, who has been an instructor at Christ the King for 27 years, notes that a teacher's example in the classroom is a good avenue to explain the Eucharist. "The way you treat the children and get along with the kids is important. This helps to show that Jesus is a human person that went to school, helped his parents and then did the work of the Father. Christ is the focus leading up to the Eucharist and Christ is the sacrifice," Slatt said.

Queen of Peace School vice principal Ann-Marie Kankel, who is also the school's religion teacher, noted that students are instructed in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. "Through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd we meditate on several parables. The parables help to deepen their understanding of the connection between the Bible and the liturgy and strengthen their desire for the Eucharist," said Kankel.

One of the parables used for instruction at Queen of Peace is John 15:1-8, where Jesus identifies Himself as the vine and His disciples as the branches. Queen of Peace school second-grade teacher Gabriella Byall explained to the children when the sap inside the vine has a blockage, the branches are damaged, the same way sin and bad choices damage us. When asked by Byall what the children could do to remove the blockage, students

replied with answers such as going to Confession and Mass, and loving one another.

In addition to workbooks, other tools are used in explaining the Eucharist. "(At Queen of Peace) we use expanded meditations on the gestures of the Mass with special focus on epiclesis. We also review the Last Supper and the Origin of the Eucharist," said Byall.

Kankel added, "We discuss this historical event and the words spoken by Jesus during the Last Supper and His wish to remain with all people of all times."

Slatt, who comes from a Polish background, used one of her family's cultural traditions in describing the Eucharist to her students at Christ the King.

"At Christmas I make Oplatek bread which is similar to communion bread; very thin and white with no taste. We share the bread with each other and make good wishes for the future and forgiveness if anything had happened during the past year," she explained.

"It is symbolic of unity and the Eucharist. I presented the bread to the children at Christmas and told them the bread was food for the spirit," she added.

Parental involvement is essential in the first Communion preparation. Both parishes participate in a retreat where parents are encouraged to volunteer to help in the workshops. In addition, family time in prayer and discussion are encouraged at home.

Kristen Harges, a parent of second-grader Juliana in Slatt's class, describes home preparation for her daughter's first Communion.

"In addition to reading some Bible verses, we talk and pray about how we can live the way Jesus wants us to, and how to be good peacemakers in Jesus' image," Harges said.

Slatt recalled that her own family called this experience "Jesus Time."

"I closed the door to the dining room and we lit our candle, said our prayer, and worked on our workbook. No one could come in and bother us," Slatt recalled.



Using the Scripture from John 15:1-8, second-grade students from Queen of Peace School attach messages on the branch that indicate how they can remain a part of the vine.

Father Daniel Scheidt, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish, offers his reflections on the contrast of children's reactions to receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday and their encounter with the Eucharist.

"It has been my yearly Lenten experience as a priest that small children are often scared of the 'black thumb' coming toward their foreheads on Ash Wednesday; they seem to recoil instinctively from the mortal fact that we are dust and unto dust we shall return," said Father Scheidt.

"Yet on the other hand, I constantly see so many little kids, even infants, reach out with their hands for the Sacred Host of Holy Communion as it is given to their parents. It is as if the children have been given the graced intuition not only that the Lord is near, but that He is also theirs, as they are His," he concluded.



PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD

Second-grade students from Christ the King religious education make clay chalices and patens in anticipation of their upcoming first Communion.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

BY HEATHER COYNE

SOUTH BEND — Christ the King Catholic School continues to expand the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, and now serves grades pre-kindergarten through 2. This Montessori-based religious formation program for children was originally developed in Rome, beginning in 1954.

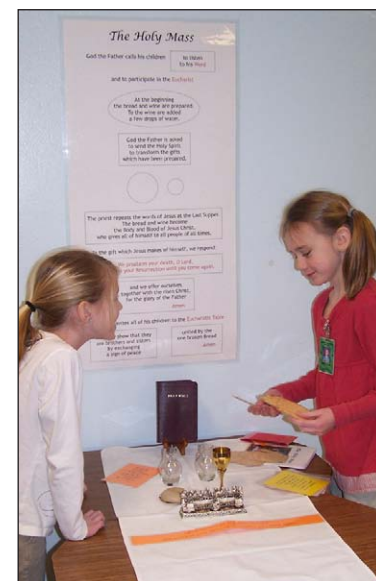
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd seeks to prepare a sacred space with "hands-on" materials called an atrium, in which both children and their catechists can hear, ponder and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in Scripture and the liturgy.

Following the cycle of the Church's liturgical calendar, the children, guided by their catechist, explore themes surrounding Advent, Christ's Incarnation, the parables of the kingdom of

God, the Good Shepherd and the Paschal Mystery found at the heart of Lent, Easter and Pentecost, as well as the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program at Christ the King is currently facilitated by seven volunteer catechists, 12 volunteer catechist assistants, one coordinator and many parishioners and school parents who take on projects of various sizes to provide the materials with which the children work and pray in the atrium.

Christ the King is currently the only area school with a resident formation leader recognized by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The formation leader, Joanie Rymysz, is qualified to lead national formation courses and certify adults who desire to work as catechists with children in the atrium.



JOANIE RYMYSZA

Maggie Bramlett and Emma Busk work with a material called the Synthesis of the Mass, which isolates key moments of the liturgy and invites children to put them in order.

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To teach and to sanctify

Bishop John M. D'Arcy was our bishop for five years when my family lived in Indiana. He was a great help to one of our boys. I attended his funeral in early February.

The media saw Bishop D'Arcy as a man who spoke his mind. In the 1980s, he was a lonely voice among the Boston Church hierarchy, decrying the practice of reassigning priests who were credibly accused of sexual abuse. It made him few friends (if only more people had listened).

In 1992, Bishop D'Arcy declined to attend the University of Notre Dame's commencement (his diocese included South Bend) because the university was giving an award to then-Sen. Daniel Moynihan, who enthusiastically supported

abortion rights. He did the same thing for the same reason in 2009, when Notre Dame gave President Barack Obama an honorary degree. In an open letter to the university on that occasion, Bishop D'Arcy speculated that Notre Dame had "chosen prestige over truth."

This sounds like Jeremiah. But surely, the prophet's funeral was poorly attended compared to that of Bishop D'Arcy. People waited for hours to kneel at his casket. Balding men in barn coats wiped their eyes with fat fingers. Mothers holding little babies cried; so did high school kids wearing letter jackets.

After kneeling for a moment, people walked past the open casket on their way out. What struck me was how nearly



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everyone reached in to touch him — his hand, the hem of his sleeve. Some touched their rosaries to his. One woman took a cross from around her neck and touched it to his hand. It was not just love; it was reverence.

On the flight out to Indiana, I read George Weigel's new

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Follow the prodigal's conversion and return to the Father



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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4th Sunday of Lent Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

This weekend the Church observes Laetare Sunday, the name being derived from the first word, in Latin, of the Entrance Antiphon. The word is "laetare" or "rejoice." The Church rejoices not that Lent is approaching its close, but that salvation, finalized in the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus, is near.

To underscore this theme, priests may wear rose vestments. Rose is violet with a tinge of gold. It reminds us of the first rays of the sun as they sweep across the horizon after a dark night. Christ, the light of the world, is coming.

The Book of Joshua, the first reading, looks far back into the history of God's people. At the point of this story, they are almost finished with the long and threatening trip across the Sinai Peninsula. They have faced hunger, even starvation.

Into this situation came God with the gift of manna from the sky. The manna sustained the people. They survived. As they neared the Promised Land, the supply of manna stopped since they had no need of it. The Promised Land would provide them with a steady, reliable source of food.

St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians furnishes the second reading. Paul implores the Corinthian Christians to be

reconciled with God in Christ. Urgency and appeal literally flow from his words. Sensing the obvious feeling in his words, it is not difficult to imagine Paul's frustration as he watched the tendencies of the Corinthians to yield to old pagan ways unfold.

He insists that nothing else matters but life with God. Following Jesus makes a person a "new creation." The things of earth, including death, no longer matter.

For its final reading on this weekend, the Church gives us, from Luke's Gospel, the beautiful and reassuring parable of the prodigal.

Much of the parable is self-evident, even to us in the 21st century. Certainly quite clear is the uncompromised, constant love of the father, who is a symbol of God.

However, some powerful messages may be lost until we consider the context. For example, the prodigal was not the older son. As such, he was not his father's heir. The father owed him little if anything. Then, of course, there was the prodigal's desertion of his father. Jews at the time of Jesus prized loyalty to parents, expressed in loving care and attention.

Next, the prodigal consorts with prostitutes. Such activity revolted pious Jews. It scorned the sanctity of marriage and the family but also meant that the pure stock of God's people might be defiled by the birth of children to pagan women in such relationships.

Finally, the prodigal stooped so low that he waited on pigs, the lowest of low animals. Nevertheless, the father forgave all and gave a wonderful inheritance to the wayward son.

Reflection

The Church is excited and joyful. Salvation is near. Few Gospel passages are more familiar, or treasured, among Christians than the story of the prodigal.

God's love and mercy literally shine. No one can fail to see them. Yet, accustomed to American laws and customs of heredity and inheritance, we may not realize the full import of the story.

Under Jewish law and custom, primogeniture reigned supreme. (So did preference for male heirs.) The older son was entitled to everything. It was his by right. What he received in no way would be the father's gift.

Vitally important to the story is the prodigal's conversion and return to the father. Accepting this repentant son, the father sets aside every convention in his love and excitement.

If any sinner truly repents, God will forgive anything and everything. In this thrilling assurance, the Church calls us to return to God.

Lent still has a few weeks. There is time. God awaits!

READINGS

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7
2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them'

This week, we visit the Dominican Republic. This nation occupies two-thirds of the island of Hispaniola, which it shares with Haiti.

Despite steady economic growth that has benefited some Dominicans, more than 25 percent of the population — or about 2 million of the country's 9.3 million people — still live in poverty. This week we visit a community savings project in the small town of Las Lomas, where women are pooling their money for emergencies, learning leadership skills and investing in a future that offers work with dignity.

Pray

The story of the prodigal son is so familiar. Who doesn't know the plot? A son asks for inheritance, squanders it, nearly starves, moves back home, asks his father for forgiveness ... and gets it. End of story. But this rich narrative from the Gospel of Luke is worth a revisit — and it may be a good place to start your week of prayer.

The characters are rich and varied — there is the father, who is generous to the point of wastefulness (the meaning of prodigal); there is the younger brother who leaves and returns; there are the friends who benefit from the young man's spending; there is the farmer who hires him at a wage that doesn't even provide food for his belly; and there is the older brother who stayed home and harbored resentment toward his wayward sibling.

Each day this week, reflect on the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the perspective of a different person in the story. How would

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he or she recount the narrative? Which person in the story is most like you, or how are you like him or her? Who is God calling you to be? How has God been generous with you, and how have you stewarded God's gifts?

Fast

One meaning of prodigal is wasteful. In your fast this week, look for the places in your life where you might waste resources or goods that have been put in your care. What is the state of your recycling bin or compost pile? How much food is thrown away at the end of a meal? Is the water left running in the sink or the lights left on throughout the house? Does money that could go into your Rice Bowl get spent on things you don't need? This week take an inventory of how well you preserve and care for your resources. Choose a few areas to improve as part of a fast from wastefulness. Ask your family members to help.

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Saint of the Week

Frances of Rome

1384-1440

March 9



This laywoman and foundress, born a Roman aristocrat, married Lorenzo Ponziano when she was 13; they had several children. In 1409, their palazzo was pillaged by Neapolitan soldiers and Lorenzo was exiled for five years, returning home a broken man. He died in 1436. Frances, known for her great charity during epidemics and civil war, organized a ladies society dedicated to self-denial and good works. It became the Oblates of Tor de Specchi, which she directed for her last four years. She is the patron saint of motorists, perhaps because she was guarded for 23 years by an archangel visible only to her. Her last words were: "The angel has finished his work. He is beckoning me to follow."



The legacy of Benedict XVI

At his election in 2005, some thought of him as a papal place-keeper: a man who would keep the Chair of Peter warm for a few years until a younger papal candidate emerged. In many other ways, and most recently by his remarkably self-effacing decision to abdicate, Joseph Ratzinger proved himself a man of surprises. What did he accomplish, and what was left undone, over a pontificate of almost eight years?

He secured the authoritative interpretation of Vatican II that had been begun (with his collaboration) by his predecessor, Blessed John Paul II. Vatican II, the council in which the Church came to understand herself as a communion of disciples in mission, was not a moment to deconstruct Catholicism, but a moment to reinvigorate the faith that is “ever ancient, ever new,” precisely so that it could be more vigorously proposed.

He helped close the door on the Counter-Reformation Church in which he had grown up in his beloved Bavarian countryside, and thrust open the door to the Church of the New Evangelization, in which friendship with Jesus Christ is the center of the Church’s proclamation and proposal. As I explain in “Evangelical Catholicism: Deep Reform in the 21st-Century Church,” (Basic Books), Benedict XVI was a hinge man, the pivot on which the turn into the evangelical, mission-driven Church of the third millennium was completed.

He accelerated the reform of the liturgical reform, accentuating the liturgy’s beauty. Why? Because he understood that, for postmoderns uneasy with the notion that anything is “true” or anything is

“good,” the experience of beauty can be a unique window into a more open and spacious human world, a world in which it is once again possible to grasp that some things are, in fact, true and good (as others are, in fact, false and wicked).

He proved an astute analyst of contemporary democracy’s discontents, as he also correctly identified the key 21st-century issues between Islam and “the rest.” Can Islam find within itself the religious resources to warrant both religious toleration and the separation of religious and political authority in the state?

He was a master catechist and teacher, and, like John Henry Newman (whom he beatified) and Ronald Knox, his sermons will be read as models of the homiletic art, and appreciated for their keen biblical and theological insights, for centuries.

As for the incomplete and the not-done:

Benedict XVI was determined to rid the Church of what he called, on the Good Friday before his election as pope, the “filth” that marred the image of the Bride of Christ and impeded her evangelical mission. He was successful, to a degree, but the work of reconstruction, in the wake of the sexual abuse scandal, remains to be completed. This is most urgently obvious in Ireland, where the resistance of an intransigent hierarchical establishment is a severe impediment to the re-evangelization of that once-Catholic country. And the next pope must, in my judgment, be more severe than his two predecessors in dealing with bishops whom the evidence demonstrates were complicit in abuse cover-up — even if such an approach was



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considered appropriate at the time by both the counseling profession and the legal authorities. The Church has higher standards.

Joseph Ratzinger had extensive experience in the Roman Curia and it was widely expected that he would undertake its wholesale reform. Not only did that not happen; things got worse, and the curia today is, in candor, an impediment to the evangelical mission of the pope and the Church. A massive housecleaning and re-design is imperative if the Church’s central administrative machinery is to support the New Evangelization: which, for the curia, is not a matter of creating a new bureaucratic office but a new cast of mind. (Evangelical Catholicism contains numerous suggestions for how that might be done.)

And then there is Europe. The man who named himself for the first saintly patron of Europe tried his best; but like his predecessor, the best he could manage was to stir the flickering flames of renewal in a few parts of Catholicism’s historic heartland. Its re-evangelization remains an urgent task.

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He governed the archdiocese, not from his desk, but from his knees. He spent the first two hours of each day praying and writing before the Blessed Sacrament. Nor did he hesitate to spend days on end visiting the

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sick, blessing married couples, confirming children and saying the rosary with parishioners. Bishop D’Arcy was a bishop after that model.

In his concern for the souls

under his care, he would rarely command or threaten. But he also never shirked his duty to preach the Gospel, even to those who did not want to listen.

The secular media praised his prophetic criticism of the Church in Boston, but they were equally strident in deriding his “Jeremiads” toward the university in his diocese. Their coverage says more about media preferences than it does about Bishop D’Arcy’s character.

A few years before he retired as bishop, Bishop D’Arcy spoke on his vocation at the Notre Dame Law School. He pointed out, as Weigel does in his new book, the impact of Vatican II on the role of the bishop within the Church. “We see an attempt to move the bishop from being a CEO and administrator to a pastor and evangelist,” he said.

Bishop D’Arcy gave us all a wonderful example of that positive transformation.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for March 10, 2013

Luke 15:1-3; 11-32

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle C: the famous story of two very different sons. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SINNERS	PHARISEES	EATS WITH
A MAN	GIVE ME	SHARE
PROPERTY	YOUNGER SON	SQUANDERED
SPENT	THE PODS	SINNED
KISSED	SERVANTS	LOST
FOUND	FIELD	MUSIC
SAFE	ANGRY	FRIENDS

MY SONS

Y T R E P O R P N A N A
 O H S R S I N N E R S E
 U E P A T Q D E S Q U A
 N P E H N J E P U L S T
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book “Evangelical Catholicism.” Weigel argues that there has been a deep reform under way in the Church for some time. The particular problems and promise of our time were addressed 50 years ago at the Second Vatican Council.

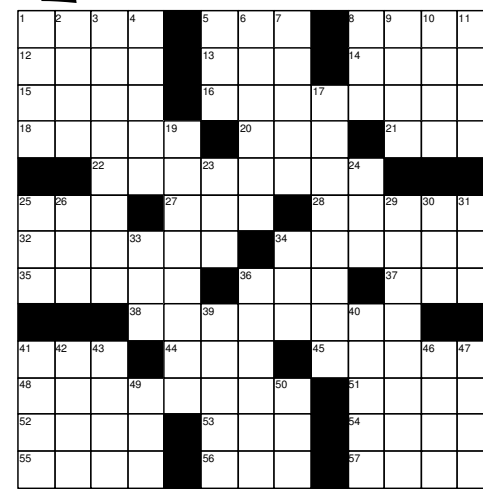
Two of the council’s documents — the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (“Lumen Gentium”) and the Decree on the Bishops’ Pastoral Office in the Church (“Christus Dominus”) — dealt with the three chief responsibilities of every bishop: to teach, to sanctify and to govern.

In the 21st century, Weigel observes, the scope of a bishop’s administrative concerns can lead to an unhealthy stress on governing.

Before he became pope, Karol Wojtyla was an immensely successful archbishop of Krakow.

The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9 and Josh 5:9a, 10-12; 2 cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 and Is 43: 16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

ACROSS

- 1 Ancient time
- 5 Accountant
- 8 “My son is back ____”
- 12 Resound
- 13 Misfire
- 14 Desert is
- 15 Animals talon
- 16 Three-wheeler
- 18 More confident
- 20 Prodigal son longed to eat its pods
- 21 Rooster mate
- 22 Prevent
- 25 Reverence to God

- 27 Before (prefix)
- 28 Urge forward
- 32 Prayer beads
- 34 Snow fall
- 35 Expression
- 36 Anointing liquid
- 37 Compass point
- 38 Sheep do in pasture
- 41 What a nurse gives
- 44 Mutt
- 45 Tunnel
- 48 Raise
- 51 Sycamore trimmer prophet
- 52 Upon
- 53 Utilize

- 54 “As you sow, so shall ye ____”
- 55 Resale
- 56 Compass point
- 57 Whirl

DOWN

- 1 Large city in Hungary
- 2 Organization of civil liberties (abbr.)
- 3 Smartest
- 4 Building that fell in Siloam
- 5 Central daylight time
- 6 Lent color
- 7 *Adios*
- 8 “What shall I ____ to your people?”
- 9 Bridge support
- 10 Sand nails
- 11 Adam’s garden
- 17 1998 Pope-mobile
- 19 “The ____ of Egypt”
- 23 “Their complaint”
- 24 Flightless bird
- 25 God’s strong right one
- 26 Date
- 29 Assumed
- 30 European sea eagle
- 31 Caustic substance
- 33 All ____ the same spiritual food
- 34 Evergreen tree
- 36 Giant’s wife
- 39 Short dancing skirts
- 40 Portion of an estate
- 41 “Blessed art ____”
- 42 Optical device
- 43 Adduce
- 46 Frog’s cousin
- 47 Spot
- 49 “The ____ of Abraham”
- 50 “in Christ a ____ creation”

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

BISHOP DWENGER HOLDS ANNUAL SOFTBALL CLINIC Bishop Dwenger Lady Saints Softball Team in Fort Wayne will be teaching the fundamentals of softball during the fifth annual softball clinic. Girls in grades 4-8 are invited to participate in the pitchers and catchers session on March 21 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. and hitting and fielding on March 23 from 8:30-11 a.m. Visit www.bishopdwenger.com for a registration form. For more information contact Coach Moyer at (260) 496-4700.



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The University of Saint Francis Lady Cougars in Fort Wayne won the 10th conference basketball tournament championship at top-ranked Indiana Wesleyan, where they hadn't lost a home game in 36 games. USF was down 7 points with just over seven minutes to play, and outscored the Wildcats, 19-6, in the time left to pull out a win and improve to 30-3. Brooke Ridley, Bishop Luers graduate, was named Crossroads League Freshman of the Year.

Lady Cougars swarm back to knock off No. 1 Indiana Wesleyan

MARION — Talk about a perfect storm. Or should we say swarm.

Down, 42-35, at No. 1-ranked Indiana Wesleyan University with just over seven minutes to play, fourth-ranked University of Saint Francis unleashed a full-court press that helped the Lady Cougars outscore IWU, 19-6, in the time left for a 54-48 win in the Crossroads League Tournament Championship Game on Feb. 25.

It is the Lady Cougars' 10th conference tournament championship since 1994-95 and this 2012-13 USF team improved to 30-3, the first to win 30 games since the 2000-01 team finished, 32-6. It is the fifth time a USF women's basketball team has won at least 30 games in a season, the first in 12 seasons for USF Head Coach Gary Andrews. It is USF's fourth conference tournament championship under Andrews' guidance.

Junior guard Skylarr Shurn led USF's late-game heroics scoring 17 of her team-leading 21 points in the second half. Senior guard Kayla Drake added 12 for USF, which won its sixth consecutive game as well as the season series (2-1) against the Wildcats (30-3). The loss was IWU's first at home this season in 15 games and snapped a 35-game home floor winning streak for the Wildcats.

Senior Meghan Slusher made the key play of the game for USF converting a 3-point play with 1:01

to play that wiped out a 48-47 IWU lead. Slusher rebounded her own missed shot and banked it in for a 49-48 USF lead, then added the free throw for a 50-48 USF lead.

"Meghan's play was representative of the way the whole team played that last seven minutes," Andrews said. "She got roughed up on the first shot, but she just stuck with it, got the rebound and executed the shot. She's a fierce, relentless competitor who made the kind of play you expect from a senior."

Shurn stole a pass and was fouled with 24 seconds to play and calmly plopped in the front end of the 1-and-bonus opportunity. She nailed the second shot with ease building the USF lead to 52-48.

Kalah Baer stole a pass in the lane for the Lady Cougars and by the time IWU fouled Jenelle Wilson, just 14 seconds remained. Wilson coolly splashed in both charity tosses for an insurmountable six-point lead to the delight of more than 200 USF fans that made the trip to Luckey Arena. Drake came up with a steal for USF as time ran out and the celebration began for a small portion of the nearly 1,300 fans crammed into the toasty confines where USF had never won in three previous championship game appearances.

USF also snapped IWU's two-game winning streak in the conference tournament championship.

ICCL and CYO teams play for diocesan championships

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The annual Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) vs. Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) showdown between the two ends of the diocese took place on Saturday afternoon, March 2, at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel in Fort Wayne as the best teams from South Bend matched up against the top Fort Wayne squads.

The ICCL's regular season winner, St. Pius X, Granger, who earned a guaranteed spot in the tournament, had scheduling conflicts, so St. Joseph, whose standout seventh-grader, Josh De St. Jean, also was unable to make the trip, ended up facing both the CYO's Blue League champs and Gold League runner-ups. The other representative from South Bend was St. Matthew, who won their year-end tourney by knocking out St. Pius to earn a trip to Fort Wayne to play the league and CYO champs — St. Vincent de Paul.

First up, a talented group from St. Joseph, South Bend, beat Jim Knapke's Hessen Cassel team, 40-34. The Squires jumped out to a 13-9 lead in the first quarter and took a six-point lead into the locker room, but St. Joseph's full court press and big

third quarter from Trey Shabazz down low took over. Unable to regain their early momentum, the Squires missed a string of free throws and some late three's bringing a close to their stellar season. In the victory, Shabazz ended up with 19 and Abram Beard was high scorer with 13 for Hessen Cassel.

St. Joseph Coach Brian Ratigan was pleased his team was able to play twice, "While we are making the trip, it is a great opportunity. These boys would play all day if they could." However, Ratigan's team did not fare as well in the day's final matchup, coming up short, 25-57, against the CYO league's tallest line up, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth (SJSE), who starts a Bishop Luers-bound group of 6-foot, 5-foot-11-inches, 5-foot-11-inches, 5-foot-10-inches and another 5-foot-10-inches.

Ratigan admitted, "They were much bigger and consistently beat us up the floor. When they did slow down and run a half court offense, we could not stop their inside game. Overall, our guys still had a great time and we appreciate the efforts made on the Fort Wayne side to make this annual event a fun experience."

Andrew Burgess had seven points in the loss for St. Joseph.

Coach Brian Cook's Panthers finished with an impressive

21-9 record for the season with Carter Gillie, the team's leading rebounder and top swatter, getting high scoring honors of 17 in the contest. Inside force and top free throw shooter, Brendan Gleeson and offensive powerhouse, Jimmy Sturm, added 11 each. Point guard, Blane Cook, orchestrated the offense once again for SJSE, adding 11 more assists to his 100-plus season with John Korjenek helping out with the duties. Once again, Cook could not have been more pleased with his whole team, including the phenomenal supporting role his bench played.

In the all-star day of hoops, the middle game saw Fort Wayne powerhouse, St. Vincent, downing the Blazers from St. Matthew. Up 24-10 at the half, the Panthers and top dogs, Conlan Martin and Jalen Paul, whose aggressive play and "challenge everything-style" proved effective one last time.

For St. Matthew, Justin DeClark led in points with 13. Robbie Sink, Nathan Marino, Casey Szymanski and Joseph Cline rounded out the scoring. The Blazers were 8-12 from the free throw line, shot 11-31 from the field and had 30 rebounds in the contest. Thanking the CYO hosts, Coach Rob Sink summarized, "It was a fun trip for our team to come down."



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

In the photo, at the line is the ICCL St. Matthew Blazer Nathan Marino, at the diocesan tournament held March 2 at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel. The St. Matthew Blazers were pitted against the CYO St. Vincent de Paul Panthers.

Higginbotham produces 'Songs for a Lenten Journey'

MISHAWAKA — The Year of Faith, established this year by Pope Benedict XVI, is a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world."

The United States bishops are calling the faithful to observe this Year of Faith with fasting, prayer and renewed efforts at evangelism.

Joe Higginbotham, the director of Liturgy and Music at St. Bavo Parish in Mishawaka, wants to put his musical gifts to use during this Year of Faith in an effort to evangelize the faithful to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Higginbotham explains his understanding of music as a great evangelistic tool, "The Book of Psalms is 'the' prayer book of the Church. The word 'psalm' means a sacred song or hymn. We are created to sing God's praise, to 'sing to the Lord a new song.' Sung prayer brings focus and intensity to the words to which they are set. Music is like a sharp point on an arrow that allows the words to penetrate more deeply into the depths of the heart."

The latest musical venture by Higginbotham, vocalists Stacie Bert and Father Bob Lengerich, pastor of St. Dominic in Bremen, is a Lenten CD titled "What Wondrous Love." The music is a blend of contemporary and traditional favorites chosen to help the listener contemplate the sufferings of Christ and to consider what one's response to our Lord's great sacrifice should be. Accompanied by Higginbotham, the melodic voices of Bert and Father Lengerich weave together to create a beautiful sound and an inspiring collection of hymns.

Last fall Higginbotham, Bert and Father Lengerich worked together to produce a first in Catholic music — a recording of all of the prayers of St. Francis of Assisi set to music. The project was the brainchild of Sister Agnes Marie Regan, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, who is the spiritual

assistant to the Secular Franciscan fraternity of which Higginbotham is associated. Sister Agnes Marie wanted Franciscans to become more familiar with the prayers of St. Francis and hopefully to memorize them.

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

Aware of Higginbotham's experience in the diocese as a liturgist and musician, Sister Agnes Marie asked him to consider taking on this project. After many months of research, Higginbotham set the prayers of St. Francis to music, using some of his own original compositions as well as some familiar chant melodies. Bert and Father Lengerich are the vocalists on the CD. Their beautiful voices, combined with the lyrics and the skillful accompaniment provided by Higginbotham, make this CD prayerful and meditative.

Just before Christmas, Higginbotham and Bert worked together again to produce a lovely Christmas CD. They used a mix of contemporary songs written from the Virgin Mary's perspective as she contemplated becoming the mother of the Savior. These newer songs were combined with some favorite traditional Christmas hymns. The resulting CD was so well received by the local community that it sold out before Christmas and had to be re-ordered.

The website for ordering the CD is FranciscanMusic.com. All CDs are \$10. The website has a few of the songs available to listen to for those who would like to preview the music. The CD is also available on iTunes.

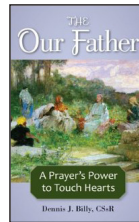
Catholic books inspire Lenten pilgrims

The following are recently published books that have been sent to Today's Catholic that can touch the fancy of Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase.

BY KAY COZAD

"The Our Father: A Prayer's Power to Touch Hearts,"

by Dennis J. Billy rekindles the fervor for the Our Father by examining the words of praise and petition of this powerful prayer. Billy describes how to open to prayer and offers questions to reflect upon. Liguori Publications, ISBN: 9780764-822131, \$7.99.



"No Faith No Miracles: What Jesus Asks of You," by Arlene McGannon examines Gospel miracle stories to find the prerequisite among them. She shows with each account that absolute faith and a willingness to cooperate with God are necessary for miracles to occur. Each examination closes with notes for further reflection and a prayer. Liguori Publications, ISBN: 9780764-821707, \$12.99.

"Radiate: More Stories of Daring Teen Saints," by best-selling author Colleen Swaim offers true stories of teens who make courageous choices to follow Jesus. Swaim writes the stories in relatable language for today's teens and includes images,

sidebars with key information about customs and practices, quotes, Scripture verses and saintly challenges. Liguori Publications, ISBN: 9780764-821479, \$12.99.

"Francis and Jesus," by Franciscan Father Murray Bodo, that follows his "Francis the Journey and the Dream," tells the story of Francis as the ultimate disciple of Jesus and the close relationship they shared. The narrative gives the reader a clearer understanding of the interior Life of this beloved saint. Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-086716-995-9, \$14.99.

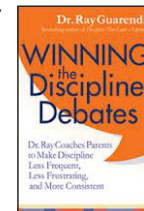
"Thank You Sisters: Stories of Women Religious and How They Enrich Our Lives,"

by John Feister highlights inspiring true stories of sisters and what effect they've had on not only people of the U.S. Catholic Church, but on the nation as a whole in areas such as health-care, education, social justice and pastoral ministry. Contributors of this book are notable Catholics and include James Martin and Liz Scott. Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-1-61636-532-5, \$14.99.



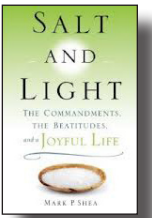
"Winning the Discipline Debates: Dr. Ray Coaches Parents,"

by clinical psychologist, speaker, and father of 10 Dr. Ray Guarendi uses a script format to cover a series of common discipline scenarios between parents and kids, including parents who argue in front of their children, a mom who



struggles to enforce consequences and more. Each chapter concludes with a summary and discipline ideas from Dr. Ray. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-61636-437-3, \$15.99.

"Salt and Light: The Commandments, the Beatitudes, and a Joyful Life," by Mark P. Shea offers a fresh perspective on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes and how they compliment each other. In his engaging style Shea introduces the reader to a fuller grasp of Catholic moral teaching. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-61636-496-0, \$15.99.



"Set Free: The Authentic Catholic Woman's Guide to Forgiveness," by Genevieve Kineke is a treasure trove of compelling stories of forgiveness from the trivial to the traumatic. Kineke weaves biblical truths through the true-life stories that reveal the freedom of letting go and forgiving. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-489-2, \$15.99.

Notre Dame's Happy Returns: Dublin, the Experience, the Game," by Brian O Conchubhair and Susan Mullen Guibert, photography by Matt Cashore, is a beautifully illustrated coffee table book that captures the historic essence of the Notre Dame-Navy game played in Aviva Stadium in Dublin, Ireland, in September of 2012. The photographs highlight the mythical attraction of this vibrant city. University of Notre Dame Press, ISBN: 978-0-268-02308-9, \$38.

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Dinner, dance and auction

Hoagland — St. Rose Parish and St. Joseph School will have a dinner, dance and auction Saturday, March 9, at Quixote Hills Reception Hall, 14013 Emanuel Rd. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Cash bar. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. For information contact St. Joseph School at (260) 623-3447.

Dinner and pancake breakfast planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, March 14, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12. The Knights will also have a pancake breakfast, Sunday, March 17, from 8-11 a.m. in the Holy Family Parish Center Adults \$6, children ages 5 to 12 \$3. Proceeds benefit the Holy Family Athletic Association.

Corned beef and cabbage on menu

South Bend — A St. Patrick

Corned beef and cabbage dinner will be Saturday, March 16, from noon to 4 p.m. in the St. Patrick Center, 308 S. Scott St. Live Irish music and dancing. A traditional dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread and beverage. Child's meal includes hot dog, chips and drink. Free admission to the event, meal tickets at the door are \$10 adults, \$3 children 4-11, children under 4 free. \$25 family.

Lenten mini-retreat for young adults

Mishawaka — A retreat for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married will be Sunday, March 17, from 1-7 p.m. at St. Francis Convent, 1515 W. Dragoon Trail. Sacrifice in the Christian Life will be presented by Jesuit Father Brian Dunkle. The event includes Sunday Mass and dinner social. Donation of \$10 for the retreat. Dinner cost is \$5 (or bring your own). Register online at www.diocesefwsb.org/retreats. Sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

St. Patrick School seeks alumnae

South Bend — Former students of St. Patrick School are invited to Mass Saturday, March 16, at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick Church. Holy Cross Father Paul F. Doyle will preside. Following Mass, a guided tour will take place showing the relics, murals and newspaper clippings of the school on display.

Card party and salad bar

New Carlisle — St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish will have a 50th annual card party and deluxe salad bar Sunday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m. A 1963 theme is planned. Tickets are \$5 in advance. Contact Louise at (574) 654-3364 or Nancy at (574) 289-2986.

Bishop Luers athletic and performing arts departments host Casino Night

Fort Wayne — A casino night will be held Friday, March 15, at Bishop Luers with blackjack, roulette, Texas hold'em and March Madness games on a big screen.

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Doors open at 5 p.m., casino games begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Table reservations for six are \$200 and include food, beverages and premiere dealer for the night. Contact (260) 456-1261 ext. 3020 for information.

Queen of Angels fish fry

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish, 1500 W. State Blvd., will have a fish fry Friday, March 15, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Family style-fast seating. Carryout available.

Jonah fish fry

Mishawaka — Mishawaka Catholic Home and School Association will have a Jonah Fish Fry at the St. Bavo Campus Friday, March 22, from 4-8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at St. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for K-8 and preschoolers are free.

Jonah fish fry

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish will have a Jonah Fish Fry from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, March 15, in the school gym, 2817 Corpus Christi Dr. Adults and carry outs \$9, children 6-12 \$4 and children under six free. Tickets available at the door.

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Pope Benedict XVI addresses the College of Cardinals at the Vatican Feb. 28, the final day of his papacy. In attendance were 144 cardinals, including many of the 115 younger than 80 who are eligible and expected to vote in the upcoming conclave.

PLEDGE

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monious concord.”

Pope Benedict also recalled the previous day's general audience in St. Peter's Square, attended by an estimated 150,000 people, saying that the gathering demonstrated that the “Church is a living body, animated by the Holy Spirit, and truly lives by the strength of God.”

Referring to the work of the late German theologian Father Romano Guardini, the pope said the Church keeps alive the mystery of the incarnation since its members “offer to God their own flesh and, in their very poverty and humility, become capable of generating Christ today in the world.”

The cardinals responded with a standing ovation.

Prior to the pope's remarks, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals, addressed a short tribute to the departing pontiff, whose resig-

nation took effect at 8 p.m. the same day.

“With great trepidation the cardinal fathers present in Rome rally around you today to show once again their profound affection and express to you their deep gratitude for your witness of self-denying apostolic service, for the good of the Church of Christ and all humanity,” the cardinal said.

Cardinal Sodano concluded his remarks with a German expression, “Vergelt's Gott”: “May God reward you!”

Following the brief ceremony, Pope Benedict received individual greetings from the assembled cardinals and from officials of the Roman Curia, the Church's central administration at the Vatican. Most kissed the pope's ring, with some also genuflecting before they exchanged a few words with the pope; a few were brought up in wheelchairs.

Some cardinals handed the pope what appeared to be personal notes or small presents; Vienna's Cardinal Christoph Schonborn, one of Pope Benedict's former students, gave him a book.



CNS/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI blesses people gathered in the town square after arriving in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Feb. 28. It was his final public appearance before he drew to a close his papacy. “I am a simple pilgrim who begins the last stage of his pilgrimage on this earth,” he told the crowd.

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deli near the papal villa, told Catholic News Service he was born during the pontificate of Pius XI. “Since then, I've seen all the popes here.”

“It is both sad and beautiful” to have Pope Benedict in town as he retires, he said. “But we are honored to have him here.”

Romagnoli said when he travels and people ask him where he's from, he responds “Castel Gandolfo,” and everyone knows where that is, which is an honor for such a small town.

Even half an hour after the pope

had gone inside, a man dressed in a suit stood near the entrance to the villa with a sign, “Dear Pope, we are with you and we will miss you.”

Mauro Giovannucci, who runs a butcher shop in the main square, told CNS: “This is a unique event, a new experience of enthusiasm and joy. When the pope is here, even the air is more pleasant.”

He prayed that God would help Pope Benedict; “We all love him.”

As the pope arrived, two Swiss Guards stood at the main doors of the residence and two more stood just inside. Just after 8 p.m., when Pope Benedict's papacy officially ended, they moved inside; the guard carrying the medieval halberd hung the weapon, and they closed the doors to the papal villa.

As the massive doors swung shut, people in the square shouted, “Viva il papa” (“Long live the pope”) and began applauding.

The Swiss Guards present were scheduled to close the doors at 8 p.m. and return to the Vatican, since their job is to guard the pope.

Their place was to be taken by Vatican police officers inside the villa. Outside, there were plenty of carabinieri — the Italian military police — and Italian state police officers.

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