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Pope Francis welcomes retired Pope Benedict back to Vatican

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — For the first time in history, the Vatican is home to a pope and a retired pope.

Pope Francis welcomed his predecessor, retired Pope Benedict XVI, to the Vatican May 2 outside the convent remodeled for the 86-year-old retired pontiff and five aides. Pope Francis and Pope Benedict entered the convent's chapel together "for a brief moment of prayer," said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman.

Pope Benedict had been staying at the papal summer villa in Castel Gandolfo since retiring Feb. 28. Pope Francis traveled to the villa 10 days after his election to visit, pray and have lunch with Pope Benedict; the new pope also has telephoned his predecessor on at least two occasions.

In response to questions about the fact that Pope Benedict seemed to be much frailer than he was two months ago, Father Lombardi told reporters, "He's an elderly man, weakened by age, but he is not suffering from any illness."

In the last year of his pontificate, Pope Benedict was seen walking with a cane on more and more public occasions; after Pope Benedict retired, Father Lombardi confirmed that he had had a pacemaker inserted before becoming pope in 2005 and had undergone a brief procedure in November to replace the battery.

While the Vatican is now home to a pope



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Retired Pope Benedict XVI greets Pope Francis at the Vatican May 2. The 86-year-old retired pontiff, who had been staying at the papal summer villa in Castel Gandolfo since retiring Feb. 28, returned to the Vatican to live in a monastery in the Vatican Gardens.

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Catholic school expansion in Fort Wayne

St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes to open doors to two separate schools in fall, 2014

BY CORINE B. ERLANDSON



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St. Joseph School, at left, is located at 2211 Brooklyn Ave. in southwest Fort Wayne. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, right, is located at 10700 Aboite Center Road in southwest Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — It is the hope that St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, St. Joseph Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be starting a new chapter in their schools and parishes in August of 2014. That is when two separate schools, St. Joseph Catholic School and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, will begin the school year as two separate Catholic schools.

For the past 15 years, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School operated as a joint Catholic school, sponsored by both St. Joseph Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. The school received financial support from both parishes.

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The Ascension: Christ's closeness to us forever



IN TRUTH
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CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This Sunday we celebrate the glorious
mystery of the Ascension of the Lord.

The Gospel of Luke tells us that
when Jesus was taken up to heaven, the
disciples *did him homage and returned to
Jerusalem with great joy*. Why this joy?
We might have expected them to feel aban-
doned or sad at this separation of Jesus
from them. But no, they did not feel aban-
doned. Our Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI,
wrote beautifully about this in the second
volume of his book, *Jesus of Nazareth*:

*... the disciples do not feel abandoned.
They do not consider Jesus to have dis-
appeared far away into an inaccessible
heaven. They are obviously convinced of a
new presence of Jesus. They are certain...
that he is now present to them in a new
and powerful way. They know that 'the
right hand of God' to which he 'has been
exalted' includes a new manner of his pres-
ence; they know that he is now permanently
among them, in the way that only God can
be close to us..... "Ascension" does not
mean departure into a remote region of the
cosmos but, rather, the continuing close-
ness that the disciples experience so strong-
ly that it becomes a source of lasting joy.*

This is the joy of today's feast, not that
Jesus has departed from the world. Christ's
Ascension means that He no longer belongs
to the world of corruption and death that
conditions our life. But He did not journey
off into space somewhere. He ascended to
the Father. Because Jesus is with the Father
who embraces and sustains the entire cos-
mos, He is close to each one of us forever.
We can call upon Him and He is always
within our hearing. We can inwardly draw
near to Him. He comes to us in the sacra-
ments, most amazingly in the Eucharist.

Jesus is also close to us through the Holy
Spirit, the promise of the Father. The whole
Trinity is involved with us! In Luke's
Gospel, Jesus says to the disciples: *Behold I
am sending the promise of my Father upon
you*. This promise of the Father is the Holy
Spirit. That's why Jesus did not send the
disciples out on mission at that moment.
He told them to wait, *to stay in the city
until they (were) clothed with power from
on high*. This power is the Holy Spirit out-
poured on Pentecost.

We read about the event of the
Ascension also in the Acts of the Apostles.
There we read that, before his Ascension,
Jesus told the disciples that they would be
baptized with the Holy Spirit. He said: *you
will receive power when the Holy Spirit
comes upon you, and you will be my wit-
nesses....*

The disciples needed to wait for the Holy
Spirit and they did, along with the Blessed
Virgin Mary, in the upper room. He



CNS PHOTO/GREGORY A. SHEMITZ, LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC

Christ's ascent to heaven is depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Therese of Lisieux Church in Montauk, N.Y. The feast of the Ascension, observed May 12 this year, celebrates the completion of Christ's mission on earth and His entry into heaven.

descended upon them on Pentecost which
we will celebrate next Sunday.

The Holy Spirit is the power through
which Jesus caused the disciples and causes
all of us, His disciples today, to experience
his closeness. Experiencing His closeness,
knowing Him intimately through the power
of the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened to
be His witnesses. This is how the Church,
Christ's family, spread from Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria, and even
to the ends of the earth. This is how the
Church grew: through witnesses, start-
ing with Peter and the apostles, and down
through the centuries, men and women
close to Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit,
people of faith living their lives as wit-
nesses of the Risen Lord. And that should
include you and me.

We live in an age where there are impor-
tant challenges to evangelization and to
Christian witness. We need a revival of
mission, especially in our secularized cul-

ture. The message of Christ will have an
impact on our world only through the wit-
ness of believers who live the Gospel in a
convincing and faithful manner. To do so,
we must listen to the Word of God, be men
and women of prayer, with lives centered
in the Holy Eucharist. We must be men and
women who open our hearts to the gifts of
the Holy Spirit we received at Baptism and
Confirmation.

If our faith in the Risen Lord is alive, if
we are close to Christ, our hearts will be
full of joy and the mission of witnessing
to our faith will come naturally. The joy
of following Christ impels us to bring to
others the good news of salvation with the
courage that comes from the Holy Spirit.

Blessed John Paul II once said that the
Holy Spirit is "the secret of the life of
the Church." Without the Holy Spirit, we
would not experience the joy of faith nor
have the power to spread and defend the
faith. Come Holy Spirit!

SWISS GUARDS STAND IN FORMATION IN APOSTOLIC PALACE AT THE VATICAN



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Swiss Guards stand in formation in the Apostolic Palace as Switzerland's President Ueli Maurer visits the Vatican May 6. Swiss Guards celebrate their annual swearing-in ceremony every May 6.

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Faculty and staff worked hard to keep the two campuses united, with shuttle buses, a monthly all-school Mass, and partnering different grades together as Prayer Partners — such as the eighth and second grades — by doing special projects and sitting together at Mass.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades commissioned a committee to study Catholic schools, and the committee concluded that this is a good time to have pre-K through eighth grade at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Aboite Center Road in southwest Fort Wayne. The committee also concluded that this is a good time for St. Joseph Parish on Brooklyn Avenue to have kindergarten through fifth grade. The 2015-2016 school year will add sixth grade, the 2016-2017 school year will add seventh grade, and the 2017-2018 school year will add eighth grade to St. Joseph Catholic School.

"It is important to me that our school be able to accept more children, and be able to educate and form this next generation of students into wonderful and moral young people with great character," said St. Joseph pastor Father Tim Wrozek. "St. Joseph Parish celebrates its centennial anniversary in 2014, and it seems very appropriate to open our

school doors as St. Joseph School that year."

St. Joseph School enrollment will be open to St. Joseph parishioners, as well as parishes such as St. Patrick Parish, which does not have a Catholic school. The plan of having St. Joseph School and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School as separate schools is being put in place so as to not turn away families who want their children to attend Catholic schools. Indiana's School Choice Program has made children attending Catholic schools a realistic option for families who could previously not afford Catholic schools.

Both schools are scheduled to open as two separate schools in August 2014.

St. Joseph School will have one class per grade. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will have two classes per grade.

Lois Widner will be principal of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School along with Greg Slee as assistant principal. Cristy Jordan will be principal of St. Joseph School.

"As St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish celebrates our 25th anniversary this year, we look forward to the continued growth of our parish community and facilities," said St. Elizabeth Ann Seton pastor Father Jim Shafer. "Bishop Rhoades has a wonderful vision to provide Catholic education to even more of our children. Both parishes will be blessed by this move."

Bishop Rhoades expressed his

gratitude to the study committee, the pastors and the principals for their hard work and commitment to Catholic education. He looks forward to both schools providing strong Catholic formation and academic excellence for over 200 more children than the present school can accommodate.

The new plan for both schools was announced by Bishop Rhoades at a meeting for parents, faculty and staff at St. Joseph Parish on April 29. In attendance at the meeting were Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Mark Myers, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton pastor Father Jim Shafer, St. Joseph pastor Father Tim Wrozek, Principal Lois Widner, Assistant Principal Greg Slee, future Principal Cristy Jordan, and members of the committee who studied the idea of having two separate Catholic schools.

"This is an exciting time for both our Catholic schools," said Principal Lois Widner. "As we experience a tremendous growth in enrollment, we see our vision touching so many children's lives. Our committed and dedicated staff is looking forward to the expansion and being a strong presence in southwest Allen County."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, May 12, 11 a.m. — Adult Confirmation Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Sunday, May 12, 5 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Adalbert Church, South Bend
- Monday, May 13, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Monday, May 13, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, May 14, 3:30 p.m. — Meeting of Indiana Bishops, Pastoral Center, Diocese of Gary
- Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 a.m. — Meeting of Indiana Catholic Conference, Pastoral Center, Diocese of Gary
- Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. — Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, Hilton Garden Inn, Notre Dame
- Thursday, May 16, 12 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Fort Wayne
- Friday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Hispanic Apostolate, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw
- Friday, May 17, 4 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
- Saturday, May 18, 5 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for University of Notre Dame, Joyce Center

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

- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has holy hours all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30 - 5 p.m.) every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.

ACTION ALERT:

Protect conscience rights and religious liberty: US bishops urge Congressional support for H.R. 940

WASHINGTON — The Obama Administration's contraceptive / abortifacient / sterilization mandate will begin to be enforced against nonprofit religious schools, charities and healthcare providers on Aug. 1. In the days to come, Congress must decide whether to address this problem through must-pass legislation before that deadline. Members of the House should be urged to include the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940) in the next bill needed to keep the federal government operating. Materials on the need for better conscience protection are available at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' webpage, www.usccb.org/conscience.

Resources include new fact sheets and four "voices of conscience" — video testimonies of women who spoke at the House of Representatives press conference last month about the need to enact H.R. 940.

Please act today to protect conscience rights and religious

liberty. Recommended actions include the following:

- Send an e-mail to your representative through the USCCB's Action Center.

- Call your representative. Contact the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, or call your representative's local office. Additional info may be found on U.S. Representatives' websites at www.house.gov.

- Information is available in a printer-friendly version of the alert at <http://nchl.org/datasource/iactionalerts/4aaHCCRA.22c.13.pdf>.

The U.S. bishops offer the following suggested message: "Please include the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940) in upcoming 'must-pass' legislation. Government must not force Americans to violate their religious and moral beliefs on respect for life when they provide health care or purchase health coverage."

Mary is a mother who helps Christians grow, pope says at rosary

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — Mary is a mother who helps Christians grow, face the difficulties of life and use their freedom to make lasting commitments, Pope Francis said.

Marking Catholics' traditional celebration of May as the month of Mary, Pope Francis led the recitation of the rosary May 4 at the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

After the service, he went to the steps of the basilica to greet thousands of people who were unable to get inside, and he asked them to say three Hail Marys "for me, because I need it." He also led the crowd in chanting "Viva la Madonna" (Long live the mother of God).

At the beginning and end of the service, Pope Francis venerated the basilica's famous icon of Mary "Salus Populi Romani" (health of the Roman people).

In a reflection after the recitation of the glorious mysteries of the rosary, Pope Francis said there are three primary ways in which Mary, as a mother with "great and tender love," promotes the healthy growth of Christians.

Like a good mother, he said, Mary "wants her children to grow and to grow well; for that reason she teaches them not to give in to laziness," but to take responsibility for their actions, to commit themselves to projects and tasks, and to hold on



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis burns incense before the icon of Mary "Salus Populi Romani" (health of the Roman people) after praying the rosary during a service at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome May 4.

to their ideals.

"She helps us to grow humanly and in the faith, to be strong and not give in to the temptation of being

men and Christians in a superficial way, but to live with responsibility, always reaching upward," the pope said.

Also like a good mother, he said, Mary does not try to shield believers from every difficulty, but gradually teaches them how to face and over-

come problems.

"A life without challenges does not exist; and a young man or woman who does not know how to face challenges," he said, simply will be "spineless."

"Like a good mother, she is close to us so that we never lose the courage to face the adversities of life, to face our own weaknesses, our own sins," Pope Francis said.

With her example of saying "yes" to God's plan for her life and with her encouragement, he said, Mary also helps Christians make lasting commitments, using their freedom to do good and to follow God's will.

Freedom "certainly isn't doing everything we want, allowing passions to dominate us, moving from one experience to another without discernment, following the fads of the moment; freedom doesn't mean throwing everything we don't like out the window," he said. True freedom is the ability to say "yes" to what is good and to make "definitive choices."

"How difficult it is in our time to make definitive choices," the pope said. "The ephemeral seduces us. We are victims of a tendency that pushes us toward the provisional, as if we wanted to remain adolescents."

"We must not be afraid of definitive commitments, of commitments that involve and have an effect on our whole lives," the pope said. "In this way our lives will be fruitful."

FDA 'acted irresponsibly' in lowering age for emergency contraceptives

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Food and Drug Administration "acted irresponsibly" with its decision to lower the age limit from 17 to 15 for purchasing an over-the-counter emergency contraceptive, said an official of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"No public health consideration justifies the unsupervised sale of such drugs to young teens," said

Deirdre McQuade, spokeswoman for the USCCB's Secretariat for Pro Life Activities.

Plan B One-Step now will be sold openly on pharmacy shelves while the generic brands will still be sold under pharmacy counters and only for those 17-years of age. Those who purchase the drugs will have to show identification to prove their age.

A ruling by a federal judge in early April said the Food and Drug Administration must make emergency contraceptives available to all ages by May 6.

The Justice Department announced May 1 that it is appealing this decision, saying the judge who issued the ruling had exceeded his authority and that his decision should be suspended while the appeal is underway.

The appeal and a request for an injunction will not affect the FDA's April 30 decision to allow emergency contraceptives to be sold without a prescription to 15-year-olds.

U.S. District Court Judge Edward Korman in Brooklyn, N.Y., said the case wasn't about the potential misuse of the emergency contraceptive by 11-year-olds because he said the number of girls that age likely to use the drugs was minuscule.

Korman's ruling was in response to a lawsuit by the Center for Reproductive Rights seeking to expand access to emergency contraception.

McQuade said in a May 1 statement that she hopes the FDA will appeal the federal judge's decision. The FDA said in a statement that its April 30 decision was independent of the court case and was not intended to address it.

Plan B, known generically as levonorgestrel, uses large doses of

birth-control pills to prevent conception up to 72 hours after unprotected sex. According to the FDA it will "not stop a pregnancy when a woman is already pregnant, and there is no medical evidence that the product will harm a developing fetus."

In 2006, the Food and Drug Administration approved over-the-counter sales of Plan B to women 18 and older; three years later, a court ruling made it available to women 17 and older without a prescription. Until Korman's ruling, anyone younger still needed a prescription.

The Associated Press reported that the FDA was ready to lift all age limits on emergency contraceptives and let them be sold over the counter in late 2011, but Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, changed the FDA's course, saying that even though some girls as young as 11 are physically capable of bearing children they shouldn't be able to buy the pregnancy-preventing pill on their own.

McQuade said the FDA's latest decision will make young teens "vulnerable to sexually transmitted diseases and sexual manipulation."

She said studies have shown that "wider access to so-called 'emergency contraception' reduces neither pregnancy nor abortion rates, but can contribute to higher rates of sexually transmitted dis-

ease, especially among young people."

The group Concerned Women for America charged that health officials were putting politics and so-called progress ahead of the health of children as well as women.

"It makes no sense that kids need parental permission to take aspirin at school, but they're free to buy and administer Plan B," Penny Nance, CEO and president of CWA, said in a statement.

Some women's groups said the FDA's decision was seen as not doing enough by some women's groups who noted that some young women without identification will still be unable to purchase the emergency contraceptives.

A Feb. 21 statement by the German bishops said the "morning-after pills," or Plan B, can be dispensed at Church-run hospitals to prevent rape victims from becoming pregnant.

"Women who have been victims of rape will, of course, receive human, medical, psychological and pastoral help in Catholic hospitals — this can include administration of the 'morning-after pill' as long as it has a preventive rather than abortive effect," the bishops' conference said.

They added that "medical and pharmaceutical methods that result in the death of an embryo may still not be used."

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Harrisburg Bishop McFadden dies attending bishops' meeting in Pa.

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Bishop Joseph P. McFadden of Harrisburg died May 2 in Philadelphia where he was attending a meeting of Pennsylvania's Catholic bishops.

According to a Facebook posting from the diocese, Bishop McFadden awoke at the rectory where he was staying and felt ill. He was taken to a hospital and was pronounced dead at about 7:40 a.m.

No cause of death was immediately available. He was 65 and had been the bishop of Harrisburg for three years. He was also chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Catholic Education.

A funeral Mass was to be celebrated May 8 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg, followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Bishop McFadden was born May 22, 1947, in Philadelphia, the only boy of three children. He went to Catholic schools his whole life.

While studying at St. Joseph University in Philadelphia, he played on the freshman basketball team, and also started coaching basketball, including his high school alma mater, St. Thomas More High School for Boys.

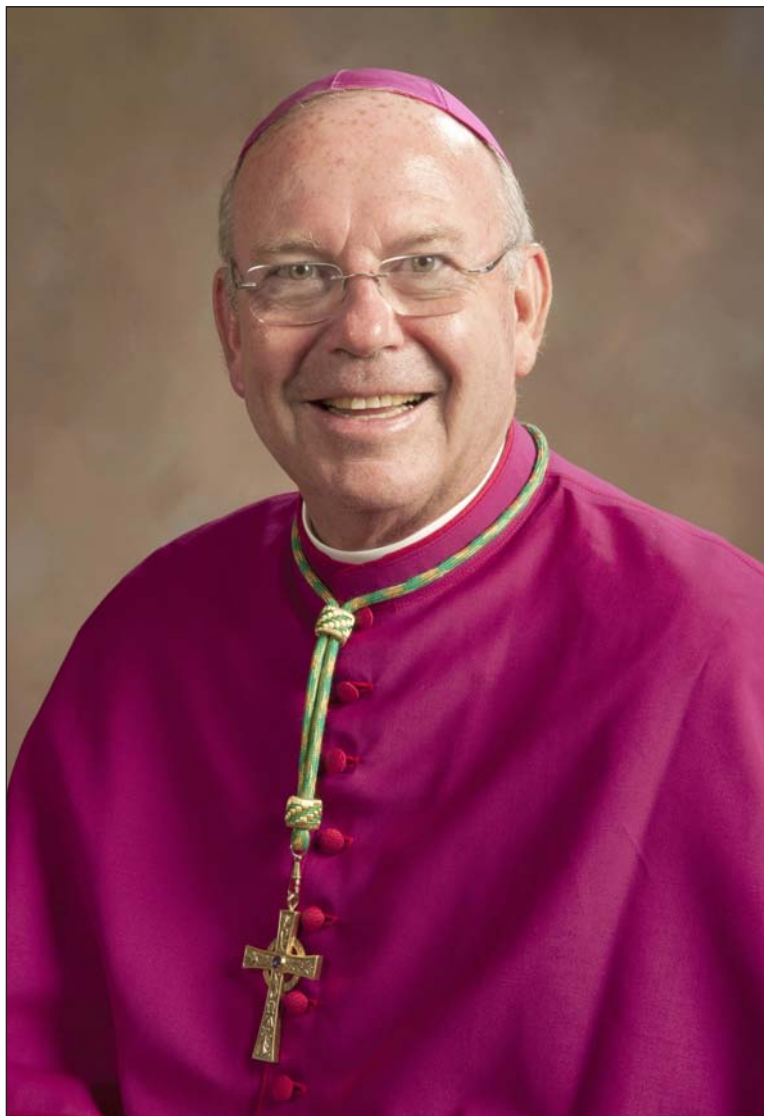
Upon graduation from St. Joseph, he took a teaching job at West Catholic High School for Boys, and coached basketball and baseball teams there. He entered the seminary in 1976 and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1981.

In 1982, he was named administrative secretary to Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, a post he held until 1993. From 1993 to 2001, he was president of Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, Pa.

In 2001, Bishop McFadden was named pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Downingtown, where he served until he was appointed an auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia in 2004. He served in that capacity until taking the reins of the Harrisburg Diocese in June 2010.

Bishop McFadden called Catholic schools "centers for the New Evangelization" in a Jan. 29 statement for Catholic Schools Week. "The unique atmosphere of our Catholic schools is a space and place where the New Evangelization can reach out to parents and children in a way that is respectful of the human person, presents the teachings of the Church, and supports family life," he said.

Also in January, he issued a one-page report on the implementation of the 1990 Vatican document "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" ("From the Heart of the Church"). "Bishops reported that they believe our institutions of Catholic higher education have made definite progress in advancing Catholic identity," the report



CNS PHOTO/CHRIS HEISEY, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

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said. "The relationship between bishops and presidents on the local level can be characterized as positive and engaged, demonstrating progress on courtesy and cooperation in the last 10 years."

At his 2010 installation Mass as bishop of Harrisburg, Bishop McFadden said, "I ask you to pray for me that I may be a good shepherd after the heart of Jesus. Pray that together we may be good builders of the kingdom of God here in Harrisburg."

Bishop McFadden also served on the bishops' Task Force on Faith Formation and Sacramental Practice.

Governance of the diocese

passes to the diocesan College of Consultors upon Bishop McFadden's death. They have until May 10 to elect an administrator who will be in charge of the day-to-day operation of the diocese until a new bishop is appointed.

"I was shocked and deeply saddened" to learn of Bishop McFadden's death, said a May 2 statement from Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia. "I am grateful that I had the opportunity to be with him over the last few days," Archbishop Chaput added, "and spend time in conversation with him."

Statement of Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades,
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend



On the death of Most
Reverend Joseph McFadden,
Bishop of Harrisburg

May 2, 2013

I received this morning the very sad news of the death of Bishop Joseph McFadden who succeeded me as Bishop of Harrisburg. I share the deep feeling of loss of the faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg during this difficult time. Bishop McFadden was a good and gentle shepherd after the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. He served the Church with great faith and love as a priest and bishop.

Personally, I will miss Bishop McFadden. I remember with gratitude our years serving together as brother bishops in Pennsylvania. He was a gracious and generous man who poured out his life in service of others. I will miss the times we would go out for dinner during our U.S. bishops' meetings, great opportunities to catch up on our ministries and on the news of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

I and the people of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be praying for the faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg during this time of mourning. My heart goes out to all the priests and people of my beloved home diocese.

We are in the midst of the joyful season of Easter. I pray that the Risen Lord will welcome Bishop McFadden into the joy of heaven. May this good and faithful servant of the Lord rest in peace!

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License laws, court ruling left in place please immigrant advocates

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court April 29 let stand a lower-court ruling that tossed out restrictive provisions of an Alabama immigration law. Later in the week, three jurisdictions acted to make it easier for people without legal immigration status to get driver's licenses. Without comment, the court rejected Alabama's appeal of an 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that blocked key provisions of a broad immigration law that took effect in 2011. Justice Antonin Scalia noted that he disagreed with the decision not to take the case, but he did not explain further. Two days later, the governors of Maryland and Oregon signed laws creating a driver's license for people who lack legal immigration status but who pass the tests and meet other criteria for state residency. And Washington Mayor Vince Gray proposed an ordinance to create a similar type of license in the District of Columbia. Catholic and Protestant bishops in Alabama had sued to block parts of that state's immigration law, out of concern for how certain provisions might affect churches' ability to minister to people in need, said Bishop Robert J. Baker of Birmingham in a phone interview May 3 with Catholic News Service.

R.I.'s same-sex marriage law is 'serious injustice,' archbishop says

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS) — The legalization of same-sex marriage in Rhode Island May 2 was described as a "serious injustice" by the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage. "The meaning of marriage cannot be redefined, because its meaning lies in our very nature. Therefore, regardless of what law is enacted, marriage remains the union of one man and one woman — by the very design of nature, it cannot be otherwise," said Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco, sub-committee chairman. Rhode Island became the 10th state to allow same-sex marriages after Gov. Lincoln Chafee signed the bill into law May 2 following a final 56-15 vote in the House. The law will take effect Aug. 1. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of Providence, R.I., expressed his opposition to the legislation in a letter to the state's Catholics posted on the website of the Providence Diocese May 2. The letter will appear in the May 9 edition of the *Rhode Island Catholic*.

Pope celebrates diversity of popular piety, unity of Church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis celebrated popular piety as a means of transmitting the faith and cultivating it in ordinary Catholics but said such piety must be practiced in communion with the hierarchy in order to maintain the Church's unity.

NEWS BRIEFS

MOTHER, DAUGHTER JOIN IMMIGRATION RALLY



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Adriana (no last name given) and her daughter, Jackeline, attend an immigration reform rally in Georgetown, Del., May 1. More than 1,000 people gathered in the town, where about 48 percent of the population is Latino or of Hispanic origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Poultry processing, agriculture and the tourist industry of nearby beach resorts are where many of the immigrants work.

"Popular piety is a road which leads to what is essential, if it is lived in the Church in profound communion with your pastors," the pope said May 5 to an overflow crowd in St. Peter's Square, including some 50,000 members of traditional confraternities from various European countries. The groups had gathered for a three-day pilgrimage to Rome in observance of the Year of Faith, and their members — in colorful robes and capes — stood out among the crowd. A number of the confraternities had brought the ornate crucifixes they ordinarily carry in local religious processions. One of the crucifixes stood under a horseshoe-shaped frame, decorated with multi-colored flower petals in a design that included a portrait of the pope.

Pope signs decrees in sainthood causes, including an Italian queen

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis recognized the miracles needed for the beatifications of a 19th-century Catholic queen and a 20th-century Italian mystic. The pope signed the decrees May 2, according to a Vatican statement the next day. The dates for the beatification ceremonies were not announced. The two decrees were for: Maria Cristina of Savoy, the

wife of King Ferdinand II of the Two Sicilies, died in 1836 at the age of 23 from complications of childbirth; she was known and venerated in Naples for her faith and charitable work; and Maria Bolognesi, was born in 1924 to a poor family in northeastern Italy; because she was needed to help care for her siblings and work in the fields, she managed to complete only the first two years of elementary school. Known as a mystic, she was often sick and died in 1980 at the age of 56.

Cardinal beatifies first lay, black Brazilian woman, 'Nha Chica'

SAO PAULO (CNS) — Thousands of worshippers filled the streets of the town of Baependi for the beatification of the first lay, black Brazilian woman, Francisca de Paula de Jesus. Known to most Brazilians as Nha Chica, Paula de Jesus was the daughter of a former slave. She died in 1895 after a lifetime of service that earned her the name "Mother of the Poor." Her canonization process started in 1993, but in 1995 gained strength with the revelation that a schoolteacher was cured of a congenital heart defect after praying to Nha Chica. The miracle was sent for review to the Vatican in 1998, and in 2011 Pope Benedict XVI approved

her heroic virtues. Last June, the Vatican approved the miracle.

Bishops hail repeal of capital punishment in Maryland

WASHINGTON (CNS) — One U.S. Catholic bishop hailed the repeal of the death penalty in Maryland as "a courageous step toward a culture of life." The comment, by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, was issued May 2, the day Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat, signed the bill that repeals capital punishment. In Baltimore, Maryland's largest city, the interior and exterior lights of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary were to be lit at dusk that evening, and remain illuminated overnight, in honor of the repeal. Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore had testified in support of the legislation to repeal the death penalty at hearings in the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates, the legislature's lower chamber. In 2008, Auxiliary Bishop Denis J. Madden of Baltimore had served on the Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment, which examined the use of capital punishment in the state.

"We must lift up the dignity of all human life — even for those convicted of the worst crimes — and work to transform our culture so that it respects the inherent dignity and value of all people," said Bishop Blaire in his statement.

Detroit Archdiocese to sell four buildings, relocate offices

DETROIT (CNS) — The Archdiocese of Detroit announced it has sold four buildings in or close to downtown Detroit and will relocate its administrative offices sometime next year to another building downtown where it will be the anchor tenant. The archdiocesan chancery building, which sits next to St. Aloysius Church, and an unoccupied two-story building next to it are being sold to the same buyer. The Gabriel Richard Building, a 10-story structure that houses many archdiocesan departments and offices, has been sold to another buyer. The archdiocesan print shop, in Detroit's Corktown neighborhood, adjacent to downtown, is being sold to a private telecommunications firm. Proceeds from the sales will net the archdiocese \$3.2 million, the archdiocese said in an April 30 press release. The archdiocese added the funds will be used for repairs and maintenance on other properties. Workers in the buildings will stay put for at least another year while its new quarters in the Capitol Park Historic District are being refurbished. The print shop will move to a former high school building on the grounds of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the city. The move will reduce the available office space for archdiocesan offices from 150,000 square feet to no more than 50,000 square feet, depending on whether the archdiocese leases five floors or six at the new location.

Cardinal Dolan asks for prayers for kidnapped Orthodox clergy in Syria

NEW YORK (CNS) — Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan challenged Massgoers to hold onto hope and to pray for the safety and well-being of two Orthodox archbishops kidnapped in Syria in late April while carrying out a humanitarian mission. "Our prayers are singularly fervent this spring morning as I invite all of us to unite in supplication," Cardinal Dolan said during Mass May 2 in St. Patrick's Cathedral for Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo and Syriac Orthodox Metropolitan Gregorios Yohanna of Aleppo. Both prelates were kidnapped April 22 in northern Syria while on a humanitarian mission to secure the release of two priests — an Armenian Catholic and a Greek Orthodox — kidnapped in February. The cardinal was joined by Orthodox leaders and other Catholic prelates. The Mass fell on Holy Thursday in the Orthodox Church. "Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our own United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and our brother Orthodox bishops from around the world have pleaded for prayers for these two brave men," Cardinal Dolan said.

Rediscover: App invites Catholics to connect

SOUTH BEND — Little i Apps, LLC has announced its involvement in the recently released "Rediscover:" app, a mobile application for iPhone, iPad, iPod touch and Android. Designed for Catholics, the app individually supports and enriches each user's personal prayer and faith life. The app meets people where they are at in their spiritual life and helps support their re-engagement toward full participation in the faith and a deepened relationship within the Catholic Church.

"We are excited to be working in conjunction with the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in creating a mobile app that meets the needs of modern Catholics," said Patrick Leinen, developer and cofounder of Little i Apps, LLC. "This release is part of a long-term goal of our creative team to provide quality Catholic applications for the faithful. With the wealth of materials provided by the archdiocese, we believe users at any place in their faith journey will find the app both beneficial and enriching."

Features of the app include mobile access to the "Rediscover:" blogs, streaming videos featuring Matthew Kelly and Father Robert Barron, a customizable faith journal, push notifications, a geolocation feature to locate parishes within the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and set reminders for Mass, Confession and other personal faith goals.

"Rediscover:" was created as an ongoing initiative for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis; the endeavor calls Catholics to rediscover the depth and beauty of the Catholic faith through a multifaceted experience that includes distribution of special editions of the book "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly, local events, a network of "Rediscover:" leaders at parishes, schools and Catholic ministry organizations, a website, a personalized mobile app, video and social media.

"The parish is the first, and primary, locus for the New Evangelization, and that is the focal point of the 'Rediscover:' program," said Archbishop John C. Nienstedt, of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The archbishop's words echo the message of Pope Benedict XVI who, at the Mass of the XIII Ordinary General Assembly for the New Evangelization, said the "a ... ordinary pastoral ministry must be more animated by the fire of the Spirit, so as to inflame the hearts of the faithful who regularly take part in community worship and gather on the Lord's day to be nourished by His Word and by the bread of eternal life."

The "Rediscover:" app is available for free at the iTunes App Store, Google Play and Rediscoverapp.com.

For information visit www.littleiapps.com or contact Patrick Leinen at marketing@littleiapps.com or call (574) 307-0853.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SAINT JOSEPH FED CHALLENGE TEAM TAKES REGIONAL



PROVIDED BY SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

The South Bend Saint Joseph High School Fed Challenge Team won the Regional Competition at the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank on April 29. Shown, from left, are Andrew Hildreth, Graham Murphy, Nolan Liu, Robert King, Nick Wawrykow and Michael Oei. The team was coached by Julie Chismar and Phil DePauw.

Wilcox earns Eagle Scout

ELKHART — Liam Wilcox received his Eagle Scout on April 21, as a member of BSA Troop 750. He is also a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, the troop's charter organization, and a junior at Elkhart Memorial High School.

Wilcox's Eagle Court of Honor was held on Sunday, April 21, at the Elkhart Wellfield Botanic Gardens. Wilcox's Boy Scout Eagle project was to build and place 25 toad houses around the Wellfield Gardens. Over 60 toad houses were made for his project. In addition to the ones in the gardens, the extra toad houses were donated to the Wellfield Gardens. They were offered to the public for a \$10 donation, which raised over \$300 for the gardens.

Wilcox thanked his parents, Mike and Julie Wilcox, his neighbors and family and the leaders of Troop 750 at his Eagle Court of Honor including Jim Liponoga, Dr. Jim Mauck, Jim Knopick, Earl Huxhold, Sam Dickey and Brian Jondle.

Morris earns Eagle Scout

MISHAWAKA — Queen of Peace parishioner, Tim Morris, received his Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor on April 20. A member of Troop 105 from St. Joseph Parish

in Mishawaka, Morris's project was the construction of a bridge over an impassable area of trails at the Elkhart Conservation Club. A senior at Marian High School, Morris will be graduating in May and intends to attend Franklin College where he will major in graphic arts and design. Morris dedicated his project to his uncles, also Eagle Scouts, as their dedication to Scouting inspired him to the Eagle Award.



TIM MORRIS

Spillers earns Eagle Scout

FORT WAYNE — Austin Wayne Spillers, son of Patrick and Tammy Spillers, received the Eagle Scout Award during an Eagle Court of Honor at St. Vincent Scout Lodge on April 28.

Spillers has been an active member of St. Vincent Scouts since 2006. He served as the troop's assistant senior patrol leader for a year, and was also an assistant patrol leader for the Eagle Patrol. As a member of the Varsity Team, Spillers served as co-captain. As a Venture Scout, he served terms as both president and



AUSTIN SPILLERS

vice president. Spillers is a member of the Order of the Arrow and completed the Brotherhood ceremony.

In July 2011, Spillers was part of a contingent that travelled to the Philmont Scout Ranch and hiked over 80 miles through the New Mexico mountains and attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in 2012 with the Kiskakon Lodge.

For his Eagle project, Spillers led a team that built park benches and cleared a one-half-mile walking path at the Heritage Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Spillers is joining the United States Navy as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate, responsible for launching and recovering naval aircraft quickly and safely from land or ships and plans to remain active in the troop on his return from active duty.

Nicola earns Eagle Scout

FORT WAYNE — Robert "Bobby" Nicola Jr. earned the rank of Eagle Scout while a member of St. Vincent de Paul's Scouts Troop 2.

Nicola is the son of Bob and Peggy Nicola. He held the positions of quartermaster and den chief and is a member of the Order of the Arrow, where he earned 23 merit badges and the Arrow of Light award.



ROBERT NICOLA

For his Eagle project, Nicola led fellow Scouts, friends and family in installing 14 directional trail signs and laying mulch in various areas at Metea Park North. The signs give people the ability to easily navigate the trails.

Nicola is a senior at Bishop Dwenger High School. Outside of Scouting, he is in marching band, pep band, drum line, table tennis, video club, rugby and a volunteer of the Diocese Fort Wayne-South Bend televised Mass. He is also a 10-year member of the Allen County 4-H. After graduating from high school, he plans to attend college.

Special events planned for deaf and hard of hearing

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries will hold two events for the deaf and hard of hearing.

On Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday, the 11:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne will be signed. Then, on the third Sunday of every month, the 11:30 a.m. Mass will be signed.

The ministry is also planning a day of reflection for the deaf on Saturday, Oct. 12. Specific details on location and times are undecided.

Father Mike Depcik, one of 10 deaf priests in the world, will present the day of reflection. Through sign language he will share spiritual reflections, administer the sacrament of Reconciliation and celebrate Mass.

At this time, the Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries is asking that those interested in the day of reflection mark the date on their calendars and make plans to attend.

Volunteers willing to help organize, publicize and work at the event are requested to contact organizers Jane Sandor at (260) 399-1450 or jsandor@diocesefwsb.org; or Mary Glowaski, (260) 399-1458 or mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org. One or two meetings will be held prior to Oct. 12.

The office also needs help in getting this information to the deaf and hard of hearing members of the diocese.

"We appreciate your patience and help as we build this new ministry," notes Sandor and Glowaski.

Sister M. Rose Agnes Pfautsch receives honorary USF doctorate

FORT WAYNE — Sister M. Rose Agnes Pfautsch, general councilor of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, received the honorary doctor of humane letters during commencement exercises for the University of Saint Francis Saturday in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne.

She was born and raised in Berger, Mo., and has been a professed member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration since 1952. She held the position of provincial superior for the order's Eastern Province from 1986 to 1998, during which time she also served as chair of the

University of Saint Francis Board of Trustees.

From 1998 to 2003, she served as corporation treasurer, board vice chair and business office manager for the university. In 2003, she began her current responsibilities as general councilor for the worldwide Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, which has its mother-house in Olpe, Germany.

Sister Rose Agnes graduated from the University of Saint Francis with a bachelor of science in elementary education. She graduated from DePaul University in Chicago with a master of science in education

and performed post-graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame.

"We are pleased to honor Sister Rose Agnes Pfautsch for her many accomplishments and years of service to the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration and the University of Saint Francis," said university President Sister M. Elise Kriss, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. "Her remarkable record makes her an admirable representative of the Church and the university, and one in whom both take great pride."



PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS

University of Saint Francis President Sister Elise Kriss, right, presented Sister Rose Agnes Pfautsch, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, an honorary doctor of humane letters during the university's commencement exercises Saturday at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.



Medjugorje 2013 National Conference

University of Notre Dame

May 24, 25, and 26

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Father Larry Richards is a gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master, and author. He has conducted hundreds of retreats and parish missions for young and old alike. His inspirational talks, presentations, and books have changed the hearts, minds, and lives of millions of listeners and readers worldwide. Father Richards is the founder of The Reason for Our Hope Foundation and the author of *Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be*.



Michael O'Brien was given a written message from Vicka on his first visit to Medjugorje in 1988 that said he was to use his musical talent to bring people back to the faith—a mission that he readily accepted. Since then he has performed at more than eighty Catholic conferences and over six hundred events in major city arenas and small-town churches across North America. His *Sounds of Medjugorje* album has sold over half a million copies.



Father Jozo Grbes joined the Franciscan order in 1986 and studied in Bosnia-Herzegovina, England, and the United States. A young man when the apparitions started thirty-two years ago, Father Grbes has studied the Medjugorje messages closely and will speak about the importance of being faithful apostles of Our Lady's urgent call to conversion and peace. Father Grbes currently serves in Chicago as pastor of St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church.



Christina Georgotas was working for a New York film company when she saw a YouTube video of an apparition to Mirjana. It touched her deeply and she got the faith back that she had lost in high school. She then quit her job and went to work putting together a documentary film on Medjugorje. The film is titled *Queen of Peace* and is now being shown in parishes around the country.

Tim Francis was a cultural "go through the motions" Catholic in his youth. Then he read and was deeply affected by the book *Reason to Believe*, which tells how science and Eucharistic miracles confirm the church's belief in the Real Presence. Filled with conviction to increase devotion to the Eucharist, he founded You Shall Believe Ministries. Tim now travels around the country conducting very powerful Eucharistic retreats.



Daniel Klimek described himself as a "lukewarm" Catholic until he read one of Wayne Weible's books on Medjugorje. It changed his life and he developed a passion to bring Medjugorje into his academic life. With degrees from DePaul University and Yale Divinity School, he is now studying at Catholic University of America and hopes to make the scientific studies of the Medjugorje visionaries the subject of his doctoral dissertation. He is the editor of the Medjugorje Today website.



Sue Ristau credits her 2005 pilgrimage to Medjugorje and her attendance at many of the Medjugorje conferences at Notre Dame with the many blessings and miracles in her life. Her daily visits with Jesus at holy adoration have led her to write a soon-to-be-published book, *The Forgotten Way*. This will be the sixth year that Sue and her husband Rob have brought a full busload of people from Green Bay, WI, to the Medjugorje conference at Notre Dame.



Jana Prudka is a student and a scholar from the Czech Republic who has been working in Medjugorje over the last few years as a Russian translator. Jana has stories to tell about life-changing conversions in Medjugorje, including the conversion of a large number of abortion doctors from the Ukraine. Jana recently started a Light of Mary house in the Ukraine where young people who want to give a period of their lives to God can live as a family according to the messages of Our Lady.



Conference Schedule

Friday, May 24

5:00 pm...Doors open
7:00 pm...Conference begins
Guest speaker
Candlelight rosary procession to the Lourdes Grotto

Saturday, May 25

7:15 am...Doors open
8:00 am...Morning session
Holy Mass
Procession and Consecration
Guest speakers (all sessions)
1:30 pm...Afternoon session
7:00 pm...Evening session
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Sunday, May 26

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8:30 am...Morning session
Guest speakers
1:00 pm...Holy Mass
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Mission work impacts life of Bishop Dwenger student

Jake Malmstrom plans summer internship back to Haiti

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — On the surface, Jake Malmstrom is a typical teen. A senior at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne and a parishioner of St. Charles Parish, Malmstrom enjoys track, cross-country, sings in choir, is enrolled in National Honor Society and cherishes time with his friends. But Malmstrom has a story to share with his fellow classmates at Bishop Dwenger, one that touches the heart of this young man who has served as a missionary in Haiti.

For one year in 2011, the Malmstrom family, Jake with his dad Rick, a paramedic, and mom Liz, a nurse, and brother Zach, now a freshman at Bishop Dwenger, relocated to Mission of Hope Haiti to assist the people there after a devastating earthquake in January of 2010 dislocated so many in this impoverished Caribbean nation.

And soon after graduating from Bishop Dwenger in just a few weeks, Jake Malmstrom will return to Haiti to serve an internship this summer at the Mission of Hope. And he is seeking funds to pay expenses for the internship.

Mission of Hope has long-term staff and short-term mission trips that come from the U.S. and Canada and serve in outreach, construction and smaller short-term tasks.

“As an intern, my job will be as a liaison between the short-term missionaries and the mission,” Malmstrom noted. “I would escort them into villages, and just really be their leader — brief them, debrief them, make sure their trip is smooth.”

Those wishing to financially assist Malmstrom may send a check directly to him or they can go online to the mission website, www.MOHHaiti.org, click the “donate now” tab and then when filling out the donation form type “Jake Malmstrom, intern 2013” in the “comments” section.

Malmstrom describes Haiti as a country that “really grabs at your heart.”

“The people (of Haiti) are so great, but they are given so little,” he noted.

While the Malmstrom family lived at Mission of Hope Haiti, “we were staff on that mission,” Malmstrom said.

For his studies, “I personally took classes online through Indiana University,” said Malmstrom, who was in Haiti part of his sophomore and junior years. “All the credits I took online transferred to Dwenger credits, so I am still on track to graduate the same as before.”

Malmstrom’s brother, Zach was instructed by an American teacher.

Malmstrom will leave May 29, the Wednesday after his May 24 graduation from Bishop Dwenger and will be in Haiti through Aug. 3. A week later, he will begin his



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JAKE MALMSTROM

Jake Malmstrom makes friends with a young Haitian at the Mission of Hope Haiti.

studies in mechanical engineering at Purdue University.

The mission year impacted Malmstrom significantly. “I would love to return to Haiti for the rest of my life,” he told *Today's Catholic*. “The atmosphere, the entire society is very different from the U.S.”

The Malmstrom family likes to share that when people comment the family was doing a great thing by helping the Haitian people, “in reality, they are helping us more than we’re helping them,” noted Malmstrom.

“We’re providing them with what they need: education, food, water,” he said of the mission work. “But in going there you get such a view of the world that you would never understand in America. We are very, very privileged here in America.”

“The most important thing we take for granted here is not the food and water,” Malmstrom said, “it’s the education.” He said when the Haitians get education, it is their dream to move to the U.S. or to Port-A-Prince.

Malmstrom helped his parents at the clinic with medical-emergency type situations. He also spent a lot of time in various villages of the area “just getting to know the people.”

At 6 feet, 3 inches, with light hair and skin, Malmstrom did stick out a bit in the Haitian culture. The energetic Haitian children wanted to run to Malmstrom, climb all over him, grab his hand and “drag him all over

the place.” “They’re not all that shy,” quipped Malmstrom.

Malmstrom said he felt it was important to make relationships with the Haitians, and to let the Haitians know that people are there to care for them. “When you make those relationships, you make friendships,” he said. “Not only do you make a drastic relationship in their lives, but they make a drastic relationship in your life as well.”

Malmstrom, immersed into the Haitian culture, learned Haitian Creole very quickly — within three to four months of living there. The language, he said, is a blend of French with the native languages of the island. Malmstrom, a Latin student of four years in high school, felt Latin provided a good base. Learning Creole was back-and-forth. The Haitians wanted to learn some English and Malmstrom wanted to learn some Creole.

“They don’t expect any white person to speak Creole,” Malmstrom said. “When you can actually speak the language they become very excited because you obviously care and you spent time there, you know the culture, you know the people and they love to see that.”

The biggest project that Malmstrom worked on was called the MOH500. Mission of Hope sponsors a refugee village called Laveque and has a goal of building 500 concrete homes, which are about half the size of a Bishop Dwenger classroom. The mission built a church and a community well for clean water. Each house, he said, has an outside lavatory and shower, a garden and a banana tree. Malmstrom’s tasks were to paint the houses and check doorknobs to ensure the keys worked.

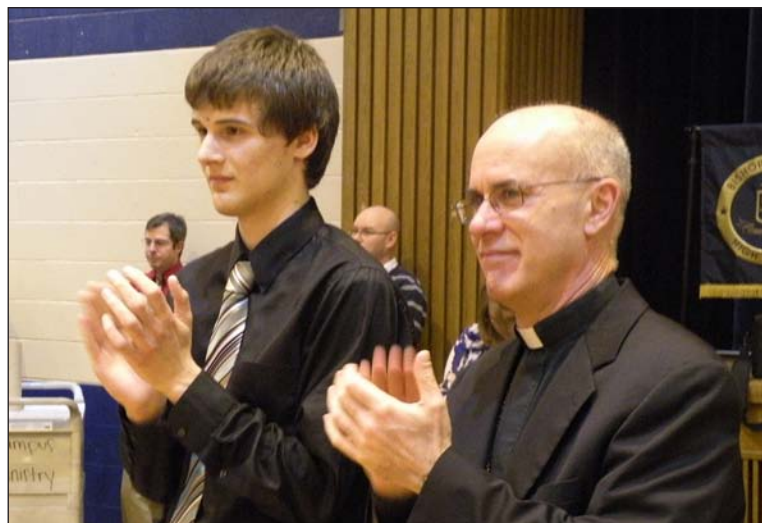
Malmstrom calls the people of Haiti very loving and “it’s not as dangerous as many people make it out to be,” he noted. But he also cautioned some commonsense when visiting.

The people, although they have so little, “are so open and faithful about their faith,” noted Malmstrom. He noted how the Haitians love to sing at their church services. “There is so much energy and so much excitement. And people want to come to church. They don’t go because they have to go every Sunday,” he said. “People want to be there. People want to express their love for God. It is truly amazing to see faith that great when they are given so little. It’s an eye opener.”

Since the family’s return to Fort Wayne and their home parish in December of 2011, Malmstrom and his brother have not returned to Haiti, but their parents have.

Malmstrom’s words of wisdom are “feel blessed with what you have.”

“If you ever have the chance to do a mission trip anywhere, it doesn’t have to be Haiti. If you have that chance, take it. It will change your life. I guarantee it,” Malmstrom offered.



TIM JOHNSON

Jake Malmstrom, left, applauds with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at an assembly at Bishop Dwenger High School in April that explored the work of Catholic Relief Services throughout the world. Malmstrom, in a talk with students, shared his mission work experience in Haiti.



Jake Malmstrom assists in building houses in the Haitian community of Laveque. The goal was to build 500 concrete homes. Malmstrom helped paint, hang doors and check the locks on doorknobs in the community.

Stacie Skwarcan Marian High School's valedictorian

MISHAWAKA — Stacie Skwarcan has earned valedictorian status for Marian High School's Class of 2013. The Corpus Christi parishioner has enjoyed her productive years at Marian and says of the exemplary Catholic education she received, "I feel that a Catholic education helps one to come to know oneself better and aids in one's spiritual formation."

While at Marian High School this busy scholar student participated in several extracurricular activities both at school and at church. The activities that include Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, Latin Club, Art Club, British Literature Appreciation Club, National Honors Society, Campus Ministry and Right to Life have provided her with several venues in which to put her faith in action.

When asked what she will remember best about Marian High School activities she says, "My treasured memories of high school have been made whilst I



STACIE SKWARCAN

have been participating in Science Olympiad and science research."

Skwarcan was able to find time to conduct research at a



University of Notre Dame lab during all four years of high school, which has aided in her decision to attend the South Bend university in the fall to study environmental earth science and fine arts.

In her free time Skwarcan, who enjoys the outdoors, indulges in photography, visiting state and national parks, spelunking and reading. She adds, "I also enjoy spending time with my chickens."

Skwarcan plans to pursue a career in scientific research.

Saint Joseph High School valedictorian Nicholas G. Wawrykow

SOUTH BEND — Nicholas G. Wawrykow will lead the graduating class of 2013 of Saint Joseph High School as valedictorian this spring. This parishioner of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend values his Catholic education and loves math.

He feels his education at Saint Joseph has provided the opportunity to learn more about his faith, including "some of the riches of the Catholic theological tradition." His interest in St. Thomas Aquinas, he says, is unquenchable.

As his knowledge of the faith was nurtured there, Wawrykow embraced the value of service at the school, and says, "Saint Joseph students are asked to perform service work, and those hours have been among the most valuable in my time at the high school. I appreciate this encouragement to work for the benefit of others, in the light of my faith."

Wawrykow's love of math kept him busy academically, but he made time to participate in the varsity Quiz Bowl for three years. This year he held the team captain's position in good stead as the team won both Indiana State Quiz Bowl Championships.

Other extracurricular activities for this scholar include participation in the Fed Challenge team, along with several math competitions, including the ARML competition held each year in Iowa. And Wawrykow has been Saint Joseph's hockey team's No. 1 goalie for the last two years.



NICHOLAS WAWRYKOW

In his spare time, Wawrykow enjoys reading, especially in the classics of world literature. And, he says, "For the past couple of years, I have been doing Kettle bell to keep in shape."

Of his time spent at Saint Joseph High School Wawrykow most cherishes memories of the move into the new school building and forming friendships that he will long treasure.

Wawrykow will be attending Yale University in New Haven, Conn., in the fall with a major of either math or economics. His current career goal is to eventually serve as a university professor.

Marian High School salutatorian Rachel Hoffman

MISHAWAKA — Marian High School's salutatorian for the class of 2013 is Rachel Hoffman. Her love of learning, instilled in her by the committed teachers at Marian, is matched by her faith in service. She says of her educational opportunity at Marian, "My Catholic education has definitely instilled in me a greater sense of charity and service. Marian has put an emphasis on contributing to the greater good and being more understanding of those who are less fortunate."

As her faith has grown, Hoffman, parishioner of St. Anthony de Padua, has taken the opportunities that Marian offers to live her faith. She says, "Through my school I have had the ability to partake in many charitable activities such as giving clothes to Eric's Promise, donating money to CRS Rice Bowl, collecting diapers for the Women's Care Center and participating in various food drives."

In addition to her academics Hoffman also finds time to participate on the Quiz Bowl team, National Honor Society, and was treasurer of her senior class student council. She also participated in scientific research at the University of Notre Dame for the past two years.

In her free time this academic scholar enjoys photography, writing, reading and watching movies. But she says, "My interests include politics, psychology and history."

Hoffman is grateful for the stellar teaching staff at Marian



RACHEL HOFFMAN

and feels they are a committed community. "I have always felt that the openness of Marian educators has been a great blessing in the advancement of my education," she says.

Her fondest memories will always include the "great friends" she made during her years at Marian and all the fun they had.

Hoffman will be attending Texas Christian University in the fall to study mathematics and economics, with her sights set on a career as an actuary.

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Our best wishes are with you in the future.

Nicholas Wawrykow



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that you have accomplished
in the past four years...
Good luck at Yale!*

Love, Mom and Dad

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best wishes to a distinguished alumnus*
Adam Lehn
2013 Valedictorian
Bishop Dwenger High School



*Best wishes to all our graduates.
God bless you!*

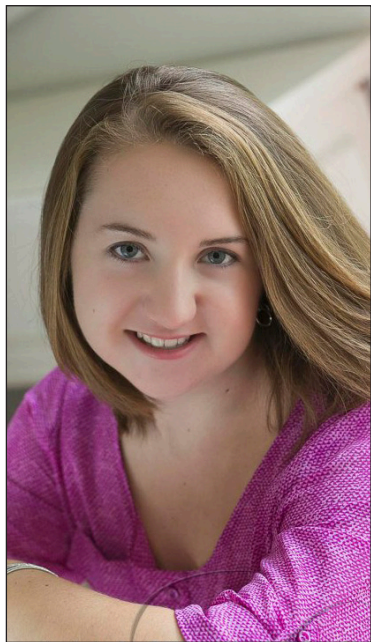
Saint Joseph's salutatorian Megan Kathleen Gallagher

SOUTH BEND — Megan Kathleen Gallagher has earned her spot as Saint Joseph High School's salutatorian for the class of 2013 with grace and finesse. The Granger native attends St. Pius X Church and believes her Catholic faith must penetrate every aspect of her life. She feels that her Catholic education has equipped her for just that as she ventures out to study biology at the University of Notre Dame in the fall in hopes of pursuing a career in cancer research.

Gallagher is grateful for the Catholic education she received at Saint Joseph High School and says, "Catholic education allows us to truly understand the faith that we profess such that our faith begins to transcend our prayer and worship and instead penetrates every aspect of our lives."

While at Saint Joseph, Gallagher put her faith in action by service to the school and the wider community. She says, "Going to Saint Joseph High School has provided me the opportunity to participate in activities such as the Living Stations of the Cross, the March for Life, Work for Saint Joe, the H.O.P.E. club, Thanksgiving Food Drive and annual retreats that have allowed me to share my faith with others at Saint Joe as well as the greater South Bend community."

Her academics were always important to her evidenced by her class standing, but she also found time for several extracurriculars, including participation in the Saint Joseph musicals, H.O.P.E. club, Spanish Club, Right to



MEGAN GALLAGHER

Life, National Honor Society and Liturgical Choir. Gallagher also served as secretary and president of the Right to Life Club and secretary of the National Honor Society.

Her most treasured memories of high school involve her participation in the school musicals that included "Bye Bye Birdie,"

"Meet Me in St. Louis" and "Good News." She says of those stage experiences, "The people I have met through the musical all share the same passion I do for music and truly have become like a family to me."

In her free time, Gallagher enjoys singing, attending sporting events and spending as much time as possible with family and friends.



Sean McManus named valedictorian of Bishop Luers Class of 2013

FORT WAYNE — Sean McManus has been named valedictorian of Bishop Luers High School's Class of 2013. The St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, parishioner feels that the value of his education at Bishop Luers is immeasurable. He says, "The opportunities it places in the hands of young people to grow in both knowledge and faith while being surrounded by a supportive network of teachers and classmates that grow along with you is hard to find anywhere else."

McManus' experience at Bishop Luers afforded him opportunities to put his faith in action ranging from trips to Washington, D.C., for the annual March for Life, to the Peer Ministry group that helped prepare the gym for Masses and prayer services and keep the chapel in order, to everyday religion classes where he learned about Church history, and what it means to live as a Catholic.

In addition to his high academic standards, McManus is a member of the Boy Scouts of America and is an Eagle Scout. He is an altar server at his home parish.

Extracurricular activities for this go-getter include running track and cross-country as well as holding the team captain position on both teams his senior year, bowling, serving as the inductions officer for the school's chapter of the National Honor



SEAN MCMANUS

Society, Student Council, Peer Ministry, Key Club and work on the school's newspaper and yearbook.

McManus not only juggles his academics and extracurriculars, but enjoys working at Connolly's Do It best Hardware Store.

He says of managing his time, "Keeping a balance between all I have going on in my life, including a job has simply been a tricky game in time management. It requires me to plan ahead and make sure that I stay up to date on upcoming events to



ensure nothing I'm juggling gets dropped."

In his free time McManus likes to play most sports, and spend time outdoors fishing and hiking.

He also has a bit of musical talent and says, "I also play the guitar, and while I'm no virtuoso, I like the challenge of learning to play a musical instrument."

McManus feels his time at Bishop Luers has been "awesome" and says his best memories involve "anything involving my friends."

McManus plans to study pre-medicine at Washington University in St. Louis with his sights set for a career in research medicine.

Elizabeth Hess named Bishop Luers' salutatorian

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth Hess has been named Bishop Luers High School's salutatorian for the Class of 2013. This member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish values her exemplary Catholic education and says, "I think the value of a Catholic education is the depth of understanding of all the Church teaches, the strengthening of your own individual faith because you are learning with peers, and the ability to defend and stand up for your beliefs later on in the outside world. ... I'm so grateful for the opportunity and responsibility to be a soldier and defender of the truth for the rest of my life, and I think I feel this way because of my Catholic education."

Being a defender of truth has inspired this scholar to act as peer minister, assisting with many religious ministries throughout school. She was able to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C., as a junior and again as a senior and says of the experience, "Witnessing my faith with others on such a huge level was so moving!"

In addition to her busy academic schedule Hess participated



ELIZABETH HESS

also as peer minister, a peer tutor, president of World Culture Club, a member of Key Club, the co-editor of the yearbook, a member of National Honor Society, and a Big Brothers Big Sisters First Mentor.

Outside of school Hess works year-round as babysitter and

personal assistant, where she has "formed great relationships working closely with several families, which might be different than another part time job."

At her parish Hess shared her faith as a catechist in the three-year-old religious education class every Sunday morning. She says, "I taught for six years and it was such an enriching experience to work with the young children and help them see God's love!"

One of Hess's favorite activities outside of her academic life is spending time with her family and friends. She also carves out time to read whenever she can.

This family and friends lover says her favorite memories of her years at Bishop Luers will remain, "the times where the true Bishop Luers family togetherness could be felt. ... It is an honor to be known as a Luers Knight, and I will carry the 'Knight pride' with me always!"

Hess plans to attend Xavier University with the intended major of education. She aspires to teach high school or middle school English or theology.



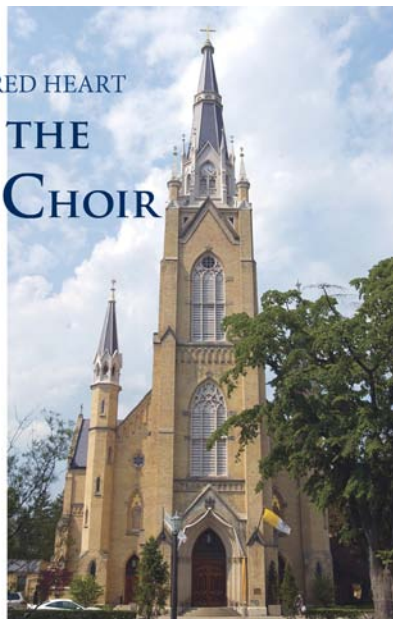
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Adam Lehn named valedictorian for Bishop Dwenger High School

FORT WAYNE — Adam Lehn has been named valedictorian for Bishop Dwenger High School's class of 2013. The St. Charles Borromeo Parish member has found a deeper sense of faith during his academic career at Bishop Dwenger and says, "Having knowledge and understanding of Catholicism allows me to combat the temptations in the modern world today because a deeper knowledge of the faith keeps me strong. The value of a Catholic education is that it gives a better life."

This better life inspires faith in action as Lehn finds meaning in attending Mass and participating in service opportunities, the open chapel at the school and Reconciliation services.

Even with a strong academic bent, Lehn polished his musical talent through his high school career by participating in activities relating to band, including Marching Band, Drumline, Jazz Band and Pep Band.



ADAM LEHN

He also serves at his home parish as altar server and usher. Of these activities he says, "All of these activities have allowed me to



experience something important; working with others to produce a greater result than on one's own."

Outside of school and church, Lehn's interests lie primarily with "things that challenge me" such as puzzles and video game puzzles.

Lehn will remember his Bishop Dwenger High School days with joy and holds his friendships there his most valuable treasure.

Lehn plans to attend Indiana Tech in the fall to study electrical engineering with the hope of pursuing a career as an electrical engineer.



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Saint Mary's College professor of business named Fulbright Scholar

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College is proud to announce that the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board has selected Susan Vance, professor emerita of business law and accounting, as a Fulbright Scholar Grantee to Thailand. Beginning in November, Vance will spend four months as a

Fulbright Scholar in Residence at the College of Management at Mahidol University (CMMU) in Bangkok.

Vance's Fulbright appointment will include giving tutorials to masters and Ph.D. students conducting research into entrepreneurship, holding periodic seminars with CMMU faculty, and engaging in outreach activities (e.g., seminars with local organizations).

"I believe that my background as the senior project director of the Women's Entrepreneurship

Initiative at Saint Mary's College, as well as my background as a business professor, certified public accountant and lawyer make me uniquely qualified to collaborate with my Thai counterparts to our mutual benefit," Vance explained.

While Vance retired from the college after the spring semester of 2012, she is still very engaged on campus. She directs the Department of Business Administration and Economics' internship program and taught full time in the fall.

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Madeline Pollifrone shines as Bishop Dwenger's salutatorian

FORT WAYNE — Madeline Pollifrone has earned her spot as salutatorian for the Class of 2013 at Bishop Dwenger High School with panache. This academic scholar, athlete attends St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne and believes her Catholic education offers a community in which to grow. She says, "A Catholic education comes from the opportunity to surround oneself with like-minded individuals who want to invest themselves into helping you grow academically, spiritually and as a citizen of two worlds."

Accepting her faith as her own she says, "My high school experience has allowed me to better understand and defend my beliefs, so that I can more fully represent my faith in my daily life."

While academics is important to this scholar, Pollifrone also gave her all to sports as a varsity player and senior captain on the soccer team and in track.

Her faith continued to inspire



MADELINE POLLIFRONE

her even on the field. She says, "One of my strongest memories from Dwenger is praying at our school's grotto dedicated to Mary

before each soccer game. Prayer brought us together and prepared us to focus on using our talents to the best of our ability on the field."

Off the field, Pollifrone also found time to participate in Science Olympiad, the Social Justice Club and as a BD Ambassador and during the summer she used her talents to coach youth soccer at Fort Wayne Sport Club.


In her free time Pollifrone enjoys athletics, reading, watching movies and cooking.

Of her four years at Bishop Dwenger Pollifrone says, "Some of my most treasured high school memories include countless Friday nights spent in the stands at Zollner cheering on the Saints in football and advancing to semi-state with our soccer team this past fall."

Pollifrone plans to attend Case Western Reserve University in the fall majoring in anthropology and pre-med.



Jake Schneider

Jacob Schneider... 
Congratulations Jake, on your numerous achievements! You're a blessing in our lives. May God guide you and best wishes at the University of Toldedo! Love,

Mom, Dad, Jordan & Alex

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SERRA CLUB PRESENTS CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS



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The Fort Wayne Serra Club presented the Christian Leadership Awards to two students from Bishop Luers and two students from Bishop Dwenger on Wednesday, May 1, at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne. The Bishop Luers honorees were Elizabeth Hess and Sean McManus. The Bishop Dwenger honorees were Mary Anne Skora and Phillip Litchfield. In the photo, from left, Phillip Litchfield and his parents Joseph and Susan Litchfield; Mary and Michael Hess with their daughter Elisabeth; Mary McManus with her son, Sean, and Sean's father Michael McManus; Susan Skora with her daughter Mary Anne and Mary Anne's father, James Skora.



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Alliance for Catholic Education to host array of summer conferences

NOTRE DAME — Hundreds of educational leaders and others eager to enhance the future of Catholic schools will attend a unique collection of summertime conferences hosted annually by the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE).

The June and July conferences, some of which are currently accepting registrants, are part of ACE's mission to sustain, strengthen and transform Catholic schools. They are a growing component of the busy summers when ACE conducts the majority of its on-campus academic programming and graduate-level classes for the next generation of Catholic school teachers and leaders.

Preparation of outstanding college graduates to teach in Catholic schools is the organization's best-known activity, now welcoming its 20th cohort of aspiring educators as ACE prepares a major celebration of the nation's Catholic schools to mark its 20th anniversary.

The conferences are hosted by various units of ACE that have grown in recent years to respond to particular issues and needs, with a focus on specific stakeholders. Those interested in attending or learning more can visit these conferences' respective Web pages.

ACE Teaching Fellows Annual Conference (June 11-14). Participants in the Melody Family ACE Teaching Fellowship program will convene to assess and catalyze their growth as mas-

ter teachers, educational leaders and generators of problem-solving research. Several benefactor-supported fellowships support highly promising educators who wish to continue their careers in Catholic classrooms while pursuing advanced knowledge and skills. Fellows cultivate these leadership assets along with their mentors during the conference.

Advocates for Parental Choice Symposium (June 14-19). This intensive formation experience gives participants a first-hand experience of people and places on the cutting edge in implementing school choice policies. Catholic school supporters will receive skills, insights and working relationships to equip them as advocates in the parental choice movement. Major speakers on- and off-campus will increase these future leaders' understanding of the social, legal, political, pedagogical and moral dimensions of parental choice.

Play Like a Champion Today Sports Leadership Conference (June 21-23). This annual conference, titled "Character Education through Sports Leadership" for 2013, emphasizes developing the whole person through sports. Guest speakers offer professional development for coaches and athletic administrators at both the youth and high school levels. Hosted by ACE's Play Like a Champion Today experts in sports as ministry, the conference gathers representatives of parochial leagues

around the country to network and share best practices. Register at <http://playlikeachampion.nd.edu/annual-leadership-conference/>.

Equitable Services Institute (June 23-28). Students in Catholic schools across the country are not getting federally funded services to which they're entitled; this institute assists diocesan superintendents, principals and other educational leaders to address this problem. Attendees will receive updated information about complex federal funding policies plus practical road maps for the process of consultations by which educators obtain equitable shares for their students from Title 1, Title 2 and Title 3 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Information and registration are available online.

Principals Academy (June 24-28). A four-day enrichment experience for Catholic school principals, titled "Fueling the Fire of Leadership in Catholic Schools," will engage expert faculty and practitioners as they develop an action plan to increase motivational practices for instruction, enrollment and school identity. Principals will explore tangible, evidence-based strategies to increase teacher motivation and self-efficacy, improve supervision processes and encourage teacher self-evaluation to improve the professional learning environment of schools. Register for this academy hosted by ACE Consulting at <http://ace.nd.edu/consulting/professional->

development/equitable-services-institute.

Latino Enrollment Institute (June 25-28). The Catholic School Advantage campaign will invite principals from around the country to discuss strategic possibilities and pursue practical strategies to increase enrollment, particularly among Latino children, in Catholic schools.

Superintendents Strategic Leadership Conference (July 9-12). ACE Consulting will host its annual, invitation-only conference for diocesan schools superintendents, providing expert speakers and facilitating in-depth conversations to explore key issues faced by school leaders.

School Pastors Institute (July 9-12). Pastors whose parishes include schools are invited to this annual institute to learn to manage and leverage better the distinctive relationship between a parish and its school. The institute, hosted by ACE's Catholic School Advantage campaign, develops many skills and perspectives that a pastor will need in overseeing a parish school, its people and its finances. Insights presented will support pastors' reflections on the value of Catholic schools to parishioners and to the Church's future.

Mary Ann Remick Leadership Conference (July 12). This conference, a capstone event for those earning their master's degrees in

educational administration through the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program, is a unique and informal venue for South Bend-area educators to discuss current research with ACE leaders and experts from across the country. The graduate students preparing to serve as principals present the action research they have conducted, and local visitors attending free-of-charge exchange ideas on school challenges and solutions.

ACE Summer Forum (July 12-14). The ACE Summer Forum is a professional development opportunity for Catholic school supporters and ACE graduates, focusing on urgent needs in Catholic schools and how advocates can address them. This summer, Forum participants will discuss raising local awareness for Catholic schools and connecting local initiatives to the broader ACE movement.

ACE 19 Parent Retreat (July 24-26). Parents whose sons or daughters have just finished their first year in ACE Service through Teaching often have many questions about these first-year teachers' experiences. ACE Advocates hosts a special retreat for these parents at Notre Dame to get their questions answered and to see the broader context of the journey their ACE teachers are taking. The retreat also allows these parents of the ACE 19 cohort to hear presentations, worship together and swap stories.

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The everyday heroism of cops

Jeff was on one of his first patrols as a cop in Maine. He was only 19. That was before police needed college degrees to have a shot at the job. He was hired straight out of high school.

As he drove down the highway an SUV in front of him began to swerve out of control. A drunk driver was behind the wheel. Before he could act, the SUV veered across the median into oncoming traffic, crashing head-on with a sedan. In the sedan were four siblings on their way home from a Christmas musical.

Jeff pulled over and ran up to the scene. Three of the children were injured but alive. The fourth, who was behind the wheel, was in bad shape. Jeff remembered from his recent training how to stabilize her neck. Holding her head in his hands, he shouted, "Stay with me! Stay

with me!" She looked at him and tried to speak. Jeff could see that she was fading. "Do you know our Lord?" he asked. He didn't know what else to say. And at that moment she died in his arms.

A police lieutenant arrived on the scene after hearing of the accident. His daughter had been the driver. After seeing what happened, he embraced Jeff who was bloodied from the mess of the tragic scene.

Two days after this traumatic initiation into the life of a public servant, Jeff was offered the chance to turn in his badge if it was too much for him. There would be no hard feelings. Thirty years later, he is still a cop.

Through the years he has been the presence of peace for many people as they breathed their last. And he's experienced the joy of saving many more from what could have been their last



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CHRISTOPHER STEFANICK

moments.

He's also experienced the joy of saving people from "bad guys." And as any cop knows, this world is full of them. Seeing that with clarity and trying to leave it "at the office" when you go home is one of the hazards of the job. But even bad guys are redeemable, and Jeff has experienced that, too.

One man who he'd followed

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Higher education and 'breaking good'

"Breaking Bad" is a television series on AMC about a high school chemistry teacher who becomes a drug kingpin. It has quickly become a favorite of mine. Educator Walter White puts his chemistry skills to work in his own meth lab after he learns he has advanced-stage lung cancer and just two years to live. His teaching job, he reasons, will not provide nearly enough for his pregnant wife and his son, who has cerebral palsy.

White enters the drug trade for reasons that are understandable, even sympathetic. But his first poor decision leads to others that rapidly drag him into worse and worse behavior. Several hours into the first season, he murders a pair of rival dealers. As he expands his enterprise, he adopts the thuggish business methods that drug dealers typically employ.

White's story is a brilliant illustration of virtue ethics. Aristotle argued that we constantly choose what sort of people we become by our actions, virtuous or vicious. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts. And we become unjust, intemperate and cowardly by repeatedly doing vicious acts of those kinds. Once we've worn a path in either direction, it becomes easier to travel the next time.

A person "breaks bad" by making bad choices and developing bad habits. As he gives in to increasingly bad habits again and again, his vices gradually disorient his moral compass until he has completely lost his way.

White's story is a bit out of the ordinary because his criminal turn arises out of a real midlife crisis. Most of us form our most deeply ingrained habits — good and bad — at a younger age, and they become more difficult (though never impossible) to change later on.

This is why college, often the first opportunity for young adults to exercise moral freedom, is such a critical time in the formation of character. Those four years can leave students well formed in habits of patience, faith, industry and continence. Or they can become the opposite kind of people — wrathful, impious, lazy and excessively fond



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JOHN GARVEY

of drink.

In 1988, the late James Q. Wilson gave the commencement address at his alma mater, the University of Redlands. He said that students who form good habits can mostly thank their parents; that it's not the business of colleges to instill virtue. At best, he asserted, moral virtue and higher education are "uneasy allies."

Wilson was right about the importance of families. But as the president of The Catholic University of America and a longtime academic, I disagree strongly with his latter point. Higher education took a wrong turn when it embraced the teaching of intellectual virtues to the exclusion of moral ones.

The life of the mind is not a game or a series of brainteasers. There are right and wrong answers; good and bad art; true and false ideas; better and worse ways of acting and living. Good teachers inspire their students not just to think for themselves, but to act on those judgments as well.

In past generations, students at Catholic colleges and universities were inspired by Jesuits, Dominicans and Sisters of Mercy. These priests and nuns not only taught them but lived alongside them in residence halls and prayed alongside them in chapels. They had a lasting effect on the kind of people their students became.

Today, fewer of our teachers have taken religious vows. But lay teachers can, and should, see their jobs as the founders of our Catholic colleges and universities did — not just to tell their students about virtue, but to show them how to live it.

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

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Lk 24:46-53

The date for celebrating the feast of the Ascension of the Lord is optional in this country. The decision is made by bishops of each province, for their province.

These reflections are upon readings when the feast is celebrated on what otherwise would be the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The Acts of the Apostles supplies the first reading, a story of the Ascension of the Lord from earth into heaven. This passage begins Acts.

As with the Gospel of Luke, Acts seems to have been composed for one person whose name was Theophilus. It is not known if this was a proper name, or if it were a title. In Greek, "Theophilus" means "friend of God."

Regardless, Acts opens with a powerful message. Resplendent is the ascension of Jesus into heaven, or the lifting of Jesus from earthly space and time to return to heaven. This act of ascending, not of being assumed, reveals, as the Resurrection, that Jesus came from God, is with God, is eternal and possesses the power of God.

Other points are important. The reading gives the credentials of the Apostles. Jesus chose them, a divine act. The Holy Spirit came

upon them.

Jesus taught the Apostles as no one else was taught. Jesus guided and directed them. They obeyed him. They witnessed the Ascension. They were especially trained because they had a unique mission. Yet, they were humans and confused. But, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would give them insight and wisdom. Indeed, the Holy Spirit came to them, as the Church celebrated on Pentecost.

To underscore the divinity of Jesus, and the Apostles' mission, angels appear after the Ascension telling the Apostles to go forward with their mission to preach the Gospel and to bring into the world the mercy, love and presence of God in Jesus.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, the source of the second reading, is a beautiful prayer, asking God to give the followers of Jesus wisdom and perception. God's wisdom and strength, the reading states, will be "distributed among the members of the Church." It counsels believers to put everything under the feet of Jesus, the "head of the Church."

St. Luke's Gospel, the last reading, also offers an Ascension Narrative. Jesus leads the Apostles to a place near Bethany. (The Mount of Olives, traditionally said to have been the site of the Ascension, is near Bethany.) Jesus tells the Apostles that the Scriptures have been fulfilled. This too is proof of the identity of Jesus.

It also is proof of God's communication with people through the centuries, and of God's mercy.

The Gospel further establishes the Apostles as the chief witnesses, and primary students, of the Lord. The Apostles watch the Ascension of Jesus and then return to the city, determined, and committed, to pray in the temple constantly and to proclaim the praises of God.

Reflection

The readings powerfully testify that Jesus is God. He rose again to life after being crucified and dying, literally. Jesus ascended into heaven. He was not "assumed" into heaven or taken to heaven. He went to heaven, breaking the bonds of earth, with the power of God, but not forsaking the people of the earth, then or in all the subsequent years.

The readings are strongly ecclesial, stressing the identity of the Apostles, who learned from Jesus. The Spirit would come to guide them.

Important for us today, and for the continuing unfolding of salvation, the Apostles formed the Church, of which true believers are part. Through the Church, in Christ, God lives and touches us still.

The Easter story and the story of salvation are approaching their climax. Jesus lives still in the Church. He has not gone from us.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9
Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7
Jn 16:29-33

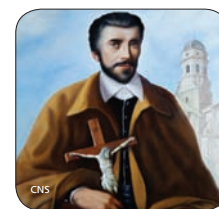
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68:29-30, 33-36c Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,
11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 114:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25



Saint of the Week

John of Avila

1500-1569
May 10

Born near Toledo, Spain, John was sent by his wealthy parents to study law in Salamanca. But, renouncing such a career, he instead lived as a hermit for three years, and was ordained in 1525, after his parents had died. Though he hoped to be a missionary in Mexico, his archbishop sent him to Andalusia, where he preached successfully for nine years. He was imprisoned briefly by the Inquisition for rigoristic preaching, then continued evangelizing for the rest of his life. Many of his letters survive. A holy priest and mystic, he was a friend of St. Ignatius Loyola and an adviser of St. Teresa of Avila and several other Spanish saints. He is a patron saint of Spain.

Making good decisions at the end of life

Jesus then said, "I am the one who raises the dead to life! Everyone who has faith in me will live, even if they die."

— Jn 11:25

We all want to live life to the fullest and use it for the glory of God, but we also should take the time to plan for our death. We need to decide what our wishes would be and express them in a Health Care Directive. As Catholics, we need to make decisions that align ourselves with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

A Health Care Directive usually starts out saying, "if I am incapacitated and can no longer actively guide my medical care these are my wishes ..." Then follows a statement indicating that if you have a terminal illness or have brain damage to the point of being permanently unconscious that you request not to be kept alive by life support systems such as a ventilator. This directive will also typically allow you to indicate whether or not to provide nutrition and hydration. The Catholic Church teaches that adequate fluids and calories need to be given. It is not acceptable to bring death on by starvation or dehydration. An exception is when death is imminent; then withholding nutrition and hydration for a few days is acceptable.

Many times as I take care of end-stage heart failure patients, I ask the patient and family about their Advance Directive

as I am admitting them to the hospital. A common response is, "I already have a living will." Unfortunately, a major drawback of a living will is that it usually does not give adequate guidance for the majority of real-life situations.

What if you are elderly and you are on your fourth hospitalization for congestive heart failure in three months. Would you want to be put on a ventilator if there is little chance for recovery? Living wills usually do not clarify these serious questions. That is why each time you are admitted to a hospital or a nursing home you should make sure an advance directive is specified. You need to tell your doctor whether or not you would want to be resuscitated with CPR, cardioversion (shocking) or be placed on a ventilator.

Unfortunately, some physicians are just as uncomfortable as their patients with this conversation and avoid the discussion. That is why patients need to advocate for themselves and make their wishes known as they prepare for death.

In the "Catholic Guide to Health Care Directives," "The Indiana Catholic Conference recommends that ... if you have an advance directive it should include appointment of a health care representative."

This person would make decisions for you if you were no longer able to speak for your-

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DR. DAVID A. KAMINSKAS

self. Although some may decide to appoint their spouse, you may want to consider another family member or close friend who would be better qualified to make end of life decisions at this difficult and emotional time. It is imperative that you make sure your healthcare representative understands your wishes and Catholic values if you are no longer able to express them.

We should all pray that we will have the wisdom to know and the courage to accept when to embrace the ultimate gift from God, eternal life after death. For as Romans 14:8 says, "For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

Dr. David A. Kaminkas is a board-certified cardiologist and member of Lutheran Medical Group who has practiced in Fort Wayne since 1982. He is a member of the local Catholic Medical Association: The Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana.org.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 12, 2013

Luke 24:46-53

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading from Luke for the Feast of the Ascension. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

IT IS WRITTEN	SUFFER	THE DEAD
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after an attempted shooting was about to turn his gun on Jeff, but he saved his skin by approaching the car at just the right angle with his pistol drawn. The man spent the next eight years in jail.

Jeff thought he'd never see him again. But one day while passing by a construction site the man, who was at work, caught sight of Jeff and ran at him. He looked him in the eye and threw his arms around him. "Thank you," he said. "You saved my life."

It's easy to take our cops for granted — like parents. We just expect them to be there. We expect them to do their jobs. And we should expect them to do their jobs! But events like what happened in Boston recently highlight just how heroic that job is. Whenever something evil happens the light of good people shines more brightly, and that light is often emanating from a badge.

The reason 27-year-old police Officer Sean Collier of Boston was gunned down by the Tsarnev brothers is because he threw his life between evil and the rest of us. Every cop we saw on the news searching for the terrorist at large was ready to do the same as Collier. The chances were overwhelmingly good that whoever found him first could be blown up. Yet they all kept looking.

'Thank you,'

he said.

'You saved my life.'

Our cops regularly put themselves between the dark void of chaos and the rest of us. They see just how low mankind can sink, and it's because they see it that we don't have to. They stand between time and eternity with us at countless accident scenes, bringing peace and some semblance of security to people's very worst moments.

And though it rarely makes the news, that's what people like Jeff do every day.

Speaker and author Christopher Stefanick is director of youth outreach for YDisciple. Visit him at www.RealLifeCatholic.com.

School-choice movement gains momentum

WASHINGTON (CNS) — School-choice initiatives — akin to the quiet students in the back of a classroom — have kept a relatively low profile in recent years while steadily working their way to the front. The movement was given a big boost in late March when the Indiana Supreme Court upheld one of the country's most comprehensive school-choice programs. The state court backed a 2002 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that said that because school vouchers primarily benefit families, they could not be viewed as an unconstitutional state support for religion.

Currently, there are 30 school-choice programs in 17 states and the District of Columbia, serving more than 250,000 students. School-choice programs — primarily vouchers and tax-credit scholarships — have continued to grow since 1990, when the first school-voucher program started in Milwaukee, followed close behind by similar programs in Ohio and Florida.

In the past two years, five new states have added school-choice legislation, while other states have expanded programs already in place.

But for all the steps forward, there are still school-choice programs that do not get approved,

including a recent voucher proposal in Kansas. Congress also has not been keen on voucher legislation. Recently, the Senate voted down more than \$14 billion in federal money for school vouchers for low-income families in an amendment to a spending bill.

John Schoenig, director of the University of Notre Dame's Program for Educational Access, acknowledges that the "pace may be slow" with school-choice initiatives, but he also thinks the movement is seeing a positive turn. "We've never had so much wind at our back," he told Catholic News Service May 2, noting that public opinion on the issue is changing. He said states that have accepted some type of school choice in recent years are "across the political spectrum," such as Utah and Rhode Island.

Schoenig heads a program that was formed in 2010 to conduct research, training and outreach efforts to help low-income families obtain financial access to a faith-based education.

He said that as more states use vouchers or tax credits, it improves the likelihood of other states adopting them, noting that "the more we can demonstrate success, the easier it is to debunk the myths out there and to say it is in our best

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CAROL ZIMMERMANN

interest to put educational choice on the table."

Schoenig said school choice provides unique opportunities for Catholic schools that the Church should be "taking more advantage of." For example, he said, there are "400,000 empty seats in Catholic schools nationwide and approximately 36 percent (of them) are in states that have a school-choice program."

Recent Catholic school closings, he added, may provide an impetus for creative thinking about ways to ensure these schools remain vital, such as lobbying for and tapping into school-choice legislation.

"We shouldn't be afraid of what will happen if we work to transform Catholics schools, but we should be afraid of what will happen if we don't do anything," he stressed.

Sports

BISHOP DWENGER FOOTBALL PLAYERS LAUDED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT The following Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High School football players have received recognition from the Indiana Football Coaches Association for outstanding achievement: Ryan Watercutter, Junior All-State; Nick German, Region All-Star, First Team All-State, Academic All-State; Blake Bowers, Region All-Star, First Team All-State, Academic All-State; Ben Evans, Region All-Star, Academic All-State; Shawn Ryan, Academic All-State; Jonathan Hake, Academic All-State; Gunnar Dahm, Academic All-State; and Gabe Curtis, Academic All-State.

Marian sports teams ready for spring action

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

MISHAWAKA — Spring weather, including lots of rain, is finally upon the Michiana area and the Marian High School Knights spring sports teams are ready for action.

"We have had to reschedule many of the events due to bad weather but that is normal during the spring," said Marian High School athletic director Reggie Glon. "We haven't had a season like this in a while."

Boys' lacrosse

The boys' lacrosse team is new to Marian High School and the team is holding their own with a 4-2 record.

"The number one strength of this team is the willingness to pick up the required skills to play lacrosse and the team chemistry that this team has shown," said lacrosse Head Coach Brian Welch. "The one weakness of this lacrosse team is that we are a new program. In fact, this is the first year Marian has a lacrosse team. Out of the 20 young men on the team, 16 of them have never played the game of lacrosse before. So getting them prepared and picking up the stick skills to compete at the high school level was the biggest obstacle to overcome."

Welch said he has received tremendous support and backing from Principal Carl Loesch and Athletic Director Reggie Glon. Welch feels the newly formed ICCL lacrosse league will help create a field full of squads in years to come.

"The number goal for this season was to get the boys' lacrosse program up and running," said Welch.

Softball

The Marian softball team, coached by George Grenert since 1989, had a record of 29-2 last year and is hoping for great success this season. The goal is to concentrate on the next practice and/or the next game and get better at something each day.

"Our strength at times is our hitting and consistency in our defense," said Grenert. "I believe our biggest strength is playing together and helping each other."

"Our goal for this year is try to

get better each day and to become a better all-around team," said Grenert.

Boys' golf

"Our goal is to play better each and every time as we go along," said Brian Horvath, first-year head golf coach. He has a mostly senior dominated team with junior Michael Makris as his best player.

The team is working hard to finish better in the Northern Indiana Conference tournament play this year than they did last season.

"I expect our seniors to step up to be better this year and start playing better midway through the season so that we can make it down to state," said Horvath who is a longtime golfer and enjoys coaching the kids.

Although this is a senior dominated year, Horvath said he has a strong freshman class with kids who have a lot of good experience with golf that will create a strong team in the future.

Girls' tennis

First-year Coach Tom Snelson feels he has a great group of girls with great attitudes, who are willing to work. The biggest problem has been the weather this season.

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St. Charles Cardinals run away with CYO track and field

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In the second week of Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track and field action, the lady Cardinals from St. Charles ran away from St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, winning every event but one at Bishop Luers stadium on May 1.

The Eagles got a blue ribbon from Emily McManus in an exciting mile run. McManus ran a 6:58.2 with Cardinals Claudia Ream on her heels at 6:58.6 and Molly Ream just a tick behind at 7:01.9. Heather Nellum had another outstanding night winning all four of her events.

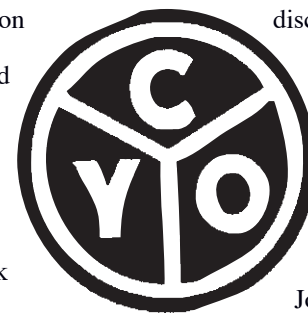
For the boys, St. Charles also came out on top beating out St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, and St. Aloysius. The Cardinals won seven events.

Eagles' Chris Ferrell had a stellar performance winning both sprints, the long jump and anchoring the short relay. Gator Will Schroeder took top honors in the 400-meter dash.

At Bishop Dwenger, Olivia Ray from St. Jude claimed the throwing events and the Eagles won both relays. Amy Weilbaker (high jump and 200) and Julianna Stureman (hurdles and 400) were double winners for St. Vincent. St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth placed third in the meet paced by a win from Ella Machall in the long jump.

Frankie Yanko won three events (long jump, 100, relay) and placed second in the discus throw for St. Vincent who won the boys' meet.

The Panthers also won both relays, the mile (Jack Maketos), hurdles (Christopher Dewald), high jump (Jimmy Shea) and the



discus (Eddie Dahm). St. Jude's Chino Eke won the 200, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth got a victory in the 400- and 800-meter runs from Joe Deiser and Noah Tippmann from St. John the Baptist, New Haven, took the shot put.

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MAY CROWNING AND PROCESSION IN FORT WAYNE



JERRY KESSENS

Ellen Reidy, 8, of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne a second-grade student at St. Charles Borromeo School, places flowers on the Blessed Mother statue at St. Mary Church in Fort Wayne. Father James Bromwich and Father Daniel Whelan of the Sons of St. Philip Neri organized a May Crowning that began with Mass and then a procession to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and back to St. Mary Church on Saturday, May 4.




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They had a few practices on the courts because of the rain and cold.

"Tennis is a year around sport for some schools with their players playing indoors in the winter and outside during summer. It is


hard to compete with schools that have players that are only playing one sport. We have several players that play multiple sports and even though this sounds good, they suffer because their opponents have been playing for months when the season rolls around," noted Snelson.

"My goals for the girls are to have a good record. We have Penn in our sectional and they currently are a powerhouse ranked fifth in


the state. Penn has seven players that only play tennis and play year round. If more of our girls played year round we would start to compete against bigger schools," said Snelson.

He would like the chance to work with a couple of girls during the summer and get a few more to play during the winter to strengthen the team and improve their competitive chances in the future.


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Mother's Day concert planned
Elkhart — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will host the St. Joseph Valley Camerata and director Scott Hochstetler on Sunday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. for "Comforting Embrace: A Mothers Day Concert." The program includes Maurice Durufle's Requiem with Kevin Vaughn, organist. Free admission, donations requested for support of the Camerata and the music program at St. Vincent de Paul.

Prayer among the stars presented
Notre Dame — PROCLAIM! will present "A Prayer Among the Stars – Religion and Astrophysics in Dialogue," three evenings May 21, 23 and 29, at 7 p.m. and one 10 a.m. matinee on May 28 at the Digital Visualization Theatre (planetarium), Jordan Hall, University of Notre Dame. Advance registration is required. For more information and tickets, contact Patricia Bellm at the Institute for Church Life at pbellm@nd.edu, or call (574) 631-1379.

Bishop Luers host "Run with the Knights!" 5K run/walk
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will host a 5K run/walk on Saturday, May 11, at Foster Park, 3900 Old Mill Rd. Pre-registration is \$15/person, after May 6, \$20/person. Registration begins at 8 a.m., race starts at 9 a.m. For information, contact Sarah Shank

at (260) 456-1261 ext. 3039 or sshank@bishoplueers.org or visit www.bishoplueers.org.

Technology Fundraiser
Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist Parish, 4500 Fairfield Ave., will have an 80s prom Saturday, May 11, in the PAC from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$25/\$30 per person at the door and include heavy appetizers, prom picture by Vorderman Photography and dancing with deejay Dr. Feelgood. A Texas Hold'Em and Black Jack tournament will be taking place with cash prizes. All proceeds benefit the technology of St. John School. Call (260) 456-3321 for information.

Flea market planned
Churubusco — The Rosary Society of St. John Bosco Parish, 216 N. Main St., will host a flea market in the church parking lot on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In case of rain it will be held in the church basement.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3.50. Carry-out available.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
Fort Wayne — The Knights of

Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, May 15, from 5-6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Knights plan Sunday breakfast at Most Precious Blood

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 11043 will have a breakfast on Sunday, May 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Most Precious Blood, 1515 Barthold St. Adults \$6, children (6-12) \$3, family \$20. Proceeds will be given to the Bill Roth Scholarship Fund.

Christ Child Society seeks new members

South Bend — A new member coffee will be held Wednesday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m. at the Christ Child Clothing Center, 308 S. Scott St. (the old St. Patrick's School). Meet some of the members, hear more about the work Christ Child does, tour the center and learn how to become involved. For more information contact Kristy Botich (574) 291-7523 or wbotich@sbcglobal.net.

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Fort Wayne — The Creighton Model System of fertility will be presented Saturday, May 11, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the Mother Teresa Room. RSVPs required. Call Theresa at (260) 494-6444 or email at chartdaily365@frontier.com.

Aging with Grace brunch planned

Fort Wayne — In honor of Older American's Month, Villa of the Woods Senior Residential Living Center, 5610 Noll Ave., will present an Aging with Grace brunch, Thursday, May 23, at 10 a.m. Speakers from the Better Business Bureau, Home Care Services and the Fort Wayne

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and his predecessor, neither lives in the papal apartments of the Apostolic Palace. Pope Francis continues to live in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the Vatican guesthouse just south of St. Peter's Basilica where the cardinals stayed during the conclave; the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery where Pope Benedict is living is just to the north of the basilica.

Arriving in Castel Gandolfo a couple hours before his retirement became official, Pope Benedict told a crowd gathered in the town square to welcome him, "I am a simple pilgrim who begins the last stage of his pilgrimage on this earth.

"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 said, reaffirming his plans to spend his retirement in a "hidden life" of prayer and study.

The location he chose as his residence had served since 1994 as home to four different communities of cloistered nuns — Poor Clares, Carmelites, Benedictines and Visitandines — who each spent a five- or three-year term there in a life dedicated to praying for the pope and the Church.

The retired pope will live in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery with Archbishop Georg Ganswein, his secretary, who also serves Pope Francis as prefect of the papal household; and with four consecrated laywomen from Memores Domini. Father Lombardi said. The building also has a guestroom designed particularly for visits from Pope Benedict's older brother, Msgr. Georg Ratzinger.

The Italian government helicopter bringing Pope Benedict to the Vatican from Castel Gandolfo was met at the Vatican heliport by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state; Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals; and other officials from the Vatican governor's office and the secretariat of state.

Waiting in St. Peter's Square to see the helicopter arrive was a priest from Kenya, who did not want to give his name. He told Catholic News Service, "It's good he (Pope Benedict) comes to pray for the new pope and everyone else. He teaches us how to pray."

As for having a pope and a retired pope living in the Vatican, Father Jerabek said: "It's absolutely unprecedented. We're all still trying to figure out what it means."

Noting that Pope Francis has visited and phoned Pope Benedict, Father Jerabek said, "It's obvious he wants to have a close relationship with his predecessor. And now he can take a 15-minute walk to see him."

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