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BY TRISH LINNER

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration hosted a celebration on Sept. 17 to commemorate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special Mass celebrated at the St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka followed by a reception at the Gillespie Conference Center. Over 400 friends and family joined the sisters to celebrate the founding of their order.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades served as the celebrant of the Mass and was joined by over 60 priests. Also in attendance were Bishop Timothy L. Doherty from Lafayette, Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi from Lafayette and Bishop Dale J. Melczek from Gary.

Read Bishop's homily from the Mass in his column 'Truth and Charity' on page 2.

"To see so many bishops, priests and deacons together was so moving," said Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration Sister Cecelina Clare.

Bishop Rhoades spoke to the faithful about the history of the order and their founder.

"It is wonderful to celebrate this 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Mother Maria Theresia's birthday. It is also the feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis. This fact that had deep significance for Mother Maria Theresia. She referred to her birth on the feast of



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass in Mishawaka on Sept. 17 marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

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KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades spreads the Chism oil during the dedication of the new altar at St. Jude Church in South Bend on Sept. 29.

## New altar dedicated, renovations blessed at St. Jude Parish

BY JODI MAGALLANES

SOUTH BEND — The near-completion of a new sanctuary and additions to the school at St. Jude Parish, South Bend, was cause for celebration on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was present at the south-side parish for the Mass with dedication of the new altar and the blessing of the church renovations, which marked the end of one part of a \$3.9 million project.

Construction began in March on an addition to the school and an expanded sanctuary, new narthex and outdoor plaza for the church; updates to the HVAC systems that serve both St. Jude Church and School; and repairs to the school roof. Two new classrooms and office areas have been added to the school. Existing office areas of the school were reconfigured for small-group learning.

For Sunday's occasion, the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses that are normally celebrated were combined into a single Mass that began at 9 a.m.

The Mass began with the blessing of holy water, followed by the sprinkling of the congregation and the blessing of the church that included the three new stained-glass windows of Jesus and the children; the Divine Mercy image; and the Holy Family of Nazareth. The special readings were taken from the Mass for the Dedication of an Altar.

"I wish to congratulate all of you on this accomplishment, an accomplishment that demonstrates your strong faith, your love for the Lord and the gift of the Holy Eucharist, and your stewardship," Bishop Rhoades told the faithful.

"We are nearing the end of the Year of Faith, in which Pope Benedict called the whole Church to rediscover and celebrate the truth, power and

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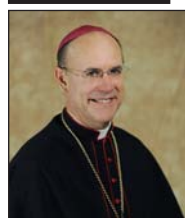


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# Let us glory only in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ!



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

*The following is the homily delivered by  
Bishop Rhoades at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual  
Adoration on September 17<sup>th</sup>.*

On this day, September 17<sup>th</sup>, your holy  
foundress Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel  
was born in the year 1830. It is wonderful to  
celebrate this 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass of the  
Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration  
on Mother Maria Theresia's birthday. And not  
only is this Mother Maria Theresia's birthday:  
it is also the feast of the Stigmata of Saint  
Francis (on the Franciscan calendar). This fact  
always had deep significance for Mother Maria  
Theresia. She referred to her birth on the feast  
of the Stigmata in terms of her life proceed-  
ing or coming forth from the wounds of Saint  
Francis. Throughout her life, her heart, like that  
of Saint Francis, overflowed with love of the  
Crucified Jesus and with love for all suffering  
humanity. She embraced much suffering in her  
own life, and like Saint Francis, with great faith  
she shared in the suffering of Jesus for the sal-  
vation of the world.

The principal reason the Sisters of Saint  
Francis of Perpetual Adoration were founded  
as a separate congregation in 1853 was because  
Mother Maria Theresia felt so deeply the call  
to live the Franciscan rule, rather than the  
Augustinian rule of the congregation that was  
begun three years earlier. The saintly bishop  
of Paderborn, Conrad Martin, saw God's hand  
in Mother Maria Theresia's vision and thus  
proclaimed the Sisters of Saint Francis of Olpe,  
Germany an independent community. He  
appointed Mother Maria Theresia the superior.  
The rest is history.

For 150 years, the Sisters of Saint Francis  
of Perpetual Adoration have striven to be faith-  
ful to the charism of their holy foundress as  
spiritual daughters of Saint Francis according  
to his Third Rule, uniting the active and con-  
templative life, and living the vows of poverty,  
chastity, and obedience. The specific charism  
is that of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament along with the service of charity.  
In the beginning, this involved the education  
and care of poor orphaned children and the  
care of the sick in their homes. In the very  
first words of the original Constitution of the  
Congregation, Mother Maria Theresia wrote:  
"After the example of Holy Father Francis, the  
Sisters shall endeavor to combine the contem-  
plative with the active." And this is what this  
congregation has been doing, with the help of  
God's grace, for 150 years.

The contemplative mission of this congrega-  
tion has its center in the Most Holy Eucharist:  
in Holy Mass and adoration. Following Saint  
Francis, Mother Maria Theresia understood  
that the active apostolate would only bear fruit  
if the sisters were steeped in a life of prayer.  
Therefore, she organized the community life  
so that the sisters would pray before the Holy

Eucharist in hourly rotations, day and night.  
The chapel was also open to the people of  
Olpe, thus fostering the Eucharistic devo-  
tion of the local community. I think of how  
this continues here in Mishawaka today. We  
cannot count or calculate the many graces  
bestowed upon this congregation and upon  
the world through the Perpetual Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament by so many sisters  
these past 150 years. The soul of the spiritual  
life of Saint Francis of Assisi and of Saint  
Clare was devotion to the Holy Eucharist. It  
was also the soul of Mother Maria Theresia's  
spiritual life. Whenever she opened a new  
convent, her first priority was the chapel and  
the enthronement of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Her Eucharistic devotion naturally led her, as  
it did Saint Francis, to have special respect for  
priests. I have personally experienced this com-  
munity's beautiful support, love, and prayers  
for priests. On behalf of all our priests, I thank  
you for your outstanding support of our priestly  
vocation. And I thank you for your loyalty and  
love for the Church, another characteristic of  
your congregation that also reflects the spirit  
of Saint Francis and Mother Maria Theresia.  
Your community continues to attract vocations  
because you believe, pray, live, work, think,  
and feel with the Church. This was fundamen-  
tal for Saint Francis and for your holy found-  
ress. Loving attachment to the Eucharistic  
Body of Christ is connected always to loving  
attachment to the Mystical Body of Christ, the  
Church.

With prayer at the center of daily life,  
Mother Maria Theresia then devoted this con-  
gregation to the active apostolate of charity. In  
the beginning, this work was principally the  
education and formation of youth, especially  
poor, neglected, and orphaned children. The  
care of the sick soon followed. Though time  
does not allow me to recount the amazing  
accomplishments of the Sisters of Saint Francis  
in the active apostolate these past 150 years, I  
wish to mention the providential expansion of  
the Sisters here to the United States because  
of the Kulturkampf in Germany. At the invita-  
tion of the second Bishop of Fort Wayne,  
Joseph Dwenger, Mother Maria Theresia sent  
the first sisters to America, to our diocese.  
Their mission began with the care of the sick  
in Lafayette, at that time part of the Diocese  
of Fort Wayne. Though poor and with little  
knowledge of English, those first missionary  
sisters trusted deeply in divine providence and  
began immediately their active apostolate of  
charity: educating children and caring for the  
sick. Rather quickly, they attracted American  
vocations. With a great pioneer spirit, the sis-  
ters, anchored always in prayer and Eucharistic  
adoration, engaged in the active apostolate,  
beginning in Lafayette teaching in the German  
Saint Boniface School and opening their first  
hospital, named in honor of the Franciscan  
saint, Elizabeth of Hungary. The apostolic  
labors of the Sisters of Saint Francis expanded  
quite rapidly here in the United States. These  
labors have been a great contribution to the  
building up of the Church in this diocese and in  
our country. With true Christ-like charity, the  
Sisters of Saint Francis have accomplished so  
much in the past 150 years in their care of the  
sick and the education of youth. With steadfast  
love for the poor and the suffering and with  
great self-sacrifice, the Sisters of Saint Francis  
have served and continue to serve the Church

and her charitable mission with the humility  
and courage of Saint Francis and Mother Maria  
Theresia Bonzel. We thank the Lord today for  
the many blessings bestowed upon the Church  
these past 150 years through the witness and  
work of Christian charity of the Sisters of Saint  
Francis.

On this feast of the Stigmata of Saint  
Francis, it is good to reflect on that amaz-  
ing event that took place on Mount Alverno  
two years before Saint Francis died. It was  
an amazing miracle of God's grace. Saint  
Francis had a deep devotion to the Passion of  
Jesus and, for years, he had prayed to share  
in that Passion. As his earthly life was draw-  
ing to a close, God answered his prayers in a  
way Francis never would have imagined. The  
wounds of Jesus appeared on his body. Saint  
Bonaventure described this event as follows:

*As he was drawn aloft through ardent long-  
ing for God one morning near the feast of the  
Exaltation of the Cross, and was praying on  
the mountainside, he saw what appeared as  
a seraph with six bright wings gleaming like  
a fire descending from the heights of heaven.  
As this figure approached in swift flight and  
came near the man of God it appeared not  
only winged but also crucified. The sight of it  
amazed Francis and his soul experienced joy  
mingled with pain. He was delighted with the  
sight of Christ appearing to him so graciously  
and intimately and yet the awe-inspiring vision  
of Christ nailed to the cross aroused in his soul  
a joy of compassionate love.*

*When the vision vanished after a mysterious  
and intimate conversation it left Francis aglow  
with seraphic love in his soul. Externally,  
however, it left marks on his body like those  
of the Crucified as if the impression of a seal  
had been left on heated wax. The figures of  
the nails appeared immediately on his hands  
and feet. The heads of the nails were inside his  
hands but on top of his feet with their points  
extending through to the opposite side. His  
right side too showed a blood-red wound as  
if it had been pierced by a lance, and blood  
flowed frequently from it. Because of this new  
and astounding miracle unheard of in times  
past, Francis came down from the mountain  
a new man adorned with the sacred stigmata,  
bearing in his body the image of the Crucified  
not made by a craftsman in wood or stone, but  
fashioned in his members by the hand of the  
living God.*

What can we learn from this extraordi-  
nary event? It is the lesson that Mother Maria  
Theresia learned: the importance of heeding  
the words of Jesus in the Gospel: "If anyone  
wishes to come after me, he must deny him-  
self, take up his cross daily, and follow me."  
To do so means we renounce self-centeredness.  
Like Mother Maria Theresia, we must not be  
afraid of the cross. Trusting in Christ's love  
and entrusting ourselves to Him, we embrace  
his cross, whatever that might be each day.  
This involves first and foremost love, true  
love, sacrificial love. With God's grace, we  
strive to love one another as Christ has loved  
us. When we do, it will involve the cross. Like  
Saint Paul, the cross must be our glory. "Far  
be it from me," he says, "to glory except in the  
cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the  
world has been crucified to me, and I to the  
world." Saint Paul was thus able to say that he

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# Pope, in Sardinia, denounces globalization and unemployment

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Visiting an Italian region especially hard hit by the European economic crisis, Pope Francis blamed high unemployment on globalization driven by greed and said those who give charitable aid to the poor must treat their beneficiaries with dignity.

“We want a just system, a system that lets all of us get ahead,” the pope said Sept. 22, in his first address during a full day on the Italian island of Sardinia. “We don’t want this globalized economic system that does us so much harm. At its center there should be man and woman, as God wants, and not money.”

Sardinia has an overall unemployment rate of nearly 20 percent, rising to nearly 50 percent among young adults.

Before speaking to a crowd of about 20,000 near the Cagliari city port, Pope Francis heard a series of speeches in greeting, including one from an unemployed father of three, who spoke of how joblessness “wears you out to the depths of your soul.”

In response, the pope discarded his prepared remarks and told his audience what he said “comes to me in my heart seeing you in this moment.”

Pope Francis recalled the struggles of his immigrant Italian father in 1930s Argentina.

“They lost everything. There was no work,” he said. “I was not born yet, but I heard them speak about this suffering at home. I know this well. But I must tell you: courage.”

The pope said he knew that his preaching alone would mean little to those in difficulty.

“I must do everything I can so that this word ‘courage’ is not a pretty fleeting word, not only the smile of (a) cordial church employee,” he said. “I want this courage to come out from inside and push me to do all I can as a pastor, as a man. We must all face this historic challenge with solidarity and intelligence.”

The pope said that the current economic crisis was the “consequence of a global choice, of an economic system that led to this tragedy, an economic system centered on an idol, which is called money.”

In his undelivered remarks, which the pope said should be considered “as if they had been spoken,” he thanked those entrepreneurs who, “in spite of everything, have not ceased to commit themselves, to invest and take risks to guarantee employment.”

The pope emphasized the need for “dignified work,” lamenting that that crisis had led to an increase in “inhumane work, slave labor, work without fitting security or without respect for creation.”



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**Pope Francis poses with young people during an encounter with youth in Cagliari, Sardinia, Sept. 22.**



**Pope Francis celebrates Mass at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Bonaria in Cagliari, Sardinia, Sept. 22.**

Pope Francis said that a commitment to the natural environment could actually stimulate job creation in fields such as energy, environmental protection and forestry.

The pope celebrated Sunday Mass in a square outside the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Bonaria, the namesake of his native city of Buenos Aires. Pope Francis originally announced his trip to Sardinia to venerate the statue of Mary there.

Calling for solidarity with the neediest in society, the pope concluded his homily by urging his listeners to “see our brothers and sisters with the gaze of the Madonna, she who invites us to be true brothers.”

He prayed to Mary to “give us your gaze, may no one hide it from us. May our childlike heart defend it from so many windbags who promise illusions, from those who avidly look for an easy life, from promises that cannot be fulfilled.”

At an afternoon gathering with poor people and prisoners who had been taken to the Cagliari cathedral, Pope Francis had strong words for those who practice charity in the wrong spirit.

“Charity is not simply welfare, much less welfare to soothe one’s conscience,” he said. “That’s not love, right? It’s business, a trans-



**Pope Francis kisses a sick man inside the Basilica of Our Lady of Bonaria in Cagliari, Sardinia, Sept. 22.**

action. Love is free.

“Sometimes one finds arrogance, too, in those who serve the poor,” the pope said. “Some make themselves pretty, they fill their mouths with the poor; some exploit the poor in their own interests or those of their group.”

“This is a grave sin, because it means using the needy, those in need, who are the flesh of Jesus, for my vanity,” the pope said. “It would be better for these people to stay home.”



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 6, 2 p.m. — Diocesan Mass for Persons with Disabilities, Saint Jude Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Oct. 7, 5:15 p.m. — Red Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m. — Mass with Dedication of Altar and Blessing of Divine Mercy Chapel, Ironwood Circle, South Bend
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2 p.m. — Meeting of Deacon Formation Policy Board, Blessed John Paul II Center, Mishawaka
- Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 8-10 — Continuing Education Days for Priests, Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park
- Thursday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m. — Annual Dinner of Saint Joseph County Right to Life, Century Center, South Bend
- Friday, Oct. 11, 10:45 a.m. — Talk at Women’s Cursillo, Episcopal Center, Syracuse
- Friday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Anthony de Padua Church, South Bend
- Saturday, Oct. 12, 12 p.m. noon — Lunch at Deaf Catholic Retreat, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Oct. 12, 4:30 p.m. — Mass for Boy Scouts Jamboree, Saint Felix Friary, Huntington

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

- Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, has a holy hour Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and people are encouraged to spend time in Adoration and pray for the intentions of life, marriage and religious liberty.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour 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.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

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was bearing in his body the marks of Jesus. He belonged to Jesus. Saint Francis and Mother Maria Theresia belonged to Jesus. So do we.

Jesus teaches us that “whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for (his) sake will save it.” Sisters of Saint Francis, your life as women religious is to be a witness to this truth. Like your holy foundress, you lose your life for the sake of Jesus in order to save it. You deny yourselves and carry the cross of Jesus. You teach us the joy of following Jesus, the joy that Saint Francis and Mother Maria Theresia knew even in the midst of suffering and pain. I do not mean to idealize your religious life since none of us is perfect. We are all still sinners who depend

on Jesus and His mercy. Yet we thrive to grow in holiness. To do so, we must rely always on the Lord’s grace. We depend on Him. We cannot carry His cross by our own strength any more than Saint Francis could have received the stigmata by his own efforts or power. So we must humbly follow the Lord, relying on His grace. In two months the humble Maria Theresia Bonzel will be called “Blessed” because of her heroic virtues. It is especially the virtue of humility that allowed her to advance along the path of holiness.

May the Lord help us on our journey! May He help us to carry His cross each day! May He continue to bless the Sisters of Saint Francis with the gift of holiness and stir up many more vocations in this congregation!

With Saint Paul, Saint Francis, and soon-to-be Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel, may we glory only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!



# South Bend celebrates blessing of new Life Center, home to pro-life ministries

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — The Life Center, a beautiful new expression of the culture of life in South Bend, was blessed Sept. 22 by Father Thomas Shoemaker, pastor of St. Therese, Little Flower Parish.

The Life Center, owned and operated by the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in Service of Human Life, is the new home of a number of pro-life ministries. The building, located at 2018 Ironwood Circle, stands next to the Women's Pavilion, South Bend's abortion business. About 130 people including a Knights of Columbus Color Guard gathered as Father Shoemaker blessed with holy water the Life Center and the nearby "prayer peninsula," a concrete slab on the other side of the abortion facility where pro-life sidewalk counselors called TLC Advocates station themselves during abortion hours.

About 30 pro-abortion demonstrators stood with their signs in the Women's Pavilion parking lot.

Father Shoemaker led participants in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. As everyone filed into the Life Center for a building tour and ministry fair, the pro-abortion demonstrators shouted, "Pro-choice ... South Bend," which the pro-lifers quietly ignored.

In past years only about two or three babies per year have been saved from death by the intermittent efforts of sidewalk counselors. However, since Nov. 1, 2012, with an overall increase in prayer intercessors and sidewalk counselors there have been 22 babies reported as saved.

The Apostolate of Divine Mercy is a fledgling private association in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades approved it just one year ago with the purpose to promote the "Gospel of Life."



TOM UEBBING

**Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Therese, Little Flower Parish in South Bend, is shown with Shawn Sullivan, far center, at the Sept. 22 blessing ceremony of South Bend's new Life Center, owned and operated by the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in Service of Human Life. The building is the new home of a number of pro-life ministries. Located at 2018 Ironwood Circle, it stands next to the Women's Pavilion, South Bend's abortion business.**

The apostolate's founder and director, Shawn Sullivan, shared that he had scouted the area adjacent to the abortion business looking for a building to purchase to convert into the Life Center. He had approached Forsey Construction, located next to the abortion business, only to learn they had just sold the building to another construction firm. Miraculously, the bank involved in the transaction called Sullivan and said that if he could acquire \$250,000 in 40 days — by Nov. 1 (All Saints Day) — he could buy the building. And against all probability that is what happened.

The most prominent feature of the Life Center is the strikingly beautiful Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Bishop Rhoades will consecrate the chapel at 11 a.m. on Oct. 8.

The Life Center is the home of not only the Apostolate of Divine Mercy, but also Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency, 40 Days for Life, South Bend, Post Abortive

Healing Ministries, TLC Advocates, Natural Family Planning, Theology of the Body Intensity Training (TOBIT) and Life Support, a ministry that provides emergency material and spiritual aid to women who choose life. Silent No More and FACTS-FIRST will also have a presence.

Dr. Alan Keyes, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and presidential candidate, gave a stirring keynote talk that covered a wide range of topics including America's founding on Christian principles, the sovereignty of "We the People," the expulsion of God from national life, God's command to be fruitful and multiply, the population explosion myth and the wealthy financiers of population implosion. Keyes stressed that while there is an obligation to fight evil, the focus should be on being the hands and feet of the body of Christ, building up the culture of life.

"Just do it!" he said.

# Symposium focuses on religious freedom, Affordable Care Act

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — "Religious Freedom under Obamacare" was the topic of a Sept. 19-20 symposium at the University of Notre Dame featuring experts in theology, law, business, politics and the media, as well as a bishop who is an expert in bioethics.

The topic was particularly timely, for earlier that week, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, had sent a letter to all U.S. bishops reaffirming the bishops' "grave concerns" over elements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare. Cardinal Dolan related that the bishops continue to pursue efforts in the Congress and in the courts to challenge rules that require employers to provide employee insurance for immoral services.

He wrote: "We are confident that our rights under the Constitution and other laws protecting religious freedom will eventually be vindicated."

At the Notre Dame symposium, Bishop Robert Morlino of Madison, Wis., said the Bishops Conference was absolutely correct in joining with other people of faith to defend religious freedom. However, he said that religious freedom is not the only argument that can and should be made.

Scripture and Jesus Himself spoke of laws written on the human heart, he explained, and "The laws that are written on the heart — the heart meaning the conscience — are the Ten Commandments." Further, conscience is not autonomous and is not "a dispensation machine" for whatever a person may not like about the Catholic Church. Rather, God also is present in the "inner sanctuary" of the conscience, and "God is to be obeyed."

This law of reason written on

the heart is called Natural Law, he explained, and Natural Law enables one to know many things by reason alone. Thus, many of the things Catholics believe can also be known by reason: that human life is sacred; that marriage is a lifetime commitment between one husband and one wife who are open to children; that abortion and contraception are wrong.

Too often, Bishop Morlino continued, many step back from the burden of showing others how reason — not just faith — leads to those conclusions.

"We have to defend our religious freedom," he stressed, "but the best way to do that is not by claiming that matters which should be known by reason alone are matters of faith."

Also speaking at the symposium was Msgr. Michael Heintz, a theology professor at Notre Dame and the rector of St. Matthew Cathedral. He said he spoke as both a theologian and a pastor, noting there are sometimes "vexing questions" at the intersection between moral theology and pastoral theology.

He said that too often the term "pastoral" is interpreted as meaning "moral principles are somehow relaxed or loosened, or rationalized away in particular, concrete and difficult cases." What pastoral really means, he continued, is "the care of souls, the soulcraft of nurturing and guiding folks who, in good faith, desire to do what is right," even in very difficult circumstances.

"Pastoral care involves helping individuals to form their conscience in accord with the truth, and then assisting them, as they navigate through the choppy and dark waters of messy and sometimes unforeseen circumstances, to act in accord with that rightly formed conscience," Msgr. Heintz said.

Some of the Obamacare rules, he

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continued, put Catholics in "a very difficult spot" because they require Catholics to comply with elements that violate their moral conscience. It has always been the case that Christian believers do not fit into society because of their beliefs, and they may be considered an annoying presence in society. However, Christians are to become "a living sign" of Christ's kingdom in the midst of a utilitarian society in which "a desired end can quite easily and happily justify almost any means," Msgr. Heintz said.

Notre Dame Law Professors Richard Garnett and Carter Snead explained how the U.S. Constitution and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act protect the rights of citizens to exercise their religious beliefs not just within the walls of a church, but also by living out religious values in the public square. Those rights have generally been honored in law until the implementation of Obamacare. Both men expressed the hope that legal challenges to the Obamacare rules would be successful in the courts.

Also speaking were Finance Professor Martijn Cremers, Political Science Professor Michael Zuckert, and journalist William McGurn, a Notre Dame alumnus who had been a speech writer for President George W. Bush and is an editorial page editor for the *New York Post*.

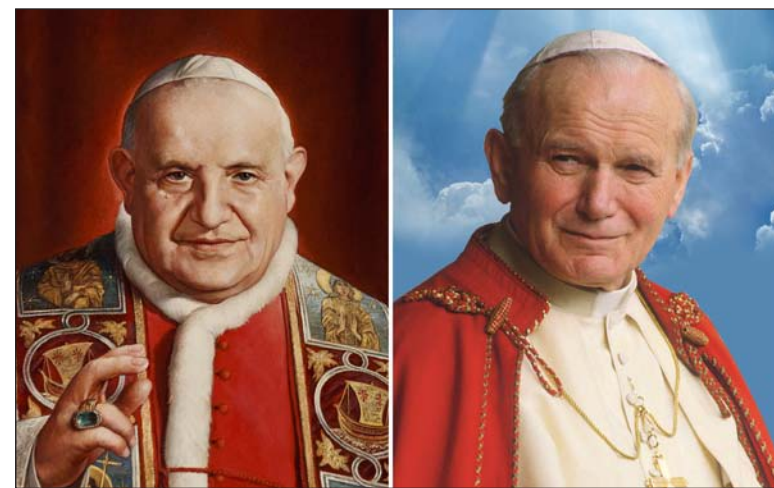
The symposium was hosted by Notre Dame Law Professor Phillip Munoz, who also is director of the Tocqueville Program on Religion and Public Life and the David Potenziani Program in Constitutional Studies. Those two programs were co-sponsors of the symposium, along with the Napa Institute. Also sponsoring were Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters, Center for Ethics and Culture and Henkles Lecture Fund.

## ELKHART COUNTY KNIGHTS DONATE TO SEMINARIAN FUND



KAY COZAD

Representatives of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. James P. Conroy Assembly 2035 of Elkhart County presented Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades with a donation of \$5,522.27 for the Blessed John Paul II Endowment Fund for Seminarian Education on Sept. 25 at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne. Pictured from left are Kevin O'Connor, faithful pilot and Color Guard commander; Dave Kozlowski, faithful purser; Matthew Snyder, faithful navigator; and Bishop Rhoades. A fourth degree Knight himself, Bishop Rhoades, told the men, "I appreciate you supporting the seminarian fund. It's greatly needed. ... Thanks for all you do." Assembly 2035 is made up of members from St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Vincent de Paul parishes in Elkhart, St. Mary in Bristol and St. John the Evangelist in Goshen.



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Pope Francis has set April 27 as the date for the canonization of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II. The two pontiffs will become saints on Divine Mercy Sunday.

## Pope to canonize Blessed John XXIII, John Paul II April 27

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Recognizing that Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II have widespread reputations for holiness and that years of studying their lives and actions have proven their exceptional virtue, Pope Francis announced he would declare his two predecessors saints at a single ceremony April 27. The pope made the announcement Sept. 30 at the end of an "ordinary public consistory," a gathering of cardinals and promoters of the sainthood causes of the two late popes. The consistory took place in the context of a prayer service in Latin and included the reading of brief biographies of the two sainthood candidates.

Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, read the biographies and highlighted the "service to peace" and the impact both popes had "inside and outside the Christian community" at times of great cultural, political and religious transformation.

The testimonies of their lives, "completely dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel, shine in the Church and reverberate in the history of the world as examples of hope and light," the cardinal said.

Blessed John Paul, known as a globetrotter who made 104 trips outside Italy, served as pope from 1978 to 2005 and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, 2011. Blessed John XXIII, known particularly for convoking the Second Vatican Council, was pope from 1958 to 1963; Blessed John Paul beatified him in 2000.

Asked by reporters if retired Pope Benedict would participate in the canonization ceremony, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters it was possible, but given the retired pope's preference for staying out of the public eye, he could not say for sure.

The choice of April 27, which will be Divine Mercy Sunday in

2014, was not a complete surprise. Speaking to reporters traveling with him from Brazil to Rome July 28, Pope Francis said he had been considering Dec. 8, but the possibility of icy roads could make it difficult for Polish pilgrims who would travel by bus to Rome for the ceremony.

The other option, he said, was Divine Mercy Sunday, a celebration instituted worldwide by Pope John Paul. Since the beginning of his pontificate in March, Pope Francis has emphasized God's mercy and readiness to forgive those who recognize their need for pardon. He told reporters on the flight from Brazil that Pope John Paul's promotion of Divine Mercy Sunday showed his intuition that a new "age of mercy" was needed in the Church and the world.

Asked on the plane to describe the two late popes, Pope Francis said Blessed John was "a bit of the 'country priest,' a priest who loves each of the faithful and knows how to care for them; he did this as a bishop and as a nuncio."

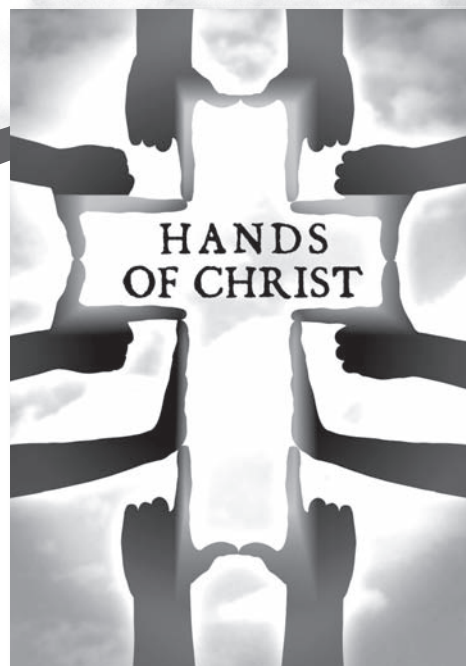
He was holy, patient, had a good sense of humor and, especially by calling the Second Vatican Council, was a man of courage, Pope Francis said. "He was a man who let himself be guided by the Lord."

As for Blessed John Paul, Pope Francis told the reporters on the plane, "I think of him as 'the great missionary of the Church,' because he was 'a man who proclaimed the Gospel everywhere.'"

Pope Francis signed a decree recognizing the miracle needed for Blessed John Paul's canonization July 5; the same day, the Vatican announced that the pope had agreed with members of the Congregation for Saints' Causes that the canonization of Blessed John should go forward even without a second miracle attributed to his intercession.

Except in the case of martyrdom, Vatican rules require one miracle for a candidate's beatification and a second for his or her canonization as confirmations that the candidate really is in heaven with God. However, the pope may set aside the rule.

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## St. Joseph, St. Catherine join ARISE

ROANOKE — "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens"

This verse from Ecclesiastes 3:1 certainly sums up the situation at St. Joseph in Roanoke and St. Catherine, Nix Settlement, when it comes to the ARISE Together In Christ process of spiritual formation. Two years ago when Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invited all parishes to learn about the program of spiritual and parish renewal, two parish representative were sent to the meeting. At that point the two parishes had several small-faith sharing groups that were meeting.

After careful thought, discussion and prayer, the pastor and Parish Life Committee decided that, although the program sounded very interesting, it just wasn't for the two small parishes at that time. The parishes didn't think they had the necessary leadership and the people who would be interested were already in Bible study groups.

Last year when Father Dale Bauman became the pastor of St. Joseph and St. Catherine parishes, he was surprised that the parishes were not part of the ARISE program.

During the winter, a couple of men asked Father Dale why they weren't in ARISE like other parishes were.

They had friends who were telling them how much they enjoyed the group discussions



PROVIDED BY ST. JOSEPH, ROANOKE, AND ST. CATHERINE, NIX SETTLEMENT

**St. Joseph, Roanoke, and St. Catherine, Nix Settlement, will be offering ARISE, Together With Christ this fall. Early results and interest in the faith-sharing process have shown to be very promising. Many parishes across the diocese will begin the Season 3 process of spiritual renewal and evangelization this month.**

and how the sessions were enriching their own faith.

Father Dale asked the committee to rethink the situation.

This summer Father Dale, being the energetic leader that he is, ordered the coordinator's manual and asked Deb Osterholt and Kay Schneider to read over the materials and put together a parish team.

This proved to be much easier than anticipated. The biggest concern for the team

was that the parishes were coming into something a year late.

This fear was alleviated by Dr. Laura Kolmar from Renew International, who explained that the topics were seasonal but not sequential. Parishioners could easily start with Season 3 and go forward from that point.

The parish team worked diligently through bulletin announcements, brochures, calls, talking to others and speakers to explain the program and process.

A neighboring parish, St. Aloysius, Yoder, sent people from their team to speak at the Masses before the first sign-up weekend. Early results were very promising.

Apparently, the fall of 2013 is the appointed time for St. Joseph and St. Catherine parishes.

Parishioners could easily start with Season Three and go forward from that point.

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JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades uses holy water to bless the new dining room at the expanded and renovated Presence LaVerna Terrace apartments in Avilla. Presence executives, local staff and residents, and the architect and general contractor gathered to celebrate the completion of the two-year project on Sept 20.

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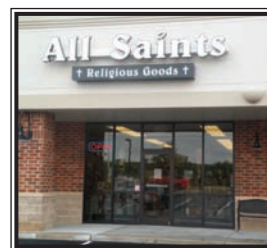
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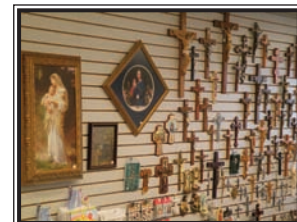
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## Bishop Dwenger High School announces 50th anniversary activities

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School will be celebrating its 50th anniversary during the 2013-2014 school year. Friends, alums and past and present parents are welcome. Friday, Oct. 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m., a pre-game Homecoming Tailgate Picnic and Fun at Zollner will be held. Cost is \$5 per person. Tickets are available in advance at Bishop Dwenger's office or call to reserve a spot. The Saints vs. Indianapolis Cathedral game kickoff is at 7 p.m. A 50th-year fireworks display in the stadium will follow the game. A post-game gathering will be held at Casa Ristoranti Italiano at 4111 Parnell Ave.

Tuffy's Birthday Carnival, featuring the Bishop Dwenger All-Alumni Band Concert and school tours, will be held on Bishop Dwenger's front yard on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 12-3 p.m.

The Hall of Fame Dinner and Ceremony will be held in the BDHS gymnasium on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. Inductees are the following: Alumna of the Year — Diane (Lynch) Hopen '70; Athletics: 1983 State Championship Football Team — Lauren Gant '01; Visual and Performing Arts — Mitchell McKinney '85; and Citizens of Two Worlds — Gene Andert.

For reservations contact Molly (Flood) Schreck at mschreck@bishopdwenger.com or (260) 496-4775.

## St. Anthony de Padua will host parish mission

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua, 2310 E. Jefferson Blvd., in South Bend will host its parish mission featuring a priest of the Congregation of the Priests of Mercy, Father Jewel Aytona, on Oct. 13-17.

Presentations include "God, The Father of Mercies," "Eucharistic King," "Grace and Mercy," "Our Heavenly Mother," and more. Confessions and Adoration will begin at 6 p.m. with mission talks at 7 p.m.

A special youth night for ages 13-25 will also be held at St. Anthony de Padua on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in the gym. The youth night will feature Father Aytona, also known for his beatboxing and breakdancing, and faith and fellowship.

## Faithfest youth rally slated for Oct. 27

WARSAW — Faithfest Diocesan Youth Rally for all high school teens in the diocese will be held Sunday, Oct. 27, at Lakeview Middle School, 848 E. Smith St., in Warsaw.

"Wayfarer Faithfest 2013" will feature Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Confession, Adoration, music and prayer with hundreds of other teens from the diocese, internationally-known speaker and comedian Mike Patin and the always-popular "text the

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## ST. JOHN PASTOR WINS KISS THE PIG CONTEST



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Sons of St. Philip Neri Father Daniel Whelan, pastor St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, won the "kiss the pig" contest between Father Daniel and Amanda Jansen, principal of St. John the Baptist School, for selling the most tickets at St. John's Parish fall festival held Sept. 14.

bishop" session.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with praise and worship, Mass at 10 a.m., text the bishop at 11:15 a.m., lunch, breakout sessions, keynote at 3 p.m., MegaSessions, Confessions at 5 p.m. and closing prayer and dismissal at 6 p.m.

To register, visit <http://faithfest2013.weebly.com> and click on "register now."

## World Priest Day to be celebrated on Oct. 27

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring World Priest Day on the last Sunday in October, which coincides with the Serra Club's Priesthood Sunday, Oct. 27.

World Priest Day focuses on celebrating the ongoing affirmation of priests and building of relationships between couples and priests. The mission and purpose of World Priest Day is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church through the sacrament of Holy Orders.

It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for priests. On this day, or during the week preceding or following it, Catholics across the country are encouraged by the World Priest Day National Coordinating Team to develop activities to affirm priests. Visit [wpd.wwme.org](http://wpd.wwme.org) for activity ideas.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or World Priest Day call (800) 795-5683 or [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) and [wpd.wwme.org](http://wpd.wwme.org).

## Eight receive 2013 Spirit of Holy Cross Award

NOTRE DAME — To mark the solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows, on Sept. 15, and to honor the patroness of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Holy Cross Father Thomas O'Hara, provincial superior of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers, has named eight recipients for the 2013 Spirit of Holy Cross Award.

The award is given annually in glorification of the Virgin Mother to lay collaborators who faithfully serve the Province in the United States and abroad. The Spirit of Holy Cross Award recognizes lay collaborators who devotedly work to make Blessed Basil Moreau's vision and mission to "make God known, loved and served" a reality at the congregation's education, parish and mission apostolates.

The 2013 recipients are: Donna Lamberti, controller, Provincial Business Office (Notre Dame); Mary Pat Russ, physical therapist, Holy Cross House (Notre Dame); Marty Ogren, associate director of warehouse, delivery and transportation, University of Notre Dame; Al and Sue Corrado, Board of Regents (former chairman), alumnus and benefactors, University of Portland, Ore.; Kathy Barber, coordinator of Campus Activities and Commuter Life, King's College (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.); Craig Binney, associate vice president for finance and operations, Stonehill College (Easton, Mass.); Dennis Roverato, retired office manager and supervisor, Family Theater Productions (Hollywood, Calif.);

Fernando Torres Herrera, lay administrator, District of Chile (Santiago, Chile).

## Elkhart County Senior Expo to be held Oct. 10

ELKHART — The fifth annual Elkhart County Senior Expo will be held at Matterhorn Conference Center, 2041 Cassopolis St. from 1-4 p.m. on Oct. 10. Sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) the expo will showcase local area businesses that provide services for seniors in the area, including health experts, real estate professionals, investment opportunities, travel agencies and more. There will be a free health screening as well as door prizes. Admission and parking is free. For more information contact Josh Story at (574) 234-3111 or [jstory@ccfwsb.org](mailto:jstory@ccfwsb.org).

## Victory Noll Center service project makes blankets, hats for those in need

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center will once again host its "Matthew 25 Project" service program to assist those in need in the local area. Volunteers to the program have produced hundreds of no-sew blankets and hats over the past two years that have been donated to local service agencies for distribution. Each Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. will be a "Matthew 25 Day" at the center, where anyone may come to help create the blankets and hats and take part in fellowship and

service. Donations to the project including materials are also welcome. Victory Noll Center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington.

For more information about the program or Victory Noll Center, contact the center at (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, by e-mail at [victorynoll-center@olvm.org](mailto:victorynoll-center@olvm.org), or visit [www.olvm.org/vncenter](http://www.olvm.org/vncenter).

## Mello awarded the German Embassy Teacher of Excellence Award

SOUTH BEND — The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages has awarded Melanie Mello of Saint Joseph High School, the German Embassy



MELANIE MELLO

Teacher of Excellence Award. This prestigious award, created in 2008 by the German Embassy in Washington, recognizes teachers who use modern teaching methods, utilize the newest media in class and motivate their students through a variety of techniques to gain a solid grasp of the German language. Only three instructors in the United States receive this award each year.

Mello will be honored at the annual convention of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in Florida later this fall. In addition, she will take part in a two-week professional development course in Germany, offered by the Goethe-Institut. While in Germany, Mello will "experience the country anew, gaining fresh stimuli on teaching techniques, culture and society and the German language" stated the American Association of Teachers of German website.

"Receiving the award is a great honor and opens the door for any of a number of future projects," Mello commented.

Earlier this year, the Indiana Chapter of American Association of Teachers of German named Mello the German Rising Star. She was chosen because of her support to the teaching profession, her students and colleagues in German, and service to the AATG and IFLTA (Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association). Mello has been a member of the Saint Joseph High School faculty for five years.

## Local man professes solemn vows in the Dominican order

WASHINGTON — Dominican Brother Innocent Vincent Smith, the son of Thomas and Marika Smith of South Bend, is one of nine men who professed his solemn vows on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington.

Brother Innocent professed his vows in the hands of Dominican Father Darren Pierre, the vicar provincial, alongside Dominican Brothers Boniface Endorf, Cassian



# ST. CATHERINE HOSTS ECUMENICAL GATHERING



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St. Catherine of Alexandra, Nix Settlement, hosted a women's ecumenical gathering on Sept. 16 in the parish hall. The 66 women in attendance came from Laud Christian Church, Washington Center United Methodist Church, Hope Lutheran Church, Pleasant Chapel Church, Saturn Christian Church, Jefferson Chapel Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church, Roanoke. The St. Joseph ladies provided desserts for the meal. Father Dale Bauman, pastor of St. Catherine, gave the blessing. Following the meal, Ted Vesa provided entertainment with a talk and slideshow on bluebirds.

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Derbes, Charles Shonk, Vincent Ferrer Bagan, Cajetan Cuddy, Clement Dickie, Philip Neri Jordan Reese and John Baptist Hoang.

Through the profession of solemn vows, Dominican friars commit themselves until death to the work of the Dominican order and the observance of the vows of obedience, poverty and chastity. All nine brothers are continuing their preparation for ordination to the Priesthood.

A son of Sacred Heart Parish in Notre Dame, Brother Innocent attended St. Gregory's Academy in Elmhurst, Pa., and is an alumnus of the University of Notre Dame, where he earned his bachelor's degree in music and philosophy. Before entering the Dominicans in 2008, he worked as a cataloguer of rare books at Notre Dame Library, and served as director of the Notre Dame Schola Gregoriana. In addition, he worked as archivist of a private collection of Irish Traditional Music recordings in Chicago. Brother Innocent made his first profession of vows at St. Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati in 2009.

### Local man joins Franciscan Cap Corps

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — South Bend resident Timothy Powers, son of Gerard Powers and Therese Sullivan, has been commissioned as a Cap

Corps volunteer. Cap Corps is a Franciscan Capuchin volunteer ministry, geared to college-age students and graduates who wish to emulate the example of St. Francis of Assisi and serve the poor and disenfranchised.

Powers is a 2011 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and will be providing service to Milwaukee's Guest House and running the community garden from which the produce helps feed the homeless guests staying at the center.

"I choose Cap Corps for a number of reasons, primarily because a year of service is something I have wanted to pursue for some time now," Powers explains. "My parents learned so much from their year volunteering with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. That organization and Cap Corps share the four pillars: Community, service, simple living and spirituality. These are four strong values every Catholic can live by."

The Capuchins are an international community of friars modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi. The brothers of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, serve in a variety of ministries including social service, schools, chaplaincy, retreat houses and parishes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Arizona, California, Nicaragua and Panama. Established at Mt. Calvary, Wis., in 1857, there are currently 174 members in the St. Joseph province.

### Notre Dame to host Rosary for Life Oct. 8

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame's Office of University Life Initiatives together with the Office of the President will host the Rosary for Life on Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame, beginning at 6:30 p.m. University of Notre Dame President, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, will lead the community in the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary during the rosary and respect life month. Students, faculty and staff will accompany Father Jenkins, reading Scripture passages and meditations before each decade of the rosary.

The Office of University Life Initiatives is a collaborative effort between the university's Office of the President and Institute for Church Life. The office seeks to integrate principles of the Catholic teaching on the sanctity of life across all areas of the university and collaborates with relevant education and research programs across all colleges to support and enhance the university mission and vision as a Catholic institution of higher education.

For more information, visit [lifeinitiatives.nd.edu](http://lifeinitiatives.nd.edu) or contact Jessica Keating at [jkeatin2@nd.edu](mailto:jkeatin2@nd.edu).

### USF events honor St. Francis

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will celebrate the feast of its patron saint, Francis of Assisi, with three events on or near Oct. 4. The events at the

university, which will commemorate Francis' impact on the world, are sponsored by the Center for Franciscan Life.

The Transitus, a traditional Franciscan prayer service commemorating St. Francis' passing into heaven, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in St. Francis Chapel at the west end of Trinity Hall. Through readings, hymns and ritual, participants will re-live the night of Francis' passage through death to eternal life.

In honor of St. Francis' "birth into heaven," Mass will be celebrated in St. Francis Chapel on Friday, Oct. 4, at 12:05 p.m. University chaplain Father David Meinzen will be the celebrant, and liturgical music will be provided by members of USF Music Ministry and the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. People of all faiths are invited to join in this celebration of St. Francis' life in word, song and sacrament.

A blessing of pets in honor of St. Francis will take place on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. in front of Brookside (former Bass mansion) near the St. Francis statue. Pets of all species are welcome, as are their owners.

All events are open to the public without charge. University alumni, secular Franciscans and other Franciscan believers are especially welcomed.

For more information, call Sister Anita Holzmer, director of the Center for Franciscan Life, at (260) 399-7700, ext. 6705.

### Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ celebrate 90 years

DONALDSON — The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ invite the public to join them in celebrating 90 years in Donaldson. The event will be Sunday, Oct. 13, from 1-4 p.m. at The Center at Donaldson, 9601 Union Road, Donaldson.

Learn about the history of the Poor Handmaids in Donaldson and the impact the congregation has made during its 90 years in Marshall County. There will be room displays depicting life in 1923 at Convent Ancilla Domini. Guided tours will be available at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, Ancilla College, MoonTree Studios, Catherine Kasper Home and Maria Center, as well as in the beautiful Gothic chapel. An old-fashioned ice cream social will be held at Catherine Kasper Home.

### Correction of choir director

In the Sept. 15, 2013 issue of *Today's Catholic*, the choir director prior to Kathy Fredrickson was Dr. Michael Ruhling, not Mike Rulli who was mentioned in the retirement story of Fredrickson. Ruhling has numerous doctorates and is a professor at Rochester (New York) Institute of Technology and an adjunct professor at Eastman School. He earned his doctorate at The Catholic University and started the Maple City Chamber Orchestra in Goshen.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA 'ROCK' IN ELKHART, BRISTOL



PHOTO PROVIDED THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CIRCLE NO. 434

The Daughters of Isabella Circle No. 434 held their first rock-a-thon on Sunday, Sept. 8, at St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart and St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol to raise funds to assist their parish and people in need in their communities. The members asked for pledges from family and friends and rocked before and after the Sunday Masses. The Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: "Unity, Friendship and Charity." In the photo, participant Patti Roberts is shown in the rocking chair.

## CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY MEMBERS DISTRIBUTE COATS



KAREN CLIFFORD

South Bend Christ Child volunteer Kathleen Flynn Fox shows two sizes of coats for a client's daughter. The South Bend Chapter of the Christ Child Society is a not-for-profit association of volunteers dedicated to the personal service and clothing of all needy children and infants in the love and spirit of the Christ Child.





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# Bishop Rhoades celebrates marriage at annual anniversary Mass

BY TRISH LINNER

**SOUTH BEND** — Celebrating couples reaching milestone anniversaries in their marriage, the annual Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was held on Sunday, Sept. 22, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

Bishop Rhoades welcomed the couples and thanked them for their faithful witness to the Lord in the sacrament of Marriage.

God established marriage as a special reflection of His love.

Bishop Rhoades told the faithful in the homily, "Marriage based on exclusive and definitive love (is) the icon (or image) of the relationship between God and His people..." (USCCB II). When we think of God's love and Christian marital love, we realize that it is not merely a sentiment or emotion. It involves both our intellect and our will. And it is something that is never finished and complete. It grows and matures through life, through ups and downs, joys and sorrows. Our anniversary couples can testify to this. It involves sacrifice. We see this in Jesus and His Passion and crucifixion — the total gift of Jesus the Bridegroom to His Bride, the Church. It's what Pope Benedict called 'love in its most radical form.'"

St. Paul called upon husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church — totally, unto death.

"This is what you who are married promised when you exchanged your wedding vows: to love and honor each other until death do you part," Bishop Rhoades said. "You pledged your love and fidelity for as long as you live."

"This mutual married love is an image of the absolute and unending love with which God loves mankind," he said. "Of course, we know that because of human sinfulness, our love is never as pure and deep as God's perfect love. Yet, with the help of God's grace in the sacrament of Marriage, you receive the strength and power to grow in love."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that couples receive grace from Marriage: "Christ dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow Him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens, to be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ, and to love one another with supernatural, tender and fruitful love."

Bishop Rhoades said, "The Mass is the perfect way to celebrate these wedding anniversaries because the Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of love."



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

**Following the Anniversary Mass, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades poses with Stanley and Theresa Jozwiak, a couple from Christ the King Parish, South Bend, and celebrating 70 years of marriage. Bishop Rhoades celebrated a wedding anniversary Mass for couples marking their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Sept. 22.**

"We pray for all our anniversary couples," Bishop Rhoades said, "that their love may continue to grow and that they may continue to cling to the unconditional promise they made on their wedding days. May God 'who is love' abide always in your hearts! May the love of Christ, present in the Holy Eucharist, move all married couples and all of us to ever greater heights of love!"

One couple celebrating a special anniversary this year is Laszlo and Clara Kocsis. They were married on Dec. 6, 1953 in Marqota, Hungary, and celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The couple was married during communist rule in the small town where Clara grew up.

"At the time many couples didn't want their names recorded in the church marriage book for fear of repercussions from the government. When the priest asked my husband if he wanted our names recorded, he gave a resounding, 'Yes, Father.' I knew that I had married a man of principle," said Clara.

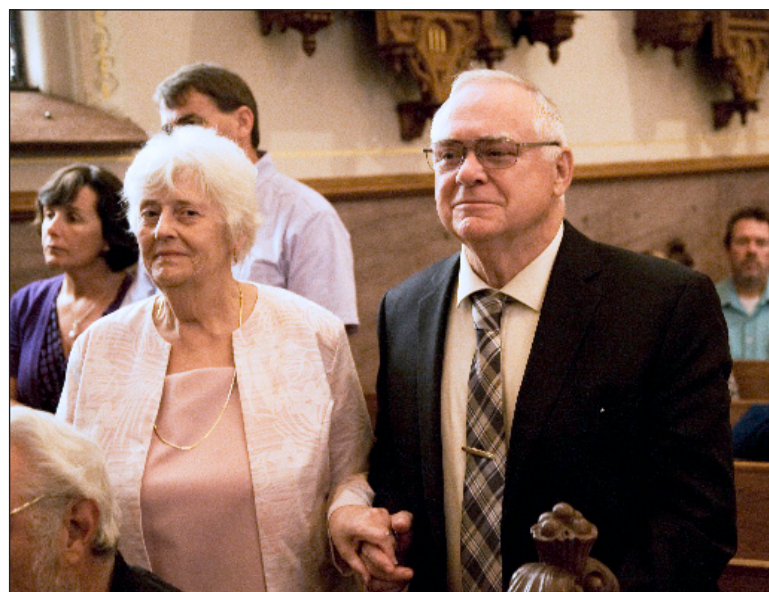
The couple settled down and began a family, but they feared for their safety. Lazlo had served with the freedom fight-

ers during the war and had even been a prisoner. Under government oppression and often persecution of Christians, Lazlo and Clara dreamed of a better life for their growing family. Lazlo had several cousins in South Bend and they decided to leave everything they had ever known and migrate to the United States.

"At the time the United States government was eager to help people escape from communist rule," said Lazlo. "If you had a sponsor to help you, like we did, it made the process go faster." In fact the couple and their two small children, Gabriella and Kinga spent a month in Austria and Germany and then were able to come to the United States.

"What a surprise it was to arrive in an open society. It was so different coming from a communist society. We arrived with the clothes on our backs and two small bags for the children. We were ready to start a new life," said Clara.

"It was a very brave thing my parents did for our family," said Gabriella, the couple's oldest daughter. "To leave all they knew behind to come to another



JERRY KESSENS

**Kenneth and Karen Amstutz, who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, receive a blessing at the Fort Wayne Anniversary Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sept. 15. Msgr. Robert Schulte, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, was the Mass celebrant.**



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

**The Anniversary Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral was followed by a reception for the couples and their families where Bishop Rhoades posed for photos with many of the couples.**

country to make a better life for us, my brothers and sisters and I know how lucky we are to have parents like them."

Lazlo and Clara have five children, 11 grandchildren, and they recently all visited Prince Edward Island together to celebrate the couple's anniversary. "It was a wonderful trip," said Clara. "We are so blessed to have such a wonderful family."

The couple credits their long marriage to "our faith in God and our similar backgrounds. We both grew up with the same faith and family values. We are lucky and we have been blessed," said Lazlo.

"It's special to celebrate this anniversary," Clara said. "We are happy to have our marriage blessed again at the special Mass."

Other couples in attendance shared the Kocsis family's views about the Mass. "What a beautiful celebration of marriage," said Elizabeth Stanson. "My husband Jeff and I have

been married for 10 years. We have made it a tradition to come to this Mass every year. It reminds us of the strength we have in our marriage with Christ. It is also so inspiring to see the couples here celebrating real milestones in their lives."

Tom and Theresa Byszewski were also celebrating their anniversary. They were married 25 years ago at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. "The Mass was wonderful. It's nice that our Church recognizes the great achievement these couples have made. It's also nice to see so many couples here celebrating today," said Tom.

The Mass was followed by a reception for the couples and their families where Bishop Rhoades posed for photos with many of the couples.

The Fort Wayne anniversary Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sept. 15.



# ONE HUNDRED



Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration stand in prayer during the 150th anniversary Mass on Sept. 17.



Sister M. Rose Agnes Pfautsch was the reader at the 150th anniversary Mass.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is shown with Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi of Lafayette, Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary and Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of Lafayette.



The Sisters provide the music at the 150th anniversary Mass.



# FIFTY YEARS



PHOTOS BY KEVIN HAGGENJOS

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the Mass that honors the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.**



**Sister M. Dorothy Speckhals, provincial vicar, Sister M. Angela Mellady, provincial superior, Postulant Anna Hoeter pushing the wheelchair and Sister M. Alfreda Bracht, at 101 years old, present the offertory gifts to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the 150th celebration Mass of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.**

## 150 YEARS

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the stigmata in terms of her life proceeding or coming forth from the wounds of St. Francis. ... She embraced much suffering in her own life, and like St. Francis, with great faith she shared in the suffering of Jesus for the salvation of the world."

Mother Maria Theresia felt a deep calling to live the Franciscan rule, rather than the Augustinian rule that was begun three years earlier. The saintly bishop of Paderborn, Conrad Martin, saw God's hand in Mother Maria Theresia's vision and thus proclaimed the Sisters of St. Francis of Olpe, Germany, an independent community and appointed Mother Maria Theresia the superior.

Mother Maria Theresia wrote in the original Constitution of the Congregation, "After the example of Holy Father Francis, the sisters shall endeavor to combine the contemplative with the active," Bishop Rhoades related.

The community life of the sisters is organized so that they can pray before the Holy Eucharist at Mass or in hourly rotations day and night.

"We cannot count or calculate the many graces bestowed upon this congregation and upon the world through the Perpetual Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament by so many sisters these past 150 years," Bishop Rhoades said. "We thank the Lord today for the many blessings bestowed upon the Church these past 150 years through the witness and work of Christian charity of the Sisters of St. Francis."

Bishop Rhoades recalled the history of the sisters in the United States. At the invitation of Bishop Joseph Dwenger, five sisters were sent from Germany to the Diocese of Fort Wayne in 1875. Their mission began with the care of the sick in Lafayette, at that time part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne.

"Though poor and with little knowledge of English, those first missionary sisters trusted deeply in Divine Providence and began immediately their active apostolate of charity: educating children and caring for the sick," Bishop Rhoades explained. "With a great pioneer spirit, the sisters, anchored always in prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, engaged in the active apostolate, beginning in Lafayette teaching in the German St. Boniface School and opening their first hospital, named in honor of the Franciscan saint, Elizabeth of Hungary."

Bishop Rhoades acknowledged the support the sisters have given to the priestly vocation. "I have personally experienced this community's beautiful support, love and prayers for priests. On behalf of all our priests, I thank you for your

outstanding support of our priestly vocation. This celebration is all about you. This is your day."

The celebration was attended by almost 100 of the 123 Sisters in the Mishawaka Province. A camera in the chapel allowed the sisters in the skilled nursing facility to participate in the Mass from their rooms.

After Mass, the celebration continued at the Gillespie Center. Sister Angela Mellady, mother superior of the province, spoke to the almost 400 people in attendance. She thanked Bishop Rhoades for celebrating the Mass for the sisters.

"Bishop Rhoades has been a faithful supporter of our mission," Sister Angela said. "I thank him for coming today to celebrate this special occasion with us." She also thanked the bishops from Lafayette and Gary for attending.

Many sisters were touched by the bishop's homily.

"The bishop's homily was a highlight for me. Recovering from a recent surgery we were so grateful he could be here. He always gives beautiful homilies, but this was exceptional. He has spent time reading about the life and spirituality of Mother Maria Theresia and he helped us to gain a deeper appreciation for the legacy she left to us," Sister Angela said.

Sister Maria Faustina, who took her first vows on Aug. 10, also commented on the words of Bishop Rhoades. "What a beautiful history

of the congregation," she said. "I was so impressed that the bishop knew so much about Mother Maria Theresia and her connection with St. Francis. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful bishop to support us."

The celebration was a joyous event for all of the sisters. "Everyone was involved in the planning of the celebration. Some had particular tasks to do, while others doubled up with coverage of hours of Eucharistic Adoration or other house duties and responsibilities and supporting those directly involved with their prayers," said Sister Angela.

"It was a beautiful celebration today," said Sister Mary Joseph. "It is so nice to gather together all of us to celebrate."

Many sisters from other areas joined the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration for the anniversary Mass. Mother Ann Marie, a Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia from Nashville, Tenn., came to support the sisters. "What a wonderful Mass — so festive and jubilant. It is a great celebration for our Church," she said. "These sisters are blessed by God."

Other sisters shared Mother Ann Marie's sentiments, including Sister Felicity Dorsett, who said, "What a blessing these sisters are to the community of God. Today is a beautiful celebration of their dedication."

Sister Angela reflected on

the jubilee of their community. "During this year of jubilee, we have reflected on the many ways God overwhelms us with His love. Mother Maria Theresia wanted us to remember that we are God's instruments. All we do is for the greater honor and glory of God, and He will provide the grace for us to follow Him. Therefore, our motto for this jubilee year is: 'With gratitude and in faith: He leads; I follow.'"

The jubilee year is especially rewarding for the sisters because their founder Mother Maria Theresia is scheduled to be beatified in Germany in November. Forty-eight of the sisters plan to attend the ceremony.

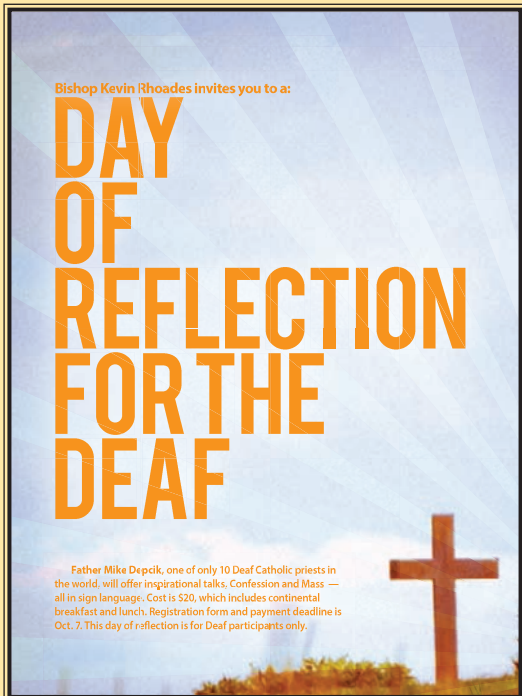
"What a special grace to have our beloved foundress, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, beatified during this jubilee year. We have tried to imbue ourselves more with her spirit and charism during this special year, grateful for our vocation to the community which she founded," said Sister Angela.

The Sisters of Perpetual Adoration hosted a community celebration and reception in Mishawaka on Sept. 29 and will have their Fort Wayne celebration on Sunday, Oct. 13, at the University of Saint Francis. In Fort Wayne, there will be a Mass at 2 p.m. at the North Campus followed by a reception.

For more information about the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration visit [www.ssfpa.org](http://www.ssfpa.org).



# An invitation from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades



The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Office of Evangelization and Special Ministries will offer a Day of Reflection for the Deaf on Saturday, Oct 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual Center, 1502 East Wallen Road, Fort Wayne. Father Mike Depcik, from the Archdiocese of Detroit, one of only 10 deaf Catholic priests in the world, will offer inspirational talks, Confession and Mass - all in sign language. Cost is \$20, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Registration form and payment deadline is Oct. 7. Download registration form at [www.diocesefwsb.org/special-ministries](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/special-ministries).

*This day of reflection is for deaf participants only*

For more information contact Jane Sandor at (260) 399-1450 or email [jsandor@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:jsandor@diocesefwsb.org)

# FATHER PACHOLCZYK SPEAKS AT ICF DAYS FOR DIOCESAN SCHOOLS



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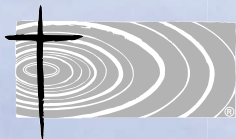
Father Tad Pacholczyk from the National Catholic Bioethics Center and columnist for *Today's Catholic* was the keynote speaker at the 2013 Institute for Catechetical Formation held Sept. 23 at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend and Sept. 24 at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne. Teachers from diocesan Catholic schools and RCIA directors attended the institute. Father Pacholczyk, shown above at the Fort Wayne day, spoke about beginning of life issues — embryonic stem cells and in vitro fertilization — and end of life issues.

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DONNA QUINN

Father Tad Pacholczyk spoke to the teachers and RCIA directors in the South Bend area on Sept. 23 at Saint Joseph High School. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Mass for the New Evangelization in South Bend and Fort Wayne. He told the teachers and educators of the diocese, "You are my partners in the great task of the New Evangelization here in our diocese as you assist in teaching our young people the Gospel of Jesus Christ." He added, "Your vocation is so very important for the lives of our children and young people. For our evangelization to be effective, our witness is even more important than our words. We aren't just to communicate information about God. We are to communicate God, God who is in our midst and present in our lives."



# Pope Francis emphasizes spreading the Gospel of Life in 'context'

BY FREDERICK W. EVERETT, JD

Respect Life Month this October affords us an opportunity to reflect upon the pro-life movement in our country along with the Church's mission in proclaiming, celebrating and serving the Gospel of Life — especially in light of recent comments by Pope Francis. In an interview recently published in Jesuit journals around the world, the supreme pontiff used the image of a field hospital to convey what is primary in the Church's New Evangelization:

"The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds; heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up."

Understanding what is really ailing our culture must be the first step in effectively beginning to heal it. Certainly the pro-life movement has had many successes in saving hundreds of thousands — if not millions — of lives. Despite our successes in providing direct services through excellent agencies such as the Women's Care Center; despite the passage of numerous state laws and regulations limiting the evil effects of abortion; and despite the reduction in the numbers of abortion clinics across the nation; there are still over a million unborn children killed each year in our country. In addition, more states are either considering or legalizing assisted suicide for patients — many of whom are often suffering from depression.

It has become apparent that passing laws that protect the life of every human being from conception until death will not be possible unless we change the direction of our culture — a culture that continues to yield to a growing and increasingly militant secularism. Only once the culture begins to turn back to God will the political process become less polarized and more open to a civil dialogue marked by truth and love. Only a new evangelization of our nation will be able to change the

hearts of our younger citizens so as to embrace a culture of life.

So, what now? What is it that Pope Francis would have us do? If we have properly diagnosed the illness, we should be able to discern what will best treat it. If we look nationally at young adults who are in their early to mid-20s, a small minority of about 15 percent is strong in its faith and is trying to make a positive difference in our culture. On the other hand, about 40 percent of their peers can be described as religiously indifferent, disconnected or hostile. Most of the remaining 45 percent say that they still believe in God, but many really do not know Him. They might think of Him as a cosmic force, a distant Creator, a helper in times of crisis or some form of karma.

While this growing secularism is, of course, tragic, it also offers the Catholic Church an opportunity to reach out anew with the New Evangelization that Blessed John Paul inaugurated and that Pope Francis is now leading.

This New Evangelization must be perceived as something new and inviting to all who have been wounded by our culture. It must be perceived as offering mercy and solidarity and not condemnation. To be authentic and attractive to others, the heart of this New Evangelization must be rooted in an intimate friendship with Jesus Christ, encountered daily in prayer and study. Getting to know Christ through the Scriptures, through the writings of the saints, through the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance, and through the daily recitation of the rosary are all important means of encountering Christ — but none of them can substitute for a daily period set aside for a heart to heart conversation with the Lord.

Let me illustrate this important point with an example. If you have ever seen a newly smitten young

couple, you know that they have little problem in finding the time to communicate with each other. Especially with today's technology, even if they cannot be together in the same physical location, they will text, call, Skype and visit each other's Facebook page ad infinitum, and, even ad nauseam. If they are apart and they decide, for example, to Skype at a certain hour each day, if they are truly smitten, this will

not be seen as some oppressive obligation. On the contrary, they will look forward to it. Such opportunities for communication are the lifeblood of any such relationship for it to grow in ardor. The same is true with setting aside time each day for conversation with the Lord.

Only a love that is passionate will attract others to the truth. The main work of the New Evangelization is to manifest the loving face of God to each person we

encounter and to encourage people in their own relationship with God. This can only happen, though, if we have an intimate relationship with Him ourselves. To have this, we need to know Him and to love Him passionately. As St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and other doctors of the Church have written, this comes through an ever deepening prayer life.

It is the conviction of the Church — a conviction upon which the pro-life movement rests — that God loves each human being — from the unborn child to the sick and elderly — with a passion that far exceeds that of lovers, spouses or parents. However, for a friendship to form, that love must be reciprocated — even if it begins only as a small, tender shoot. What is this beginning according to the doctors of the Church? A friendship with God begins with an acknowledgement of His Lordship and the firm resolution not to offend Him in any serious

**This New Evangelization must be perceived as something new and inviting to all who have been wounded by our culture. It must be perceived as offering mercy and solidarity and not condemnation.**

matter. For Christians, this begins with a firm resolution to accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to follow His commandments as taught by the Church.

Once a person has resolved to put God first, that person is much more open to learning about the Gospel of Life and much more willing to proclaim, celebrate and serve it in his or her own life. This is the "context" that Pope Francis believes will be the most fruitful. This does not mean that a person cannot be convinced of the truth of the Gospel of Life on its own terms without such a deep conversion of heart, but, in my experience, such people will tend to be more intellectually minded than most. This does not mean that the Church should stop making its case from reason in the public square, but that the Church must be careful in not letting this effort eclipse evangelizing others in the faith.

Once a person is on this trajectory of spiritual growth and renewal, he or she goes beyond

simply resolving not to offend God in serious matters. The next step is a firm resolution not to offend God in any matter regardless of the cost followed by the final step of resolving to please Him in every matter despite any preferences to the contrary. At this stage, a person can begin to sincerely say along with the saints that they would rather die a thousand deaths, than do anything to displease God. This is the type of ardor, the type of passionate love of God that can begin to break through and destroy the secularism that is slowly choking our culture.

What the pro-life movement most needs today are modern saints who radiate the truth and love of God. Nothing else will do. With Pope Francis, let us all rededicate ourselves to this great mission of our times.

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# John Paul the Great and the Gospel of Life

*The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message.*

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*The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel.*

— Blessed John Paul II

BY LISA EVERETT

As we look forward to the canonization of Blessed John Paul II this coming spring, it seems fitting to consider what a debt we owe as a Church to this man whom the Holy Spirit placed on the chair of Peter as a champion of human love and human life at a critical time in history.

"As a young priest, I learned to love human love," Pope John Paul once reflected. He counted many married couples among his friends, and when he was appointed chaplain for the university students in his diocese, he took small groups of young people camping among the lakes and ski slopes of the Tatra mountains. There was singing and laughter but also serious conversation on what interested the students most — relationships, marriage and sex. Father Wojtyla listened sincerely and spoke frankly, showing the young people what their dignity and their Christian faith demanded. As a professor of ethics at the Catholic University of Lublin in the 1960s, he delivered an eyebrow-raising series of lectures on love, marriage and sex that later became the

book, "Love and Responsibility." Many years later, the pope, who began World Youth Day, would articulate his conviction that helping young people to understand the link between love and life and sex is the irreplaceable foundation for the culture of life:

"It is an illusion to think that we can build a true culture of human life if we do not help the young to accept and experience sexuality and love and the whole of life according to their true meaning and their close interconnection. Sexuality, which enriches the whole person, manifests its inmost meaning in leading the person to the gift of self in love. The trivialization of sexuality is among the principal factors which have led to contempt for new life."

As bishop of Cracow, Karol Wojtyla was appointed as a member of the "birth control commission" established by Pope John XXIII and expanded by Pope Paul VI. Since he was not allowed to leave communist Poland to attend the meetings in Rome, Bishop Wojtyla participated via written reflections, a stroke of Providence, which gave him enormous influence on the writing of "Humanae vitae," the landmark encyclical which reaffirmed the constant teaching of the Church on the responsible transmission of human life.

When he became pope in 1978, Karol Wojtyla lost no time in the making the pastoral care of marriage and the family one of his main priorities. In the first three years of his pontificate, in fact, he launched five major initiatives regarding the family. First, in September of 1979 he started his series of Wednesday audience catecheses that came to be known as the "theology of the

body," a primary purpose of which was to give a deeper and more beautiful basis to the Church's understanding of and evangelization about sexuality, including the moral norm prohibiting contraception. Second, in 1980, he convened an international synod of bishops on the family. Third, in 1981, he inaugurated the Pontifical Council for the Family and, fourth, he authored the apostolic exhortation, "Familiaris consortio," on the role of the Christian family in the modern world. In this document, he laid out a breathtaking vision for the family as a community of persons at the service of love and life. When presenting difficult issues like contraception, he referred to the Church as both teacher and mother:

"In the field of conjugal morality the Church is Teacher and Mother and acts as such. As Teacher, she never tires of proclaiming the moral norm that must guide the responsible transmission of life. The Church is in no way the author or the arbiter of this norm. ... As Mother, the Church is close to the many married couples who find themselves in difficulty over this important point of the moral life ... she knows that many couples encounter difficulties not only in the concrete fulfillment of the moral norm but even in understanding its inherent values. But it is one and the same Church that is both Teacher and Mother. And so the Church never ceases to exhort and encourage all to resolve whatever conjugal difficulties may arise without ever falsifying or compromising the truth: she is convinced that there can be no true contradiction between the

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divine law on transmitting life and that on fostering authentic married love." Later on he would reflect that the motherly love of the Church consists in being close to people and all that happens to them, bringing their human needs within the radius of Christ's saving power, as did Our Lady at the wedding at Cana. There, Mary, the model of the Church, acted as both mother and teacher, noticing the need of the newlyweds and interceding with her Son, but also giving a clear directive to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

It was to Our Lady, in fact, that John Paul the Great entrusted the cause of life, and it was on one of her feast days that he planned to announce his fifth major initiative for the family. He was on his way to the Wednesday audience on May 13, 1981 to announce the estab-

lishment in Rome of a Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family when the would-be assassin struck. Months later, the Holy Father entrusted the Institute to Our Lady of Fatima, who he credited with saving his life that day. Many years later, in 1994, when the Holy See was battling to keep contraception and abortion from being defined as universal human rights by the United Nations, Pope John Paul connected the attack on his life with the attack on the family:

"I understand that I have to lead Christ's Church into the Third Millennium through prayer, by various programs. But I saw that this is not enough, she must be led by suffering, by the attack 13 years ago. The Pope has to be attacked. Why now? Why in the Year of the Family? Precisely because the family is threatened, the family is under attack. The Pope has to suffer, be attacked, so that every family may see that there is a higher Gospel, the Gospel of suffering by which the future is prepared. ..."

Blessed John Paul II often

repeated his conviction that the future of humanity passes by way of the family. In his "Letter to Families" to mark the United Nations Year of the Family in 1994, he wrote that "the family is placed at the centre of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love." He took up this theme again the following year in his encyclical "Evangelium Vitae," the "Gospel of Life," calling upon the family to become "the 'sanctuary of life,' the place in which life — the gift of God — can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth. Consequently the role of the family in building a culture of life is decisive and irreplaceable."

During Respect Life month, as the Year of Faith draws to a close, let us take to heart the appeal addressed to each of us by soon-to-be-saint John Paul the Great: "I look with renewed confidence to

every household and I pray that at every level a general commitment to support the family will reappear and be strengthened, so that today too — even amid so many difficulties and serious threats — the family will always remain, in accordance

with God's plan, the 'sanctuary of life.'"

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JOHN PAUL II, Evangelium Vitae

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## My other brothers

When David and I got married, I inherited something I had never had before ... three older brothers. Growing up as the firstborn in a family of what would become 13 children, I had plenty of experience “setting the example,” “going first,” “trying it before others” and other oldest-child phenomena, but no experience of gleaning from the knowledge of older siblings or enjoying the protection of them. When I got married, I didn’t realize it at the time, but those unique blessings of having older brothers would follow me throughout the years.

My “Other Brothers” as I call them, are a varied bunch — a doctor, a businessman, a golf professional. They are about as different in personality from me as toucans are from field sparrows. They are consummate colorful extroverts. I’m a cozy-ish friendly introvert.

They are bold. I am subtle. They know everything about sports. I’m more academic. And they do some things that I would, um, never do. But I love them.

Over the years, my Other Brothers’ care and protection has been a tremendous blessing in my life.

In 2005, Big Brother No. 2 (the doctor — surgeon actually) personally (with my permission) found out the results of a biopsy I had, and came to my home to deliver the difficult news himself — the news that I had cancer. He tried to soften the blow by bringing a bag of delicious bagels, (which I wanted to throw at him viciously once I heard what he had to say). Like any brother, however, he took my panicked reaction on the chin and didn’t take it personally.

In retrospect I can’t believe he broke the news to my husband and me himself. It couldn’t have been



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easy telling us that I had cancer. This Other Brother could have sloughed off the chore on someone else (namely my own doctor), but he came anyway, thinking of us, not himself. During the weeks following my diagnosis, he set me up with the best oncologist around, and helped me navigate the frightening tests, meetings and descriptions of my chemotherapy options. He expedited my treatment, as

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## Resolve to follow Christ



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 17:5-10

This weekend’s first reading is from the Book of Habakkuk, by comparison among the prophets a short work, including only three chapters. In some cases, little is known about the author of a given book.

In this case, the prophet identifies himself by name (Hab 1:1, 3:1). However, this hardly stills all other questions. Who was Habakkuk?

Some experts believe Habakkuk was a prophet associated with the temple in Jerusalem. When did he write? The most accepted opinion is that Habakkuk wrote this work in the latter part of the 7th century B.C. At the time, the struggles among the great powers of the Middle East were numerous and intense, and the small Jewish community was threatened in the accompanying clash.

It is not hard to imagine fear and anxiety among the people of God, and desperation and confusion easily led them away from strict obedience to God.

Like the other prophets, Habakkuk appealed to his contemporaries to call to God for protection in the uncertain international situation. The prophet insists, however, that the “just” will survive.

Paul’s second Epistle to Timothy gives us the second

reading. In this letter, the Apostle Paul reminds Timothy of the strength available to him as a bishop. Indeed, the reading refers to the ancient gesture of laying on hands, on the head of the candidate, still an essential and primary act in the ordaining of deacons, priests and bishops, not only for Roman Catholics, but also for Episcopalians and Orthodox.

Furthermore, Timothy is instructed not to preach his own mind, but instead to preach the Gospel of Christ.

St. Luke’s Gospel is the source of the third reading. This Gospel was read during the liturgies of recently preceding weekends. Therefore, what has already been heard in these earlier readings forms an umbrella over what is read this weekend.

The overall theme is that following Jesus requires strong determination and much faith. The Lord has many disciples who stumble and fall. It is a world of sin and selfishness. Temptations are rampant. Most critically, God, in Jesus, always forgives those sinners who earnestly repent.

Into this scene comes this weekend’s reading. As have been the other recent Gospel readings, this passage is a parable.

Scholars cannot agree on the term used to describe the servant. Is he “worthless,” or “useless,” or “unprofitable,” or “unproductive.”? One ancient Greek text has “owing nothing.” It is clear, however, that the servant is not so worthless as to be beyond God’s love.

Also clear is that the master in no way relies upon the servant. Still, the context is that the servant is kept, not discharged. Indeed, the relationship between the servant and master is such that the servant assumes to have a place at the master’s table.

### Reflection

For weeks, through Scriptures read at Mass, the Church has been summoning us to discipleship. It has been no call to drift along the primrose path. It has not exalted human nature above and beyond what human nature is in fact. Rather, it has been frank, even somberly warning at times.

This is the background from which these readings appear. Taken together, they are instructive, alerting us to dangers. They also console us with assurances of hope and of life.

Each sincere follower of Jesus must see herself or himself as the servant mentioned this weekend in Luke’s Gospel. As sinning so well demonstrates, we are not as successful in finding heaven as we might think we are. We need God to show the way.

Habakkuk lets us know that there are many detours and obstacles lying before us. However, God will help us, if we allow it. We allow this help to come by being firm in our resolve to follow Christ.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10

**Monday:** Jon 1:1-2:2, 11 (Ps) Jon 2:2-5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

## Life Matters:

BY FRANK J. MONCHER

### Domestic violence

Domestic violence is a hidden scourge on our families and communities. Those who are victimized often keep it a private matter for various reasons: fear, shame, well-intended efforts to preserve the family. Aggressors, if they even recognize their problem, are not likely to have it addressed. Yet it touches many, and knows no boundaries of race, social class, ethnicity, creed or age (most victims are first abused as teens). Statistics suggest one in four women experience domestic violence in their lifetime, and three in four Americans are reported to know a victim, though most episodes are not reported to the authorities. Although the majority of victims are female, an estimated 15 percent are males.

Domestic violence and emotional abuse are typically used together in a relationship to control the victim. Persons may be married, living together or dating. Examples of emotional abuse include name-calling, putdowns, restricting contact with family or friends, withholding money, preventing a partner from working, actual or threatened physical harm (hitting, pushing, shoving), sexual assault, stalking and intimidation. In “The Gospel of Life” Blessed John Paul II highlighted the gravity of the issue: “At the root of every act of violence against one’s neighbor there is a concession to the ‘thinking’ of the evil one, the one who ‘was a murderer from the beginning’ (Jn 8:44).” He also outlined the importance of the family as the primary community of life and love in which children are nurtured. How vital it is, then, to understand how to keep family members safe from violence in their homes, and how to heal and reunite families where violence has occurred, when possible.

### The person being harmed

Persons experiencing domestic violence are often termed “victims,” or if the situation has resolved, “survivors,” but it is most important to recall they are children of God, with inherent dignity and deserving our love and respect. This is especially true because as abused persons they are often plagued by feelings of shame, fear and depression and have lost sight of the essential fact of their dignity and worthiness to be loved. At times they may also make decisions that cause an observer (family member or friend) to question their judgment, or become frustrated with them for remaining in what seems to be an obviously dangerous or hopeless situation.

It is commonly accepted that domestic violence is rarely an isolated incident, but is a pattern of behavior aimed at establishing and maintaining power and control over another. The pattern is typically described as a “cycle of violence,” and the seriousness escalates with

each occurrence. The “cycle” begins with a “set-up” phase: The abuser creates a situation in which the victim has no choice but to react in a way that, in the abuser’s mind, justifies the abuse. After the violence, the abuser may fear being held accountable, and so may apologize or make excuses for his or her behavior, pledge to never do it again, or use gifts as a way of coping with guilt or preventing the victim from telling. Next, however, the abuser may excuse the incident as the victim’s fault, or resume “life as usual” as if nothing happened. The abuser expects that the victim will participate in the cover-up. Finally, the abuser thinks about the past and the future in a manner that drives the abuser to mentally “set up” the next episode of violence.

### The role of friends and extended family

Although this problem tends to be hidden, friends, colleagues, and extended family can play a critical role in fostering peace. Victims generally ask for help only when the risk of violence increases. An important step to help in preventing or stopping violence is recognizing certain risk factors such as jealousy, hypersensitivity and possessiveness, or controlling, explosive or threatening behaviors. If you believe someone you know may be in a troubled situation, you should call a hotline number for assistance, or encourage the person to do so themselves (911), the local hotline, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-7233/TTY (800) 787-3224. Research shows that accessing domestic violence shelter resources reduces the incidence and severity of future violence substantially. When recovering from abuse, victims need guidance in planning for their safety. Consultation with legal advisors can help them to understand how to report and ask for further protection. In sum, the gravity and difficulty for families touched by domestic violence is severe.

Although the struggle toward healing and recovery can be difficult, our faith gives us reason for hope. On the World Day of Peace in 1997, Blessed John Paul II focused on this theme, as demanding as it is vital: “Offer forgiveness and receive peace. ... I know well that it is hard, and sometimes even appears to be impossible to forgive, but it is the only way, because all revenge and all violence give rise to further revenge and violence. It is certainly less difficult to forgive when one is aware that God never tires of loving and forgiving us. ... Let us never forget that everything passes, and only the eternal can fill the heart.”

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# Where the 20th century happened

This past August, while contemplating the beauties of the Ottawa River from the deck of my family's cottage on Allumette Island, Father Raymond de Souza, the Canadian commentator and a former-student-become-friend-and-colleague, offered an interesting take on World Youth Day 2016, which will be held in Cracow. When you think about it, he said, "the 20th century happened in Cracow."

I think I know what Father de Souza meant. Cracow and its people suffered terribly under both Nazi and communist occupation; the murders at Auschwitz took place a few dozen kilometers away; the city-without-God, Nowa Huta, was built outside Cracow, as payback for the city's failure to vote correctly in a bogus communist election. Yet the bad news was not all the news there was, in Cracow. For in this same city, the divine answer to the unprecedented human wickedness of the 20th century was given, in the visions of the Divine Mercy that seized the religious imagination of an obscure Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska. And it was from Cracow that there came a man who brought Sister Faustina's message of Divine Mercy to the world.

When he was a young adult, that man often walked past Sister Faustina's convent in freezing winter weather, clad only in clogs and denims, to his work as a manual laborer. When he became a bishop two decades later, he took up Sister Faustina's cause and helped clarify misunderstandings in Rome about the nun's spiritual diary that were impeding

the spread of the Divine Mercy devotion throughout the world. And finally, that man, now the Bishop of Rome, celebrated the canonization Mass at which Sister Faustina Kowalska was proclaimed the first saint of the third millennium.

The 20th century happened in Cracow. And the answer to the 20th century was given there, too.

Prior to Faustina's canonization, some grumbled that John Paul II was privileging a unique, Polish experience of Catholic piety by putting the Divine Mercy at the center of the Great Jubilee of 2000. That didn't strike me as very persuasive then. And in light of Father de Souza's insightful observation about the singular way that Cracow embodies the 20th century, it doesn't strike me as very persuasive now.

John Paul II had a keen insight into the way in which the two totalitarianisms of the 20th century had shredded the moral and spiritual fabric of humanity. The Gulag and the Nazi death camps; the Ukrainian terror famine, the genocide of the Chinese "cultural revolution," the Cambodian genocide — all of this, and more, had left 21st-century humanity with a terrible burden of guilt. And to whom could those terrible crimes be confessed: those sins that had made an abattoir out of a century imagined, at its outset, to be one of unlimited human progress? How could the guilt piled up by of so many crimes be expiated?

According to Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, another man who read history through Slavic cultural lenses, the unique horrors of the 20th century had taken place because (as the Russian novelist



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GEORGE WEIGEL

and chronicler put it in his 1983 Templeton Prize lecture) men and women had forgotten God: "The failings of human consciousness, deprived of its divine dimension, have been a determining factor in all the major crimes of this century." French theologian Henri de Lubac made a similar point in "The Drama of Atheist Humanism": the 20th century proved that men and women could indeed organize the world without God; but without God, they could only organize it against each other.

John Paul II knew all of this. That is why he wanted to "universalize" the message of the Divine Mercy that had been given in Cracow as the answer to the anguish and despair caused by the horrors of the 20th century. The God of the Bible, a God of infinite mercy, was the One to whom the burden of the 20th century could be brought for expiation.

Keeping all this in mind would help the planners of World Youth Day 2016 give that gathering a particular focus and resonance.

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together growing up. "Frick and Frack," you might say. They have the same high school friends. They finish each other's sentences. Once, we were playing Pictionary and my husband had only drawn one line and a curve, when my Other Brother jumped up, guessing the answer correctly, "Den! It's a lion's den!" he yelled. They think this way, you see, as if their minds were connected, because I think in some way they are. The two will often talk on the car phone all the way into work, which takes 30 minutes. When I want to talk politics, I'll bring it up with this Other Brother, whom I've grown close to too. He mostly shares my political opinions, but is fiercer in expressing it. When we don't agree, we'll argue — just like I will with my biological brothers.

The attributes of Other Brothers are much like the attributes of biological brothers:

- They tease.
- They offer strong opinions.
- They open doors for you and offer you drinks when you are in social situations with them.
- You can commiserate together.
- You learn from each other.
- They will stick up for you or they'll challenge you. There are

benefits to each.

• You will journey through life together, through ups and downs, through births and deaths.

A biological brother becomes one by chance. An Other Brother becomes one by choice — you pick your spouse and he's simply part of the package. I think God orchestrates this all a little bit. He knows how we need to love and grow and be challenged. And He knows when we need to be looked out for and protected. And for these reasons and many more, that's why he gives us Other Brothers.

"Let brotherly love continue." (Heb 13:1)

"... a brother is born for adversity. (Prov 17:17)

"... he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. (1 Jn 4:20)

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best as he could. He encouraged me and called or showed up at my chemo appointments to check up. I felt safe in that fraternal care.

Brother No. 1 (the businessman) is a fast talker. He's what business writers call a "connector." He networks. He juggles. He's up at 4:30 a.m. doing entrepreneurial activities and is always busy with something — reading, networking, playing handball at lunch. He's got crazy ideas, one of which was to fly our entire family out to California to visit his son (our nephew) and David's and my son, who were working there. This Other Brother bought our tickets — researched to find the nicest hotel, then followed through. That trip was wonderful bonding and fun for our family. "Can I get you anything?" and "Do you need anything?" was the standard question to me while we were there. What a blessing to experience this thoughtfulness.

Brother No. 3 (the golf pro) is only a year apart from my husband. The two shared rooms

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 6, 2013

Luke 17:5-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a lesson about faith and obedience. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

APOSTLE	SAID TO	INCREASE
OUR FAITH	MUSTARD SEED	TREE
ROOTED	PLANTED	THE SEA
WOULD OBEY YOU	SERVANT	PLOWING
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HE DID	COMMANDED	DONE

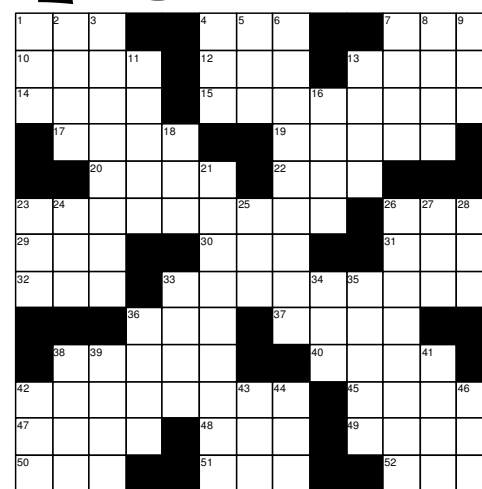
### OBLIGATION

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 T N D V A N A N Y E E E  
 S A I L A E R E E D H S  
 O L D L S N B R E T J D  
 P P E E D O T D I A S R  
 A D H L D D E A O E S A  
 O T E L W K F G B I H T  
 I I U F D R I N K L E S  
 F O N H U C H O C H E U  
 W P L O W I N G H O P M

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## The CrossWord

October 6 and 13, 2013



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Based on these readings: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-24; Lk 17:5-10 and 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

### ACROSS

- Loose gown worn at mass
- Mr.'s wife
- Hotel
- Rotate
- Note of debt
- Christ is, of the Church
- The Three Kings
- Averts
- U.S. President "JKP"
- Religious belief
- Video
- Sin
- Devil carries

- Atmosphere
- Expert
- National police
- African antelope
- # of Commandments
- Support
- Doctor (slang)
- Wind
- Those chosen
- "If we have — with him."
- News caster
- Walter —
- Stringed instrument
- Light

- Truck
- Tails
- Ash weekday
- Adam's wife
- Sticky ooze

### DOWN

- Samson had a mighty one
- Spring
- "Only \_\_\_ Son"
- Middle
- Fish eggs
- Enduring hardship
- Religious faction
- "Make straight his \_\_\_"
- Advertisements
- Spring flower
- Descendant
- Songbird
- Rate of speed
- Successful
- Slice of butter
- Sorbet
- Kimono sash
- Coming together
- Business title ending
- Regret
- "\_\_\_ of Ages"
- Craze
- Type of oil for Chrism
- To be faithless
- Canal
- Domine
- Extinct bird
- Crow's cry
- 23rd letter of Hebrew alphabet
- Compass point
- London Symphony Orchestra

Answer Key can be found on page 23



# Sports

**PETERS, DWENGER ALUM, NAMED GIRLS' SOFTBALL COACH** Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, has named Beth Peters as the new girls' softball head coach. She is a Bishop Dwenger High School English teacher. A graduate of Bishop Luers High School and St. Joseph's College, Peters began coaching at Bishop Dwenger as assistant coach and pitching coach for eight years (2003-2010). From 2010 to present, Peters has been the vice president of Athletics at Queen of Angels School, Fort Wayne, and volunteer softball coach for grades 5-8 Precious Blood/Queen of Angels softball team.

## Mishawaka Saints vs. the Crusaders

BY JOE KOZINSKI

**SOUTH BEND** — Coaching rivals for almost two decades, John Krzyzewski and Toni Violi, prepared their teams for a showdown at Father Bly Field at Saint Joseph High School as the undefeated Mishawaka Catholic Saints squared off against the Crusaders of Holy Cross-Christ the King.

Battles in the past have had grave implications in determining regular-season champions and playoff byes. This matchup would be yet another footnote in the long line of players that have donned the majestic purple and gold of the Saints and the bold black and white of the Crusaders.

The Saints would boast a bruising line and a couple of big backs, while the Crusaders would pin their hopes on a fine running and the arm of quarterback Drew Sutton.

Mishawaka Catholic, determined to enforce their will on the Crusaders, stubbornly handed the ball to their fullback John Catado and talented tailback Julian Keultjes and ran right between the tackles during the Crusader corps to stop them.

The opening 59-yard drive was capped as Saint quarterback Cam Rafinski nestled the ball in the belly of Keultjes and let the fleet of foot do the rest as he scampered for the final six yards to paydirt. The points after kick was no good, giving the Saints a 6-point margin late in the first quarter.

The Crusaders would not have the same fortunes as their counterparts on their opening drive. The stingy Saint defense stuffed running back Hunter West and gave fits to quarterback Sutton forcing the Holy Cross-Christ the King squad to punt after only three plays.

The big question would be if the Crusaders could stop the inside power game of the Saints. The answer would be yes as a wall of black stuffed the Mishawaka Catholic march on consecutive plays at the 10-yard line to take over on downs.

The Crusader offense started to chip away at the purple mountain with first down runs by West. But the Holy Cross-Christ the King campaign would be cut short after an incomplete pass, giving the Saints the ball around midfield with a mere 1:01 left in the half.

That miniscule amount of time proved to be too many ties as Cataldo burst for a big hitter and then Keultjes weaved through heavy traffic and crossed the goal line with under 20 seconds left in the half, giving the Saints a 12-0 lead at intermission.

The Crusaders started the half by going to their fluent back — West — but to no avail, again punting. Ben Terry's kick fortunately rolled to the Saint 12 backing up the purple swarm.

A 30-yard run by Keultjes got the Saints out of the shadows of the goal posts but a big stop by Crusader Vincent Gutermuth stalled the drive and shifted the "mighty mo."

The Crusaders started rolling as

Sutton found receiver Terry for a first down and then another completion to Nate Barnes followed by a huge 15-yard jaunt by West. The yellow linen of the umpire brought the biggest gain of the contest back for holding. On the very next snap, the Saints' Edgar Moralis picked off an errant throw and raced down to the six.

Keultjes plunged in from the one giving the Saints an 18-0 lead as the third quarter expired.

The courageous Crusaders never gave up as Sutton called his own number at the one and sliced over the goal line. West's points after kick was true making the margin 18-8 with just under three minutes left.

An on sides kick recovery by the Crusaders was short lived as the Saint defense denied the comeback attempt and secured the game and the inside track as the league champs.

"We didn't do a good job of tackling today. He made contact in the backfield and didn't wrap up," assessed Krzyzewski. "The Inter-City Catholic League competition comes down to a couple of plays

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## SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL SCORES SOCCER MATCH



PHOTO BY PAUL TINCHER

Saint Joseph High School soccer team beat Marian, 2-0, in a soccer game held Wednesday, Sept. 18, at St. Patrick's Park in South Bend. Goals were scored in the second half by Josh Kachmarik and Cole Nowicki of Saint Joseph. Pictured are Saint Joseph's Giovanni Castaneda, No. 18, and Zach Combs, No. 6, of Marian High School.

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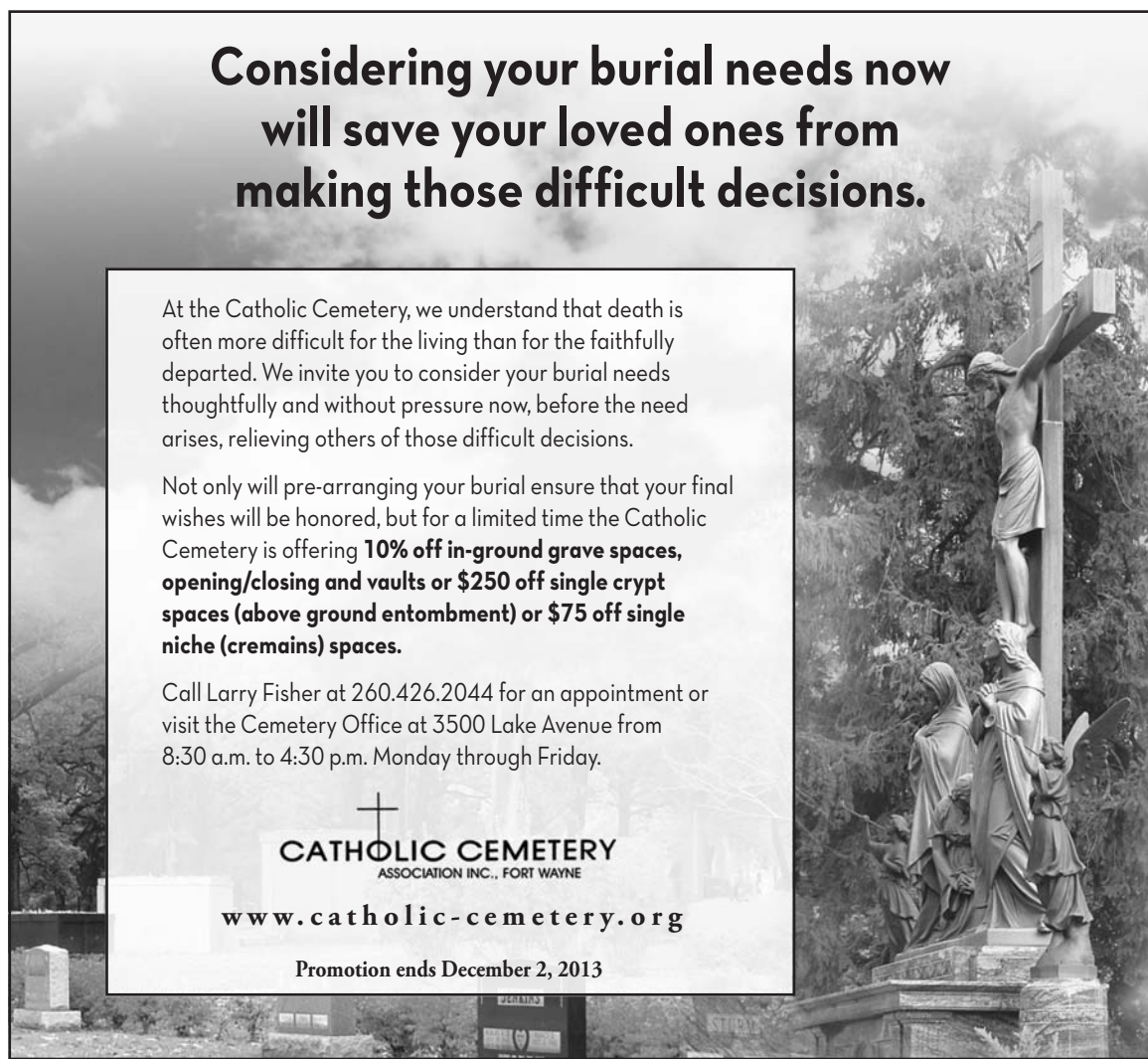
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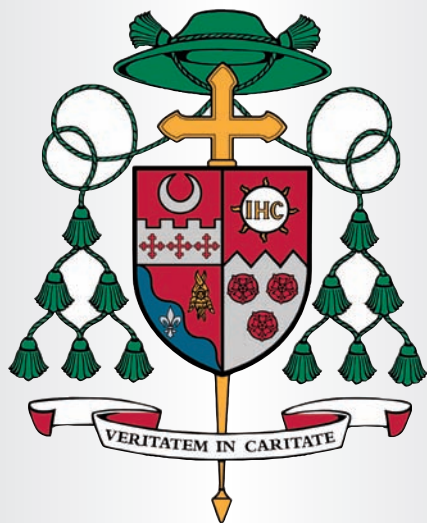
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## CYO football in review

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Fans got their money's worth Saturday night, Sept. 21, at Luers Field, watching the Jerry Bowl game under the lights. The annual contest is dedicated to the memory of longtime coach Jerry Krouse.

The St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) Eagles held on to beat a hard-hitting St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) squad, 19-12, taking the final lead with three seconds remaining on the clock.

A pleased Coach Jim Carroll detailed, “Both teams played hard and fought to the end. I’m happy our Eagle kids didn’t flinch and ground out that last score for the win. It was an exciting, competitive, thrilling game. This is developmental football and it’s rewarding when you see flashes of brilliance in these young players.”

In the win LaShon Brite threw two beautiful TD passes to Deshawn Bussell. Brite then

scored the winning points on a 5-yard quarterback run. Dominic Easley and Chase Roffelson led the Eagles in the trenches.

“There were tons of penalties and mistakes that we need to fix from the game, so we’ll grab our lunch pails and hard hats and get back to work,” Carroll summarized.

On Sunday, St. Charles improved to 3-2 with a 36-14 win over St. Jude. Eddie Morris was 7-10 for 133 yards and two touchdown tosses to Bradley Black and Collin Reed. T.J. Tippmann and Will Nelson added rushing touchdowns for Coach Sam Talarico’s Cardinals.

St. Charles will have a bye for Week 6 before squaring off with their North Side rivals, the St. Vincent Panthers, in the final contest of the regular season on Sunday, Oct. 6.

The final week of play will also be a battle of the unbeaten between Holy Cross and SJFW who improved to a 5-0 record after a win over the group from Queen of Angels/PB/St. John New Haven on Sunday, Sept. 29. In the win for the Eagles, touchdowns were scored by Brite, Bussell, Taryeon Hambright and Camry Greer.

## ICCL

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and today we had our 30-yard mistake on the hold that changed the complexion of the game. If we limit our mistakes we can be a very good football team.”

“Coach Krzyzewski’s teams are always well prepared, I was very happy with the way our defense played,” commented Violi. “We have a big week ahead and will be focusing on limiting our mistakes and getting back to fundamentals.”

In other ICCL action, the Panthers of St. Anthony also remained undefeated as they handled the West Side Catholic Cardinals, 28-0. Ben Lamont connected on touchdown passes to Skylar Bays and JP Lewis. Charlie McFadden and Joey Gillis rushed the pigskin in for the other two TDs and Allen Patino added two points after kicks.

The St. Matthew Blazers were victorious in the exhibition contest.

The league title will be on the line on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Marian High School when the Panthers and Saints meet in the last regular season game. All scores and schedules can be found at [www.icclsports.org](http://www.icclsports.org).

## MASS CELEBRATED FOR INDIANA TECH STUDENTS



JOE ROMIE

The campus ministry office at Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne celebrates Mass every Wednesday in the Andorfer Commons at 12:05 p.m. Franciscan Father David Mary Engo, campus chaplain, is shown in the photo at left at the Sept. 11 Mass.

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**Soup kitchen ministry plans fundraiser**  
Fort Wayne — St. Mary Parish will have a soup kitchen fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 19, from 7:30-11 p.m. in the parish hall. 50/50 raffles, silent auction, food, beer and wine will be offered. Music by Spike and Bulldogs. All proceeds will benefit the soup kitchen and the Ave Maria House which serves the needs of the poor.

**School auction and ball planned**  
Wabash — St. Bernard School Ball and Auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Honeywell Center. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and dinner at 6:45 p.m. Cash raffle drawing and the live auction will follow. The silent auction continues as guests are entertained by Beyond Recognition featuring Mark Ford and Joe Munson. The event provides scholarships and aid to the school. Call (260) 563-5746 for reservations.

**Trunk or treat Halloween party planned**  
Wabash — St. Bernard's Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Halloween party at the hall, 595 S. Huntington St., on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 5:30 p.m. Candy treats, games organized by HASA, a hayride and hot dogs will be provided.

**St. Hedwig Polish Festival**  
South Bend — St. Hedwig Parish will have a festival at the Hedwig Memorial Center, 331 S. Scott from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A polka Mass at 11 a.m. will be followed by games, raffles and food.

**Catholic Business Network Group**  
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Oct. 4, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the Cathedral Center by guest speaker Dave Steffen with Lupke Rice Insurance-Financial and also a member of the Board of Directors for Redeemer Radio who will be speaking about "Evangelical Catholicism." Refreshments will be provided by Redeemer Radio.

**Come and see weekend planned**  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods — The Sisters of Providence will have a come and see weekend Oct. 18-20 at the motherhouse. Single, Catholic women ages 18-42 are invited to spend a weekend retreat, including lodging, free. Visit SistersofProvidence.org for more information or contact Sister Editha Ben at (812) 535-2895.

**Scouts offer the Haunted Castle and Black Forest**  
Fort Wayne — The Haunted Castle and Black Forest is open weekends to Nov 3. Visit www.hauntedcastle.com for information. Special group and family rate forms available on the website. Bring a canned good for \$1 off regular price of admission. Sponsored by the St. Vincent Boy Scouts at 8965 Auburn Rd.

**Knights to host pancake breakfast**  
Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 13, after the 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses in the St. Pius X auxiliary gym. Adults \$6, children ages 6-10 \$3 and children under 5 free.

**Back to the Eighties**  
Fort Wayne — St. Jude HASA is hosting "Back to the Eighties, for the Future of St. Jude School" on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Scout Park Conference Center, 2300 Meyer Rd., and will include beverages, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music (performed by Father Jake Runyon) and dancing. New this year is a raffle for a \$500 "tuition credit," photo booth and prizes for best costumes. Tickets are \$20 in advance at the school office, or \$25 at the door. Contact Christine Nix at (260) 493-4798 or cjnix4@frontier.com for information.

**Fall cleanup announced**  
South Bend — The Sacred Heart Cemetery, corner of Western Ave. and Pine Rd., will conduct the fall cleanup Oct. 21 through Oct. 26. Remove all spring and summer decorations from the graves by this time.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends announced**  
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the special time and tools to rekindle the flames of your marriage. The next weekend is Nov. 8-10, at Quality Inn in Fort Wayne. The 2014 weekends are Feb. 14-16 at the Baymont Inn in Elkhart and March 21-23 at the Quality Inn in Fort Wayne. For more information visit www.wmme-ni.org or call Greg and Norma Germann at (574) 287-6432.

**Knights plan fish fry**  
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish

fry on Friday, Oct. 4, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$8 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to preside at the South Bend Red Mass**  
Notre Dame — The Red Mass will take place at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, on Monday, Oct. 7, at 5:15 p.m. A reception will follow at the Eck Hall of Law, Eck Commons (second floor). The public is invited.

**Fundraiser to be held for Sam Dailey**  
Columbia City — A hog roast fundraiser will be held at the Whitley County 4-H fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 4-9 p.m. Proceeds will help defray the ongoing medical expenses of Sam Dailey, a senior at Columbia City High School, who is recovering from a traumatic brain injury suffered during a football game on Aug. 23. Free will donations appreciated. For updates on Dailey's recovery visit <http://doitfordailey.org>.

**The Mystery and Humor of God in Nature**  
Donaldson — MoonTree Studios will offer an opening reception for the exhibit "The Mystery and Humor of God in Nature" by Rev. Richard Zollinger, to be held Saturday, Oct. 5, from 1-3 p.m. The exhibit of photographs will be displayed at MoonTree Gallery through Nov. 3.

**Rosary to be prayed for the nation**  
Warsaw — A public rosary will be prayed Saturday, Oct. 12, on the Kosciusko County Courthouse square, at the corner of Buffalo and Winona and at Central Park Gardens at noon. Contact (574) 453-3143 for information.

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Three new stained-glass windows depicting Jesus and the children, the Divine Mercy image and the Holy Family of Nazareth were blessed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at St. Jude Church in South Bend on Sept. 29.

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# JUDE

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beauty of our Catholic faith. This renovation ... reflects your appreciation of the beauty of our faith, a beauty that is expressed in your newly-renovated church."

Bishop Rhoades noted during his homily that the Catholic Church is built on the foundation of the Twelve Apostles. We are reminded by St. Paul, he added, that as Christians we are members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, with Christ Himself as the cornerstone.

Bishop Rhoades reminded those in attendance that the sacred space was not merely a gathering place or assembly hall.

"Rather, this building signifies and makes visible the Church living in this place, the Christian community of St. Jude, the members of which are called, as all Catholics are called, to be built into a spiritual house and to be ourselves temples of the living God. ... In this house of God, this house of prayer, your spiritual home, may God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be worshipped in spirit and in truth."

During the Mass the bishop also revisited the history of the parish. Originally called St. James, its name was changed two years after it was founded in 1948 by Bishop Leo J. Pursley. A small church was built that quickly became too small, and then a larger structure was built. Soon, a school was added.

Father John Delaney, pastor, expressed contentment with the outcome of the renovation.

Titled "Our Time to Build," the capital campaign project began in 2012 at the initiative of Father Delaney. A three-year capital campaign has raised almost \$3.4 of the \$3.9 million to bring the long-awaited improvements to fruition. In addition to their regular pledges, many parishioners donated funds for additional items needed that were not part of the originally planned improvements. It is hoped that donations will also come in for a new bike rack for the school.

New flooring, lighting and décor are complete and a sound system is functioning. A number of finishing touches still need to be put into place such as two custom mosaics of Blessed John Paul II and St. André Bessette, and custom-painted oils of the Stations of the Cross.

Over the summer Father Delaney blessed a new cross and bell tower.

Once the state has certified a new elevator, worshippers with physical limitations will be able to participate fully in all functions of the parish.

"I've always loved St. Jude's. You have a great parish," Bishop Rhoades said at the close of the dedication Mass. "How grateful I am for the leadership of your pastor, who has put his heart and soul into this project. Thank you, Father Delaney. And thank you to each of you, for your profound demonstration of faithfulness."

An open house event is being planned 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 27, so that members of the community, neighbors and future students and their families may take a look at what has transpired inside both the church and the school during the construction period.



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