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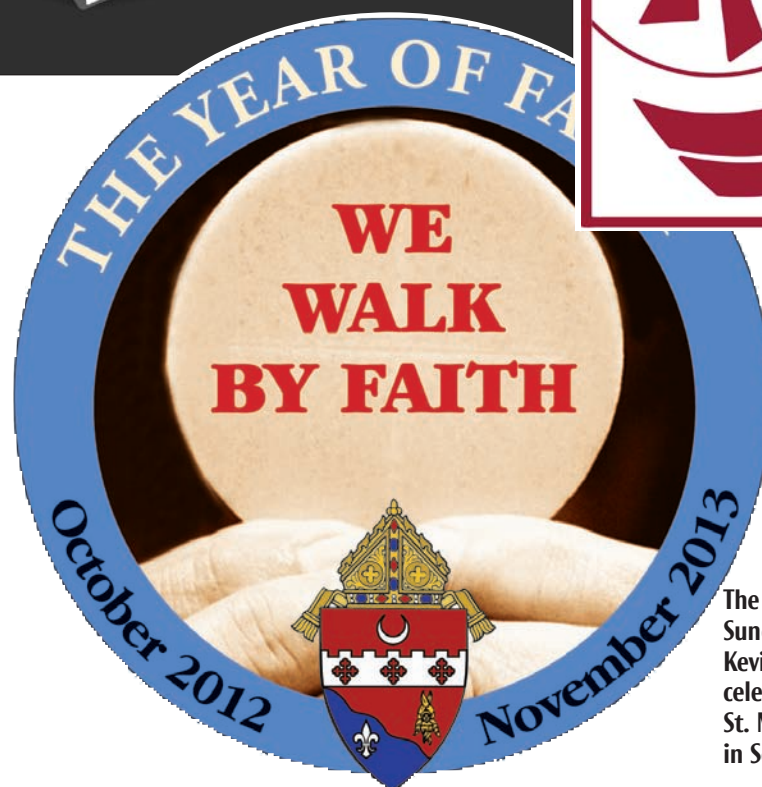
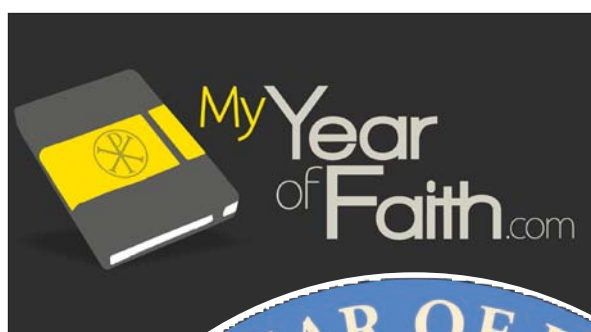
BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Year of Faith, an initiative promulgated by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, is coming to a close this month. A closing Mass, with a plenary indulgence attached (details presented in the Nov. 10 issue of *Today's Catholic*) will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Nov. 24, the feast of Christ the King. The Mass will feature three choirs from St. Augustine, St. Matthew Cathedral and a Hispanic choir from St. Dominic in Bremen.

During this Year of Faith several faith-building observances and initiatives were planned, not only on a worldwide scale, but also at the diocesan and parish level. Locally, the year began with an opening Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 11, 2012, a date that coincided with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Second Vatican Council.

To enhance the year's journey in faith building, Bishop Rhoades commissioned a laminated prayer card featuring the Apostles' Creed and other faith devotions for the faithful of the diocese. ARISE Together in Christ, sponsored by the diocese and Renew International began in earnest last year at many parishes. ARISE is a process that builds upon the small Christian community model, and works to increase open dialogue and faith sharing in participants homes, or select gathering spaces.

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The Year of Faith concludes Sunday, Nov. 24. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend at 5:30 p.m.

### FALLING INTO SERVICE



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More than 500 Saint Joseph High School students offered Sunday, Nov. 10, to partner with REAL Services and rake leaves at over 100 homes. The annual "Work for Saint Joe" day began in November of 1995.

## Sisters celebrate beatification of Blessed Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel

BY TIM JOHNSON

PADERBORN, Germany — A Catholic nun who was born into a poor rural family and founded a religious order has been beatified in her native Germany more than a century after her death. Her impact is felt also in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as the foundress of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka.

The beatification Mass on Nov. 10 was one of several activities that pilgrims from the diocese — including 47 Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who concelebrated the beatification Mass, and three diocesan priests — took part in during the week.

Sister Angela Mellady, provincial of the

Sisters of St. Francis in Mishawaka, told *Today's Catholic*, "Shortly after our arrival (in Germany) at the motherhouse, we were taken to a room near the chapel where the casket of Mother Maria Theresia was placed until her remains were to be transferred to St. Martin Church in Olpe the Monday after the beatification. It was such a privilege to be able to go into this room and pray these days prior to the beatification."

The pilgrims attended a prayer vigil in Paderborn on Saturday evening, Nov. 9, and returned the following day for the beatification.

"One of the most moving events was the unveiling of her picture in the sanctuary," Sister Angela said. "The picture was directly behind where Bishop Rhoades was seated, which made it

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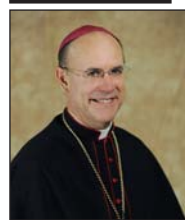
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# Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

It was a great joy and blessing for me to join 47 of our Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Paderborn, Germany on Sunday, November 10th, for the beatification of their holy foundress, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel. Three priests of our diocese were also present for the beatification: Fathers Daniel Scheidt, Jason Freiburger, and Ben Muhlenkamp.

I concelebrated the beautiful beatification Mass in the 700-year old Paderborn Cathedral with Cardinal Angelo Amato, the Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, and the Archbishop and Auxiliary Bishops of Paderborn. At the beginning of Mass, after Mother Maria Theresia was proclaimed "Blessed," a beautiful painting of her was unveiled in the sanctuary. It was an emotional moment for the sisters and all present.

On the next day, November 11th, the festivities continued in the city of Olpe, Mother Maria Theresia's hometown and the site of the congregation's motherhouse. November 11th is a special day in Germany — the feast of Saint Martin of Tours. Saint Martin is the patron saint of the parish in Olpe. The city's coat of arms shows Saint Martin giving half of his cloak to a beggar.

After Vespers in the motherhouse chapel, we processed in cars and buses to Saint Martin's Church. Blessed Maria Theresia's body was transported from the motherhouse to Saint Martin's Church where a Blessed Sacrament chapel was constructed, with a tomb inside, as the permanent resting place for Blessed Maria Theresia. Hundreds of people, along with a local band, gathered outside singing and praying as the coffin was carried into the church. It was an emotional moment especially for the German



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After the beatification Mass in the Paderborn Cathedral, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and, from left, Sister Elise Kriss, Sister Angela Mellady, Sister Jane Marie Klein and Sister Lois DeLee, all Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, stand below the painting of newly-beatified Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel.

sisters, as their beloved foundress, whose body had been interred for so many years at the motherhouse, was now to be kept at the parish church for the veneration of all.

After the casket was lowered into the new tomb, we continued with Mass at Saint Martin's Church, celebrated by Cardinal Paul Cordes. The church overflowed with people. I was struck by the robust singing of German Catholics. The liturgy was beautiful.

Blessed Maria Theresia's childhood home was right next to Saint Martin's Church. She was born and raised in Olpe and it was there

that she began her care of orphans and founded the Sisters of Saint Francis in 1863.

In conversation with the German bishops and sisters, I learned of the challenges of the Catholic Church in Germany, not unlike the challenges we face here in the United States, though perhaps more acute. Secularism and a decline in religious practice are evident. The Sisters of Saint Francis in Olpe are not attracting new vocations, unlike our Sisters in Mishawaka. The German people were surprised and grateful to see many young American sisters.

The German bishops also shared with me some signs of hope as a growing number of young Germans are getting involved in the Church. Though this is a minority, their commitment to the faith is strong. The new evangelization is not just about numbers: it requires deep commitment to Christ and witness to Him in the midst of a secularized culture. It is like Our Lord's parable of the mustard seed, a tiny seed, that grows into a large bush. It is good to keep this in mind. The new evangelization involves authentic conversion to discipleship, the rediscovery of faith and its power and beauty.

Holy men and women, witnesses of faith like Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel, teach us the beauty of following the Lord Jesus in our lives. They teach us to bear witness to the fact that we are Christian: in the family, in the workplace, and in public life. We are to live by faith with constancy and not grow lazy in our practice.

At the beginning of this Year of Faith, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote: "What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end."

May Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel intercede for us and our diocese in the work of the new evangelization!

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Sisters of St. Francis pray over the casket of Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel at the motherhouse in Olpe, Germany, before the casket was taken to the parish church.**



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# Bishops elect new leaders, approve liturgical texts, discuss relief aid

BALTIMORE (CNS) — The U.S. bishops at their fall general assembly in Baltimore elected new leaders, discussed taking a second collection in their dioceses for typhoon relief in the Philippines, reviewed efforts to defend traditional marriage and religious liberty, and approved development of a statement on the dangers of pornography.

They also passed a number of liturgical items, including the use of a Mexican translation of the Roman Missal, and approved a budget for 2014 and a 3 percent increase in the diocesan assessment for 2015.

The actions came during the first two days of their Nov. 11-14 meeting. The bishops were to meet behind closed doors in executive session Nov. 13 and 14.

On Nov. 12, the bishops, by a wide margin, elected Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., to succeed New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The archbishop had been USCCB vice president. Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston was elected vice president.

Both prelates were to begin their three-year terms at the conclusion of the USCCB meeting.

In an interview with Catholic News Service shortly after his election, Archbishop Kurtz spoke of seeing the example of Pope Francis as a model for outreach, listening and collegiality.

"He's asking us to go beyond what we've been doing," he said.

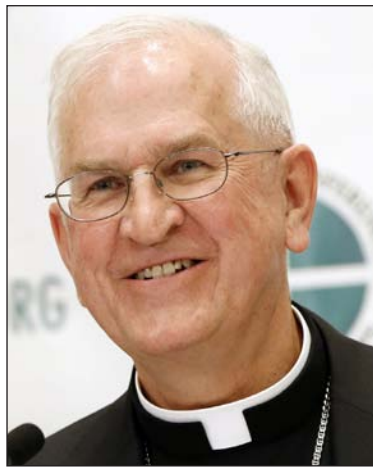
Cardinal DiNardo had been set to begin a three-year term as chairman of the Committee on Divine Worship, but he had to vacate that seat when he was elected vice president. The bishops in a 114-112 vote elected Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., to fill the spot over Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit.

The bishops, Nov. 12, approved the development of a pastoral statement on the dangers pornography poses to family life that would serve as a teaching tool for Church leaders. The Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth will develop the statement, providing a draft to the bishops in 2015.

"The more pornography spreads, the more violent and debased it becomes and the more it exploits the men and women who are part of the industry," explained Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, N.Y., incoming chair of the committee.

Citing the explosion of pornography on the Internet and its exploitation of women, men and children, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, outgoing chairman of the bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, told Catholic News Service prior to the meeting that committee members felt it was time for the USCCB to bring its moral voice to the worldwide debate.

"There's a lot of concern about the increasing availability and consumption of pornography and its effect on marriages and families and on youth," Bishop Rhoades



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**Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., addresses a news conference following his election as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Nov. 12 in Baltimore.**

explained. "Pornography has become more pervasive than it's ever been in history.

"Pornography is having such a detrimental effect that we thought it would be good to have the bishops as a whole body address this issue. It's not been before that whole body. It's risen to that level of concern, I think," he said.

Family Safe Media, an online service offering families tips for dealing with profanity, promiscuity and violence in the media, estimates that 4.2 million websites — 12 percent of the all websites worldwide — feature pornography. It projects that the industry generates \$57 billion annually through a variety of media.

Bishop Rhoades cited several concerns arising from pornography's pervasiveness, including children facing increasing exposure to it, addiction and marital infidelity and divorce.

"Another factor is priests reporting as confessor the growing number of those confessing pornography use," the bishop added. "Priests are seeking assistance on how to counsel people. There's a growing number of women viewing it, but the vast majority is still men," Bishop Rhoades said.

"It has destroyed that trust and the intimacy between a husband and wife. That can be very tragic," he added.

Bishop Rhoades was ending his three-year term as committee chairman at the end of the bishops' meeting. His successor, Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, N.Y. and apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Portland, Maine, will oversee the drafting of the statement.

"I think it's a very opportune time, in my opinion, for the bishops as a whole to address this, to invite people to freedom in Christ and His mercy. That's part of the whole healing of this, the spiritual aspect," Bishop Rhoades told CNS. "There needs to be that pastoral outreach to those affected by it, those addicted by it, and providing practical help."

Also on Day Two, the bishops, nearly unanimously, approved

several steps toward adapting the Mexican Misal Romano for use in the U.S. The Mexican translation of the missal will have Mass propers for the U.S. calendar included, with publication possible as soon as fall of 2015.

The bishops also approved adaptations for the Order of Celebrating Marriage and approved a new translation of the Order of Confirmation for use in U.S. dioceses.

In his final address Nov. 11 as USCCB president, Cardinal Dolan stressed the importance of protecting religious freedom around the world and outlined action steps the bishops could take on the issue.

He urged the bishops to create an awareness of "today's new martyrs" persecuted for their beliefs by writing and talking about the issue in diocesan newspapers, blogs, speeches and pastoral letters. He also said the bishops should contact their political leaders and urge them to make the protection of "at-risk Christians a foreign policy priority."

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States, reflected on Pope Francis' call to have a Church built on Christ's love.

"The Holy Father wants bishops in tune with their people," he said. When he met with the pope this summer, he noted, the pontiff made "a special point of saying that he wants pastoral bishops, not bishops who profess or follow a particular ideology."

The same day the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee on the Promotion and Defense of Marriage said the legal defense of marriage is "at a critical point in this country."

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco discussed the Supreme Court's ruling that rendered the federal Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional and Senate passage Nov. 7 of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

He said the DOMA decision is being used to judicially challenge marriage laws in more than a dozen states. He also noted that "ENDA-like laws have contributed to the erosion and redefinition of marriage at the state level."

The bishops voted to extend through 2016 a "Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Freedom," originally intended to coincide with the Year of Faith.

A report on the work of Catholic Relief Services highlighted what the agency is doing for survivors of Super Typhoon Haiyan.

The agency has already committed \$20 million in emergency aid, with the funds expected to come from a second collection the agency asked U.S. bishops to undertake in their dioceses before the end of the year. Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., chairman of the CRS board, said the collection could be taken in dioceses the weekends of Nov. 16-17 or Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

Bishop Kicanas said it was expected that some funds will be set aside for the reconstruction of Catholic churches, schools and agencies, but the immediate need



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 24, 5:30 p.m. — Closing Mass of Year of Faith, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center
- Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m. — Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Achduth Besholom Temple, Fort Wayne



## Collection Nov. 30-Dec. 1 supports CRS relief efforts in Philippines, Vietnam

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During these days, we continue to mourn the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters affected by the powerful storms that destroyed villages and devastated cities across the Philippines and Vietnam. We pray for the survivors and for the thousands who died in Super Typhoon Haiyan.

Our Catholic Relief Services has been hard at work in responding to this severe disaster. The help of the Catholic community in the United States is urgently needed to provide funds for CRS's relief efforts. I have, therefore, asked that a second collection be taken up for this cause at all Masses in the diocese on the weekend of November 30-December 1, the first Sunday of Advent. As we begin our preparations for the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord, I ask you to be generous in loving support for our suffering brothers and sisters affected by the devastating storms.

The funds collected will be used to support the efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services as we respond to emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care and assist in the long-term recovery from the disaster. Collection funds will also be used to support the long-term need to rebuild the Church after widespread destruction.

This coming Sunday is the conclusion of the Year of Faith. When he announced this Year of Faith, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that "the Year of Faith will be a good opportunity to intensify the witness of charity." May we witness to our faith in Christ through our generosity in this special collection! May God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Kevin C. Rhoades*

Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades  
Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

was for relief efforts.

In a Nov. 12 letter to Archbishop Jose S. Palma of Cebu, president of the bishops' conference of the Philippines, Cardinal Dolan said: "Together with the Catholic faithful throughout this country, we assure you of our prayers for the victims of this disaster and for the survivors as they struggle to rebuild their lives."

The cardinal also confirmed the U.S. bishops will also take up a special collection in U.S. dioceses to aid in relief efforts.

In a report on the U.S. bishops' priorities for 2013-16, Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of Seattle, chairman of that committee, said the bishops continued to "make important progress" in their efforts to protect the life and dignity of the human person, to strengthen marriage and family life, to promote religious liberty, and to improve faith formation and sacramental practice.

Archbishop Sartain also asked the bishops — and they approved — to add a new staff person to the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities to work on a national level with the post-abortion ministry Project Rachel. The position will be funded by a Knights of Columbus grant.

The U.S. bishops' National Advisory Council, a 48-member group that meets in tandem

with meetings of the bishops' Administrative Committee, gave "strong agreement" to the major items on the bishops' agenda for the fall meeting and added a few more items, including a request the bishops make a concerted effort to make Catholic education more available to underserved populations."

The council also suggested the bishops review the federal government's Common Core State Standards initiative and consider a recommendation for mentoring and training programs for newly ordained priests.

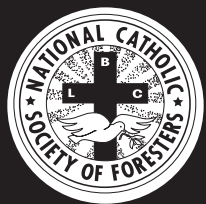
The bishops elected three new members of the Catholic Relief Services board: Bishops William P. Callahan of La Crosse, Wis., Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Fla., and Cirilo B. Flores of San Diego. They also elected Bishop Richard J. Garcia of Monterey, Calif., and Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski to the board of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, better known as CLINIC.

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

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The insert incorrectly identified Dr. Homsy as a board certified electrophysiologist and Dr. Leshen as a board certified interventional cardiologist. The correct credentials for these physicians are as follows: Dr. Homsy is a board certified cardiologist and is board eligible in electrophysiology and Dr. Leshen is a board certified cardiologist and is board eligible in interventional cardiology.

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## Notre Dame welcomes local pilgrims for immigration reform

BY ALLISON CIRAULO

SOUTH BEND — Pilgrims gathered outside St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Bend, braving the elements as they embarked on a pilgrimage Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, promoting comprehensive immigration reform. The pilgrimage, organized by St. Adalbert parishioner Jesusa Rivera in collaboration with the Notre Dame Institute for Latino Studies, culminated in a reception held at the Hesburgh Center on the University of Notre Dame campus, where students and faculty received the pilgrims with song, prayer and a meal.

Following the reception, the pilgrims attended a lecture in the Arthur Foundation Transformative Latino Leadership Lecture Series given by Carlos Eire, professor of history and religious studies at Yale University, who spoke on his experience as a Cuban immigrant.

The event was timed to coincide with the feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, herself an Italian immigrant to the United States, and patron saint of immigrants.

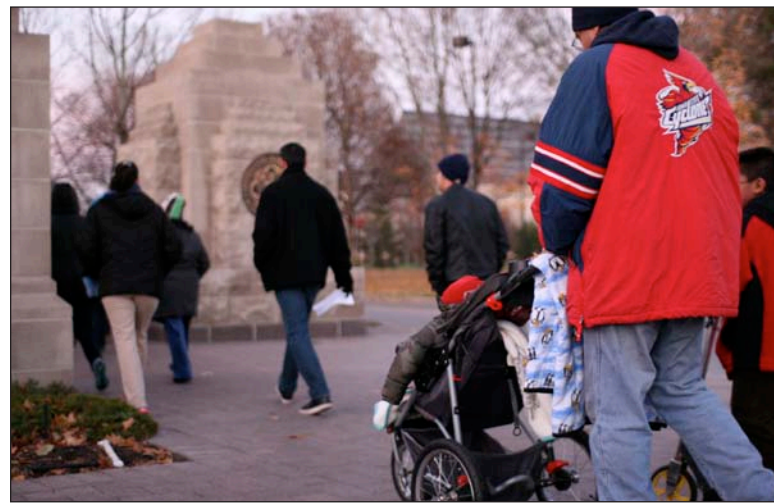
Evelyn Gonzalez, a Holy Cross student who assisted in the planning of the pilgrimage, commented that while many immigration reform events focus strictly on politics, they specifically wanted to hold a prayerful pilgrimage for reform.

“What better way to celebrate St. Frances Xavier Cabrini than this?” Gonzalez said.

Parishioners from St. Adalbert Catholic Church, including several families with young children, were joined by students from Holy Cross College for the walk from St. Joseph to the campus of Notre Dame. The majority of the event's participants were among the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the U.S., for whom the issue of immigration reform is of great personal consequence.

“I wanted to participate in this event because it's something that affects us directly,” said Maria Lopez, a mother of three, who also participated in a march held three years ago in Indianapolis.

Several Latino Holy Cross students also attended the pilgrim-



ALLISON CIRAULO

Pilgrims arrive at the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

age, representing the thousands of undocumented youth in the U.S. who are potential beneficiaries of the DREAM Act. Gonzalez herself has recently been approved for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), a temporary legal status awarded to young people between the ages of 15 and 31 who were brought to the U.S. as children. This is a positive step, she says, “But the rest of my family is still left out in the cold.”

Gonzalez currently works alongside other activists to push for comprehensive immigration reform, and feels that garnering political support for this issue is an urgent matter. “Now is the time,” Gonzalez emphasized.

Jesusa Rivera, who works as an advocate for immigrant rights at both local and national levels, explained that the remaining weeks before mid-December are critical for pushing immigration reform in the House of Representatives. The stakes are high, Rivera said. “If it stalls now, we'll wait another five, six years, maybe more.”

Rivera chairs the committee for Civil Rights for Immigrants within the Indiana Organizing Project, and has helped to promote awareness and activism for immigration reform at her home parish of St. Adalbert. She has spearheaded efforts through the parish to capture the attention of Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-Ind.-2), in hopes that the Congresswoman will take up the cause of immigration reform for her constituency.

Rivera was inspired to organize the pilgrimage for reform on Frances Cabrini's feast day because she wanted an opportunity for local Latino Catholics to experience the support of the larger Catholic community, particularly at Notre Dame. “For this group to be welcomed here at Notre Dame — this is what it's all about. We just need our legislators to pay attention and push for the same kind of solidarity.”

Dr. Timothy Matovina, executive director of Institute for Latino Studies at Notre Dame, was the first to welcome the pilgrims who arrived at the Hesburgh Center. The evening was an occasion, Matovina remarked, “for asking the saints to accompany our struggle for a more just society.”

In keeping with the spirit of the evening, Dr. Carlos Eire spoke in his lecture about the challenges he encountered as an immigrant to the U.S. Eire was one of the 14,000 children airlifted out of Cuba during Operation Peter Pan in the early 1960s. While the difficulties Eire faced as a child refugee certainly differ from those of many Hispanic immigrants today, his stories of the discrimination he experienced still ring true.

“It has to do with how we see one another,” asserted Rivera. “If we are all made in the image of God, then where is the justice? It doesn't make sense for some of us to be treated as less than human. I, for one, can't sit by and let it happen.”

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# Vital human issues debated at ethics and culture conference

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Many of the vital human issues being debated in today's culture were discussed in depth earlier this month at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the University of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture. With the theme "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: The Body and Human Identity," the Nov. 7-9 conference featured presentations on topics ranging from marriage, pregnancy and parenthood to abortion, genocide, torture, genetic testing, mental health and sexual identity.

In the Nov. 7 opening keynote address, Gilbert Meilaender of Valparaiso University spoke about human procreation, saying that having children is an act of faith, hope and love. Meilaender, a theology professor who has been a member of the President's Council on Bioethics since its inception in 2002, said that modern science has raised some "bizarre" ideas about life extension and age retardation.

Instead of being concerned about extending one's own life span well into triple digits, he said, people should be more concerned about producing and nurturing the next generation.

"Gratitude for the sheer wonder of life is at the heart of human procreation," Meilaender explained.

By having children, that gratitude is expressed and something of the parents is left behind in those children. Parenting also images

divine life, he continued, and it trains parents in virtue as they care for and nurture the next generation for the sake of wisdom, not power.

Multiple conference sessions over the two days featured over 70 scholars and other professionals from around the United States as well as a few from abroad.

In a session on "Property and the Body" Lorenza Violini, a law professor at the University of Milan, spoke about "Human Dignity and Human Rights in the Era of Genetic Research." She compared European laws governing genetic research to such laws in the U.S., concluding that U.S. judges have been less likely than European judges to consider the

moral implications of such research, which remains less regulated in this country than in Europe.

In that same session, Melissa Moschella, a philosophy professor at The Catholic University of America, discussed the ethics of artificial reproductive technologies, concluding that these techniques must be rejected because children

have the right to be loved and reared by their biological parents. Thus, conceiving a child with an egg or sperm donor is always morally problematic, she concluded.

Likewise, in the same session, Notre Dame Law Professor Margaret Brinig discussed surrogate motherhood. She brought out many of the moral issues regarding surrogacy, including exploitation of poor women and the commodification of children. Surrogacy is legal in many of the states, she said, but those laws

look at surrogacy in terms of rights rather than the reality that in a surrogacy arrangement, a child is involved who has a relationship to the surrogate and the genetic parents, as well as the intended parents.

The Catholic Church's position on the other hand, she said, considers relationships to be essential. The Church sees the relationship between spouses that creates life as a parallel to the love between the Father and the Son that produces the Spirit, she said.

"Parents cooperate with God the Creator and are interpreters of that love," Brinig explained.

Presenting in a session on "The Body and Morality" was Mark Cherry, a professor of applied ethics and philosophy at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. Cherry cited the cultural shift against traditional sexual moral norms. Those traditional norms have been replaced by a presumption of sexual freedom and satisfaction, separated from reproduction, he said.

This extraordinary shift of disconnecting sex from traditional family life to a presumption of sexual freedom has grave social, economic and medical consequences, Cherry explained. These consequences include a rising population of children born outside marriage, exploitation of women, rise in sexually transmitted disease, demand for abortion and rejection of children judged to be disabled.

This "new morality," Cherry said, is convinced of the non-existence of God and focused only on function, placing persons rather than God as authority.

"Without God, morality is no more than what humans make of it; without God, morality is not grounded in objective being," he said.

This exclusion of God from the "new morality," Cherry said, means that moral judgments are subject to change with current social and cultural fashions, with disastrous results.

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## Catholic Missionary Overcomes Terrible Accident, Finds New Mission Helping Handicapped

When an oncoming car slammed into Grace Okalany in 1990, she had no idea God was using the event to make her a more effective disciple for his people.

In the moment of the accident, all she could think about was her pain.

Grace's hip, pelvis and femur were severely broken. Doctors tried implanting an artificial hip, but her body rejected it. For three long years, she struggled through recovery and excruciating rehabilitation at a treatment center in Nairobi, Kenya.

To this day, she bears the physical burden of that accident — one leg is shorter than the other and she must use crutches to walk.

"I felt so weak," Grace recalled. "I thought God had left me to die in the hospital."

Grace returned to Uganda after her treatment was complete and there met Father John Ahimbisibwe, coordinator of Wisdom Training Center, an outreach run by the Montfort Fathers in western Uganda. The ministry is a vocational training center where handicapped young adults living in poverty learn life-skills and income-generating careers like tailoring, shoe repair, and agriculture.

Fr. John convinced Grace to join his work — and she immediately saw how the car accident had uniquely prepared her for this special service at the center.

"Since I am handicapped myself, I can relate to the young adults; they open up to me," Grace said. "I understand their frustrations, the discrimination they face, and their desire to succeed. Because I understand them, I can better help them."

Advancing from volunteer to secretary to director, Grace works among the disabled every day, pouring her compassion and skills into helping them improve their lives. In Uganda and other poor countries, the disabled routinely experience discrimination

and abuse. They are often denied the opportunity to attend school.

The 15 to 25-year-olds who come to Grace often can't read or write and have been shunned by their families and society, but they all have a burning desire to learn, Grace said.



Grace has found her place at Wisdom.

"I know God led me here to serve them," Grace said. "I know he made me 'one of them' so I can advocate for them and help them understand they are worthy in his eyes."

This approach appealed to Cross Catholic Outreach, a Florida-based charity that supports Catholic ministries overseas. Soon after discovering the outreach, Cross Catholic Outreach pledged to provide Grace with



Elias is one of the many young people benefiting from the services of the Wisdom Training Center. At 19-years-old, he is finally getting the opportunity to make use of his artistic skills.

regular financial support — a huge blessing for her ministry as it sought stability and ways to increase its services to the poor.

With help from its charitable U.S. benefactors, Cross Catholic Outreach has now supported Wisdom Training Center for more than five years, providing them with workshop equipment, training materials, teachers' salaries, food, and other operational assistance.

Jim Cavnar, the president of Cross Catholic Outreach believes even more can be done.

"The work of Grace and the Montfort Fathers is the kind of service that resonates with Catholics because it affirms that each person is eternally valuable in God's eyes," he said. "As more American Catholics become aware of what the Wisdom Training Center is doing, I believe their support will increase and the outreach will expand, not just here but everywhere the handicapped are struggling for respect and hope."

"Supporting a project like Wisdom Training Center is a way for us as Catholics to say to a

handicapped person, 'You are loved by Christ. You are worthy, and we brothers and sisters in Christ are here for you,'" Cavnar added.

For Grace, knowing American Catholics are standing with her through Cross Catholic Outreach is an invaluable source of strength. It sparks a hope in her that radiates outward to the students, giving them greater self worth, energy and optimism.

"We are all one family in Christ," Grace said. "The help we've received from our American 'family' through Cross Catholic Outreach is a blessing. I want to thank them for their support and prayers, because we couldn't do any of this life-changing work without them."

To support the worldwide outreaches of Cross Catholic Outreach, look for the ministry brochure enclosed in this issue of the paper or mail your donation to Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01014, PO Box 9558, Wilton, NH 03086-9558. All contributions to the ministry are tax deductible.

## "Cross" Now Endorsed by More Than 60 Bishops, Archbishops

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

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

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

In addition to praising the work CCO accomplishes, many of the Bishops and

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

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

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

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



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

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# Christ's Love for Blind, Handicapped Serves As Inspiration for Catholic Missions Helping the Poor

In the ninth chapter of the book of John, the Apostle describes Jesus giving a blind man sight to glorify God. In the story, John shows how faith and a simple dab of mud were used as instruments of a miracle — ultimately giving new hope to the handicapped man.

Even today, thousands of years later, we recognize this act as an amazing example of our Lord's power and love.

When Sister Emma Kulombe looks to this story, she wishes she could, like Jesus, smear mud on the eyes of deaf/blind children to cure them. She and the other Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary ache to have their wards transformed.

Since she hasn't been so blessed with a miracle, Sister Emma does what she can instead. She helps the children blossom and find hope in other ways.

"These children have something to offer that the world needs. We help them glorify God through their faith, joy and talents," she said. "We work with them to bring those blessings out."

This service is not without its tears, however. Many of the children have histories of past

"Some children couldn't eat by themselves when we discovered them," Sr. Emma said. "We showed them how to eat, how to wash their hands, how to hold a cup and how to go to the toilet."

Worldwide, millions of handicapped children in developing countries live in the shadows like John, forced to the edges of humanity by social stigmas and, more often, extreme poverty.

Parents of disabled children in the developing world are too poor to properly care for them — when there's barely enough food for the family to eat, much-needed physical therapy, special schools and doctor's visits are out of the question.

"Physically and mentally handicapped children are largely ignored in many areas of the world," said Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a ministry alleviating poverty among "the least of these" worldwide. "Even in cases where the parents are attentive, they are often too poor to provide the special care a disabled child needs to lead a fulfilling life. The poor can't



Sr. Emma uses touch to help blind/deaf children expand their sense of the world.



Extreme poverty adds to the many hardships of the handicapped. Some children are never able to overcome the hurdles it presents — and they suffer greatly as a result.

suffering that pierce the nun's heart with grief.

Sr. Emma recalls one deaf/blind boy named John [his name is changed here to protect his identity] whose parents worked in remote fields each day and left him home alone while they toiled. The young boy ate nothing all day and slept outside of the hut at night because his parents forbid him from sharing the space with the rest of the family.

One day Sr. Emma visited John and saw he was naked while his brothers and sisters were clothed. Matthew 25:36 came to her mind: "...I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me..."

She immediately brought John some clothes and promised to visit again.

Sr. Emma said this kind of neglect is sadly common for physically or mentally handicapped children in Africa and around the world. In many countries, including Malawi, disabled children are considered a curse, and parents prefer to hide them away than endure the social stigma of raising a "cursed" child.

afford surgeries to cure a club foot or cleft palate, nor can they pay for special boarding schools or therapy sessions. Poor families often live in deplorable slums or in far-flung rural areas, and it's a struggle just to eat each day and keep a roof over their heads."

With support from its many American Catholic benefactors, Cross Catholic Outreach is working to bring accessible care to disabled children in dozens of developing countries. It strives to carry the light of Christ to those living and suffering in the shadows.

As an example of the good that can be done, Cavnar pointed to the story of Mishineca Isorena, a 10-year-old girl with Down's syndrome in the Philippines.

Mishineca was taken in by a Cross Catholic Outreach-sponsored school when she was 5 years old. At the time, she couldn't walk or talk. Her impoverished mother, Regina, was struggling to raise her in a shack within Manila's worst slum neighborhood.

Today, thanks to free therapy provided by

the Cross Catholic Outreach-funded school, Mishineca is thriving. She loves to dance, sing, and help her mother around the house. No longer trapped in a terrible home, she has new opportunities and enjoys life. The school also provides food for the family.

"One day, Mishineca will be capable of independence and the normal life of an adult," Regina said proudly. "The school is giving her the tools and helping her achieve that confidence. She will not let others take advantage of her. The Lord has done this."

Mishineca is just one example of the many handicapped children who now lives a better life because American Catholics ministered to her through Cross Catholic Outreach.

"As a Catholic ministry, we know the value of every human life. So do the Catholics who support us," Cavnar said. "Working together, we want to help poor families see disabled children as a gift from God. We want to give those children an opportunity to succeed and experience God's love — perhaps for the first time."

For some of the ministries serving handicapped children, a significant portion of their budgets come through Cross Catholic Outreach. Such outreaches would

either close or need to reduce their services drastically without that help.

"There really is a direct link between American Catholics and the success of the work being done. To put it simply — these outreaches wouldn't be possible without outside support. Fortunately, American Catholics remain involved and their generosity is amazing, especially toward disabled children," Cavnar said. "I'm confident my fellow Catholics will continue to see the eternal worth of the 'least of these' among us and keep supporting our work — the kind of work that touches children like John in Malawi."

Because John's parents have allowed him to live and study at Sister Emma's ministry, the young boy's life has taken a remarkable turn from its difficult start. Where there was darkness, there is now light. Where there was despair, new hope is taking root. It is the kind of physical and spiritual transformation that only God can orchestrate.

"The Lord has brought us together to serve handicapped children and save them from the darkness," Sr. Emma said. "He uses our outreach, a dedicated staff and financial support from America to achieve this. Praise God!"

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The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration are shown at the vigil service on Nov. 9.



Archbishop Hans-Josef Becker of Paderborn, center, and other prelates, including Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, attend a ceremony for the reburial of the remains of Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel in St. Martin's Church in Olpe, Germany, Nov. 11. Blessed Maria Theresia (1830-1905) was the foundress of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

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even more special.”

Sister Angela said of the beatification: “It was such a gift to be among so many other people who have such a devotion to Mother

Maria Theresia — from all walks of life. Many of us learned about our foundress through books, and this experience of being present among her relatives, our sisters from throughout the world and the people of Olpe provided such an opportunity to know and love her even more.”

Sister Angela said many of the sisters commented that the celebration on Monday, Nov. 11, in Olpe was the most meaningful for them. It began with vespers in the motherhouse chapel. As part of the service the sisters joined a procession following an open bed fire truck escorting the body of Mother Maria Theresia to St. Martin Church where a special chapel has been constructed. Many people lined the streets. Pallbearers carrying candles surrounded the truck itself. After her body was taken to this small chapel within the church, Mass began, using the new Mass parts for the first time.

“Sister Magdalena, the general superior, stated she had never seen so many people in St. Martin Church,” Sister Angela noted. “It was so powerful to witness how important this event is for

all of Olpe — what a joy it is to share our love for Mother Maria Theresia with these people, and to witness how her life has impacted so many.”

Celebrations continued in Mishawaka when the sisters arrived back at the motherhouse and concluded their pilgrimage with Mass.

“The celebrant, Father Tim Alkire, from the Diocese of Lafayette, challenged us with three opportunities for sharing these experiences,” Sister Angela said. “Our first goal would be to foster devotion to our foundress and make her better known to others so they, too, may benefit from her life and spirituality.”

“Secondly,” she added, “to use this experience to deepen our own prayer life, particularly our love for the Eucharist.”

“And lastly,” Sister Angela said, “to imitate the life of Mother Maria Theresia, especially through imitating her life of poverty, simplicity and charity towards all.”

“We have shared often throughout this week that it will take a very long time to process the profound experiences we shared and the graces we have received throughout this week and the entire 150th Jubilee Year,” Sister Angela concluded.

“It is written in the Bible that love of neighbor is linked inseparably to love of God,” Archbishop Hans-Josef Becker of Paderborn said during his homily at the Nov. 10 beatification of Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel. Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Saints' Causes, celebrated the Mass in the city's cathedral. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend was a concelebrant.



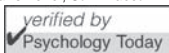
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## YEAR OF FAITH

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And in response to Pope Benedict's call to use media and technology for the New Evangelization, the diocese created a blog and mobile app for all ages available for iPhone and Android mobile device users that went live on Oct. 11, 2012. The app, titled, "My Year of Faith" is a daily, customized resource for its users, that offers reflections and thoughts from nationally known bloggers and writers, such as Lisa Hendey of CatholicMom.com, popular Catholic authors and speakers such as Dr. Greg Popcak, as well as local voices that included Bishop Rhoades — all with daily content updates. Its intent was to offer features that lead to a deeper understanding of the faith, and an increased prayer life.

Those who do not have smartphones followed the blog at [www.myyearoffaith.com](http://www.myyearoffaith.com).

Megan Swaim, former associate director of Youth Ministry, Emily Barnes, program assistant, and Cindy Black, director of the Office of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry, teamed to create the calendar of topics for the blog, with Swaim and Barnes drafting postings. Content was edited and overseen by Swaim and Black. Recruiting contributors included Swaim, Barnes, Black, Mary Glowaski, Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, and Aaron Seng, New Evangelization specialist. Photos seen on the site were provided by Nate Proulx, Joe Romie and others.

Swaim reported that she "was going through some Google Analytics earlier and found that Steve Gershom's post 'Hearts of Flesh' was the most effective (statistically speaking) post thus far. It is the most searched for post, had the most links coming from social media and lots of other bloggers linking to us. Interestingly ... it also produced more time on the blog than any other post. Usually direct links to the blog produce a few minutes of visiting time, enough to read a post or two. The average amount of time spent on the blog after reading Steve's post was almost 15 minutes."

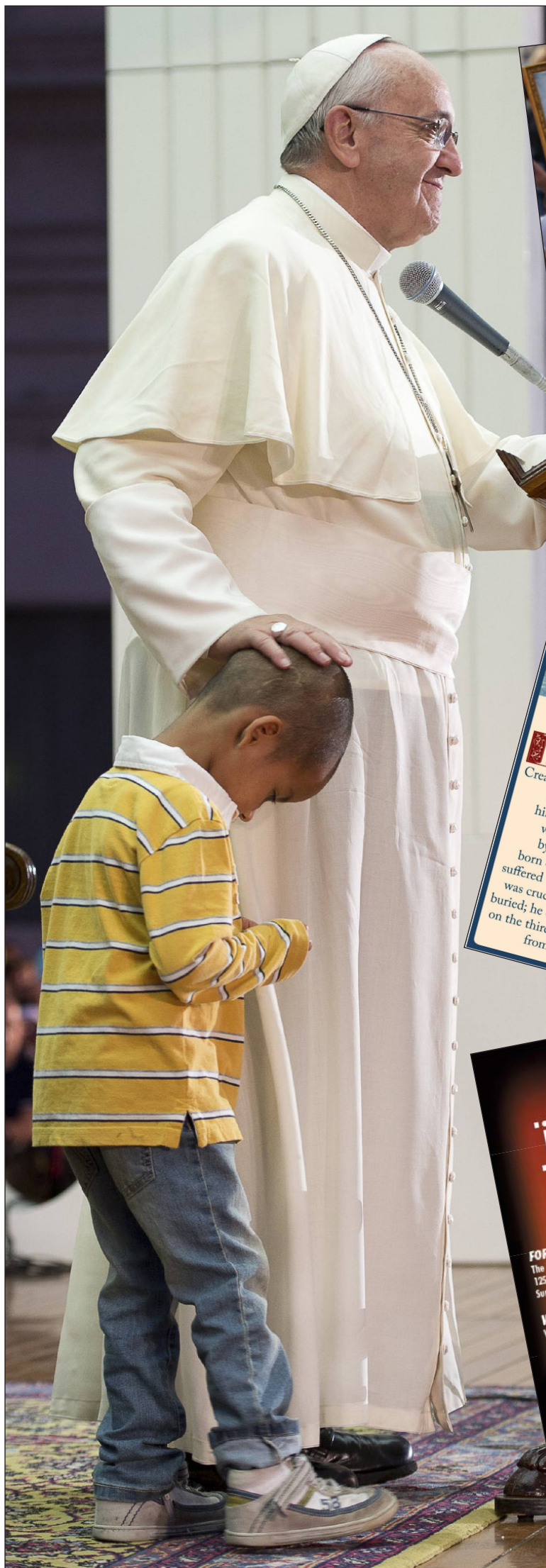
Successive pieces, she said, were Audrey Assad's, followed by "Dear Joseph" by John Leonetti and the Spiritual Motherhood post from Sister Alicia Torres.

The largest and most consistent online supporters, who sent people to the blog from their sites, were Jen Fulweiler's Conversion Diary, Steve Gershom's blog, St. John High School, Catholic Mom and the National Catholic Register. And Swaim said, social media success included Facebook, Twitter, Blogger and Pinterest.

Readers from around the area and as far away as England have responded favorably to the daily blog and have shared some insights into how their faith has grown over this special year.

Joan from Louisiana reported that she began the Year of Faith planning to add ways, such as preparing for Sunday liturgy and reading more religious material, to increase her faith, wondering if anything would change. The diocesan app became part of her daily reflection. She feels her efforts bore great fruit and said, "Our Catholic faith is rich. We have much to discover on our individual and communal spiritual journeys. ... I'm thankful that Pope Benedict asked us to make a special effort this past year. I am changed."

Denice from Fort Wayne evangelized by posting the blog reflections on her Facebook page. She said, "There are some that do not go to the website to see the article or have it on their phones, but will read it from a Facebook post. ... This Year of Faith has been about refreshing our knowledge and sharing our faith to others. ... At this time, Facebook seems to be a popular and simple way to teach and show our faith. I have found those outside the faith commenting on the posts, and later asking questions about the article." Denice sent the blogs to her children for reflection, and to other parents struggling with their vocation. "My Year of Faith has been a great source of inspiration, information and encouragement to our family and others. We are blessed to have this simple site," she said.



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Pope Francis passes an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe as he greets the crowd after celebrating Mass in honor of Mary in St. Peter's Square Oct. 13. The pope entrusted the world to Mary at the end of the Mass.

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invited the faithful to three viewings of the full-length feature film, "Mary of Nazareth."

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Pope Francis touches the head of a child as he addresses pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 26. He addressed an estimated 100,000 people taking part in the Year of Faith celebration of family life.

## St. Vincent de Paul names new executive director

**SOUTH BEND** — Anne Hosinski Watson has been named executive director of the St. Joseph County Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Watson was promoted from her current position as director of development to replace Charles Thompson who left in August to take a position in Tacoma, Wash.



ANNE HOSINSKI WATSON

Prior to joining the society in January 2012, Watson served as the assistant campaign director of the uKnight Capital Campaign at Marian High School in Mishawaka. Previously, she worked in the information technology industry, serving as security practice manager at Network Solutions, Inc., in Granger and as a security product manager at Sprint Telecommunications in Reston, Va. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and computer applications from the University of Notre Dame. A native of Mishawaka, Watson has served on the board of the Christ Child Society of South Bend and is active in several ministries at St. Pius X Catholic Church. She is married and has three children.

Of her new position, Watson said, "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the society in this leadership role. ... I look forward to working with our staff and volunteers to grow our programming and base of support as we continue to honor the dignity of those we serve while providing opportunities for our Vincentians and volunteers to grow spiritually."

## Coach Dave Scudder to be recognized at halftime of girls' basketball game

**FORT WAYNE** — Bishop Dwenger High School will recognize former Coach Dave Scudder and any former players, managers and coaches at halftime of the girls' varsity game between Carroll and Bishop Dwenger on Friday, Nov. 29.

Last spring, Coach Scudder announced his retirement from coaching girls' basketball at Bishop Dwenger after 31 years. The varsity game starts approximately 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Dwenger. After the game, a reception will be held in the school library for former players, coaches, parents and friends to come and celebrate with Coach Scudder.

Scudder began coaching girls' basketball at Bishop Dwenger in 1982 and finished with a record of 388-261 during his 31-year coaching career. Scudder ranks No. 7 among active coaches and 18th all-time in state history. During his 31 years, his teams won seven sectional titles, three regional championships and made three

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## THE SANCTUARY AT ST. PAUL'S DEDICATES REHAB AND WELLNESS CENTER



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The Sanctuary at St. Paul's in South Bend held a blessing and dedication ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 6, for the opening of The Inn at St. Paul's, a rehab and wellness center. "Our goal is to blend the best of rehabilitation and nursing care services with the feel of a bed and breakfast," said Terry Tomasi, the administrator of the inn. Shown at the blessing in the rehab room are, from left, Holy Cross Sister Ruth Marie Nickerson, Holy Cross Father Herb Yost, priest in residence, Shari Binkley, executive director of the Inn at St. Paul's, and Mary Myers with her daughter Lynne Coddington.

semi-state appearances. Scudder also coached two Indiana all-stars, Amy Hile and Kristin McGrade-Kruse, and had numerous young ladies go on to play college basketball including Lisa Miller McBride, who became an All-American at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

Bishop Dwenger invites all former players, managers, coaches, parents and fans to come and help the school celebrate all that Coach Scudder has accomplished during his 31 years at Bishop Dwenger High School.

## Cheerleaders to perform in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

**SOUTH BEND** — This year's Macy's Day Parade in New York City will include two of Saint Joseph High School's cheerleaders, Lydia Lorenc and Emma Blythe. They will be among more than 400 cheerleaders and dancers from across the nation that will perform at the parade on Thanksgiving Day representing Varsity Spirit. Lorenc and Blythe were invited to perform after being chosen as All-Americans at the UCA camp that the Saint Joseph cheerleaders attended this sum-

mer at Ball State University. The performances will be televised live on NBC on Thanksgiving Day. Varsity Spirit has teamed up with the Spirit of America Productions to offer this opportunity to the cheerleaders and dance team members who qualified at camps across the country. Spirit of America hosts two featured performances in the parade.

## Redeemer Radio's 'Hands of Christ' fall sharathon a success

**FORT WAYNE** — Redeemer Radio, AM 1450, WLYV, Fort Wayne, and 89.9 FM, WRRO, Edon/Angola, raised \$201,511 during its semi-annual Sharathon in October. During the three-day, 36-hour event, the station received 1,381 pledges from individuals and businesses via phone, mail, and even walk-ins to the station. The funds will help assist with operating expenses for the listener-supported station that serves the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, as well as the northwest corner of the Diocese of Toledo. The Sharathon also makes it possible for listener-supported Redeemer Radio to continue to serve the community by means

of Catholic radio and sharing the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith.

Over 500 volunteers and studio guests made the Sharathon successful by giving their time during the three-day fundraiser.

Buck and Julianne Toenges, chair couple for the event, commented: "We were overwhelmed by the kindness of everyone during fall 2013 Sharathon. The generosity of the volunteers, with their time and talent, and the listeners, with their contributions and words of encouragement, made our 'job' as chair couple not just easy, but truly a blessing!"

Redeemer Radio broadcasts the Catholic faith to listeners in the Fort Wayne area on AM 1450 and in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio on 89.9 FM. Both stations air EWTN and Ave Maria Radio Network programs as well as locally-produced shows and specials. It is Fort Wayne's source for University of Saint Francis, high school and CYO football in the fall, along with boys' and girls' high school basketball in the winter/spring.

## National Merit Scholarship semifinalists announced

**SOUTH BEND** — Saint Joseph High School has announced its two National Merit Scholarship semifinalists are Rowan Hornbeck and Micaela Powers. Approximately 1.5 million students from more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2014 National Merit Scholarship program by taking the 2012 PSAT. The 16,000 semifinalists represent less than 1 percent of each state's high school seniors.

## GIRL SCOUTS LEARN ABOUT THE ROSARY, MAKE BLANKETS



MARY STAPLES

The Altar and Rosary Society of Most Precious Blood Church hosted a day for the Girl Scouts of Troop 20616 to learn about the rosary. The Juniors from the troop have also earned their Bronze Awards by spending their cookie money on fleece, which they made into blankets for children at the homeless shelter.

## The words you use may save a life

In a society that generally advocates tolerance as a means of respect for all people, we ironically see an increase in harsh criticism, cruel jokes and arbitrary judgments that violate people's dignity.

The media provide lurid and sensational coverage of crime, scandal and celebrity gossip. The movie industry has been a powerful vehicle in shaping public opinion on religion and sexuality, alternately mocking or perverting these subjects for shock value and very rarely treating them with reverence. Political discourse frequently involves personal attacks and denigrating remarks. Stories of cyber-bullying as well as bullying incidents in schools have gained more attention in recent years, and we even hear of young people turning to suicide to escape the pain of cruel words.

Pope Francis has recently made several references to the subject of gossip and how wounding it is,

highlighting instead the importance of using our words to bring unity. In a very simple and direct way, he says, "Let each one ask him- or herself today, 'do I increase harmony in my family, in my parish, in my community or am I a gossip. Am I a cause of division or embarrassment?' ... Let us ask the Lord: Lord, grant that we may be more and more united, never to be instruments of division; enable us to commit ourselves, as the beautiful Franciscan prayer says, to sowing love where there is hatred; where there is injury, pardon; and union where there is discord. ..." (Sept. 25, 2013).

We know the power of words to build up or tear down another person. Words can contribute to a person seeing himself as worthless and unlovable, or can destroy a person's reputation. But the power of words can also give a person hope in a difficult situation, or help someone see the dignity he possesses.

### LIFE ISSUES FORUM

BY KIMBERLY BAKER

As Catholics, we bear the sign of Christ wherever we go, and we each represent His Church to the world. Our knowledge of the power of words can make us great messengers of the Gospel of Life. There is much good we can do by using our words to bring healing, to build up, to give others hope, and to actively look for solutions to problems in whatever situation we find ourselves. By doing so, we more effectively reflect the Church as a vehicle of God's

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## Christ the King belongs to us



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### Christ the King Lk 23:35-43

The Second Book of Samuel furnishes the first biblical reading for this feast, marking the close of the Church's year.

Once the two books of Samuel composed a single volume. In time, editors divided the volume into the two books now seen in Bibles. The book records the major events of the reign of King David in Israel, which was from 1004 to 971 BC. It is classified as a history book in the Old Testament.

In this weekend's reading, David becomes the king of Israel. He was more than a governmental authority or political figure. His task as king was to strengthen the union between God and the people. He was God's instrument, not in a plan to control people. After all, people had free wills allowing them to choose the course of their actions.

Rather, David was God's gift to the people. By bringing them more closely to God, David assisted in bringing them to prosperity, peace and life.

For its second reading, the Church presents a passage from the Epistle to the Colossians. This epistle was written to the Christians of Colossae, a moderately important city of the Roman Empire.

Jesus is the absolute keystone

of creation. In the Lord come together all human beings and certainly all Christians. Through Jesus, all people possess the hope of eternal salvation. Through Jesus, all Christians share in the very life of God.

Magnificent in its imagery, this reading acclaims Jesus as the "image of the invisible God."

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a passage from Luke's powerful Passion Narrative that recounts the trial and execution of Jesus.

Central in the story is the inscription placed above the head of Jesus on the cross. It read, "The King of the Jews." It is easy, and probably accurate, to assume that this inscription was placed on the cross above the Lord's dying body by the Roman authorities to warn potential rebels of the plight awaiting anyone who dared to defy Rome. It was intended to mock Jesus.

Instead of mockery, the sign was a revelation. It situated Jesus in the full sweep of salvation history, that pattern of encounters between God and the Hebrews. Jesus was of the Hebrews. He was a Jew. Most importantly, Jesus was the first among the Jews, the king.

The Gospel then gives the story of the criminals being executed beside Jesus. One cynically blasphemes. The other beautifully professes Jesus as Savior. To him, Jesus promises life eternal. It is a majestic act of divine love and forgiveness.

### Reflection

The Church closes its year with a brilliant and joyful testimony of Jesus as Son of God and Redeemer. He is the only source of true life. Furthermore, the Lord is the very embodiment

of God's endless love. Jesus frees us from our sins, as He forgave the dying thief on the cross at Calvary.

As Son of God, Jesus is God, possessing all authority over everything. Nothing can overcome or daunt the Son of God, not even death on the cross.

Americans never understand the European concept of royalty. Monarchs exist to serve their people.

A great heroine of the Second World War was Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, great-grandmother of the present Dutch king, who came to the throne as a small girl when her father died. On a great holiday early in her reign, her mother led Wilhelmina to the palace balcony to receive the cheers of the crowd. Thrilled, the little queen asked, "Mommie, do all these people belong to me?"

Her mother wisely replied, "No, dear, you belong to them."

The great lesson of this feast is that the wonderful, wonderfully loving and forgiving Son of God, Christ the King, belongs to us.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28 (Ps) Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28 *Thanksgiving suggestions: Ps 138:1-5 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19*

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-4 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 4:18-22

## Year of two popes leaves indelible mark on Year of Faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The goal of the Year of Faith, which concludes Nov. 24, has been to educate Catholics about basic Church teachings, strengthen their faith and inspire them to share it with others. If it has succeeded, as organizers say it has, the credit ultimately lies less with its special projects and events than with the historic papal transition that occurred in its course.

"The election of Pope Francis has given new visibility to the core teachings of Jesus Christ, which ultimately is what the Year of Faith sought to achieve," Msgr. Paul Tighe, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, told Catholic News Service.

Both Pope Benedict XVI, who opened the celebration in October 2012, and Pope Francis dedicated their Year of Faith talks to explaining the creed, looking at modern cultural challenges to faith, recognizing faith as a gift, and urging Catholics to proclaim God's love and share the Gospel.

But a different pope means a different personality and a different style, even when teaching or preaching on the same themes. In addition, a new pope tends to draw more visitors to the Vatican because many Catholics are eager to meet their new shepherd.

Eight months after Pope Francis' March 13 election, the number of visitors to the Vatican continues to be higher than usual, which most observers attribute to his easy rapport with a crowd and his touching focus on children and the sick.

By Nov. 13, more than 8 million Catholics had come to Rome and officially registered as Year of Faith pilgrims at a visitors' center just down the street from St. Peter's Basilica. But Father Francesco Spinelli, an official at the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, said the real number of participants in Year of Faith events at the Vatican is far higher, "because most come without registering at all."

Pope Francis will close the Year of Faith with Mass

### THE VATICAN LETTER

CINDY WOODEN

Nov. 24, the feast of Christ the King. The evening before, he will preside over the Rite of Acceptance, a brief ceremony in which adults who had been inquiring about the Catholic faith officially become catechumens preparing for Baptism.

The pope also plans to publish an apostolic exhortation on the New Evangelization, promoting what he calls a "culture of encounter" between Christ and humanity and among believers themselves. The document and the ceremony with future Catholics will underline a key point of Pope Francis' teaching: Christ not only knocks on hearts to get inside, He knocks on

the doors of churches asking to be let out into the world.

At his general audience Oct. 16, the pope asked the crowd: "Are we missionaries by our words, and especially by our Christian life, by our witness? Or are we Christians closed in our hearts and in our Churches: 'sacristy Christians?'"

Archbishop Jose Octavio Ruiz Arenas, secretary of the New Evangelization council, told Catholic News Service that Pope Benedict

proposed the Year of Faith "to give a strong push to the New Evangelization" and to help Catholics "recognize the joy that comes from the great gift of faith" and from knowing that God loves them so much that He sent His Son to save them.

Pope Francis' election during the Year of Faith can be seen as "providential," the archbishop said. "The personality of Pope Francis, his closeness, his use of language that is simple and profound, his desire to go out and meet people, has captivated people's hearts."

"The Holy Spirit knew what He was doing," Archbishop Ruiz

"The Holy Spirit knew what He was doing. He wanted to be sure that in the Year of Faith many people who had been far from the Church would hear an invitation to respond to the Lord."

ARCHBISHOP JOSE OCTAVIO RUIZ ARENAS

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# Sex, truth and the illumination of our guilt

Guilt has gotten a lot of bad press recently. We live in an age where guilt is practically always something bad, something to get past with the help of a shrink. Particularly when discussing sex, people will declare that religion and morality do nothing more than make people feel guilty. Andrew Aaron, a sex and marriage therapist in New Bedford, Mass., seems to subscribe to this view: "Through centuries," he writes, "religious education has associated sex with what is wrong and sinful rather than what is sacred. Instead of an expression of the divine, sex is suspiciously regarded as weakness of the flesh. The result of this influence is that sexuality, a natural part of being human, is tainted with shame, guilt and ambivalence."

Every instance of erotic satisfaction, sexual activity or orgasm, however, cannot be automatically branded as sacred or as a divine manifestation. We all recognize how easily the unbridled pursuit of sexual gratification can become an exploitative, self-centered and demeaning enterprise. "Context" matters critically when it comes to getting sex right, and it is too easy in the sexually permissive environment of today's society to miss the core truth that the unique context for human sexual activity is a very specific one, namely, the beautiful setting of marriage, with its mutual commitment and openness to children.

Jesuit Father Thomas O'Donnell in his "Medicine and Christian Morality" distills the matter to its essence in this way: "In the moral order, all deliberately induced venereal pleasure is restricted to marriage and related in some way, either immediately or remotely, to a proper marital act." From this perspective, the real harms we bring upon our-

selves, and others, when seeking to satisfy the sexual impulse outside of its specific context *should*, in fact, elicit feelings of guilt on our part.

To put it simply, there is such a thing as "good guilt," which manifests our own inner awareness of how we have acted against what is good for us, and violated the objective moral order.

I recall a story of a woman who committed adultery, and over time she struggled with feelings of guilt. What she ended up doing, in this situation, was to rationalize her guilt away with the help of her therapist. He managed to convince her that she was a "genius of friendship." The woman became "spiritually thinner" in her relationships with men, and ceased to grow humanly and personally. Simply put, she entered into the worst possible state of spiritual affairs.

The potential that she had for any deep relationships with members of the opposite sex was dashed by the way she resolved her guilt: men became objects for her crafty genius, and her relationships were reduced to power plays and manipulation. She gradually became an empty shell of a woman, with little left that was genuine inside of her. She had encountered real guilt in her life, but had failed to engage it in a way that could lead to growth, conversion and fulfillment, and her therapist likewise failed her, because he was not sensitive to the value of true guilt and the deepest human needs reflected in that guilt — the need to forgive and to be forgiven.

A few years back, Naomi Wolf wrote about a friend of hers who was a "Cornell-educated, urban, Democratic-voting 40-year-old cardiologist." This friend had once had an abortion, and afterwards she said something Wolf found very interesting: "You know how in the Greek myths when you kill a relative you



FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

## MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

are pursued by Furies? For months it was as if baby Furies were pursuing me."

No matter what our education or background, no matter what our level of sophistication may be, we have all received the gift of conscience, and the gift of "good guilt" that is ordered to helping us confront ourselves and turn away from wrongdoing. Pushing away our good guilt or hiding it under the rug only makes our situation worse. We are the only creatures in the animal kingdom capable of illuminating our guilt, of asking why we feel guilty.

Guilt is like a pain of the soul, and pain often indicates that something is wrong and we should see a doctor. Our guilty feelings about wrongs or evils we have committed should lead us to seek the Divine Physician, in the sacrament of Reconciliation, where God's healing touch is personally experienced. Forgiveness from God and neighbor leads us to healing and wholeness. In this sense, "good guilt" points to possibilities of inner renewal and freedom. By becoming attuned to our guilt, and addressing it honestly, we discover a real cause for hope.

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love and mercy in the world.

By being an inviting presence, seeking unity and understanding with others, we can help open hearts and minds to the pro-life message about the dignity of each person. When we use our words at the service of charity and truth, we enrich the life of the Church from within and give a positive, authentic witness to the rest of the world. Let us move forward in humble hope, allowing God's grace to work through us in the course of everyday conversations and interactions. On several levels, the words you use may save a life.

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## HERITAGE NOTES

TOM CASTALDI

### Thanksgiving's untold story

Father James Fitton wrote an interesting reflection in 1877 about the first Thanksgiving. He told of a French ship that wrecked off Cape Cod in 1617. Most of those on board made it to shore only to be massacred by the natives who lie in wait for the survivors.

All were killed save three who were spared their lives only to be paraded as trophies shuttled from one village to another. Two of the men soon died of the brutality they suffered. However, the third, a Catholic priest, lived. He spent his time among the tribe endeavoring to convert the Indians from their fierce ways.

Not long after the priest died, a deadly sickness overcame the land that was presumed by the natives to be a direct result of the priest's prayers to change their ways. The community members that survived the pestilence resolved from that time on to listen to the white man who could teach them of their one God.

Three years later the famed Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock. Father Fitton maintained that had it not been for the priest's witness, the pilgrims might not have been so benevolently received by that same tribe.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 24, 2013

Luke 23:35-43

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the feast of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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said. "He wanted to be sure that in the Year of Faith many people who had been far from the Church would hear an invitation to respond to the Lord," and, from what bishops and pastors around the world are reporting, it seems to have worked, he said.

Both popes have insisted that being an authentic Christian isn't simply about one's private prayer life; it must be evident in the way a person interacts with others and with the world.

A month before he stepped down, Pope Benedict said that believing in God "makes us harbingers of values that often do not coincide with the fashion and opinion of the moment. It requires us to adopt criteria and assume forms of conduct that are not part of the common mindset."

"Christians must not be afraid to go 'against the current' in order to live their faith, resisting the temptation to conform," he said.

Pope Francis, in a Year of Faith talk in April, said, "Being Christian is not just about obeying orders, but means being in Christ, thinking like Him, acting like Him, loving like Him; it means letting Him take possession of our life and change

it, transform it and free it from the darkness of evil and sin."

"This is a precious service that we must give to this world of ours which all too often no longer succeeds in raising its gaze on high, no longer succeeds in raising its gaze to God," Pope Francis said.

The two popes naturally brought distinctive styles to the Year of Faith, Archbishop Ruiz said, but it is "only a hypothesis" to think, for example, that Pope Benedict would have used the pro-life celebration in June to denounce abortion, or the family life celebration in October to denounce same-sex marriage. "Pope Benedict's magisterium wasn't concentrated just on that," Archbishop Ruiz said, and the retired pope designed the Year of Faith celebrations to be expressions of "joy and happiness," not protests.

Msgr. Tighe said, "One of the particular achievements of Pope Benedict was showing — with strong philosophical and theological arguments — the legitimate claim of faith to having a place in the public square and in public debate."

"In a simpler, more directly pastoral way, Pope Francis is almost literally bringing faith to the public square, particularly in and through the media," he said. "We see especially in social media a huge desire on the part of people to share his words and deeds."

# The foundation of the St. Pius X Parish: Seniors gather for faith and fellowship

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

GRANGER — The first brush with lake effect snow appeared in the Michiana area on Nov. 12, as members of St. Pius X Senior Group gingerly exited the parish bus, affectionately known as the “Holy Roller.” The look of eager anticipation of the upcoming monthly Mass, luncheon and speaker were apparent on their chilled faces.

St. Pius X Senior Group co-leaders Julie and David Bullard, noted that the purpose of the group is to provide adults 55 years of age and older an opportunity to attend a monthly meeting from September through June. The itinerary includes Mass, a luncheon and a speaker or entertainment. “We want our seniors to know that they are a valuable asset for St. Pius X. These people have wonderful experiences that they can share with one another,” said David.

The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, beginning with Mass at noon. David begins early in the morning picking up the members who cannot drive to the parish in the Holy Roller from their place of residence. “I love helping the people and hearing their happy chatter,” David exclaimed.

Once the Senior Group members arrived at the parish, several gathered in the church’s narthex to greet one another. For many, like Heather and Walter D’Souza, the monthly meetings provide needed fellowship mixed with spiritual and physical nourishment.

Longtime member Catherine Griffin enjoys rekindling friendships each month at the meetings. Griffin’s gift of public speaking, which she developed in her early career in radio and television, was offered to the parish by volun-



PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD

Msgr. William Schooler delivers a homily during the Memorial Mass of St. Josaphat for the Senior Group at St. Pius X Parish.

teering as a lector at Sunday and Senior Group Masses.

As members arrived for Mass, Julie was busy setting up the tables for the luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is usually \$3 per person, but the special Thanksgiving meal during November added another \$2 to cover the expanded menu of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

The large attendance for Mass in the St. Pius X chapel was highlighted with musical director Jeremy Hoy leading the congregation in “See I Make all Things New” during the Eucharist on the memorial of St. Josaphat.

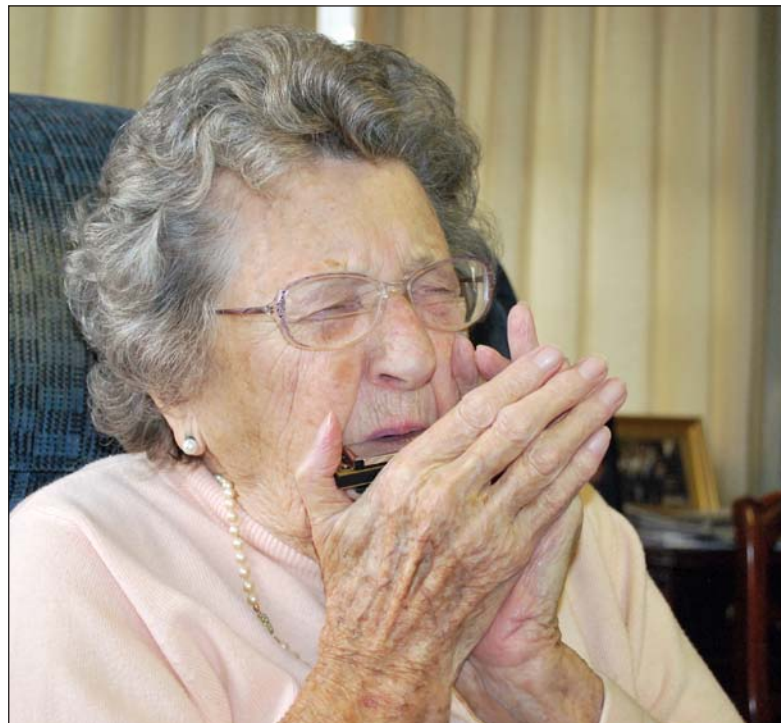
Following the luncheon, Ellen Jennings from Interim Health Care delivered a presentation on “Communicating with Your Doctor,” to those in attendance.

“We have enlisted speakers whose topics are practical and geared toward the enjoyment and enhancement of the daily lives of seniors. We also will schedule some type of entertainment such as sing-a-longs or instrumentalists for the future. In addition we

are open to suggestions from our local community to contact us if they are willing to entertain,” said Julie.

Julie acknowledged the challenges of inviting new members to the group. “It is a fact that people are now retiring later in life. Because of this, many over 55 cannot attend our get-togethers. Hopefully, those people in our parish that are retired will take another look at the Senior Group and participate.”

Being together as a church family also is important, Julie explained. “Our society today is very transient and families are scattered all over the country. The Senior Group gives them a chance to strengthen relationships



Senior Group member Martha Rupchock plays “Amazing Grace” on her harmonica.

with like-minded individuals.”

Msgr. William Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X, noted that parish seniors serve as a foundation for the church as it continues to grow. “The Senior Group is critically important to our parish, because the members of this group have been faithful to the parish for years. We are where we are today because we stand on their shoulders. Now that they have more time on their hands, we have a great opportunity to draw them in more deeply, celebrate the vitality of our parish

with them, and thank them for what they have done for us,” he said.

One senior who was unable to attend the meeting due to the slippery weather conditions was 98-year-old Martha Rupchock. Her special Senior Group Thanksgiving meal was delivered to her, after which, Martha, who has played the harmonica since she was 15, played a rendition of “Amazing Grace.”

For more information on the Senior Group contact Julie or David Bullard at (574) 272-1102.

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IRONDALE, Ala. — EWTN will air an original, five-part docu-drama, filmed on location in Spain, Mexico and California, presenting the life and heroic missionary activity of Blessed Junipero Serra titled, "Serra: Ever Forward, Never Back." Each episode of this beautiful EWTN home video mini-series combines insightful commentary from noted historians and experts with dramatized recreations of scenes from the life of Blessed Junipero Serra who played such a foundational role in the evangelization of the Americas. Although his famous expedition from Mexico to California was filled with trials and hardships, Blessed Junipero Serra was determined to go "ever forward, never back." Episodes 1-5 will air at 9:30 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, Nov. 20-24. On Sunday, Nov. 24, in honor of the 300th anniversary of Serra's birth, episodes 1-4 will re-air beginning at 7:30 p.m. and episode 5 will premiere at 9:30 p.m.

# Culture war is topic at CCV dinner

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND "You can run but you can't hide," warned Notre Dame Law Professor Gerard Bradley, keynote speaker at Citizens for Community Values of Indiana's Nov. 5 fundraising dinner. Bradley was referring to the assault on the culture from forces ranging from pornography, abortion and same-sex "marriage" to the Common Core curriculum.

CCV is a citizen advocacy group whose mission includes defending religious liberty, protecting men, women and children from the pornography/sex industry, abortion and homosexual activism "by promoting the principles of the Judeo-Christian ethic, which is the foundation of our nation."

The law professor stressed the need for Christians to become politically engaged in order to stop the advance of anti-Christian cultural and political forces. Those who oppose the moral truth have the advantages of tempting fallen human nature with easy solutions. They have money and power. They also control a lot of the media and the universities. Some, but not all, are willing to use insults, deception and bribery in the pursuit of their agenda.

In this hostile environment it is tempting to withdraw into our circle of family, church, friends, to go "softly Amish" and tend to things near at hand and not be engaged politically, not worry about the law and politics.

Bradley said while retreating into a kind of "Amish Lite" enclave may be an admirable protective instinct; "in the end it is unsustainable. The

culture will find you. The law will find you. The world is going to find you and your kids."

Quoting Cardinal Francis George, Bradley said, "Law has a peculiar and unique cultural function in American Society." Unlike other societies, Americans are not related by blood, race, religion or even language — but by law. "In this country law is more important in teaching and instructing us than it is in directing us. The law mightily shapes our culture."

Bradley noted that "the culture has an effect on the law, but in America 2013 we are not going to be able to save the culture unless we do what we can to save the law. And in that way, among others, save and protect the culture."

Bradley outlined present and future challenges in the fight to save society. Pornography has become accepted socially and legally and it is difficult to find a prosecutor "willing to take on pornography." With Internet pornography, "The devil is in your house," he said.

In the future, most abortions will be induced at home with abortion drugs. Abortion will not go underground but will be largely off the street and inaccessible to sidewalk counselors or protesters.

There have been setbacks in the fight to protect traditional marriage from the legalization of so-called "gay marriage."

Despite these challenges no one is excused from continuing to fight no matter what new circumstances arise.

Bradley did not place much hope in the major political parties. One major party does not believe what we believe and the other major party has some leaders who do, but they do not have the same priorities in terms of saving babies, saving marriage and the sexual purity of children. In that respect, "Their agenda is not our agenda."

Due to various reasons, Bradley noted, "the churches have lost their moral authority in our culture." Bradley was not optimistic about politically effective leadership

coming from the pastors of either Protestant or Catholic churches.

He believes that it is lay-led grassroots organizations like CCV that are mounting a resistance that offer the most hope in stemming the tide of moral decline. "We need more groups like this," he said.

Bradley warned against the threat to sound education posed by Common Core, calling it "nefarious." Common Core is a set of national educational standards being promoted by various individuals, organizations and textbook companies. A large number of states are moving forward with the program. It is being contested in Indiana and elsewhere by concerned citizens and Indiana has not yet adopted it.

A principle financier behind the nationalization of standards effort is billionaire Bill Gates. The National Catholic Education Association is a recipient of a Gates Common Core grant.

Bradley expressed concern that a number of American Catholic bishops appear to have accepted Common Core without a critical analysis of its content and implications. He recently sent a letter cosigned by 132 Catholic scholars to each of the U.S. Catholic bishops urging that it should be rejected. Bradley also opposed Common Core in an essay published in *The Irish Rover* and reprinted in *Crisis Magazine*. He said there is an exploding "parent-led rebellion" against Common Core.

Bradley offered reflections on fighting the cultures wars:

- Consider as in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" how bad things would be without these efforts.
- Stand tall and stand firm against the juggernaut even when insulted, intimidated and marginalized.
- Time is on our side in a myriad of ways. If Obamacare or Common Core get full implementation, people will see it for what it is and rebel.
- We need to be shrewd but simple and guileless with purity of motive, life, intentions and rectitude of the will.

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- Admission is FREE! Food & drinks will be available for purchase; regular cost for games
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## DINNERS

### Fish, chicken and tenderloin supper planned

Huntington — Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 860 Cherry St., will have a fish, chicken and tenderloin supper, Friday, Nov. 22, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Rieder Auditorium. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$5 for students 6-12 and children 5 and under free.

### Holy Name Society fish fry

New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Nov. 22, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children 5-12 \$4 and children under 5 free.

## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### Henry-Keefer Merit scholarship/ placement exam

Fort Wayne — All incoming 2014 freshmen are required to take the placement exam Saturday, Dec. 7, at Bishop Luers High School. The Henry-Keefer Merit Scholarship will be awarded to the top 10 scoring students. Awards total \$10,000. Students must arrive by 7:45 a.m.

### Guided holy hour

Fort Wayne — The Dr. Jerome Lejeune Medical Guild and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will have a guided Eucharistic Holy Hour for children, families and particularly all persons with disabilities, on Friday, Dec. 6, from 7-8 p.m. The evening, including music, readings, teaching and guided prayer will be led by Father Daniel Whelan. A reception will follow.

### Thanksgiving dinner announced

South Bend — St. Matthew Cathedral will host a Thanksgiving dinner, Thursday, Nov. 28, from 11 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria, 1701 Miami St. Those without friends and family are invited to share the free meal. For information, call (574) 289-5539 or email t.monnin@comcast.net

### Run for the heart 5k and one mile Santa chase planned

Warsaw — A 5k run and one mile walk in memory of Msgr. James Wolf will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish. Door prizes and refreshments offered. Download registration forms at runindiana.com or sacredheart-warsaw.org. All proceeds benefit tuition assistance.

### St. Augustine greenery sale

South Bend — St. Augustine Parish will offer a tree/greenery sale with items handmade by an area tree farm. Advance orders only by calling Mary at (574) 234-7992 or email filbert.1@nd.edu. Orders taken through Nov. 28; pick up Nov. 30 at 1501 W. Washington St.

## BAZAARS AND COOKIE WALKS

### Winter wonderland craft bazaar

Bristol — Saint Mary of the Annunciation will have a craft bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 7, from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 411 W. Vistula St. Handmade arts and crafts as well as baked goods will be available. Santa Claus will be there for photos with the children free of charge.

### St. Patrick plans cookie walk, bake sale

South Bend — St. Patrick Parish will have a cookie walk and bake sale Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Center, 308 S. Scott St. A variety of cookies (for sale by the pound) and other homemade baked goods will be available.

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### Craft bazaar with baked goods and homemade noodles

Churubusco — The Rosary Society of St. John Bosco Church, 216 N. Main St., will host a craft bazaar on Friday,

Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cinnamon rolls will be served in the mornings. Homemade soup and sandwiches available for lunch.



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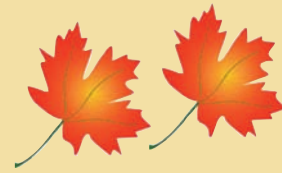
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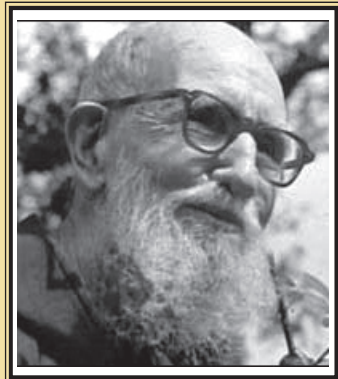


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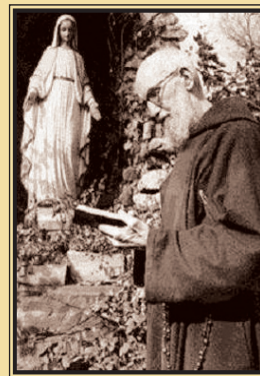


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