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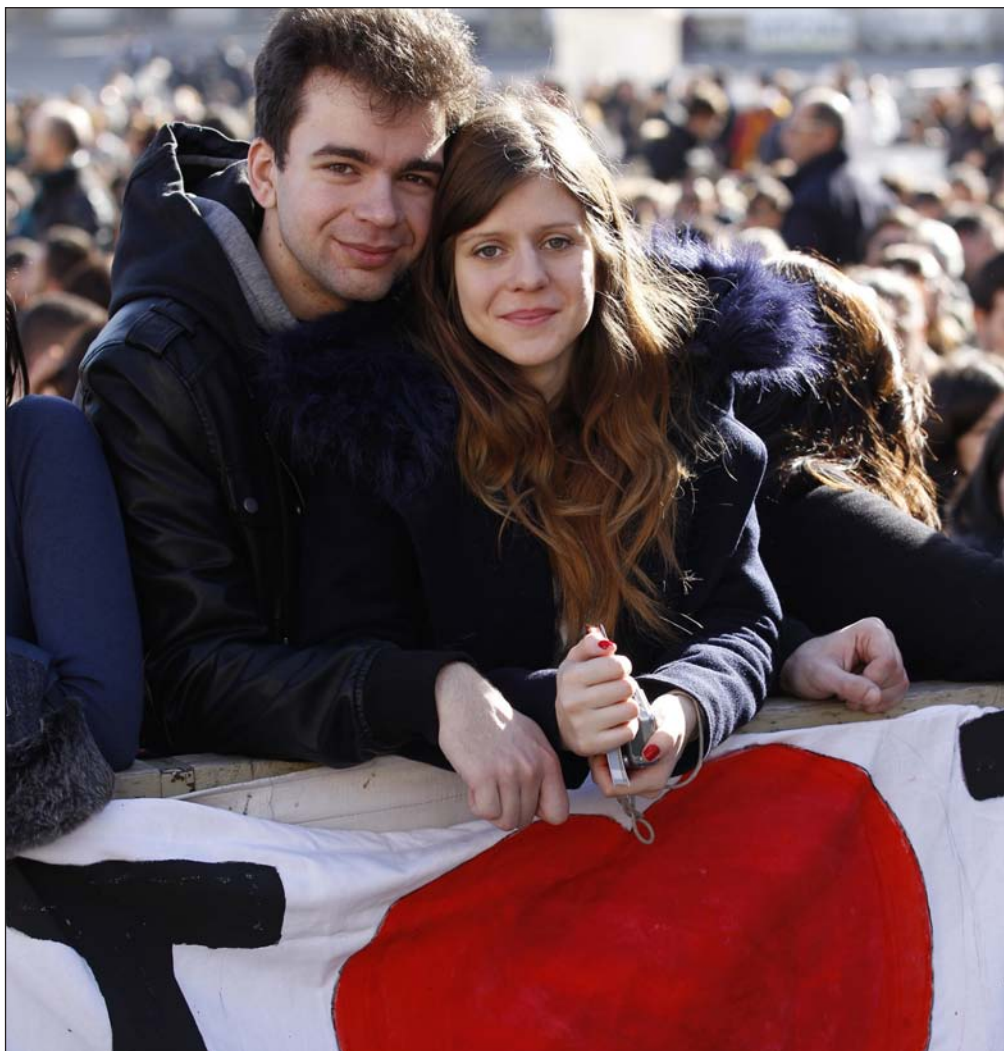
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After 'I do,' comes 'may I, thank you, sorry'

BY CAROL GLATZ



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An engaged couple waits for the start of Pope Francis' Valentine Day audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Feb. 14.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Greeting thousands of engaged couples on the feast of St. Valentine, Pope Francis told them not to be afraid of building a permanent and loving relationship in a culture where everything is disposable and fleeting.

The secrets to a loving and lasting union, he said, include treating each other with respect, kindness and gratitude, and never letting daily struggles and squabbles sabotage making peace and saying, "I'm sorry."

"The perfect family doesn't exist, nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife, and let's not talk about the perfect mother-in-law!" he said to laughter and applause.

"It's just us sinners," he said. But "if we learn to say we're sorry and ask forgiveness, the marriage will last."

After a week of heavy rains, bright sunshine warmed St. Peter's Square and the 30,000 people who gathered for an audience Feb. 14 dedicated to couples completing their marriage preparation courses and planning to be married in the Church this year.

The initiative, "The Joy of 'Yes' Forever," was organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family. The council president, Italian Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, is a former bishop of Terni and successor to St. Valentine — the third-century martyred bishop of Terni.

The archbishop told the pope that the young couples in the square were evidence of how many people do want to "go against the tide" by having a love that lasts forever and is blessed by God.

Engaged couples attending the audience received a small white pillow with Pope Francis' signature and his papal crest; the cushion has two satin ribbons

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MEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY



Rekindle The Fire Diocesan Men's Conference is Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Encourage a friend, father, brother and son to attend. A \$35 registration fee includes lunch. Register at Rekindlethefire.net.

Dr. Ray Guarendi to speak at Marriage and Family Conference

NOTRE DAME — The diocesan Office of Family Life will be hosting the third biennial Diocesan Marriage and Family Conference on Saturday, March 29, at the Notre Dame Conference Center (McKenna Hall). The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will open the conference with Morning Prayer and a reflection. Dr. Ray Guarendi, an internationally known speaker, author and host of his own radio show, will speak at both plenary sessions on "Marriage: Small Steps, Big Rewards" and "Standing Strong as a Parent."

The conference will also feature two workshop sessions. The sessions will include three workshops from which to choose. Topics will include theology of the Eucharist and



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marriage, communication and intimacy in marriage, family life, parenting issues, and the Christian family as the Church of the home. Confirmed workshop and panelist speakers include Msgr. Michael Heintz, Fred and Lisa Everett, Theresa Thomas and John Sikorski.

The schedule includes:

- 8:30 a.m. — Registration and continental breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

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Going to Mass should be a life-changing event, pope says at audience

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Going to Mass and receiving the Eucharist should make a difference in the way Catholics live, Pope Francis said; they should be more accepting of others and more aware of their sinfulness.

"If we don't feel in need of God's mercy and don't think we are sinners, it's better not to go to Mass," Pope Francis said Feb. 12 at his weekly general audience. The Eucharist is a celebration of Christ's gift of Himself for the salvation of sinners, which is why the Mass begins with people confessing they are sinners and begging for the Lord's mercy.

Continuing a series of audience talks about the sacraments, the pope asked people to think about how they approach the Mass and what difference it makes in their lives and the lives of their parishes.

Do you go to Mass because it's a habit or a time to see your friends? the pope asked. "Or is it something more?"

"When we go to Mass, we find ourselves with all sorts of people," the pope said. "Does the Eucharist we celebrate lead me to consider all of them as brothers and sisters? Does it increase my ability to rejoice when they do and to weep with those who weep?"

Pope Francis said it is not enough to say one loves Jesus; it must be shown in love for those He loved.

Ask yourself, he said, if going to Mass helps you reach out to the suffering or "am I indifferent, or am I gossiping, 'Did you see how that one's dressed?' Sometimes people do that after Mass. But this



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Balloons are seen as Pope Francis greets the crowd upon arrival for his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Feb. 12.

shouldn't happen."

Attendance at Mass also should lead to "the grace of feeling forgiven and able to forgive others," he said.

Pope Francis said he knows that some people wonder why they should bother going to church when the church is filled with people who sin like everyone else.

"In reality, those who participate in the Mass don't do so because they think or want to believe they are superior to others, but precisely because they know they are in need" of God's mercy, he said.

"We go to Mass because we know we are sinners and want Jesus' forgiveness," the pope said.

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for securing wedding rings during the marriage ceremony.

Three of the couples shared with the pope their thoughts and concerns about living a Christian Marriage and asked for his advice.

While the pope confessed he had the questions in advance and wrote out his answers, that didn't stop him from straying from the text to give further emphasis and examples.

"Living together is an art, a patient, beautiful and amazing journey" that "doesn't end when you've won over each others' hearts," he said. Rather "that's exactly when it begins!"

A healthy family life, he said, absolutely requires frequent use of three phrases: "May I? Thank you, and I'm sorry."

People need to be more attentive to how they treat each other, he said. They must trade in their heavy

"mountain boots" for greater delicacy when walking into someone else's life.

Love isn't tough or aggressive, he said, it's courteous and kind, and in a world that is "often violent and aggressive, we need much more courtesy."

Couples also need the strength to recognize when they've done wrong and ask forgiveness. The "instinct" to accuse someone else "is at the heart of so many disasters," starting with Adam, who ate the forbidden fruit. When God asked him if he did it, the pope said, Adam immediately passes the blame saying, "Uh, no, it was that one over there who gave it to me!" Accusing the other to get out of saying "I'm sorry" and "Pardon me."

Obviously, couples will make mistakes and fight, but "never, never, never end the day without making peace," the pope said.

An eloquent speech isn't necessary, he said, but things must be set right because if they aren't, the bad feelings inside will become "cold and hard and it will be more difficult to make peace" as time goes

"When, at the beginning of Mass, we say, 'I confess,' it's not something pro forma. It's a real act of penance."

In the Eucharist, Jesus truly gives us His Body and Blood for the remission of sins, he said.

Celebrating the Eucharist also should make a difference in the way a parish community lives, he said. At Mass, Christ gathers people around Him "to nourish us with His word and His life. This means that the mission and identity of the Church begin and take form there."

"A celebration could be perfect from an aesthetic point of view — it can be beautiful — but if it does not lead us to an encounter with Jesus Christ, it risks not giving

any nourishment to our hearts and lives," the pope said. There must be "coherence between our Eucharist and our lives."

The text of the pope's audience

remarks in English is available online at www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/audiences/2014/documents/papa-francesco_20140212_udienza-generale_en.html

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on.

Many people can't imagine or are afraid of a love and marriage that lasts forever because they think love is an emotional-physical feeling or state-of-being, he said. But "love is a relationship, it's something that grows."

The relationship needs to be taken care of every day, "entrusting yourselves to the Lord Jesus in a life that becomes a daily spiritual journey, made step by step, tiny steps" toward greater maturity and spiritual growth, he said.

Like his miracle of multiplying the loaves, Jesus will do the same "also for you," he said, "multiplying your love and giving it to you good and fresh every day."

The pope also urged couples to keep their wedding ceremonies low-key, focusing more on Christ than on the dress, decorations and photographers.

A Christian marriage is a celebration, but it must highlight "what's really important," and "the true reason for your joy: the blessing of your love by the Lord."

Manuela Franchini, 29, and Armando Perasole, 30, who are get-

ting married Dec. 12, attended the event. They moved from Naples to Milan for work, and told Catholic News Service that economic and political problems in Italy make it "really hard for families. But with the Church there is more hope in being able to make it."

Robert Duncan, who is a multimedia journalist at the Catholic News Service Rome bureau, and his fiancée, Constance Daggett, were one of the handful of couples chosen to speak about their journeys of faith and love, and to meet the pope.

The two 25-year-olds became Catholics as adults and Duncan said, "The fact that we're able to begin our marriage in the presence of the pope is a culmination of a process that has been the story of our love."

Giovanna, an Italian woman at the event with her fiancé, said they find inspiration and a model for a happy marriage in two friends of theirs who have been married for many years.

"They look at each other with the same kind of love they had the day they first met," she said.

Belgium passes law to allow euthanasia for small children

BRUSSELS (CNS) — Belgian legislators voted to make their country the world's first to allow euthanasia for small children, despite vigorous opposition from the Catholic Church and all main religious groups.

"We are saddened and fearful for the future after this vote to extend euthanasia to children without any age limit," said the Catholic bishops' conference.

"We totally uphold the rights of the child, of which love and respect are the most important. But the right of the child to demand its own death is a step too far. It transgresses the prohibition of killing, which is the foundation of our human society," the bishops said in a statement Feb. 13.

The same day, Belgium's lower house of Parliament passed the legislation, which permits the doctor-assisted killing of terminally ill children facing "unbearable physical suffering." The legislation passed the Senate late last year and must now go to the king for approval.

The bishops said they had frequently "expressed fears" about the proposed law, which had been unanimously deplored "with a single voice" by heads of all faiths in November.

They added that they shared the views of all those opposed to the law "as a function of their experience or expertise," including medical experts who believed it was "useless and defective."

"We fear this new law opens the door wide to the further extension of euthanasia to handicapped persons, people with dementia, the mentally ill and those merely tired of life," the bishops said. "We insist everything is done to combat pain and suffering to the maximum, and that all professionals and volun-

teers accompanying the sick and suffering gain optimal support."

Representatives voted 86-44 with 12 abstentions for the law, which requires children to be "conscious of their decision" after "repeated requests to die," and to have approval from their parents and medical team.

However, Belgium's *Le Soir* daily said the debate, which was marked by a pro-life vigil outside the Brussels Parliament, had been heated, adding that a public gallery spectator had shouted "Murderers!" as the result was announced.

The Church's Cathobel news agency said several members of Parliament had highlighted contradictions in the bill's wording, including its provision that children as young as 3 could be allowed to die "if capable of discernment," whereas a 17-year-old could be refused if psychiatrists disagreed.

The agency added that Health Minister Laurette Onckelinx, a champion of the law, had "shocked colleagues" by failing to attend the debate.

"This merely underlines the emptiness of Belgium's legislative process — why bother listening to the minister's opinion if no expert has been consulted and all amendments have been swept aside?" the Catholic agency commented Feb. 13.

"Neither the truth nor the common good have been in evidence in this debate. Does this signal that Belgian society itself is 'incapable of discernment'?"

Catholics nominally make up three-quarters of Belgium's population of 11 million, although only one in 10 attends church.

Euthanasia was legalized in Belgium in 2002, a year after the neighboring Netherlands.

Politicians and pediatricians said

children should have the same right to die as adults.

Belgian Health Ministry data registered more than 1,400 deaths in 2012, an increase of 25 percent over 2011.

Although officially restricted to terminal patients, researchers say reasons for euthanasia have included blindness, anorexia and botched operations, while many are carried out illegally by nurses and at least a third are involuntary.

In a November open letter, 16 pediatricians backed the proposed bill, claiming children facing illness and death "develop a great maturity very rapidly."

However, the claim was rejected by professors from the Catholic University of Leuven, as well as in an early February open letter by 160 pediatricians, who said modern medicine was "capable of alleviating pain."

Several Belgian churches staged vigils against the law, including Brussels' National Basilica of the Sacred Heart, where Archbishop Andre Leonard, the bishops' conference president, led an ecumenical day of prayer and fasting Feb. 6.

Besides Belgium and the Netherlands, euthanasia and assisted suicide have been legalized in Luxembourg and declared "nonpunishable" in Switzerland and are under parliamentary consideration in Britain and France.

Most countries have resisted calls for euthanasia of sick children, which was conducted in Nazi Germany under a program known as Kinder-Euthanasie.

The Dutch law allows newborn babies with conditions such as spina bifida to be euthanized, under the 2004 Groningen Protocol, but restricts euthanasia requests to children over age 12.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m. — Mass with Confirmation, Holy Spirit Chapel LeMans Hall, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
- Monday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. — Ecclesiology Class, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m. — Mass and Lunch, Holy Cross House, Notre Dame
- Wednesday, Feb. 26, 5 p.m. — Keeley Vatican Lecture, University of Notre Dame
- Thursday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m. — Mass for Legatus, Saint Pius X Church, Granger
- Friday, Feb. 28, 9 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Saint Joseph High School, South Bend



Report abuse

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org under "Safe Environment."

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: mraatz@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

Permanece importante para nuestra Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficos del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, pólizas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Esto se puede observar en la página cibernética de la Diócesis, www.diocesefwsb.org bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro "Safe Environment."

Si usted tiene razón para creer que un niño puede ser víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven por un adulto, lo animamos a que notifique las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el alegado abusador es o fue un sacerdote o diácono de la Iglesia Católica, lo animamos contactar a Mary Glowaski, Coordinadora de Asistencia de Víctimas, (260)-399-1458, correo electrónico: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, o al Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicario General de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne - South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, o al (260) 399-1419, correo electrónico: mraatz@diocesefwsb.org. La Diócesis esta comprometida en ayudar a prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar asistencia a aquellos quienes reclaman haber sufrido daño como resultado de tal abuso.



CNS PHOTO/ LAURENT DUBRULE, REUTERS

Protesters in Brussels hold banners Feb. 11 against legislation authorizing euthanasia for children. Belgian legislators voted Feb. 13 to make their country the world's first to allow euthanasia for small children, despite vigorous opposition from the Catholic Church and all main religious groups.

YDisciple training coming to diocese

FORT WAYNE — YDisciple is a Catholic Youth Ministry initiative powered by the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colo. It is the institute's firm conviction that the future of the Church depends on good youth ministry. Future priestly and religious vocations, future marriages and families, future strong Catholics ... all grow exponentially when a solid foundation is experienced during the formative teenage years.

Many parishes desire a strong youth ministry program, but scarce finances and limited staff resources make it seem like an elusive goal.

YDisciple offers a solution — one that is possible for every parish in the country, regardless of demographics, financial resources or even staff.

"We advocate an approach to youth ministry that models the strategy of Christ Himself — intentional discipleship," says the ministry's website, www.ydisciple.org. "And for such a model to be effective in our modern times, it must engage parents as the primary driver for the overall ministry."

YDisciple is a process for youth ministry that empowers parishes to bring the vision of the New Evangelization to life through a comprehensive approach to youth ministry that includes adult leader training, curriculum resources, ongoing support and parent resources.

A spirituality retreat, led by YDisciple, will be held March 1, from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Msgr. John Kuzmich Life Center at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in



Fort Wayne. The retreat is open to all priests, youth ministers, volunteer youth leaders and parents of teens.

Cindy Black, director of diocesan Youth Ministry explained, "Years ago when I first began ministry to high school teens, they wanted to be part of something big — big group, big event, big screen, big music ... because their circle of close friends with whom they regularly interacted was relatively small and they desired to see what others were doing, thinking, etc. So we tried to get as many teens to come to events as possible so there was anonymity and they could check things out in non-socially threatening environment."

"Now with virtually every high school teen having a cell phone and access to social media," Black added, "they have this huge network of people that they have superficial contact with and spend

very little time in face-to-face intimate interactions with peers and adults. Now they long for authentic community."

Black said, "YDisciples provides a model and resources for filling that need for ongoing meaningful relationships where we come together and share our joys and struggles as Christian community. YDisciple really models the method Jesus and the early Church used for sharing the Gospel."

An ongoing challenge in youth ministry is finding well-formed adults gifted in teaching aspects of the faith in order to catechize teens. Black said that it is easier to find adults with good hearts, seeking holiness through their relationship with Jesus, to walk the journey with teens.

"YDisciple produces quality resources in teen-friendly formats so adults can spend more time relating to teens and less time preparing a teaching," Black noted. "YDisciple also emphasizes parents' responsibility to disciple their own teens and provides resources for them to integrate the Gospel into their home — the domestic Church."

For more information about the YDisciple retreat, contact Black at cblack@diocesefwsb.org or call 260-399-1436 or Aaron Seng at aseng@diocesefwsb.org or 574-968-2423.

Faith and science in harmony at Christ the King School

BY HEATHER COYNE

SOUTH BEND — For many people, there is a misunderstanding about the relationship between faith and science. The Church provides guidance on how to appreciate the harmony between them, bringing faith and science into dialogue. This discourse can be witnessed every day in the science classrooms of this diocese.

"What initially drew me is the study of creation through the lens of science," said Nicole Dainty, middle school science teacher at Christ the King School in South Bend. "It has always been natural for me to experience God through doing science and learning about the world."

Dainty strives to bring a sense of wonder to students through a hands-on curriculum. "Education can become rote. If science is taught in a way that kids get to explore and discover, while they are discovering truths about ecosystems or atomic structure, they can gain appreciation for what God has created," she said.

The eighth-grade unit on genetics is an important point to bring faith into the discussion, according to Dainty.

"We are talking, in an age-appropriate way, about advances in science and ethical dilemmas; how science can be used to help, heal and serve, but not at the expense of beliefs and ideals," Dainty said.

All discussion takes place in a tone encouraging children to discuss



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with their own family so parents may lead at a pace that is appropriate for their child.

A favorite for students are the labs. Dainty takes full advantage of the school's science facilities and allows the children to experience the lessons of each unit with a hands-on activity. At the beginning of the school year, students earn a lab license, allowing them to work safely with flame, chemicals and dissection instruments.

Always looking to learn herself, Dainty attends a once-a-month professional development program for middle school science teachers facilitated by Matt Kloser, Niewland Director at the Notre Dame Center for STEM Education.

Kloser said, "Bringing these teachers together is important, because they are all science teachers that have no other science colleagues in their schools. This program helps open the door to natural cross-school collaborations."

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- 10 a.m. — Plenary Session 1: "Marriage: Small Steps, Big Rewards," Dr. Ray Guarendi
- 11 a.m. — Break
- 11:25 a.m. — Workshop Session 1: "Creating a Big-Hearted Family," Theresa Thomas; "Building Communication and Intimacy in Marriage," Lisa Everett; "Pope Francis and the Domestic Church," John Sikorski.
- 12:15 p.m. — Lunch
- 1:05 p.m. — Plenary Session 2: "Standing Strong as a Parent," Dr. Ray Guarendi
- 2 p.m. — Break
- 2:25 p.m. — Workshop Session 2: "When the Giver becomes the Gift: the Eucharist and Marriage,"

Msgr. Michael Heintz; "Building Communication and Intimacy in Marriage" (repeat), Lisa Everett; "Pope Francis and the Domestic Church" (repeat), John Sikorski.

- 3:15 p.m. — Break
- 3:40 p.m. — Panel discussion: "Handing on the Faith to our Children"
- 4:30 p.m. — Closing Prayer


To register for the conference, go directly to the conference website at cce.nd.edu or call the Notre Dame Conference Center at (574) 631-6691 for more information. The cost for this daylong conference, which includes continental breakfast, a boxed lunch and afternoon snacks, is \$35 per person.

Participants are asked to indicate their workshop preferences in order to assist in guaranteeing proper room space. College or graduate students are welcome to attend any of the plenary or workshop sessions at no cost.

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Senate Committee approves bill providing fetus burial

INDIANAPOLIS — All mothers who suffer a miscarriage would have the option of providing a burial for their pre-born baby under a bill, which the Senate Health Committee passed, 11-0, Feb. 12. The House passed the measure, Jan. 30, by a vote of 92-3. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the legislation.

Indiana law allows fetuses less than 20 weeks to be disposed of as medical waste, rather than allowing parents to have the remains for a burial.

House Bill 1190 would change that by allowing the parents who suffer a miscarriage to have a say over what happens to the remains of their baby. The fetus could be disposed of at the hospital either via incineration or discarded as medical waste, or the parents could arrange for a burial.

Rep. Hal Slager, R-Schererville, author of the bill told the Senate panel, "Some might think this is a minor issue and perhaps so, but essentially it is a notification issue. It began with a ministry that came to me that works with families who suffer a loss of a child through miscarriage.

"Currently, parents are allowed to direct the remains (of a fetus following a miscarriage) after 20 weeks gestation," said Slager.

"This bill essentially allows the parents the opportunity to make that direction regardless of the length of the pregnancy," said Slager. "And it requires notification of available options."

Glenn Tebbe, executive director for the Indiana Catholic Conference, who serves as the

official spokesman for the Catholic Church on public policy matters, testified in support of the bill said, "All human beings are made in the image and likeness of God, from which each person derives her or his dignity."

"Therefore, it is proper and appropriate to treat fetal remains with dignity and respect as one would the remains of a more developed fetus because of the nature of the remains," said Tebbe. "It is appropriate to assist the parents to grieve the loss of their child and to provide for proper burial. The Catholic Church supports the bill as positive public policy respecting the dignity and sacredness of all persons."

Many hospitals already provide a burial option for parents following a miscarriage at these earlier stages of fetal development, but that is a voluntary hospital policy not mandated by law according to Tim Kennedy, who represents the Indiana Hospitals Association. Kennedy told the committee that the Indiana Hospitals Association is supportive of the legislation because it provides closure for the parents and that the remains are treated appropriately.

The pain a mother faces at the loss of her child is like no other. The age of the child does not mitigate this pain, according to Jill McNamara, a volunteer with Elizabeth Ministry, an international movement offering encouragement, hope and healing on issues related to childbearing, who has led the effort for the legislation.

McNamara told the panel, "Mothers have very a special kind of grief."

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McNamara noted science now shows a strong biological connection between mother and child. When the pregnancy is terminated, the cells do not go full term to the child but rather remain with the mother for about 40 years.

McNamara explained that while death can end the life of the baby, it will never end the relationship with the baby. "We can delay the grief, but we cannot deny that the grief will happen at some point in that mother's life. It is unhealthy to think that you can deny it. We can't deny the human grieving process," said McNamara.

"A mother who has lost a baby due to miscarriage has not given birth to medical waste" as current law classifies them. "These mother's first need to have their babies recognized," and then the mothers need to be given a chance for burial, proper grieving and closure.

Indianapolis resident, Mary Glowinski, who testified in support of the bill, told the committee, "In 1978, I miscarried my baby at four months at home. I had my baby in my hand and was taken to the county hospital. They took my baby. I never saw my baby again. I lived with that for 36 years." She

told the panel that it wasn't until her son and daughter-in-law suffered a miscarriage nearly 20 years later and she went to the burial service at St. Francis that Glowinski realized what was taken from her in the grieving process by not being allowed to have a burial service when she had her miscarriage.

According to McNamara, currently there are 15 states that have statues similar to HB 1190, and she hopes the other 34 states will join the effort to pass similar laws affecting the burial following miscarriage.

House Bill 1190 now moves to the Senate floor for approval. Tebbe said he expects the bill to pass the Senate.

The Indiana General Assembly only has a few weeks left to conduct legislative business, as they must adjourn by March 14.

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March 3 — Third reading deadline for Senate bills in the House.

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March 14 — Session adjournment.

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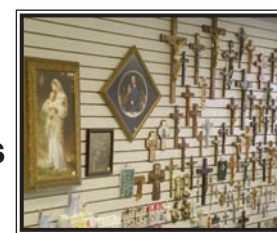
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New stem-cell method offers another alternative to embryonic research

BALTIMORE (CNS) — A new method of creating versatile stem cells from a relatively simple manipulation of existing cells could further reduce the need for any stem-cell research involving human embryos, according to leading ethicists. Although the process has only been tested in mice, two studies published Jan. 29 in the journal *Nature* detailed research showing success with a process called stimulus-triggered acquisition of pluripotency, or STAP. Scientists from Japan's RIKEN research institute and Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston were able to reprogram blood cells from newborn mice by placing them in a low-level acidic bath for 30 minutes. Seven to 9 percent of the cells subjected to such stress returned to a state of pluripotency and were able to grow into other types of cells in the body. "If this technology proves feasible with human cells, which seems likely, it will offer yet another alternative for obtaining highly flexible stem cells without relying on the destructive use of human embryos," said Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, director of education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. "This is clearly a positive direction for scientific research." Father Pacholczyk, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., who holds a doctorate in neuroscience from Yale University, said the only "potential future ethical issue" raised by the new STAP cells would be if scientists were to coax them into "a new degree of flexibility beyond classical pluripotency," creating cells "with essential characteristics of embryos and the propensity to develop into the adult organism."

Puerto Rican sainthood candidate known for piety, drive to teach poor

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (CNS) — To the average Puerto Rican, born and raised in the country, the figure of "el maestro Rafael" (Rafael the teacher) was a fleeting reference in a grade school lesson. In recent times, however, his stature has grown, putting him on the long road to sainthood. In December, Pope Francis signed a decree recognizing that Rafael Cordero Molina — known as the "father of Puerto Rican public education" — lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way and is venerable. "Maestro Rafael," as he is widely known in his island home, joins Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriguez Santiago as the second Puerto Rican being considered for canonization. Cordero, who was of African ancestry, was born in San Juan in 1790 and died there in 1868. He founded and operated a free school for poor children of all races. Gathering documentation for his canonization cause posed challenges. Unlike the cause for Blessed Carlos (1918-1963), there were no contemporaries of Cordero to interview about having witnessed his good works, nor was there a body of his own writings to evaluate. But Cordero's acts of char-

NEWS BRIEFS

MIAMI ARCHBISHOP SPORTS CUSTOM RIDING VEST BEFORE MASS FOR MOTORCYCLE CHARITY RIDE



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Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, center, sports his custom riding vest Feb. 9 at Mary Help of Christians Church near Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before the opening Mass for the second annual Archbishop's Poker Run charity ride to benefit Miami Catholic Charities' St. Luke's Center for alcohol and drug rehabilitation. With him are John Pesce of Fort Lauderdale and Rene John Sardina of the Chrome Knights Motorcycle Association.

ity and piety were so well known within his own time, there was plenty written about him in the San Juan Archdiocese's archives and in secular historical records.

New York bishops urge 'love, respect' for people with mental illness

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) — The Catholic bishops of New York urged compassion and acceptance for people suffering from mental illness in a new pastoral statement, and the state Catholic conference, their public policy arm, issued specific policy recommendations related to those with mental illness. The bishops' statement, "For I Am Lonely and Afflicted: Toward a Just Response to the Needs of Mentally Ill Persons," cited the example of Jesus in the Gospels in demonstrating how society should respond to those with mental illness. "We must reject the twin temptations of stereotype and fear, which can cause us to see mentally ill people as something other than children of God, made in His image and likeness, deserving of our love and respect," they said. The bishops noted that fewer than 5 percent of violent acts are committed by people with mental illness, adding that "persons with mental illness are more often

victims than perpetrators of violent acts, and they also are more likely to be victims of sexual abuse." They also urged Catholics to be welcoming of people with mental illness.

Organizations weigh in on how Supreme Court should handle HHS mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After ruling in 2012 that certain aspects of the Affordable Care Act stand up to constitutional scrutiny, the Supreme Court's next dip into legal challenges to the law focuses on whether for-profit secular employers can claim religious rights protections from some provisions. In addition to the standard briefs and replies filed by the two sides in each of the cases, the Supreme Court is being asked to consider the arguments raised by hundreds of organizations represented in "amicus" or friend-of-the-court briefs filed in advance of the court's March 25 oral arguments in *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood Specialties v. Sebelius*. The court is jointly hearing the cases, in which two federal appeals courts issued opposite rulings about the companies' claims to a religious rights-based exemption from having to provide coverage for various forms of contracep-

tion in employee health insurance. The court is under no obligation to consider "amicus" briefs, but it typically does, and sometimes cites them in rulings. There's been a great deal of attention within the Catholic Church, in particular, to whether Church-affiliated institutions may be exempted from the contraceptive provisions — widely described as a mandate. But the cases being heard in March deal only with how that mandate applies to for-profit, secular employers. Cases over how the mandate is applied to nonprofit religious institutions, including the Little Sisters of the Poor, are still being addressed by lower courts and are unlikely to reach the Supreme Court before its next term.

Living in remodeled convent, Pope Benedict is not cloistered, aides say

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In retirement, Pope Benedict XVI follows a daily schedule similar to that of any retired bishop or religious: He prays, reads, strolls, talks with people and offers them spiritual advice, the Vatican spokesman said. Although he "lives in a low-key way, without public attention, that does not mean he's isolated or enclosed in a strict cloister," Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi

told Vatican Radio. Marking the one-year anniversary of Pope Benedict's resignation Feb. 11, Father Lombardi and Archbishop Georg Ganswein, the retired pope's longtime personal secretary, spoke about the very normal daily life of a man who is in the unusual position of being a retired pope. Archbishop Ganswein, who continues as Pope Benedict's personal secretary while also serving Pope Francis as prefect of the papal household, summarized the retired pope's day as filled "with prayer most of all, with study, with personal correspondence and visits."

Bishops: Ruling on Virginia ban 'strips marriage of intrinsic meaning'

RICHMOND, Va. (CNS) — A federal judge's decision to strike down Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage as unconstitutional has dealt "a severe blow to the citizens of our commonwealth," two Catholic bishops said in a Feb. 14 statement. "In striking down Virginia's constitutional amendment affirming the institution of marriage as a union between a man and a woman, Judge (Arenda) Wright Allen has not only totally ignored our state's rights under the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, she has also redefined marriage to the peril and detriment of our society," said Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo of Richmond and Bishop Paul S. Loverde of Arlington. Their statement was released by the Virginia Catholic Conference in Richmond, the bishops' public policy arm. Wright Allen of the U.S. District Court in Norfolk issued her decision late Feb. 13 in a lawsuit brought on behalf of two Virginia couples. One couple, Timothy Bostic and Tony London, have lived together for 20 years and were denied a marriage license in summer 2013 by Norfolk Circuit Court clerk. The other couple, Mary Townley and Carol Schall, were married in California and want Virginia to recognize their marriage. Wright Allen ruled the Virginia Constitution's same-sex marriage ban violated the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection. Bishops DiLorenzo and Loverde said her decision "contradicts the wisdom and understanding of the ages. It strips marriage of its intrinsic meaning and converts it into nothing more than an arrangement that recognizes a voluntary relationship between any two consenting adults."

Meeting Jewish group, pope asks prayers for his Holy Land trip

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis asked leaders of the American Jewish Committee to pray for his May trip to Jerusalem, "so that this pilgrimage may bring forth the fruits of communion, hope and peace." The modern relationship between Jews and Catholics, he said Feb. 13, has a "theological foundation" and is "not simply an expression of our desire for reciprocal respect and esteem." Pope Francis noted that in 2015, the Catholic Church will mark the 50th anniversary of "Nostra Aetate," the Second Vatican Council's declaration on relations with other religions.

Senior Fair — Fun and Free! set May 3

NOTRE DAME — The Michiana Gerontology Institute (MGI) of Holy Cross College announced today their first annual Senior Fair. “‘Fun and Free’ describes the event perfectly,” said Malana Maher, co-chair of the organization.

“The event, which will be held at the Century Center in South Bend on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is designed for those of us who are over 50,” Maher continued, “and who want to have a great time while learning about new products and services that can make life better for us as we journey into the future.”

The “free” comes in, Maher said, “with free entrance to the senior fair, free parking at the Century Center during the event, free food, free health screenings, free entertainment and free education. The ‘fun’ will be everywhere throughout the day at the senior fair.”

The event will host approximately 100 exhibits and will include educational seminars, food samples from a variety of local merchants, and entertainment throughout the day. Pat Adams, chair of the MGI, said, “Our sponsors, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Memorial Health Care, Harbor Light Hospice and Comfort Keepers, will each offer short educational seminars on topics that concern folks over the age of 50.”

“The Michiana Gerontology Institute is very pleased to host this event,” Adams added. “The Institute exists to support a cooperation between organizations and individuals who serve older adults through education, intergenerational outreach, service and advocacy. MGI currently has more than 100 members, organizations and individuals who serve older adults in Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan.”

“There are still a few spaces at the senior fair open for vendors,” said Jan Kostielney, chair of the event. “Registration packets for vendors are available on MGI’s website at www.mgi-hcc.org. We urge you to register soon to ensure you are able to participate in this event.”

For more information about the Senior Fair — Fun & Free or the Michiana Gerontology Institute, visit the MGI website at www.mgi-hcc.nd. For information or senior fair registration contact Pat Adams at 574-239-8364 or email padams@hcc-nd.edu or Malana Maher at malana.maher@m2healthcareconsulting.com or 574-340-0110.

To learn more about Holy Cross College visit the website at www.hcc-nd.edu.

Women Veterans Retreat March 14-16 at Victory Noll Center

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center, in conjunction with Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministry and the Huntington County Veterans Service Office, will host a week-end retreat for female military veterans from March 14-16.

The retreat is being held for any female veteran, regardless of age

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The Saint Joseph High School National Honor Society sponsored a blood donation drive and a steady flow of students and staff donated throughout the school day. Sarah Gibley has donated blood for the past three years. “I feel like I’m giving back to my community,” she said. She has some advice for those who might be a little nervous to donate: “At first it’s a little scary, but as you do it you feel so good because you are actually helping somebody,” she said with a smile. Saint Joseph High School donated enough blood to help more than 170 people.

and from any service period including those currently in active service. The focus of this program is to find positive self-care practices that can be used by female military members to work through their unique experiences and negative stressors often found when returning home from deployment or even during active-duty service.

The retreat will begin on Friday, March 14, with a social time beginning at 5 p.m. The retreat session on Saturday, March 15, will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Women will have the option of staying Saturday night with a departure on Sunday, March 16. Meals will be provided. Victory Noll Center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington.

Cost of the retreat is \$10 and is limited to the first 15 women who sign up. Scholarships are available.

The caregiving team for this retreat includes women who have experienced combat, as well as other caregivers who understand and have been tending to the unique needs and challenges of veterans, especially female military members.

Activities will be available throughout the day including individual practices, group discussions, or one-on-one meetings with wellness team members. Veterans may learn about journaling practices or

explore the beautiful Victory Noll campus.

To register for the program or for more information about Victory Noll Center, call 260-356-0628, ext. 174, or contact the center by e-mail at victorynollcenter@olvm.org. More information is also available on the center’s website at www.olvm.org/vncenter.

USF awarding talented high school students scholarships

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors during Talent Day Friday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the university’s Mimi and Ian Rolland Center for Art and Visual Communication off Leesburg Road, the Fort Wayne Ballet at 300 E. Main St. and the university’s music technology facilities in the North Campus, 2702 Spring St.

Talent Day gives new USF students with an interest in art, dance, communication or music the opportunity to submit a portfolio for review and/or audition for scholarship consideration. Scholarships are available in art history, music technology, dance, studio art, communication

arts and graphic design, art education, computer art, communication, pre-art therapy, jazz ensemble, pep band, drum line and the University Singers.

High school juniors are invited to receive reviews and advice in preparation for their senior year. Awarded scholarships are renewable for eight semesters, if the required grade point average is met, and can be added to any academic scholarships or need-based grants a student might also receive.

Appointments are required. To reserve a time or receive further information, contact the School of Creative Arts at 260-399-7700, ext. 8001.

Teen pro-life essay contest deadline nears

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph County Right to Life is sponsoring its fourth annual Right-to-Life Essay Contest. It is a good opportunity for teens to win money towards college — \$100 to \$200 prizes given to four individuals — and gives teens a chance to articulate their pro-life beliefs.

This year’s topic is “How has abortion affected my generation?” Essay rules can be found at the

St. Joseph County Right to Life Facebook page or on the website, Prolifemichiana.org, or teen participants may contact the Right to Life office at 574-232-LIFE (5433).

Deadline for entries is Feb. 28. Winners will be invited to receive their awards at the Respect Life Prayer Dinner on April 8.

Lenten reflection day at Saint Mary’s Convent for single women

NOTRE DAME — On Sunday, March 2 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., The Sisters of the Holy Cross are sponsoring a Lenten reflection day at Saint Mary’s Convent for single women exploring a religious vocation. To register or for more information, contact Sister Pam Welch at 574-276-0525 or pwelch@cscsisters.org or register online at www.cscsisters.org.

St. Matthew School will host inaugural theatrical production

SOUTH BEND — St. Matthew School will host its inaugural theatrical production, “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,” performed by third through eighth-grade students on Friday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$2 for adults, children free and sold at the door. For information call 574-329-9093 or email cctaebnsr@yahoo.com

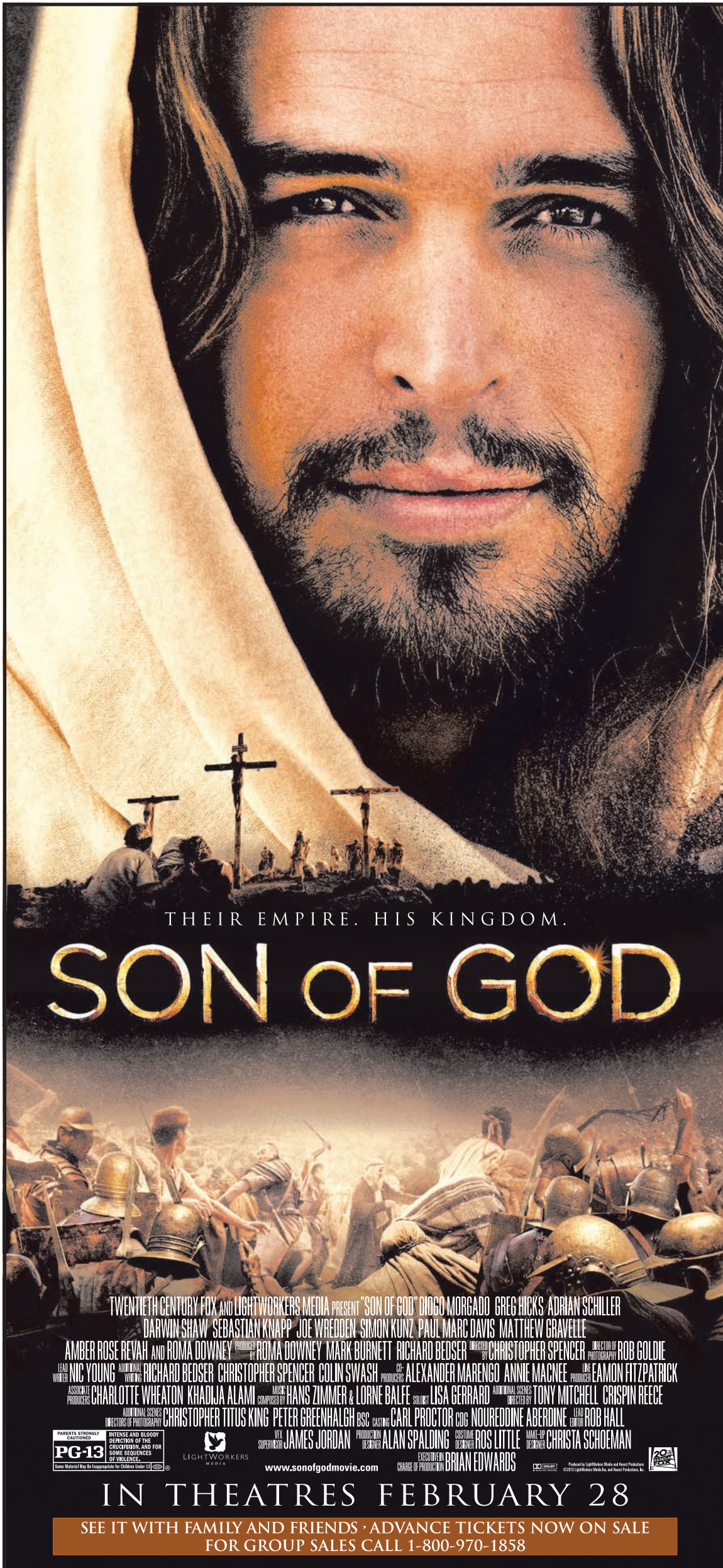
Diaper drive serves Women’s Care Center

SOUTH BEND — A friendly annual competition between Saint Joseph and Marian High School resulted in the collection of 52,120 disposable diapers being collected and donated to the Women’s Care Center.

“Last year, our moms and dads earned more than 800,000 diapers by attending parenting classes and goal-setting counseling sessions. Diaper drives like this are indispensable when it comes to helping the (Women’s) Care Center keep up with the material needs of our clients,” said Claire Freddoso, outreach director for the Women’s Care Center.



Pictured, from left, are Elena Gursky and Claire Jilek, co-presidents of the right-to-life group at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend.



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BY ALLISON CIRAULO

SOUTH BEND — When Richard LaSalvia and Daniel Philpott first walked through the doors of Cardinal Nursing Home to inquire about visiting the residents, the staff was happy to welcome what it figured would be another short-term round of volunteers. LaSalvia and Philpott were interested in establishing a South Bend branch of the Community of Sant'Egidio, an international lay movement that seeks to evangelize the poor through prayer and friendship.

With this vision in mind, they began spending time at Cardinal once a week, as LaSalvia describes it, simply "to make friends."

Over 12 years later, LaSalvia and Philpott are still visiting their friends at Cardinal every week, together with the others who have joined them along the way. At

the outset, the community was primarily comprised of Notre Dame students and professors, but it has also drawn members of local churches and parishes over the years.

While the Community of Sant'Egidio is now present in more than 73 countries worldwide, it began in Rome in 1968 with a group of high school and college students. Inspired by the Gospels and the example of St. Francis of Assisi, the students gathered for prayer and went out to meet those living in the slums.

The impoverished elderly were the first people the students encountered on the outskirts of Rome, so from the beginning the community has understood the impact of social isolation and sought to overcome it through friendship and shared prayer with the elderly in cities around the world.

LaSalvia and the Sant'Egidio community of South Bend have



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ity meets Jesus in the elderly

found their mission at Cardinal to be simple, but powerful.

“When we go to Cardinal, we meet Jesus in the elderly and we embody the good news of Jesus to them,” he says.

Among the nearly 100 residents at Cardinal are many who have no family and seldom receive visitors. LaSalvia says they have known residents who spent 15 or 20 years in the facility before passing away. The community has organized several memorial services over the years for residents who die without family to remember them.

Faithfulness to the elderly, LaSalvia says, is key to the community’s mission. While other volunteer groups have come and gone, Sant’Egidio has stayed.

The relationships the community has built at Cardinal transcend volunteer work, he insists.

When one resident of Cardinal passed away several years ago, LaSalvia says, his family found a drawer full of postcards that members of Sant’Egidio had sent him over the years. “They were so amazed. They came up to us at the memorial service and said, ‘James really did have friends!’”

“This is not volunteering,” LaSalvia says, “It’s friendship for life. It’s about creating a space to meet the elderly and to be transformed by them. Because they are the ones who change us; they evangelize us.”

Pope Francis, whom the Community of Sant’Egidio identifies as a “pastor from the periphery,” has spoken extensively about the dignity of the elderly and their role in the Church.

We live in a culture where the elderly are discarded as a nuisance, the pope said in a homily on Nov. 19. “But the elderly are those who carry history, who carry doctrine, who carry the faith and give it to us as an inheritance.”



ALLISON CIRAULO

Daniel Philpott, Richard LaSalvia, and Angela Philpott, with residents of Cardinal Nursing Home in South Bend.

Sant’Egidio takes the biblical figures of Simeon and Anna as models for the encounter between the old and the young. The friend-

ships formed at Cardinal over the years, LaSalvia says, are marked by lessons shared between the generations.

“It’s really beautiful to see how the elderly there are still practicing their Catholic faith,” says Angela Philpott, 8. A beloved young friend to many residents at Cardinal, she has been visiting the nursing home with her dad since she was 3. At a young age, she learned she could make a difference in alleviating the isolation of the elderly.

“It’s like the story about Jesus and the lepers. Other people didn’t care about them, but Jesus did,” Philpott explains. “The people at Cardinal are lonely and so when we go visit them, they feel loved.”

In addition to the weekly visits at Cardinal, Sant’Egidio holds a monthly prayer service at St. Matthew Cathedral, where parishioners are invited to join its mission of evangelizing on the margins.

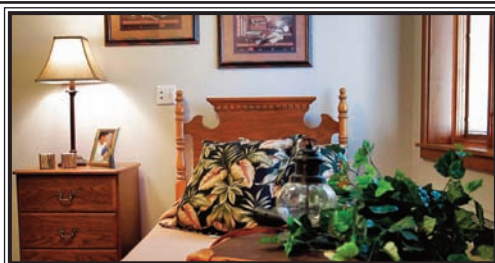
“Our hope is to make people aware that social isolation is an important issue, because our population is aging,” LaSalvia says. He believes parishes should be taking up the cause of ministry to the elderly, as public institutions will become increasingly short on resources in coming decades.

“It’s about working towards a culture of life — not just the beginning, but also the end of life.”

LaSalvia was drawn to the Community of Sant’Egidio because it offered a path for lay people to radically live their faith, taking the Gospel to those most in need, all within the context of work and family life.

“It’s a way of living the Gospel without having to go anywhere. There’s a periphery in every city. You can go to the poor people of Buenos Aires, or the poor of South Bend and Fort Wayne. Prayer and friendship with the poor is a beautiful way to live God’s love and mercy in our daily life.”

The South Bend Community of Sant’Egidio visits Cardinal Nursing Home every Thursday at 7 p.m. For more information contact Richard LaSalvia at richard_lasalvia@sbcglobal.net. The community’s website is www.santegidio.org.



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BY KAREN CLIFFORD

GRANGER — When St. Pius X parishioner Bernie Randall retired several years ago, he imagined a life where he would sit back and just take in his surroundings. But God had other plans.

Now on a weekday morning, one can find Randall leading the rosary with a faithful group in the parish chapel, followed by his service as a sacristan for the daily Mass. And to keep his life exciting, he also serves the parish as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and hospice volunteer for the greater South Bend community.

By his own admission, Randall had not been active in stewardship of service until his mid-50s when his family moved to Wellsville, a rural town in Allegany County, N.Y. At Immaculate Conception Parish in Wellsville, Randall had his first "metanoia" moment the day before



Bernie Randall finishes his daily duties as a sacristan at St. Pius X, Granger.

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Christmas Eve in 1986 when he went to Confession. Metanoia is defined as a transformative change of heart such as a spiritual conversion.

"It was the first time I had gone (to Confession) in about 35 years," Randall recalls. Shortly afterwards, through the priest's request, Randall conducted Communion services on

Wednesday afternoon, the day that priest used for his day off.

"Once I began to get religion, I decided that there was no half way about doing it," he says.

Christ Renews His Parish weekends provided Randall with more metanoia moments. Randall went through the weekend at St.

Pius and later was a part of a team that led the next group at the parish. He additionally was involved with teams bringing the ministry to Queen of Peace and St. Adalbert parishes.

"It is extremely humbling to work with a team, but at the same time you get a tremendous boost out of it. There are several helpings of humility when you get up and talk to people."

Volunteering as the sacristan for the daily Mass came from the prodding of another parishioner who was unable to continue his duties in that position. At first Randall was unsure, but after reflection decided it was what he was supposed to do.

"Everything I do is a privilege, because it is something God gives you to do. God is upstairs and sees jobs that need to be done. If he names you to do it, you pretty much need to do it," Randall emphasizes.

On Sunday mornings after Mass at St. Pius, Randall is part of a rotating group of extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist who bring the Communion to residents at Emeritus at Arborwood.

Bonnie Hauser, a life enrichment specialist at the facility, describes the appreciation the residents have for Randall's efforts. "The residents enjoy the weekly service that Bernie does. They feel very blessed that he comes to visit each Sunday. They appreciate his dedication and devotion to come week after week," says Hauser.

Randall has been a volunteer for hospice in South Bend for 16 years. A cousin of his initially approached him about hospice, but again he was reluctant to commit as a volunteer. After agreeing to go through the volunteer training, Randall was able to discern that the caregiver of the hospice patient benefits from the volunteers as much as the patient.

"You get a lot more than you give through volunteering. What I see once a week is a great big helping of love. Caregivers get beaten down, not from the work they do,

but the pressure. They can't go anywhere and need to be at home. (The hospice volunteer) gives them time to go out to lunch or out to shop. It is about contributing to people who need some help," he stresses.

Among the activities that Randall has shared with his hospice patients are playing cards, and with one patient, watching old Western movies and, sometimes, it is just reading a book while the patient sleeps.

As Randall gets to know his patients over a period of time, he occasionally touches on topics that include faith. In one instance, he noticed a statue of the Blessed Mother on top of the patient's television set, and recalled that the patient was not Catholic.

After about five months, Randall summoned the courage to ask the patient about the statue, and found out it belonged to the patient's late wife who was Catholic. "Armed with an opening like that, you have to do something," says Randall.

Through his sharing of faith, Randall was able to bring the patient to Father Bernard Galic and two subsequent patients to Father William Schooler, (both priests are currently monsignors). After a thorough discussion with the patients about the Catholic Church, the priests conferred the sacraments of the Church upon these individuals before their deaths.

Hospice volunteer coordinator Debra Mayfield gratefully acknowledges Randall's service to the South Bend organization. "As a patient care volunteer, Bernie embodies the dedication and compassion needed to sustain this service year after year. He is selfless in his desire to uphold the agency mission to improve the quality of living for those facing life limiting illnesses."

Randall urges others to embrace becoming good stewards of their time and talent. "While the rewards may not be financial, volunteers are paid in grace."



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Moral decisions in brain death, pregnancy

CNN recently profiled the case of a woman named Marliese Munoz, who was both pregnant and brain dead. Its report noted that Mrs. Munoz was “33 years old and 14 weeks pregnant with the couple’s second child when her husband found her unconscious on their kitchen floor Nov. 26. Though doctors had pronounced her brain dead and her family had said she did not want to have machines keep her body alive, officials at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, argued state law required them to maintain life-sustaining treatment for a pregnant patient.”

The family sought a court order to have Mrs. Munoz disconnected from the ventilator because she had shared that she never wanted to be on life support. It remained unclear, however, whether Mrs. Munoz would have felt the same way about life support if she knew she were pregnant and nurturing a child.

As weeks on the ventilator turned into months, Mrs. Munoz began to manifest overt signs of death: her skin texture changed, becoming cool and rubbery like a mannequin’s, and her body began to smell of deterioration. Maintaining a mother’s corpse on a ventilator requires significant effort and expense, and imposes real burdens on family members, who would like to be able to grieve their loss, and are not fully able to do so while their loved one remains in a state of suspended animation — deceased, yet not quite ready to be buried because she is still supporting a living child.

Mrs. Munoz’s case raises challenging questions: should the continued use of a ventilator in these circumstances be considered extreme? Could such life-sustaining measures be considered abusive of a corpse? These are hard questions, in part because people can give their bodies over to a variety of



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

uses after they die. Some donate them to science, so students can open them up, look around inside and learn about anatomy. Others donate their organs to help strangers who need transplants. Similarly, a mother’s corpse — no longer useful to her — may be life saving for her child. Wouldn’t a mother, carrying a child in her womb, and having expended so much effort to foster that new life, naturally want to offer her child this opportunity to live, even after her own

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Divine law, a blueprint we can live by



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 5:38-48.

The first reading is from the Book of Leviticus, one of the five books of the Pentateuch, the Torah, the basic revelation by God to the chosen people.

This reading reports the day when God spoke to Moses. “I the Lord, your God, am holy,” says God. He continues that no one must hate another, using the term “brother” as if to emphasize the point.

The reading sets the stage for the message from St. Matthew’s Gospel that will follow as the third reading.

St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the second reading. A favorite image employed by Paul throughout his writings was that, through faith and in Baptism, Christians literally bond with Christ. In Christ, they become heirs to eternal life. In Christ, they receive the Holy Spirit, bringing into their very beings divine grace and strength.

Having made this point, the Apostle then continues to remind the Corinthian Christians that they are not ultimately wise. They may be wise “in a worldly sense,” but, often, genuine wisdom comes across as foolishness to the worldly.

It was a fitting reminder. Corinth was totally immersed in the pagan world of the Roman Empire. Everything seemingly extolled the majesty of the Roman culture. This culture had created the legal system that brought order to human society, a system that still lives, being the basis of law in Western civilization to this day.

The very wonders of Roman architecture and art reaffirmed the depth and greatness of human wisdom in the empire.

Against this backdrop of the splendor of all things Roman and pagan, Paul tells the Corinthians that there is much more.

St. Matthew’s Gospel furnishes the last reading. The context is the Sermon on the Mount, as Christians long ago came to call this section of the Gospel.

In the background is the Jewish preoccupation with keeping God’s law. In the Covenant, so basic to Judaism, God called the Jews to obedience. In obeying divine law, they would indeed be God’s people, and God would protect them and bless them.

Here, in this reading from St. Matthew’s Gospel, the Lord sets forth a series of contrasts. He gives a basis for obeying the law, separating truly Christian response to the law, which is love for God and others, from a series of mere maxims and rules.

Reflection

God has revealed to us the divine law. It is no set of rules for the sake of rules. Rather it is the blueprint by which we can live, more fully resembling the perfection and love that dwells in the Holy Trinity. So, the law of God is vitally important.

In each of the statements of Jesus recorded in this reading

from St. Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus draws a significant comparison. Realizing that God’s law, as revealed to Moses, is of God and cannot be abridged or cancelled, the Lord did not discount the law or belittle it.

Rather, these words illustrate the fact that the Lord came to fulfill it. What does this mean? Observing God’s law does not mean simply going through motions, as meaningful as the results may be. More profoundly, it means obeying God because of trust in, and love for, God.

God is love, and at the root of God’s love is unlimited, perfect love. God lovingly revealed the divine law to us for our benefit. If we respond because of our love for God, to be with God, then we obey fittingly. Then our obedience assumes a wonderfully higher personal meaning.

The reading finally reveals to us the identity of the Lord. God gave the law. Only God, as lawgiver, can interpret the law. Jesus acts in a divine role by answering questions about the law. He is God.

READINGS

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Jas 3:13-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-11, 23 Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17 Ps 49:2-3, 6-11 Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6 Ps 49:14-20 Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12 Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12 Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20 Ps 141:1-3, 8 Mk 10:13-16

A catechetical response to same-sex marriage

Why does the Catholic Church oppose same-sex marriage? This question is a burning one for many Catholics.

The recent outpouring of local support for Mark Zmuda, former vice principal at a Catholic high school in Seattle, is an example of how the emotions involved in addressing this question cross our own hearts.

Zmuda resigned from Eastside Catholic High School in December after failing to honor his contract — which states he must follow the Church’s teachings — by marrying his same-sex partner in July. Since Zmuda’s departure, the school’s students have staged a walkout, spoken out on social media and collected signatures for a petition to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

As is evident by these actions, the Church’s position seems especially inexplicable to young people. Anyone reading this may him or herself be same-sex attracted, and certainly all of us know and love people who are. Why, then, should there be any difficulty for the Church with same-sex civil marriage? Isn’t this a simple matter of civil rights?

Marriage’s redefinition

Indeed, this is the way it appears to many. In fact, the Church’s position is often misunderstood or caricatured because the question is usually put this way: “Why does the Church oppose the extension of the right to marry to same-sex couples?” But to think of the Church’s opposition to same-sex marriage as a refusal to extend the right to marry to same-sex couples, and then to try to defend that refusal, is to guarantee that the Church’s position will be greeted with hostility and contempt, even, perhaps, in our own hearts.

The Church would put the question differently: “Why does the Church oppose the redefinition of marriage, such that it is no longer the same social institution?” The Church opposes giving up a conception of marriage in which the complementarity of man and woman is the defining feature and replacing it with a conception of marriage where the complementarity of man and woman is, instead, completely accidental to it.

Honesty on both sides of the debate would recognize that the Church’s position — that we are dealing with a change in the definition of marriage and not just an extension of it — is a plausible account of the situation. Opposing this change is not *a priori* bigotry or contempt, and it deserves a hearing as such, both in our own hearts and in society at large.

GUEST EDITORIAL

JOHN CAVADINI

Procreation not accidental

Marriage, in all ages and under all forms, has been defined by the complementarity of male and female, and it was ordered, as that complementarity is ordered, toward procreation.

When marriage is redefined so that it can include a type of couple that, by its very type, and not by the accidents of circumstance or ill fortune, is incapable of procreative union, then we have endorsed a public, social declaration that procreation is completely accidental to marriage and not in any way intrinsic to its meaning. It means we are, as a society, declaring that procreation is completely accidental to marriage and irrelevant to its identity.

Formation of society

But this also means we are creating a society in which the natural unit of human procreation, the male/female couple, no longer has a social institution that is peculiarly its own. We are making the decision that this natural unit of procreation will have no social footprint, no social recognition, no social prestige, no social standing, no institutional trace.

We are forming our imaginations, and those of our young people, in such a way that the natural unit of human procreation, the male/female couple, has no special claim on our hopes and dreams as a society. We have decided that society no longer has an institution to which procreation is anything but accidental. Procreation is no longer a primary end of any social unit, but accidental to all.

Is this a good thing? It is a reasonable and vital question, not easily dismissed by charges of bigotry or contempt. If procreation is accidental to all and every legally defined social unit, then it ends up as a competitor with other ways of reproduction, all of which — *all of which* — are technological means of production and ultimately subject to a market economy. We are saying that, as a society, we have come to be able to see or value no difference between natural human procreation and artificial production of children.

In some indirect but real way, aren’t we saying that a child can be a commodity? Aren’t we saying, more directly, that it is completely socially irrelevant whether a child has a mother and a father, or is

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A date to remember

Papal approbation being no bad thing, I was delighted to learn that Pope Francis, in a homily a few weeks ago, had suggested that his congregants learn the date of their Baptisms and celebrate it — which is precisely what I have been proposing to audiences around the country this past year, when discussing my book, “Evangelical Catholicism.”

I usually begin by confessing that marking and honoring the date of my Baptism hadn't really occurred to me until a quarter-century or so ago, when I began working with evangelical Protestants on pro-life and religious freedom issues and noted that some of them had an interesting way of introducing themselves at a meeting. Whereas the normal American way of breaking-the-ice is to say, “I'm John Doe and I work at Boeing” or “I'm Jane Smith and I'm an attorney,” these folks would begin rather differently: “I'm John Doe/Jane Smith and I was born again on such-and-such-a-date,” usually in the past 10 or 15 years. Contrarian that I can be on occasion, when things got around the table to me, I'd say, “I'm George Weigel and I was born again on April 29, 1951 ... at which point I was 12 days old.”

Which got a few interesting conversations going about sacramental regeneration, etc.

Then, when I was working on the biography of John Paul II and was reminded that the first thing he had done on returning to his home parish in Wadowice as pope was to kneel and kiss the baptismal font, memories of those men and women who remembered the day of their rebirth in Christ as a crucial way

of identifying themselves came back to me. And I started taking April 29 much more seriously (shocking an usher when, on the 50th anniversary of my Baptism, I went to the church where the deed had been done — amidst great caterwauling on my part, I'm reliably informed — and asked him to help me find the baptismal font, which had been moved in a post-conciliar wreckovation, so that I could kiss it).

As I explain to my audiences after I ask how many of them know the date of their Baptism (average “yes” response: 3 percent of any group), Baptism and the New Evangelization, Baptism and mission, go together. We are baptized into mission and for mission. Indeed, viewed through the prism of the New Evangelization, the day of our Baptism is the day of our being commissioned as missionary disciples.

This link between Baptism and mission is made explicit in the biblical readings at Mass for the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the A cycle, which we are using this liturgical year, the Old Testament reading is from one of the Servant Songs in Isaiah, establishing the link between the baptism of Jesus and the mission of the Servant of the Lord: “Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations....”

Then, in the reading from Acts, Peter tells Cornelius about “the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God

until viability, efforts may be made to at least offer a C-section and provide Baptism. Often the family, with the assistance of perinatal hospice, can hold and name their child right after such a delivery, even as his or her brief life draws to a close. This can provide valuable healing and closure for the family.

Whether Mrs. Munoz's unborn child (later named Nichole by her father) had defects that were genuinely “incompatible with life,” or whether she would have simply been born with handicaps, is an important question. Extensive prenatal testing was rendered difficult by the machine-driven, ICU-bound body of Mrs. Munoz. The possibility that a child might be born with handicaps, of course, should not become the equivalent of a death sentence for the unborn, as members of the disability community are quick to remind us. We should love and welcome those with disabilities as much as anyone else.

Public reaction to Mrs. Munoz's case ranged from strong support and hope that her child would be born, to claims



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; and God was with Him.”

The very next verse — “And we are witnesses to all that He did” — points out our responsibilities as missionary disciples: we, too, are to “do good” and to help heal “all those who (are) oppressed by the devil.” As Pope Francis reminds us, we are to be like medical workers in a battlefield hospital after a terrible battle. We are to offer others the possibility of encountering the mercy of God, and the possibility of learning the truths about right-living that the encounter with the divine mercy affords us.

Baptism is baptism-into-mission. Thus a papally-endorsed suggestion from your scribe: learn the date of your Baptism, celebrate it each year — and be re-energized for mission because of that celebration.

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that hospital officials were treating her deceased body as an incubator to “preserve the fetus she carried.” In the end, a judge in Fort Worth ordered Mrs. Munoz's corpse to be disconnected from life support, even though the pregnancy had been successfully maintained for nearly two months and Nichole was a mere stone's throw from viability. While it was clearly a difficult and heart-wrenching situation for all involved, including the courts, this legal decision seemed questionable, given the uncertainty surrounding Nichole's actual medical condition and her apparent proximity to being able to be delivered.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for February, 23, 2014

Matthew 5:38-48

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a reminder that the road will be difficult. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HAVE HEARD	AN EYE	A TOOTH
CHEEK	TURN	THE OTHER
CLOAK	ONE MILE	BORROW
HATE	YOUR ENEMY	PERSECUTE
CHILDREN	FATHER	HE MAKES
RISE	THE GOOD	RAIN
LOVE THOSE	YOU GREET	BE PERFECT

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instead artificially generated in a production line, first with surrogate wombs for rent, and then, when technology catches up with our social cues, with artificial wombs and laboratory produced gametes?

Human production

The Church invites us to see that, as our social imagination continues to be redefined, we may very well begin to see the procreative human couple as a kind of outmoded technology, somewhat disgusting, even a little repulsive, as, for example, Gary Taylor talks about such a couple in his book, “Castration: An Abbreviated History of Western Manhood” (Routledge, \$38.95).

Is this the proper direction for a society that values human dignity? A society that has divested itself from natural human procreation by eliminating any social institution that is intrinsically connected to the natural procreative couple has declared, in effect, that reproduction is essentially a kind of production, and that human beings can be, consequently, a kind of product.

This is not such a distant prospect in the popular imagination. Take the ideal put forward in a recent book by Aarathi Prasad, “Like a Virgin: How Science is Redesigning the Rules of Sex” (Oneworld, \$19.95). In a recent interview about her book, Prasad reflected on how gestating

babies outside of the body would get away from the question of mother and father, and on how an artificial womb can be the same or even better than gestation in a mother's womb. After all, we are just substituting one machine for another: “I mean, we are machines, after all ... the body is a machine.” But is it?

To what end?

The Church poses this burning question back to us, asking us to think: “Is this really where we want to go as a society? Is this really what we want to teach our young people? Are we really ready to institutionally relativize the natural procreative unit of mother and father, so that it becomes just one equal option among many for reproduction? Is that really equality? Is it really fair to children?” It is not bigoted or contemptuous to worry about these implications or these outcomes.

Nor does it mean severing the bonds of love for persons of same-sex attraction. Rather, we are inviting everyone to ask if this very love is really compatible with a way of organizing society that in the end devalues human persons, making it easier for us to treat some as products and commodities.

Is that really OK? Doesn't it end up reducing the value and scope of all human love? Can't we find another solution?

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death? The medical literature documents several cases where such a child has been delivered later by C-section and fared well. Thus it can clearly be reasonable in certain situations for medical professionals to make a serious effort to shuttle a pregnancy to the point of viability, for the benefit of the sole remaining patient, i.e. the child.

As Mrs. Munoz's pregnancy approached 22 weeks (with 23 weeks generally being considered “viable” for life outside the womb), lawyers for the family declared that the child was “distinctly abnormal,” with significant deformities in the lower extremities. The child was also reported to suffer from hydrocephalus and a possible heart defect. Some commentators even speculated that the defects of the unborn child may have been “incompatible with life.”

In prenatal cases, depending on the likelihood of survival

Sports

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM COMPLETES 'PERFECT' SEASON The Saint Joseph High School girls' junior varsity basketball team completed a "perfect" season recently with a win over Clay High School. "This group of JV girls sacrificed themselves for the betterment of the team. They were dedicated hard workers who displayed unselfish attitudes day in and day out. Each player learned, accepted and perfected their individual roles. They believed in themselves, each other and what this team was all about," said Coach Katie Hoye. "This has been a memorable year, with a special group of girls who I have really enjoyed coaching."

ICCL crowns division basketball champions

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA — The brutal winter of 2014 looks like it was the winner as it competed with the Inter-City Catholic League and won the battle canceling two scheduled weekends.

The ICCL did, however, crown division champions. The Lions of St. Pius X had a perfect season and finished atop the St. Martin De Porres Division. St. Anthony reigned supreme in the St. John Bosco Division.

The ICCL game of the week features two clubs vying to leap into the postseason on a positive note — the Saints of Mishawaka Catholic and the team from down south, St. Michael of Plymouth.

St. Michael brought to the dance the league's leading scorer, Brady Holiday, and the Saints had a talented playmaker, Liam Hunsberger, athletic defender Julian Keultjes and a pair of inside bruisers — Zack Whitfield and Ike Branson.

The early scoring for the Saints came in the package of their defender Keultjes as he tallied six before St. Michael and their go-to-guy Holiday got on the board.

The smothering man-to-man defense deployed by the Saints pushed the blue-and-white-clad

squad away from the paint and out of their comfort zone making the score 10-4 after one.

The Angels' Luke Ruff added to the scoring and when Holiday knocked down a three as time expired, there was a mere three-point margin leading into intermission, 16-13.

The second half would see an explosion of scoring for the Saints as time after time, Hunsberger penetrated and dished to Whitfield and Branson, netting the first 14 points of the half and distancing their competitors.

Holiday finally stopped the bleeding by knocking down a couple of free throws with 1:23 left in the third, but it was too little, too late as the lead sprinted to 21, ending the quarter.

The fourth was more of Branson and Whitfield for the Saints with a little Holiday and Ruff sprinkled in for the Angels making the final tally, 41-24, and ending the regular season for both squads.

"We are a slow starting team, but our inside play has been our strength and it paid dividends today," explained Saints' Coach Ryan Hunsberger. "I'm happy with how our team has grown throughout the year, and I'm extremely ecstatic at how unselfish we have become. It looks like we

may be peaking at the right time."

"We put up a good fight for half of the game, but as the year has shown, our depth seems to be our undoing," quipped skipper John Ruff. "Brady is a very gifted and skilled player. We just need a little more to get over the hump."

In other action from around the league, St. Matthew upended Queen of Peace, 38-15. Trey Miller and Christ the King finished off St. Adalbert, 48-19. Adam Kempf and his dozen helped St. Joseph dispatch St. Jude, 37-21.

Elliot Zynewicz's 21 points were not enough for the Holy Cross as they were exiled by the dynamic duo of St. Anthony's, Nick Crites and Jarrett Bickel by the score of 38-32.

The Lions of St. Pius X remained the only unbeaten in league play by knocking off the Cougars of Corpus Christi, 52-36, as the trio of Reese Jackowiak, Zach Lattimer and Sam Padnos all hit double digits for the victors despite similar performances from Jack Dotson and Alex Francoeur for the losing squad.

The playoffs begin on Saturday, Feb. 22, and a complete bracket will be available on the website at www.icclsports.org.

CYO crowns girls' basketball champions

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Seven seventh-graders claimed the girls' White League Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball title when St. Charles barely slipped by St. Vincent, 28-27, in an exciting finish on Saturday, Feb. 15.

In the first of the three games of the 78th annual

tournament held at the St. Charles Hession Center, the Cardinals jumped out to an early 13-6 lead in the first quarter, but St. Vincent outscored them, 9-3, in the second to make for a one-point ballgame at the half.

The two evenly matched squads, which tied for the league bragging rights, also traded wins in the third

and fourth quarters, just as they did in the regular season.

St. Charles opened the half with a couple of quick shots and in the end, an "and one" by Panthers' standout Ellen O'Brien brought her team within three with under two minutes left in regulation. Erin Shea's perfect free throws added two more with 1.3 seconds to go. But Coach Scott Burkhardt's Cardinals hung on for their third straight championship victory.

Burkhardt detailed, "We are well matched in the skilled positions and role players, but St. Charles is bigger and physically stronger and I am sure they out-rebounded us."

"We were scrappy and had a great team effort. Everyone contributed — as they have all year long," Burkhardt added.

St. Charles got 11 points each from Anna Burkhardt and Jayda

Photos of champion teams will appear in an upcoming issue.



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Ancilla Golf Ball Drop entries on sale now

DONALDSON — The Ancilla College Golf Ball Drop is a fundraiser being held by Ancilla College as a part of their annual golf outing. Eligible participants completing an entry form may purchase a golf ball for a \$5 donation or a package of balls at various costs. Each purchase results in a numbered golf ball associated with the participant and all golf balls sold are available to view online. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual can purchase.

On June 9, the day of the golf outing, a maximum of 2,000 consecutively numbered golf balls will be dropped from above a marked flag with a makeshift

hole on the driving range at the Plymouth Country Club golf course. The participant whose golf ball goes into the hole first receives 15 percent of the money collected from the ball drop, not to exceed \$1,000. If no ball goes in the hole, then the ball closest to the hole wins. The winner does not need to be present to win.

For more information, to sign up, or to view golf balls already sold visit www.ancilla.edu/golf-ball-drop/. Interested participants may contact Tom Sibal, institutional advancement associate and alumni coordinator, to sign up. Call toll free at 1-866-262-4552, ext. 355 or locally 574-936-8898, ext. 355.

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KARLA HORMANN

Five boys and five girls from Decatur, ages 9-14, were named local champions of the 2014 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the district level. The winners include the following: front row, from left, Paige Busick, Sydney Christen, Meghan Busick, Emily Merkle and Samantha Sonnenberg; and back row, Isaiah Wellman, Mitchell Coates, Andrew Wagner, Noah Macklin and Peyton Staub.

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Smith, while O'Brien led all scorers with 17.

In the small school division, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, with their teammates from St. Therese, repeated their title beating St. Rose/St. Louis,

34-24, for the championship. Hessen Cassel Coach Maria Parsenow predicted the showdown would be a battle. "I knew it would be a great game as these two teams always play each other well," Parsenow said.

With the score all knotted up at half time, 16-16, and again tied 22-22 after three quarters, Parsenow told her young Squires, who start three sixth graders, to step it up. Her team responded, outscoring the Twins, 10-2, in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

The Twins finished their season strong as league runner-ups and got by a tough team from Queen of Angels in the opening round. Erica Renninger's 10 points in the championship led them.

The Squires avenged a regular season loss to Most Precious Blood to get to the final game and were led once again by Kathryn Knapke who scored 18 points in the championship. Jessica Dodane, Hessen Cassel's floor general, had an out-

standing defensive performance and added 10 points.

In the large school, or Gold League, championship game, the No. 2 seeded Panthers from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth (SJSE) knocked off their undefeated foe and league champions, St. Charles (6-0), 30-21.

A pleased Coach Jon Ross explained, "Our combined seventh-and-eighth-grade squad came together as a group this year to play at the eighth-grade level and excelled."

Down at the half and tied after the third quarter, SJSE put together a big fourth quarter highlighted by a crucial trey from Ellie Goeglein (eight points).

Ross continued, "We had a great man-to-man defensive effort and overcame 21 turnovers down the stretch to pull out the win against a talented and well-coached St. Charles squad. Our team motto throughout the 2013-2014 season was 'united.' This really showed through in the final game as three eighth graders and three seventh graders played the majority of the game time."

Ellen Ross finished with nine points and five assists with seventh-grader Molly Burns adding another nine.

For St. Charles, Claudia Ream had six points and Kennedy O'Boyle chipped in five.



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NFP classes offered

Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer morally acceptable, 99 percent-effective Natural Family Planning classes. Three classes, one per month, as well as optional pre-menopause or postpartum classes as needed. Classes start Sunday, March 2, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register call 260-489-1856 or email mshannon11@frontier.com.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd course

South Bend — Christ the King Parish will host a level I formation course in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd beginning March 29. Adults interested in learning a Montessori-based approach to faith formation for three- to six-year-old children will meet monthly on Saturdays. Contact Joanie Rymsza at 574-485-7462 or jrymsza@christthekingonline.org for information.

Jonah fish fry planned

South Bend — St. John the Baptist Parish will have an Original Jonah Fish Fry, with side salad bar, on Wednesday, March 12, from 4:30-7 p.m., at Holy

Family Parish Center, 56407 Mayflower Rd. Advance tickets are \$8, children ages 5-12 are \$5. Tickets at the door are \$9. For tickets or information call 574-232-9849.

Holy Name Society fish fry

New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Feb. 21, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children 5-12 \$4 and children under 5 free.

Knights of Columbus plan fish fries

Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will sponsor three Friday fish fries on March 7, March 21 and April 4 from 4-7 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish located on Fir Rd. south of SR 23. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 children 6-11 and children under 6 free.

Prepare for Lent Morning of Reflection

Fort Wayne — Our Lady, Cause of Our Joy Chapter of the Confraternity of Penitents will host a free Prepare for Lent Morning of Reflection for the general public on Saturday, March 1, at St. Andrew Church, 2610 New Haven Ave. Mass at

7:45 a.m., will be followed by Holy Hour, Confessions and coffee and pastries. Stations of the Cross, conference and mid-day prayer will be followed by a potluck lunch. Beverages will be provided. The event will conclude at 1:30 p.m.

Notre Dame Smoker planned

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have its 18th annual Notre Dame Smoker on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 12:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. This is a stag only event, tickets are \$20 pre-sale, \$25 day of event, and includes food and drinks. Activities include casino games, raffles and duck races. To purchase pre-sale tickets contact Tony Collins at 260-452-8628.

Casino night

Goshen — St. John the Evangelist School, 117 W. Monroe, will have a casino night Saturday, March 1, from 7-11:30 p.m. The cost is \$25, which includes reverse raffle and food. Games include black jack, roulette wheel, dice game, silent auction, raffle and pull tabs. All proceeds benefit the St. John Makeover Monies.

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