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## Humility, virtuous love encouraged at Marriage and Family Conference

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

NOTRE DAME — Clinical psychologist and adoptive father of 10 children, Dr. Ray Guarendi, a nationally renowned author and speaker on marriage and family issues, often appearing on EWTN, Catholic Answers and Ave Maria Radio, served as the main speaker for the Diocesan Marriage and Family Conference and workshops held at the University of Notre Dame on March 29.

The morning began with prayer led by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who stressed the “ongoing need of conversion, not only for individuals, but also within our family lives.”

He continued, “Growth in Christian marriage and in Christian family life means growth in virtue, in holiness. Marital and familial love involves sacrifice in everyday situations for one’s spouse and children, in imitation of Jesus’ self-giving love.”

Bishop Rhoades also expressed his hope that the conference would be “a help in fostering growth in virtue and holiness through the holy vocation of marriage and through the family. All of us, married or celibate, are called to conversion, to cease doing evil and to learn to do good.”

Guarendi began his talk using personal examples from his own experience as a husband, father and professional psychologist, along with plenty of humor, to inform, entertain and challenge the audience to approach marriage and parenting with forgiveness, understanding, strength and discipline.

“Sometimes we have to tell our spouse over

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CHRIS LUSHIS

Dr. Ray Guarendi, a nationally renowned author and speaker on marriage and family issues, often appearing on EWTN, Catholic Answers and Ave Maria Radio, served as the keynote speaker for the Diocesan Marriage and Family Conference and workshops held at the University of Notre Dame on March 29. The Family Life Office hosted the conference.

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## Changing of the guard in Vocation Office

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has seen a changing of the guard recently as Mary Szymczak retires after 20 years of faithful service, first as administrative assistant and later as associate director. Christine Bonahoom-Nix took up the challenge in her stead on March 24. Adding to the transition in personnel, the Vocation Office has recently moved from the Blessed John Paul II Center in Mishawaka to the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne as well.

The face of the Vocation Office has changed a great deal over the past two decades, with three moves and an increase in seminarians. Szymczak recalls her first encounter 20 years ago with the small office. “We began with eight seminarians when I started,” she says. “We tried to figure out the direction for the office then.”

Currently, Szymczak reports, there are 30 seminarians discerning their vocation at seminary. The increase she notes came about slowly after Pope John Paul II instituted the World Youth Days. “We’ve had five to six enter (the seminary) these past few years,” she says.

Much of her work has been “taking care of the seminarians,” says Szymczak, from the time of application to applying to the seminary and beyond. This jack-of-all-trades not only kept the Vocation Office organized, she also took care of insurance and the office budget, as well as organizing the vocations talks and the rich traditional ordinations to the Priesthood.

Szymczak enjoyed her interaction with the seminarians who she kept supplied with what they needed while nurturing them as a mother would. “I tell them, ‘I’m your mom. You call me if you have a problem.’” And she adds with a smile, “It was like keeping track of

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KAY COZAD

Mary Szymczak, left, who is retiring after 20 years of service in the Vocation Office, poses with Christine Bonahoom-Nix, right, the new administrative assistant and Msgr. Bernard Galic, director of the office.



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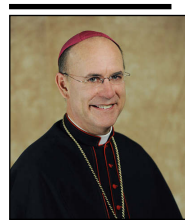
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# The raising of Lazarus



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

In my last two columns, I reflected on the Sunday Gospels of the woman at the well and of the man born blind. These profound passages from Saint John's Gospel have a baptismal perspective: Jesus promising living water to the Samaritan woman; and Jesus, the Light of the world, giving sight to the man born blind. This Sunday's Gospel, again from Saint John, also has a baptismal significance. The raising of Lazarus from the dead points to our rising in faith to a new and eternal life through Baptism. Water, light, and life!

These Sundays of Lent form a stimulating baptismal journey since the first centuries of Christianity. These Gospels continue to be proclaimed and have particular meaning for our catechumens preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. They have meaning for all of us as we strive, with the help of God's grace, to live our baptismal promises.

We are all familiar with the miracle of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. This story from the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's Gospel is frequently chosen for funeral Masses. It is good when we commend our deceased brothers and sisters to the Lord that we hear the words of Jesus to Lazarus' sister Martha, words that give us comfort and hope: *I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

We can only imagine the surprise, maybe even consternation, of those who heard Jesus say those words. Martha believed Jesus' words. A short time later, all were able to see the truth of Jesus' words when, at His command, Lazarus (who had already been in the tomb for four days) came forth alive. The truth of Jesus' proclamation that He is the resurrection and the life would become even more apparent on Easter Sunday morning with His own resurrection, the final victory over evil and death.

The raising of Lazarus was a sign of Christ's power over death. He is "the life" who pulls down that wall that can seem so impenetrable to us: the wall of death. It shows us Christ's lordship over death. Christ gives us a trustworthy hope of life beyond death. We need Martha's faith in the midst of the doubts and fears we might encounter in the face of tragedies, especially in the face of death. When Jesus asked Martha if she believed He was the resurrection and the life, she replied: *Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.*

We express this faith in the resurrection in the beautiful prayer in the Roman Missal, part of the Preface at Funeral Masses: *Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven.*

While the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus shows Jesus' power over physical



CNS PHOTO/DEBBIE HILL

**Pope Francis baptizes a young man during the Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican March 30, 2013. "The raising of Lazarus from the dead points to our rising in faith to a new and eternal life through Baptism," writes Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in this week's In Truth and Charity column.**

death, it also points to Jesus' power over spiritual death. In this vein, Saint Augustine saw the raising of Lazarus as a symbol of the sacrament of Penance. Just as burial clothes bound Lazarus, sin binds human beings. Jesus told the people to unbind the burial bands from Lazarus as he came forth from the tomb. So the Lord, through His priests, unbinds sinners from the chains of sin, from spiritual death in the sacrament of Penance. We truly experience new life, a kind of second Baptism, through this sacrament of God's mercy.

Saint Augustine wrote in a homily on this Gospel: *Everyone who sins, dies. Every man fears the death of the flesh, few the death of the soul. In regard to the death of the flesh, which without a doubt must someday come, all guard against its coming: that is the reason for their labors. Man, destined to die, labors to avert his dying; and yet man, destined to live in eternity does not labor to avoid sinning.* Lent is a season that reminds us to labor to avoid sinning. This is the point of our Lenten penance and sacri-

fices: interior conversion.

It is our mission as Christians to proclaim that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. It means we live as a people of hope and that we spread that hope to others. Saint Peter wrote: *Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope* (1 Peter 3:15). Of course, that hope must first be real and personal, based on our encounter with Christ and His mercy, so that we can witness to the joy that arises from the gift of living hope we have received. This is the witness that evangelizes, the witness of joyful and hope-filled disciples of Jesus, those who believe that Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life.

As we approach Holy Week, let us pray that our own faith may be strengthened, so that we, like Martha, can place all our hope in Him who is the resurrection and the life!

May the intercession of our Blessed Mother strengthen our faith and hope in her Son, especially in moments of trial and difficulty!



# Pope and Obama discuss religious freedom, life issues, immigration

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In their first encounter, Pope Francis received U.S. President Barack Obama at the Vatican March 27 for a discussion that touched on several areas of tension between the Catholic Church and the White House, including religious freedom and medical ethics.

During an unusually long 50-minute meeting, the two leaders discussed “questions of particular relevance for the Church in (the U.S.), such as the exercise of the rights to religious freedom, life and conscientious objection as well as the issue of immigration reform,” the Vatican said in statement.

The mentions of religious freedom and conscientious objection presumably referred to the contraception mandate in the new health care law, which has become a major source of conflict between the administration and the Church.

According to the Vatican statement, Pope Francis and Obama also had an “exchange of views on some current international themes, and it was hoped that in areas of conflict, there would be respect for humanitarian and international law and a negotiated solution between the parties involved.”

In September, Pope Francis launched a high-profile campaign against Obama’s proposal for military strikes to punish the government of President Bashar Assad for its presumed use of chemical weapons. The pope wrote to Russian President Vladimir Putin, host of a G-20 summit, decrying the “futile pursuit of a military solution,” and a few days later led a prayer vigil for peace in Syria that drew some 100,000 people to St. Peter’s Square.

The Vatican did highlight two points of harmony with Obama in the discussions: immigration reform, on which the administration’s position is closer to that of U.S. bishops than that of the Republican opposition; and a “common commitment to the eradication of trafficking in human persons in the world.”

Later in the day, at a joint news conference with Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, Obama said he had spent the “largest bulk of the time” with the pope discussing “issues of the poor, the marginalized, those without opportunity and growing inequality” and the “challenges of conflict and how elusive peace is around the world,” particularly in the Middle East.

Obama said Pope Francis “did not touch in detail” on the contraception mandate, but that in the president’s subsequent meeting with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, “we discussed briefly the issue of making sure that conscience and religious freedom was (sic) observed in the context of applying the law.”

“I pledged to continue to dialogue with the U.S. conference of bishops to make sure we can strike



CNS PHOTO/GABRIEL BOUYS, POOL VIA REUTERS

## U.S. President Barack Obama talks with Pope Francis during a private audience at the Vatican City March 27.

the right balance” on the issue, Obama said.

At the end of their talk, Pope Francis gave Obama a bound edition of his apostolic exhortation “*Evangelii Gaudium*” (“The Joy of the Gospel”), published last November. The gift prompted the president to respond: “You know, I actually will probably read this in the Oval Office when I am deeply frustrated, and I am sure it will give me strength and will calm me.”

“I hope,” the pope replied with a laugh.

In a December speech, Obama quoted a passage from the exhortation in which the pope lamented: “How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points?”

Pope Francis also presented Obama with a pair of bronze medallions, one commemorating the 17th-century construction of the colonnades around St. Peter’s Square; another portraying an angel that brings together the world’s North and South in “solidarity and peace founded on justice.”

“This gift is from the pope,” Pope Francis said of the first medallion. “But this other one is from Jorge Bergoglio. When I saw it, I said: ‘I’ll give to Obama, it’s the angel of peace.’”

The president’s gift to the pope was a selection of fruit and vegetable seeds from the White House garden, in a box made from reclaimed wood used to build Baltimore’s Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first Catholic cathedral in the United States.

“If you have a chance to come to the White House, we can show you our garden as well,” Obama said.

“Of course,” the pope replied.

Organizers of the September 2015 World Meeting of Families have voiced hopes that Pope Francis will attend that event, which could be the occasion for a state visit to the U.S.

“I invited and urged him to come to the United States, telling him that people would be overjoyed to see

him,” Obama said later.

Obama’s visit to the Vatican came in the course of a six-day international trip that included stops in the Netherlands and Belgium and was scheduled to end in Saudi Arabia. The day before his meeting with Pope Francis, Obama met with European Union and NATO officials in Brussels, where he discussed economic and strategic responses to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine earlier in the month.

The president’s motorcade entered the Vatican a few minutes after 10 a.m., under cloudy skies with temperatures in the low 50s. Archbishop Georg Ganswein, prefect of the papal household, greeted him in the San Damaso Courtyard of the Apostolic Palace, then led him upstairs to the pope’s private library, followed by Obama’s entourage, which included U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry; Susan Rice, the national security adviser, and Ambassador Ken Hackett, the U.S. envoy to the Holy See.

The pope greeted the president outside his library a few minutes before the appointed time of 10:30.

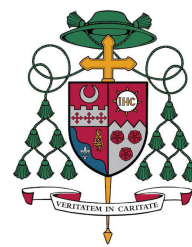
“Wonderful meeting you, I’m a great admirer,” Obama told the pope as they shook hands.

Inside the library, the two leaders sat down on either side of the pope’s desk, each with an interpreter beside him. Through his interpreter, Msgr. Mark Miles, the pope, who spoke in Spanish, could be heard telling the president: “I’d like you to feel really at home here.”

During an extended handshake at the end of the meeting, Obama told the pope: “My family has to be with me on this journey. They’ve been very strong. Pray for them. I would appreciate it.”

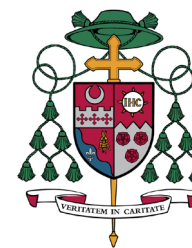
After his meeting with the pope, Obama met with Cardinal Parolin for more than half an hour. Kerry, Rice and Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, the Vatican’s foreign minister, also participated in that meeting.

Contributing to this story was Cindy Wooden.



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

• Sunday, April 6, through Saturday, April 12 — Co-Chair Meeting of International Catholic-Reformed Theological Dialogue, Glasgow, Scotland



## Chaplain appointed

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has appointed Rev. Timothy O’Connor, CSC, as Catholic Chaplain of Memorial Hospital, South Bend. This appointment was effective March 31, 2014.

## FAMILY

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and over and over that we want them to change or respond to us differently, and yet they refuse to alter their behavior,” Guarendi said. “While we might get frustrated and think that clearly he or she doesn’t love me, how often do we return to the sacrament of Reconciliation and bring the same sins to God month after month, year after year. How would we react if God refused to forgive us? No marriage, no relationship is perfect, but it requires forgiveness and humility to get past the challenges you face or you risk having to endure continual frustration and resentment.”

Dr. Guarendi also stressed the importance of husbands and wives working together as a team. He remarked that one of the most crucial elements of a healthy marriage is for the husband and wife to be able to put themselves in the mindset of the other.

“It amazes me how often I encounter men who have no idea why their wives think, say or do things in a certain way,” he said. “How do you get past this? Get inside her head and find out why she is frustrated or upset. Only when you are able to understand what she might be going through can you begin to work through it together.”

He also emphasized that women desire men who are not only open and communicative, but to have a spouse who is strong, reliable and someone they can count on consistently.

Guarendi said, “It is the responsibility of men to protect and defend their wives, standing strong with them and serving as the spiritual leader of the household.”

Guarendi also adamantly focused on teaching virtue to children. “The preeminent quality many secular psychologists seem to promote in our culture is self esteem,” Guarendi said. “However, what is sorely lacking is any notion that we should be instilling humility in our children. Humility is the virtue at the heart of all the other virtues. We cannot establish morals and character without love, but that it must be tempered and directed. There are lots of strong willed children today because we now have many adults without

will. Discipline without love is harsh. Love without discipline is child abuse.”

He indicated that love, which does not set limits, promote self control or seek to form the passions of children because it may appear too harsh, fails to properly educate and form children and it leaves them significantly unprepared to face the realities of the world.

After Guarendi’s talks, workshops offered by prominent local Catholic presenters discussed various aspects of marital and family life.

Theresa Thomas presented points on how to create a big-hearted family, involving the aspects of risk, order and generosity. She emphasized how decisions must be properly formed in knowledge and truth to be able to have a beneficial impact on others. She stressed how small actions of love can produce enormous positive results, such as simply listening to our children, thereby helping them to grow and trust because they realize that others do care for them.

Lisa Everett spoke about building communication and intimacy in marriage by encouraging spouses to share their entire selves with one another by being open in both mind and heart. She also shared the importance of non-verbal communication in marriage and the benefits of setting aside time each day to talk and pray together as often as possible.

John Sikorski offered an analysis of Pope Francis and the domestic Church, showing that the family is fundamentally a community centered on Christ in love and joy, while also providing the foundation of a just society, and serving as the primary place of reconciliation, peace, education and moral formation.

Msgr. Michael Heintz offered a reflection on the inherent unity of sacramental Marriage and the Eucharist, because in both offerings the giver becomes the gift. He stressed that we learn to love through letting go and offering the gift of ourselves to the other. This union does not destroy our uniqueness, but perfects it precisely to the degree that one offers him or herself.

After the second round of workshops, a panel discussion was held on handing on the faith to our children, led by Fred and Lisa Everett, codirectors of Family Life Office which organized the event.



# Bless me, Father: Pope leads by example, goes to Confession

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Leading a penitential liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis surprised his liturgical adviser by going to Confession during the service.

After an examination of conscience March 28, the pope and 61 priests moved into confessionals or to chairs set up against the walls to offer the sacrament to individual penitents.

However, as Msgr. Guido Marini, master of papal liturgical ceremonies, was showing which confessional the pope would be using to hear Confessions, the pope pointed to another confessional nearby, indicating that he himself was going to first confess.

The pope, dressed in a simple white alb and purple stole, spent about three minutes kneeling before the priest's open confessional and received absolution. The priest also clasped the pope's hands and kissed his simple silver ring.

Pope Francis then went to another confessional and spent about 40 minutes hearing confessions.

In his homily, the pope said following God's call to conversion is not supposed to happen only during Lent, but is a lifetime commitment. He also spoke about two key characteristics of Christian life: putting on a "new self, created in God's way" and living in and sharing God's love.

Renewal in Christ comes with Baptism, which frees people from sin and welcomes them as children of God and members of Christ and His Church, he said.



A clergyman hears confession from Pope Francis during a penitential liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican March 28. Pope Francis surprised his liturgical adviser by going to Confession during the service.

"This new life lets us see the world with different eyes without being distracted anymore by the things that don't matter and that can't last for long," he said.

Shedding sinful behaviors and focusing on the essential become a daily commitment so that a life "deformed by sin" can become a life "illuminated by grace" from God.

When hearts are renewed and "created in God's way," good behavior follows, he said, for example: "always speaking the truth and steering clear of all lies; no stealing, but rather, sharing what one has with others, especially with those in need; not giving in to anger, rancor and revenge, but being meek, magnanimous and ready to forgive;

not taking part in malicious gossip that ruins the good name of people, but looking mainly for the good side in everyone."

The second aspect of Christian life is living in God's eternal love, the pope said. God never tires of looking out for His children, both those who have lost their way and those who have remained faithful by His side.

Jesus, in fact, calls on everyone to imitate this same merciful love and become "credible disciples of Christ in the world," he said.

God's love cannot be held inside, "it's open by its very nature, it spreads and is fruitful, it always generates new love," he said.

In that missionary spirit, the penitential liturgy opened an initiative called "24 Hours for the Lord," sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization.

The council asked dioceses around the world to have at least one parish open all day and night March 28, so that anyone could go to Confession and take part in Eucharistic Adoration. It's part of the pope's focus on celebrating God's mercy and power of forgiveness.

Young people belonging to different parishes and different movements in Rome were to be out on the streets during the night, inviting their peers to go into the churches to pray, to confess or just to talk to a priest.

In his homily, Pope Francis praised the initiative and those who would be hitting the streets to share the joy of God's mercy and invite others to discover a deeper relationship with Christ.

"Tell them that our Father is waiting for us, our Father forgives us, and even more, He celebrates," the pope said.

Even with all of one's sins and mistakes, God, "instead of scolding us, He celebrates," the pope said. "And you have to tell this, tell this to lots of people today" so they can experience God's mercy and love.

## Biologist Kenneth Miller to receive 2014 Laetare Medal

NOTRE DAME — Kenneth R. Miller, professor of biology at Brown University, will receive the University of Notre Dame's 2014 Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, at Notre Dame's 169th University Commencement ceremony May 18.

"Kenneth Miller has given eloquent and incisive witness both to scientific acumen and religious belief," said Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins. "As an accomplished biologist and an articulate believer, he pursues two distinct but harmonious vocations and illustrates how science and faith can mutually flourish."

A cell and molecular biologist whose research concerns problems of structure and function in biological membranes, Miller is a prominent and outspoken critic of proponents of the creationism and intelligent design movements who argue that Darwin's theory of evolution is inherently atheistic and incompatible with Christian faith. In addition to having written

two widely read books on these subjects, "Finding Darwin's God," and "Only a Theory," Miller is co-author, with Joseph S. Levine, of major introductory college and high school biology textbooks.

"Like many other scientists who hold the Catholic faith, I see the Creator's plan and purpose fulfilled in our universe," Miller said recently. "I see a planet bursting with evolutionary possibilities, a continuing creation in which the Divine Providence is manifest in every living thing. I see a science that tells us that there is indeed a design to life, and the name of that design is evolution."

A 1970 graduate of Brown University, Miller earned a doctoral degree in biology from the University of Colorado in 1974. He taught at Harvard University from 1974 to 1980, when he returned to his alma mater, where he has served on the science faculty for the last 34 years.

In addition to his publications and lectures, Miller has debated proponents of creationism and intelligent design in televi-

sion appearances ranging from C-SPAN to Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report." In 2005, Miller served as lead witness in the landmark Kitzmiller vs. Dover trial, defending the teaching of evolution in public schools.

The Laetare (pronounced Lay-TAH-ray) Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent on the Church calendar. "Laetare," the Latin word for "rejoice," is the first word in the entrance antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which ritually anticipates the celebration of Easter. The medal bears the Latin inscription, "Magna est veritas et prevalebit" ("Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail").

Established at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."



"Nothing is ever too much to do for a child."

-Mary Virginia Merrick,  
Founder of the Christ Child Society



The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne wishes to express our gratitude to the parishes and parishioners who so generously participated in our 2014 Baby Bottle Fundraising project.

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# VOCATION

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30 sons. ... They called me mom."

"I've enjoyed watching them (seminarians) change, grow and develop. I liked being mom. I think of them as my kids. I don't know that I've given them as much as they've given me," she says of her relationship with the young men.

Szymczak also administered the permanent deacon program reinstated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy in 2007 and felt challenged by these contemporaries who lived their faith so deeply. "I met 12 wonderful couples. And to watch them grow in faith! ... I'm so proud of them, as I am of all the seminarians," she says.

She continues, "I've seen 20 priests ordained and 11 deacons. And with the 30 (current) seminarians, I have 61 spiritual sons."

One her most memorable tasks as associate of the Vocation Office was visiting the seminarians. "I loved going to visit the seminarians. I enjoyed seeing where they were and meeting the people who taught them," says Szymczak. And she notes, "The ordinations were always special."

Msgr. Bernard Galic, director of the Vocation Office since 1994, says of Szymczak's devotion to her work, "If I were to tell you what she does in the office, I'd say one word — everything! That's why the office has been so organized and so very productive. She's a take-charge person and doesn't mind keeping me on time. And I'm grateful for that."

The two had worked together previously during Msgr. Galic's appointment as pastor at Holy Family Parish in South Bend. Szymczak was then secretary of the school there. When Msgr. Galic was appointed director of the Vocation Office he asked Szymczak to work with him again.

Szymczak and husband David, a retired police officer, have been parishioners of Holy Family Parish

## Now at the helm

Christine Bonahoom-Nix is excited about her new position as administrative assistant of the Vocation Office. No stranger to diocesan work with work credentials including director of communications from 1990 to 2004, Bonahoom-Nix began organizing her new office at the Archbishop Noll Center on March 24.

Bonahoom-Nix hopes her background in communications will be a "huge plus in being able to speak with the young men and their families who are discerning a call to the Priesthood and those that are finally accepted. ... I'll make sure they know the door is always open," she says.

Working with Msgr. Bernard Galic, director of the Vocation Office, is a good fit, says Bonahoom-Nix. The two worked together on the TV Mass during her tenure in communications. "It was a huge draw to know I'd be working with Msgr. Galic. I hope we can build on what we have now and that more young men and women will pursue the vocation the Lord is calling them to," she says.

Bonahoom-Nix and her hus-



CHRISTINE BONAHOOM-NIX

band Jerry, are parishioners of St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, and have two children. She is grateful for the flexibility of the part-time work at the Vocation

Office and will remain available to her children and their activities. "I feel like it's all the greater work of the Church, so if I can do all this, that'll be the best of both worlds," she says, adding that her family is very supportive of her new position.

Msgr. Galic is pleased with his new assistant and says, "I'm very happy with the fact that she's coming on board with us. I think she's up to what the office demands of her. I feel confident that she's going to relate well with the seminarians. And I'm sure they're going to like her. ... And I expect she's as take charge a person as Mary (Szymczak) is."

Bonahoom-Nix concludes, "I'm just excited to be back in Church work and feel it's where I'm called to be. I'm glad I can still be a mom and do this too."

for 47 years. They have two grown children and five grandchildren — a close-knit family that spends quality time together, which Szymczak hopes will increase with her retirement.

The Szymczaks have worked a Christmas tree farm for several years on their 15 acres in the rural South Bend area, but she notes that project will be folding soon.

She looks forward to spending more time with her stained glass artwork and has several projects to complete. Earlier work can be seen at Holy Family Parish where she created the stained-glass windows of the church as well as several other chapels and churches in the area that reflect her beautiful work.

What is her hope for the Vocation Office as she hands the baton to Bonahoom-Nix? "I hope it

grows. I think it will in Fort Wayne. There's more outreach that can be done with the office. Christine's got the background to promote the office more. I think she'll be great with the guys and with monsignor," says Szymczak.

As to her retirement Szymczak says, "It's bittersweet. Everyone asks 'why?' I always said I have the best job in the world. But you get to a point when you just know it's time. — It's time," she says. "I have been very blessed. I have met wonderful people over the years. I've been inspired more than I ever dreamed. And I had the best boss in the whole world. ... It's been a good 20 years!"

Szymczak was honored with a retirement celebration in Mishawaka recently.

# Upgrades made to TV Mass signal

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — "It's been a rough year for the regular watchers of the Televised Mass in Fort Wayne, and even rougher on those that produce and broadcast the long-running program," said Sean McBride, director of communications for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and producer of the TV Mass.

Technical issues have plagued the broadcast for nearly a year and in that time multiple solutions were tried and no headway was really made, until very recently when WFFT-TV made a very large capital investment to install a new style of microwave transceiver that allows direct communications between

the station and the chapel at the University of Saint Francis, where the broadcast originates.

"I think we turned a corner recently when we were able to get the third party technology provider out of the mix, and do things ourselves," McBride said. "I feel fortunate that we have a broadcast partner like WFFT who not only stuck with us and worked hard right beside us, but in the end, decided to invest in this ministry."

McBride likes the direction the upgrade has taken.

"This new system of broadcasting eliminates a third-party data-services provider that was not responsive to our technical challenges and now allows us total control of the signal," he said. "We've already seen improvements in the signal

strength and resolution quality."

While the system continues to be tweaked and honed, both parties admit that it isn't perfect, and may never be, but it is a vast improvement to what viewers were experiencing before.

Before the upgrade, "the screen would go black, or freeze, on multiple occasions in one broadcast. It was maddening!" said McBride.

WFFT-TV General Manager Bill Ritchhart said, "WFFT Local is honored to partner with the diocese to televise the Catholic TV Mass each Sunday. We recognize this is an important service for our viewers in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio who are unable to attend Mass to still be able to connect with their faith."

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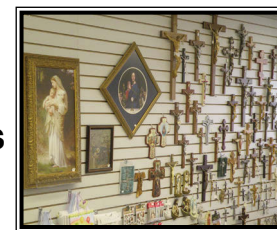
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## Mandate cases prompt rallies outside court as oral arguments take place

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The snowy, wet concrete and throng of reporters didn't stop Father Frank Pavone and the Rev. Patrick Mahoney from kneeling down and praying in front of the Supreme Court the morning of March 25. "We will not compromise our faith," Father Pavone prayed over the roaring crowds. "We will not allow the government, Oh Lord, to dissect and define the beliefs of our religion. ... We will decide what moral code we will live, and we will live it freely here on this soil in the United States of America." The snow began around 8 a.m., but it had little effect on the hundreds who rallied outside the Supreme Court in response to the justices hearing oral arguments in the *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. and Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp. v. Sebelius* cases. The two key rallies stood on opposing sides. The crowd advocating for free choice in contraceptive use was nearly triple in size to its opponents and featured more than 25 speeches. Right beside them, the religious freedom rally also hosted speakers as well as a prayer vigil. Signs among religious freedom supporters read, "Religious Freedom: Everyone's Business." Many of the opposing signs said, "Not my boss's business." The debate is over the Affordable Care Act of 2010 and its mandate that employers provide its workers health care that covers contraceptives, sterilization and some abortion-inducing drugs. The owners of Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood Specialties sued over the mandate, claiming they should be allowed a religious rights-based exemption

# NEWS BRIEFS

## WISCONSIN BISHOP PETS GOAT FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL RURAL LIFE DAY MASS



CNS PHOTO/SAM LUCERO, THE COMPASS

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wis., pets a goat that was brought to St. Mary Church in Crivitz for a blessing of animals following the annual Rural Life Day Mass March 27. The observance marks the beginning of the spring planting season and is an opportunity for the local community to give thanks to God for farming and to pray for a successful growing season.

from having to provide the contraceptive coverage.

## Probe recovers funds stolen from U.S. Pontifical Mission Societies

NEW YORK (CNS) — Following an 18-month investigation, the Pontifical Mission Societies announced March 25, in a joint statement with the Office of the New York State Attorney General, the recovery of about \$1.4 million in funds stolen by a now-deceased official of the organization. Attorney General Eric Schneiderman praised the Pontifical Mission Societies for its full cooperation in the investigation, including for reporting financial irregularities as soon as the staff discovered funds were missing and verified they had been diverted. "I'm pleased that we've been able to recover the stolen charitable funds and return a large sum to the societies so they can continue their important mission," Schneiderman said. "Today's agreement also ensures that these organizations will continue to enhance their controls to operate in a responsible fashion and prevent any future abuses. It's crucial that victimized organizations come forward and, like the Pontifical Mission Societies, take necessary steps to guard against future misconduct," he said. Oblate Father Andrew Small, the organization's national director, thanked Schneiderman's office for all of its efforts. "Following our uncovering and reporting of the theft, we worked with the Attorney General's Office to achieve a recovery of stolen funds that rightly belong to the poor and to strengthen our internal controls and board oversight," he said in a statement.

## Prayer, charity surround John XXIII, John Paul II being declared saints

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The rite of canonization for Blesseds John XXIII and John Paul II April 27 will use the standard formula for the creation of new saints, but the Mass will be preceded by the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, and it is possible retired Pope Benedict XVI will attend, the Vatican spokesman said.

"He is invited," said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the spokesman. "But there is still a month to go. We'll have to see if he wants to be present and feels up to it."

Discussing preparations for the canonizations with reporters March 31, Father Lombardi also said the popes' tombs in St. Peter's Basilica would not be disturbed, other than to change the inscriptions from "blessed" to "saint." Pilgrims can visit the tombs after the April 27 Mass.

Relics from the two popes will be presented during the liturgy, the spokesman said. The relic of Blessed John Paul — a vial of his blood encased in a reliquary featuring a silver sculpture of olive

branches — will be the same that was used for his beatification in 2011.

A matching reliquary has been made for a relic of Blessed John, said Msgr. Guilo Dellavite, an official of the Diocese of Bergamo, where the pope was born. When Blessed John was beatified in 2000, no relic was presented, the monsignor said, because no blood or body parts had been preserved for that purpose. However, when Blessed John's tomb was opened in 2001 and the remains treated before being reinterred in St. Peter's Basilica, some bone fragments were removed.

Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican whose recovering from a brain aneurysm was the miracle accepted for the canonization of Blessed John Paul, and French Sister Marie Simon-Pierre, whose cure from Parkinson's disease was accepted as the miracle that paved the way for his beatification, are both expected to attend the Mass April 27, Father Lombardi said. Pope Francis waived the requirement for a miracle for the canonization of Blessed John.

The canonization Mass is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. the Sunday

after Easter, which the Church celebrates as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pilgrims are expected to begin filling St. Peter's Square early in the morning, Father Lombardi said, and will have an opportunity to participate in the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, a series of prayers focusing on the gifts of God's mercy, especially shown through the passion of Christ.

The Vatican, he said, is not issuing tickets for the Mass, although large sections of St. Peter's Square will be reserved for official government delegations, for bishops and priests, and for members of the Vatican diplomatic corps. Other than that, space in the square will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the Vatican is not handling ticket requests, it cannot predict how many people will attend the ceremony, he said.

"We hope many people will come and we are making preparations to welcome them," Father Lombardi said. "We invite people to come to Rome with trust and serenity without excessive fear."

"If people filled St. Peter's Square and (the main boulevard) back to the Tiber River, we calculate there would be between

200,000 and 250,000 people," he said. Forecasts, including by city of Rome officials, that mention millions of pilgrims trying to attend the event appear exaggerated, Father Lombardi said.

"Come to Rome. Don't be afraid," he said.

Cardinal Agostino Vallini, papal vicar for Rome, told reporters that the diocese was focusing on a spiritual preparation for the canonization of "two pontiffs, two bishops of Rome, who lived and experienced their faith, becoming messengers of the Gospel, but also of great humanity."

The cardinal will lead an evening for young people April 22 along with the postulators — official promoters — of the sainthood causes of the two popes. The night before the canonization, 11 churches near the Vatican will be open all night for prayer, meditation and confessions. The program will be offered in English and Italian at the Basilica of St. Mark the Evangelist at the Campidoglio and in Italian and Spanish at the Jesuit Church of the Gesu.

The diocese also has launched a special website — [www.2papisanti.org](http://www.2papisanti.org) — and several social media

initiatives with the help of communications students at a Rome university. The Facebook fan page is "2popesaints," the Twitter account is "@2popesaints," the Instagram account is "#2popesaints" and the YouTube channel search term is also "2popesaints."

The Diocese of Bergamo, where Pope John was born and ordained a priest, has put much of the focus of its celebration on acts of charity, Msgr. Dellavite said. The diocese is contributing the equivalent of \$1.1 million for the construction and three years of operating costs of a St. John XXIII School in Haiti; it is building a church and pastoral center in Shengjin, Albania, at a cost of about \$830,000; and it is remodeling a former military barracks in Bergamo to serve as a shelter and assistance center for the poor.

In addition, he said, the 900 priests of the diocese are being asked to donate one month's salary and take up a collection in their parishes to strengthen the diocese's "family and home" fund, which helps families in difficulty with rent, mortgage payments and utilities. The diocese also is selling some of its property to increase the fund's principal.



### Evening of prayer, reflection and Adoration for women planned

An evening of prayer, reflection and adoration for women, titled "Leaving the Tomb," is planned for Sunday, April 27, from 6:30-9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5. Choose from three locations: St. Anthony de Padua Church, South Bend; St. John the Evangelist, Goshen; or St. Mary, Fort Wayne. Register online at [www.diocese-fwsb.org/leavingthetomb](http://www.diocese-fwsb.org/leavingthetomb) or contact Allison at 260-399-1452 or [asturm@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:asturm@diocesefwsb.org).

### Valedictorians, salutatorian named

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School has announced the valedictorians and salutatorian for the class of 2014. This year there are three valedictorians: Chelsea Suppinger, Anna Boll and Greg Monnin. Claire Jilek was named salutatorian.

Tom Policinski, head sacristan of the Chapel of Divine Mercy next to the abortion facility, said, "During this 40 Day campaign, we have adorers in the chapel on one side of the abortuary, and the prayer witnesses on the other."

### DCCW honors women of service

FORT WAYNE — The Deanery Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) held a special Mass at St. Mary Church in Fort Wayne with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Saturday morning, March 22.

During a brunch and ceremony following, the council honored women from each parish with a first-ever award for outstanding faithful service to their parish. Each woman was presented a certificate, bracelet and picture of Our Lady of Good Council, patroness of the DCCW. Approximately 140 were in attendance as family members of the recipients were invited.

Those honored were as follows: Evelyn Beam, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne; Joan Girardot, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne; Dottie Carpenter, St. Mary, Fort Wayne; Nancy Riecke, Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne; Donna Brooke, St. Patrick, Fort Wayne; Patricia Hendricks, St. Peter, Fort Wayne; Cheryl Mowan, St. Therese, Fort Wayne; Linda Milewski, Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne; Rosie Munson, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne; Ingrid Nicholson, St. Patrick, Arcola; Rita Brueggeman, St. Louis Besancon, New Haven; Dolores Muzzilo, St. Joseph, Garrett; Fran Lortie, Blessed Sacrament, Albion; Debbie Lautzenheiser, St. Joseph, Bluffton; Mary Alice Rennels, St. Rose of Lima, Monroeville; Joy Olry, St. John the Baptist, New Haven; Linda Bustamante, St. Catherine Nix Settlement; Betty Hamman, St. Michael, Waterloo;

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## ST. JOSEPH STUDENTS ACT OUT WAY OF THE CROSS



PHOTO PROVIDED BY ST. JOSEPH-HESSSEN CASSEL

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne, second-grade students performed the Way of the Cross for the entire student body recently, telling the story of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Gabe Herber as Jesus carries His cross as Moises Beltran, who portrayed Pontius Pilate, orders Him with his sword.

## STUDENTS COLLECT DIAPERS



DANIELLE COLLINS

Bishop Dwenger High School students collected diapers during a diaper drive last week to celebrate Pro-Life Week. Students collected 383 packets of diapers for the Women's Care Center and \$501.02 in cash from a penny drive for the Christ Child Society. Shown in the photo, from left, are students Eliese Kurtzweg, Grace Oberhausen and Julie Weilbaker.

and in memory of Joan Weaver, St. Gaspar del Bufalo, Rome City. Rosary Sodality or parish priests chose the recipients.  
— Michelle Castleman

## Local advisors earn membership in Million Dollar Round Table

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — Outstanding product knowledge and client service have enabled Phillip J. Stackowicz and Keith C. Praski of the Knights of Columbus, John J. Stackowicz agency in South Bend to earn membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT). Phillip Stackowicz is from Granger, and Keith Praski is from Angola.



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## ST. JOSEPH-ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENT GUITAR RECITAL



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St Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, Fort Wayne, guitar students and alumni presented an annual guitar recital for families and friends on March 21. The recital took place at St. Joseph Church on Brooklyn Ave. The guitar students played a variety of contemporary and church music. The students take lessons from Ken Jehle, St. Joseph Parish music director. A number of the guitar students also play music for St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School Masses.



# VOICES FROM HEAVEN

## Pueri Cantores Indiana Regional Mass and Choral Festival celebrated at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

Angelic voices rose like incense in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne during Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on March 25, the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. A select group of musically-gifted students combined as one choir to perform at the fourth annual Pueri Cantores Indiana Regional Mass and Choral Festival. Conducting the choir was Lee Gwozdz, director of music at Corpus Christi Cathedral in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Pueri Cantores is a century-old practice started in the United States in 1953. Pueri Cantores (which is Latin for “young choristers” or “young singers”) is the official children’s choral organization of the Catholic Church and provides opportunities for school-aged youth choirs from all backgrounds to participate in liturgical music. Pueri Cantores aims to enhance the lives of young singers through this musical experience conducted within a nurturing environment. The event was sponsored by The American Federation Pueri Cantores along with Our Sunday Visitor Institute.



Students sing “Jesus Here Present,” a 13<sup>th</sup> century Italian laude, during the prelude of the Mass. The students are part of the over 375 singers who represented 30 schools and home school in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



Lee Gwozdz, director of music at Corpus Christi Cathedral in Corpus Christi, Texas, conducts the Pueri Cantores choir singers during the Pueri Cantores Indiana Regional Mass and Choral Festival for the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on March 25. Gwozdz remarked, “These children in the diocese were very well prepared. They are gifted with great teachers and have the support of their bishop. This was one of the top festival Masses I’ve ever done in the U.S.”



During Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades’ homily at the Pueri Cantores Indiana Regional Mass and Choral Festival students turn to view the beautiful stained-glass window in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception depicting the Annunciation of the Lord. In his homily Bishop Rhoades told the students, just as Mary said yes to God’s will, she “invites us also to say yes to God’s word, to His will. She invites us to trust in God like she did, to open the door of our lives to God. When we follow God’s call and say yes to His will, we find our true good and true happiness.” He reminded them that God has a unique plan for each one of them and their task is to be courageous and faithful in following Jesus.





Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, other clergy and Pueri Cantores conductor Lee Gwozdz pose with the over 375 students from around the diocese who participated in the fourth annual Pueri Cantores Indiana Regional Mass and Choral Festival. It was the first time the choral Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, with the previous three years being celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame.



Bishop Luers High School was one of the four Catholic diocesan high schools represented who provided sacred music at the Pueri Cantores Indiana Regional Mass and Choral Festival celebrated on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on March 25. The singers were accompanied by organist, Michael Dulac, director of music for the cathedral.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades raises the Eucharist on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25. Concelebrating the Pueri Cantores Mass are, from left, Father William Sullivan, pastor of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Yoder, Father Peter DeeDee, parochial vicar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the diocese, Msgr. Bruce Piechocki, pastor of St. Monica in Mishawaka, Father John Delaney, pastor of St. Jude in South Bend, and Father Philip DeVolder, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw.



# Julie Kenny joins planned giving staff to help parishes with endowment efforts

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Julie Kenny is a noted professional in the field of stewardship, and she has been invited to apply her talent as part of the staff of the Development Office as the director of planned giving.

With 19 years experience at Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington, working with parishes and dioceses across the nation with stewardship strategies, Kenny will now “be sharing best practice strategies for promotion of parish endowments, bequests and planned giving strategies, which are vital to the future work of the Church,” said Harry Verhiley, director of the Development Office.

Growing up at Most Precious Blood Parish in Fort Wayne, Kenny and her sister taught catechism. It was there that the seed for love of service to the Church was planted. She called her experience at Our Sunday Visitor working with stewardship initiatives as a grooming experience on “how God molds you, like the clay,” for her work in stewardship.

Kenny noted that her work would involve “assisting parishes and organizations that currently have endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation. I will be assisting them with marketing and promoting their endowments so others will think about giving gifts to the endowment.”

Kenny will also work with parishes and organizations that don't have an endowment.

She noted, “bequeathing an amount of their estate” in a will “ensures the work of the parish or school — that they have so much passion for — will continue long after they are gone.”

Kenny will work part-time as a planned giving director, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from the Archbishop Noll Catholic



TIM JOHNSON

**Julie Kenny, new director of planned giving, began work with the diocese on March 3. Kenny will now “be sharing best practice strategies for promotion of parish endowments, bequests and planned giving strategies, which are vital to the future work of the Church,” said Harry Verhiley, director of the Development Office.**

Center in Fort Wayne.

“The position carries the responsibility of assisting parishes to promote bequests and planned gifts to support parish endowments and other diocesan funds, such as the all-important Blessed John Paul II Fund for Seminarian Education,” Verhiley told *Today's Catholic*. ... She will be the ‘lead agent’ for the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF), which is a collection of more than 120 parish, school and charity endowments.”

Kenny is a 1978 graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School and a graduate of International Business College and Huntington University. She and her husband, John, are the parents of two sons and grandparents of three grandsons. The Kennys are active members of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne.

“Parishes, schools and charities should be marketing their own respective endowments, yet not all are,” Verhiley explained. “They

can use some assistance from the diocesan development office, and that is why Julie was hired.”

Kenny is in the process of planning two planned giving roundtables — one in Fort Wayne, one in South Bend — that will be scheduled in May. Parish staff and parish leadership will be encouraged to attend and learn techniques to market and promote the endowment if they have one or how to establish an endowment.

“Planned gifting and bequests are the most effective way to fund endowments,” Verhiley said. “Parishes should be promoting planned giving and bequests to fund their endowments because people's hearts are in their parish and they want to see their parish thrive, long after they are no longer supporting the parish with their offertory gifts.”

Verhiley said, “We want to encourage families to consider a bequest or planned gift directed to their respective parish. A parish endowment is a great way to receive a bequest and/or planned gift, yet not all parishioners know of these giving opportunities. Julie will help parishes spread the word.”

“I want to find out (the parishes’) needs,” Kenny said. “How can I help them the most?”

She hopes to collect stories from the generous people who are creating endowments to tell their story. Oftentimes these are people who don't want the publicity, Kenny explained, “but by telling their story, they're giving ideas to other people to do the same thing.”

She is also searching for stories from some of the benefactors who received grants from those endowments. For example, how have they been able to afford Catholic school tuition through the endowment fund?

“God has blessed me so abundantly and I am so grateful,” Kenny said about the new job. But she doesn't want people to think stewardship is just about money. “There's much more to it, because God made us who we are. He has made us unique. He has purpose for us. What is that purpose and how can we serve best using our unique talents?”

**Contact Julie Kenny** at [jkenny@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:jkenny@diocesefwsb.org) or the Secretary of Stewardship and Development at [stewardship@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:stewardship@diocesefwsb.org) for more information.

## Waring Endowment Fund helps support St. Joseph School, Garrett

BY VINCE LABARBERA

GARRETT — Not long after the death of Margaret L. Waring in 2009 in Auburn, following a yearlong illness, her husband, Richard, used some insurance money to establish an endowment fund in her name in support of St. Joseph School, Garrett.

“We've always been interested in and been great supporters of education,” said Waring. “And since we have four children and 11 grandchildren all living within 25 miles of the Garrett-Auburn area, the decision was made to help support what we think is the best school in DeKalb County,” he emphasized.

The Waring's were married for 54 years. Their children include Bridgette Beber, Richard, Jr., Henry and Nanette Bater.

“The national debt in the United States has reached \$17.5 million,” Waring continued. “An endowment is the best way to do something for the community as well as benefit the next generation. It's important for our generation not to continue to load up the national debt and leave it for others,” he stressed.

Waring, of course, wants to encourage others to contribute to the Waring Endowment or help support an educational facility of their choosing through an endowment. “The invested earnings off an endowment that is adequately promoted makes a good endowment,” he added.

Originally from New York near Buffalo, Waring worked for the Magnavox Corporation there until transferring to the Midwest about 50 years ago where he again was employed by Magnavox in Fort Wayne and at a new plant built in Auburn. He worked a total of 22 years at Magnavox and has been retired for 21 years.

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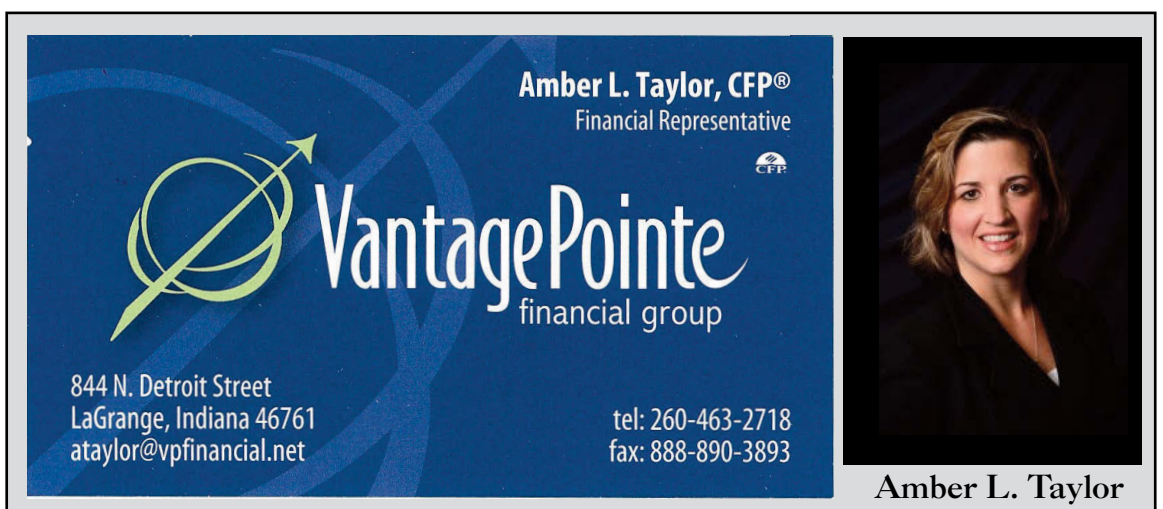


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## The big reveal: Looking back at God's plan

**B**lue or pink? That was the secret contained in the cake.

My younger brother and his wife are always looking for an excuse to throw a themed-party — a World Series game for the Cardinals, an end-of-the-world prediction, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. They couldn't resist the opportunity to kick-start the celebration of their firstborn by hosting a gender-reveal party, so we gathered on a chilly Sunday afternoon to learn about the baby due in July.

A gender-reveal party takes the news captured at an ultrasound and announces it in a more dramatic fashion: pulling a sheet out of an envelope, Oscars style; slicing into a blue- or pink-

colored cake; opening a box of balloons. The concept took off in 2011, according to BabyCenter.com, which reported an explosion of discussion threads. It is the antithesis of a baby shower, heavy on obligation and estrogen. A gender-reveal party centers on the surprise, delivering a sweet pay-off for a breathless audience — the promise of big news and bakery-made cake.

Its popularity has surged with Pinterest, where pregnant women dream up a million ways to decorate with light pink and powder blue. My brother hung a cascade of pink and blue balloons in the entrance of his home and used his pitcher's arm to fling crepe paper onto the ceiling fan in his two-story great room.

When Tony and Jodie lifted a



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### TWENTY SOMETHING

slice of blue cake, I felt a flicker of that hospital thrill right there in the dining room. My voice broke when I congratulated him. "You're going to have a son!"

Later that day, after I'd downloaded my pictures, I found myself thinking about the idea of a big reveal. So few major events can be known in advance through

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## Divine life abides only in Jesus



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Jn 11:1-45

**T**he Book of Ezekiel provides the first reading for this weekend. Even a quick reading of the history of ancient Israel shows that there were very few periods of prosperity and calm. Indeed, only the reigns of David and Solomon might properly be considered as truly good times.

However, some times were more trying than others were. Certainly, the generations spent in Babylon were a miserable time. Confined in Babylon in wretchedness, and a minority, the Jewish exiles yearned for the day when they would be able to return to their homeland.

Ezekiel built upon this theme of hoping and expectation. As did all the prophets, he saw a release from Babylonian bondage not as an accident or a happy turn of events. He saw it as a result of God's mercy and of fidelity to God. Thus, in this reading, the Lord speaks, promising to breathe new life into the defeated, dejected people.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans furnishes the second reading. Rome was the absolute center for everything in the first century Mediterranean world, the political, economic and cultural heart of the empire. Its inhabitants came from everywhere, having brought with them a great variety of customs

and beliefs. It was a sophisticated city. Paul wrote to the Christian Romans, among whom eventually he would die as a martyr.

This reading stresses two spiritual realities. The Christian is linked with God in Christ. So, the Christian possesses the very life of the Holy Spirit, a life, of course, that will never die.

For its third reading, the Church this weekend presents the Gospel of John. Jesus went to Bethany, then a separate community but now a part of greater Jerusalem, summoned by Martha and Mary who were anxious about their brother Lazarus, the Lord's friend, who had died.

When Jesus at last arrived, Lazarus was dead. In fact, he had been dead for several days. Putrefaction had begun. Responding to the sisters' faith, the Lord restores Lazarus to life.

Several important themes occur in the passage. First, of course, is the active, life-giving love of Jesus. In the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus knows and expresses human love. Secondly, the faith of Martha and Mary is unqualified.

The Evangelist sees a parallel between the Resurrection of Jesus and the restoration of earthly life to Lazarus. In each account, mourning women are essential parts of the story. A stone closes the tomb. The body is dressed, and a face cloth, customary in Jewish burials of the time, covers the face. Finally, in each story, faith and human limitation have important roles.

### Reflection

Next week, on Palm Sunday, the Church will invite us to learn, and to worship, in the most intense liturgical days of its year. Calling us to Christ, and

with ancient drama and the most compelling symbolism, it will proclaim Jesus as Savior and as Risen Lord.

This weekend, the Church prepares us for this experience, giving us the beautiful and wondrous story of Lazarus.

Echoing the Lord's own Resurrection, today's message is clear. If we are united with Jesus, as Lazarus and his sisters were united, then in God's power we will have everlasting life.

However, this eternal life will occur only if we seek Jesus, and if we seek Jesus with the faith uncompromisingly shown by Martha. Only Jesus can give us life.

The other readings reinforce this theme. For everyone, life can be taxing. Death awaits all. Ezekiel assures us that God will give us true life. It will be the life of holiness, the life that never ends.

St. Paul reminded us that this divine life abides only in Jesus. So, as Lent progresses, as Lent anticipates its culmination, the Church calls us to Jesus, the Lord of life.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

## Catholic Relief Services and Haiti

**H**aiti, located in the Caribbean Sea on the island of Hispaniola, is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Eighty percent of Haitians live on less than \$2 per day.

In Haiti, the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is guided by the call to family, community and participation. This principle explains that our full human potential is not realized in solitude, but in community with others. People have the right and duty to participate in society, seeking the common good and wellbeing of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

In January 2010, Haiti suffered through a 7.0-magnitude earthquake that left devastation in its wake including loss of homes, lack of food and clean water. These living conditions can lead to health problems.

With that as a focus, CRS is working with volunteers in Haiti to provide better health services for women and young children. Community healthcare centers have been set up in areas where health care is hard to find. These centers provide a place for mothers to bring their children for check-ups every month. Volunteers are trained to take vital signs on babies and children and give basic treatment and vaccines.

In Les Cayes, volunteers have contributed more than 175,000 hours per year, have treated more than 29,000 children and reached out to more than 12,000 mothers. CRS' programs in Haiti have helped decrease malnutrition from 14 percent to 8 percent in Les Cayes.

This week, include the people of the Haiti in your prayers or pray through the intercession of St. Mother Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala who co-founded the Handmaids of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and the Poor and devoted her life to the teaching that only by being poor can one be with the poor.

*Loving God, You tell us that there is no greater love than to lay down our lives for our friends. Help us to emulate the example of St. Mother Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala, who willingly submitted herself to live a life of poverty and who risked her own life for the good of*

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*those around her. Let us never forget those who suffer from sickness, whether of the mind, body or spirit. Give us courage, as St. Maria had, to be witnesses of charity, and help us to remember that, through faith, even small deeds can have enormous impacts. Amen.*

This week you could fast from an unhealthy food or an unnecessary use of an over the counter medication. You could give 25 cents to your Rice Bowl for each faucet in your house in solidarity with those who go without access to clean water because of natural disasters like the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Pope Francis has given us direct guidance on how to care for those who are suffering like some of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. During a visit to St. Francis of Assisi of the Providence of God Hospital in July 2013, he said, "In the Gospel, we read the parable of the Good Samaritan, that speaks of a man assaulted and left half dead at the side of the road. People pass by him and look at him. But they do not stop, they just continue on their journey, indifferent to him: it is none of their business! How often do we say: it's not my problem! How often do we turn the other way and pretend not to see! Only a Samaritan, a stranger, sees him, stops, lifts him up, takes him by the hand, and cares for him. Dear friends, I believe that here, in this hospital, the parable of the Good Samaritan is made tangible. Here there is no indifference, but concern. There is not apathy, but love."

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## Catholic Home Missions offers thanks

Please accept my deepest thanks for your diocese's contribution of \$52,249.70 from your 2013 Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The generosity of your parishioners is needed greatly by our mission dioceses here in the United States.

There are 84 dioceses in the United States funded this year by Catholic Home Missions. These dioceses lack the funding for basic and essential pastoral works, such as evangelization, catechesis, seminary formation and lay leadership training. Grants from the appeal also provide aid to many small, isolated

parishes across the country, which depend on grants coming from the appeal to keep their doors open. With your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal will continue to bridge the gap between need and available resources.

The 2014 Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up in most dioceses the weekend of April 26-27.

I am grateful for all your work to strengthen our Church here at home and wish you a blessed Holy Week and a joyful Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**Most Rev. Peter F. Christensen**  
Bishop of Superior  
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee  
on Catholic Home Missions



# Lent: the annual catechumenate

Historians of the Roman liturgy generally reckon the restorations of the Easter Vigil (by Pius XII) and the adult catechumenate (by Vatican II) as two of the signal accomplishments of the 20th-century liturgical movement. I wouldn't contest that claim, but I'd add something else to the highlights reel: the recovery of the baptismal character of Lent for every Catholic.

Back in the day, Lent was about what you didn't do: eat candy, smoke, drink, whatever. And of course the three classic methods of keeping the Forty Days — fasting, intensified prayer and almsgiving — retain their perennial significance. What I discovered three years ago, however, was that those practices come into clearer spiritual focus when they're "located" within an understanding that Lent is the season when all of us — not just those who will be baptized or received into full communion with the Church at Easter, but all of us — becomes, in a sense, catechumens.

Shortly before I spent Lent and Easter Week 2011 in Rome, preparing "Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches" (Basic Books), a friend suggested to me that the reformed liturgy of Lent fell into two broadly-defined periods. Digging into the liturgical texts of Lent on a daily basis in 2011, after attending Mass at the Roman station church of the day, persuaded me that he was quite right.

The days immediately following Ash Wednesday and the first two weeks of Lent have a penitential character, as the biblical and patristic readings at Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours ask each of us to undertake an extended examina-

tion of conscience: Am I being the witness to the kingdom and the evangelical missionary that I ought to be? What within me needs purifying if I'm to become a better friend of Jesus Christ and a true embodiment of His saving grace and mercy? With whom must I be reconciled?

The tone shifts with the third Sunday in Lent, as the Church begins three weeks of reflection on the meaning of Baptism and the liturgy asks all the baptized to consider how well we are living in imitation of Christ. The questions posed come from the three great catechetical Gospels read on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays in Lent: Jesus and the woman at the well; Jesus curing the man born blind; Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. In the early Church, the explanation of those Gospels completed the catechumens' preparation for Baptism. For those already baptized, as I wrote in "Roman Pilgrimage," they prompt a searching reflection in preparation for our being blessed with Easter water, which is baptismal water:

"How am I responding to Christ's thirst for my friendship in prayer, in light of Jesus's invitation to the Samaritan women, whom he asked for a drink of water? How are my eyes being opened to the demands of my mission, by the Christ who gave sight to the man born blind? Do I, like Martha, truly believe that Jesus is the Son of the living God, with power to raise me, like Lazarus from the bonds of sin and death?"

Reflecting on those questions, the already-baptized experience a new catechumenate, a period of preparing to go up

ity is how we grow up. For one mother of five, praying a daily rosary takes the edge off pinched holiday expectations, helping her

keep calm and carry on when her visions of a Victorian Christmas go unfulfilled.

When I review my 20s, I can see how an unwelcome "no" paved the way to a blessed "yes." Doors we never would've closed on our own lead to opened windows, once we pick ourselves up and look around. Sorrow softens us, kneading our hearts into doughier, more compassionate organs.

This long winter has reminded me that I can't mastermind my future with a spreadsheet and a stopwatch. Life doesn't unfold in



## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

to Jerusalem with Jesus, who will meet his messianic destiny there — and who, in embracing that destiny in obedience to the Father, will be revealed as the Risen Lord who makes all things new, including our brokenness.

The evangelical Catholicism of the 21st century and the third millennium demands more of Catholics than the culturally-transmitted and culturally-comfortable Catholicism in which many of us were raised. Confronting a culture that rejects the biblical vision of the human person and human relationships — converting that culture — is not easy. But it can be a great adventure, when it's lived in the confidence that what is revealed at Easter is true: love is stronger than death.

That is what Lent is for. The "annual catechumenate" of Lent prepares us to be missionary disciples who can display the divine mercy because we have known it in our lives.

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even numbers and rhyming couplets. I'm learning what it means to be open to life, the Church's charge to married couples, on a

broad level. It can be scary to trust God, to dive head-first when you can't see the net beneath you. But I want to operate on grace, not strategy. I'm entering into Easter, the ultimate surprise.

God's plan for my life is different from mine — and, I have no doubt, better.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 6, 2014

John 11:1-45

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the First Sunday of Lent, Cycle A: at the tomb of Lazarus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

YOU LOVE	ILLNESS	DEATH
SON OF GOD	JESUS LOVED	MARTHA
DISCIPLES	JUDEA	TOMB
FOUR DAYS	NOT HAVE DIED	EVEN NOW
YOU ASK	LAST DAY	WORLD
COME AND SEE	JEW	STONE
VOICE	COME OUT	LET HIM GO

### LAZARUS, COME OUT

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F O J O G M I H T E L J
O J H C M A R T H A E E
U U E N O T S A D E L W
R D L S P M S E S E S S
D E L L U K E D V B O E
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an announcement or alert.

It's in the looking back, not looking ahead, that we can trace the hand of God. We are guided along in extraordinary ways, through ordinary means. For Sister Mary Madonna Ashton, a 90-year-old Sister of St. Joseph, it was the neighbor girl who happened to attend a Catholic high school and persuaded her to enroll, which led to her conversion to Catholicism and pursuit of religious life. For my husband, the impromptu decision to stop at my college one afternoon — which turned out to be registration day — led our paths to cross.

Disappointments also take on new meaning in retrospect. My friend Natalie's labor did not go according to her labor plan — which, she later told me, was apt preparation for parenthood.

Learning to deal with the space between fantasy and real-

**'I can't mastermind my future with a spreadsheet and a stopwatch. Life doesn't unfold in even numbers and rhyming couplets.'**

## Celebrating a culture of protection

The Catholic Church is working hard to protect children. Much has been accomplished, but more work is needed. Until child sexual abuse is no longer a part of our society, the Church will continue its efforts.

As part of its effort to protect all children from harm as well as to create safe environments in which children can learn and grow in faith, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will:

- Complete criminal background checks on all priests, deacons, candidates for ordination and employees. In addition, volunteers who will have regular contact with children as part of their volunteer service also must pass a criminal background check.
- Complete intensive background screening and psychological testing for those candidates who apply for the seminary.
- Require safe environment training for all of the above named church personnel. Training will include: what abuse is; the types of abuse children suffer; the impact of abuse on victims; how abuse happens; signs to look for; reporting abuse; and keeping children safe.
- Provide annual safe

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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environment training to all children enrolled in diocesan Catholic schools and parish religious education programs. In age appropriate lessons, children will learn about God's love for them; personal space; treating ourselves and others with respect and care; safe and unsafe touches; and how to get help from a trusted adult if needed.

We pray for all who support and protect children. ... Christ, graciously hear us.

**For questions, contact Cathie Cicchiello**, safe environment coordinator, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at ccicchiello@diocesefwsb.org, 260-422-4611, ext. 3308 or Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1458.



# Sports

**TWO COUGARS EARN NAIA SCHOLAR ATHLETE SELECTION** University of Saint Francis senior Zach Welklin and junior Kaleigh Hensley have earned NAIA Scholar Athlete awards for their excellence in the classroom for the 2013-14 season. In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach or sports information director, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status.

## St. Matthew-St. Jude wins ICCL girls' basketball championship

BY CHUCK FREEBY

ELKHART — March Madness isn't limited to the college and high school levels. Championship night featured a spirited atmosphere and wild game, as St. Matthew-St. Jude rallied from 12 points down to defeat St. Pius, 33-31, winning the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) girls' basketball championship.

"This means a lot to everyone on the team, especially the eighth graders," exclaimed St. Matthew's guard Megan Urbanski during the postgame celebration. "This was a goal from the beginning of the year and we secured it, and I couldn't be happier."

Urbanski's 21 points went a long way towards picking up the win, but her father and coach, Sean Urbanski, acknowledged it was a team effort.

"There's no doubt Megan's a special kid, and she's mentally tough," admitted the St. Matthew's coach. "But it's a team game. They played with poise, smarts and leadership and every one of them stepped up."

The Blazers needed that kind of effort to get past a strong St.

Pius squad. Lions' post player Grace Quinn dominated the first half. Quinn tallied all 15 of her points in the first eight minutes, giving her team a 19-7 lead early in the second quarter.

When Quinn exited with foul trouble, St. Matthew-St. Jude made its move. Urbanski converted an offensive rebound into an old-fashioned three-point play as part of a 9-0 run that brought the Blazers within 21-16 at halftime.

St. Pius survived the third quarter, as Megan Welsh canned a pair of free throws to give the Lions a 26-22 advantage going to the fourth. However, poor free throw shooting would lead to St. Pius' demise, as the Granger squad would hit only one of 11 foul shots in the final stanza.

Even with three players having fouled out, St. Matthew-St. Jude slowly chiseled its way back, tying the game at 29-29 on Molly Keenan's left-wing jumper with 2:26 remaining. Abby O'Dell's drive just nine seconds later gave St. Pius the lead again, setting the stage for Megan Urbanski.

The savvy point guard drilled two free throws with 1:17 remaining and two more with 12.6 seconds left to give the Blazers a

33-31 lead.

"I was actually worried more about getting the rebound if I missed," noted the younger Urbanski. "I knew we had a small team on the floor and I knew we would have to box out or get back on defense."

St. Pius had a chance to tie, but missed two free throws and a rebound shot with 0.7 seconds remaining.

"It was a hard-fought game for both teams," lamented St. Pius Coach Jim Welsh. "The whole second half was just a dogfight. Every possession mattered. Every shot mattered. It was a great game. Our girls had an outstanding season, and I'm proud of them."

"Hats off to St. Pius," lauded Coach Urbanski of St. Matthew-St. Jude. "They were the team to beat all year. They brought it tonight. We kept our poise and composure, didn't panic and got the job done."

Mishawaka Catholic took third-place honors, thanks to a 27-20 win over St. Joseph. Gretta Meixel led the Saints with 14 points, while Mia Konkey's 10 points paced St. Joseph.



PROVIDED BY THE ST. MATTHEW-ST. JUDE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The St. Matthew-St. Jude 2014 girls' basketball team won the ICCL varsity crown. The team includes Emerson Lemberis, Meghan Urbanski, Stephanie McQueen, Kiara Hairston, Sapphire McQueen, Karen Hunckler, Alyssa Grzesiowski, Ally Jansen, Molly Keenan, Taylor Wright and Josephina Debicki. Sean Urbanski is the head coach. Assistant coaches are Mark Grzesiowski and David Giles.

### Wrestlers named to academic team

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School senior Max Ujdak has been named to the Academic All-State First Team. Juniors Norm Hezlep, Brendan Makowski and Peter Rymysza were also named to the academic all-state team.

### USF basketball team honored

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry honored the University of Saint Francis and the university's NAIA-winning women's basketball team by proclaiming March 24 as "University of Saint Francis Women's Basketball Team Day" in the city of Fort Wayne. The team won the NAIA Division II National Championship March 18 and were honored at an assembly March 24.

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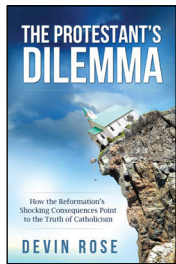


## Spring into good Catholic reading

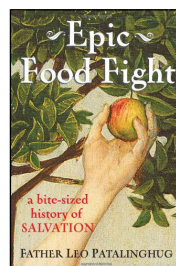
BY KAY COZAD

The following are recently published books that have been sent to *Today's Catholic* for review. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase at your local bookstore.

**"The Protestant's Dilemma: How the Reformation's Shocking Consequences Point to the Truth of Catholicism,"** by Catholic convert, author and blogger Devin Rose examines 34 Protestant conclusions and with gentle humor, compelling reason and solid evidence, shows how Catholicism solves the dilemma of dead ends. Catholic Answers, ISBN: 978-1-9389-8361-0.

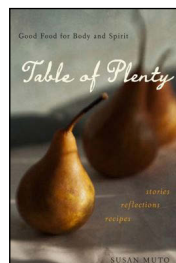


**"Epic Food Fight: A bite-sized history of Salvation,"** by Father Leo Patalinghug probes deeply into the theology of food but with humor and

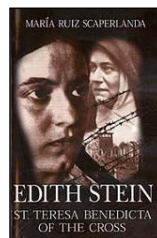


wit. The author covers salvation history in an understandable way and explains God's greatest gift given in a meal — the Eucharist. Practical Theology for the Dinner Table reflection questions conclude each chapter. Servant Books, 978-1-61636-664-3.

**"Table of Plenty: Stories, Reflections, Recipes"** by renowned teacher and speaker Susan Muto will whet any reader's appetite for good food and fellowship with God. The descriptive stories of her Italian upbringing and meal preparation reflect the goodness of God through the food we eat and the company we share. Each chapter offers a "Food for Thought" section with Scripture and reflection as well as "Thoughtful Food" which contains a special recipe to try. Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-1-61636-687-2.

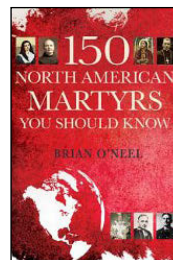


**"Embracing Edith Stein: Wisdom for Women from St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,"** by Anne Costa offers a personal story of the influence and inspiration this author garnered from her study of Edith Stein's writing. The book

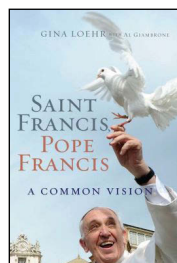


offers insights into a woman's inherent dignity and feminine genius. Each chapter is replete with Scripture and concludes with Points to Ponder. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-681-0.

**"150 North American Martyrs You Should Know,"** by Brian O'Neel introduces courageous souls like Blessed Andre Grasset, Kateri Tekakwitha and Brother Manuel Delgado who died trying to share the Gospel message. Let their stories inspire you. Each chapter concludes with a prayer. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-551-6.



**"Saint Francis, Pope Francis: A common Vision,"** by Gina Loehr, with All Giambron, examines five Gospel values — humility, charity, church, peace and joy — that both men have found important. Each chapter looks at one value, and includes Scripture reflection, examples from the lives of St. Francis and Pope Francis, relevant Church teaching and questions for reflection. Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-1-616360747-3.



## Blessed John Paul II Fund for Seminarian Education

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The Blessed John Paul II Fund for Seminarian Education is an endowment fund established to provide income for the education of seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Currently the diocese has 30 seminarians, and Msgr. Bernard Galic, vocation director and the pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder, noted that 12 more young men have taken application papers, and he expects at least six or more of those applicants to be accepted into the seminary studies in the fall of 2014.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said, "I give thanks to God for the increase in priestly vocations in our diocese. The future of priestly vocations looks brighter each year. It is vitally important that we have the funds we need for their seminary education."

"The people of our diocese are so very generous," Bishop Rhoades added. "I hope many will remember the Blessed John Paul II Fund for Seminarian Education, especially in their wills and estate planning. We need to ensure that we have the funds needed for the future."

Msgr. Galic explained that there is a general fund that pays the bills of the seminarians. For men in the major seminary, "we pay all their bills — room, board, tuition, book fees, retreat fees, etc.," he noted. "For men in the college seminary we pay the first \$15,000 each year. That is approximately, but not quite half of the costs for the year."

"The Blessed John Paul II Seminary Fund helps provide the moneys (to the general fund)," Msgr. Galic said.

The endowment fund does not cover all the seminarians' costs,

"but it's a help and we depend upon the money that comes in from that endowment fund and from the Pentecost Collection," he added.

Msgr. Galic said the fund is appropriately named because in his 20-plus years as vocation director, "I saw a pronounced increase in vocations during the time of John Paul II's World Youth Day visit to Denver."

"All the young people who were part of those events were so moved by him," Msgr. Galic said, "and many of the men I interviewed for the seminary in the years immediately following commented about how their experience there, their admiration for John Paul II, had a lot to do with the discerning of their vocations."

"I've noticed even since John Paul has left us, vocations continue to increase, and I believe very much that he intercedes for that purpose," Msgr. Galic said.

"It's one of my prayers every day, for Blessed John Paul's intercession, that God will continue to bless us with priestly vocations," Msgr. Galic added.

There are many ways to give to this important Blessed John Paul II Seminary Fund, including gifts of cash, stocks, real estate, bequests or other planned gifts.

"Your generosity will be a financial and spiritual investment in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for generations to come," said Harry Verhiley, director of development for the diocese.

For further information on the Blessed John Paul II Fund, or other ways of giving to seminarian education, contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at 260-399-1405 in Fort Wayne, or 574-258-6571 in South Bend, or e-mail the development office at [stewardship@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:stewardship@diocesefwsb.org).



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#### Requirements:

- The producer needs to be a faithful Catholic in full communion with the church whose life gives witness to the Faith
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- Strong verbal and written communication skills.

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## FISH FRIES

**Knights of Columbus host fish fry**  
Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will have a fish dinner on Friday, April 11, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$4 for children 5-10 and children under 4 are free. The fish will be prepared by Tyner Oddfellows. Proceeds from the event will benefit local charitable organizations.

**Knights plan fish fry**  
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, April 11, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children (5-12) \$3.50. Shrimp for \$9 will be available.

**Fish fry**  
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Father Solanus Council 11276 will have a fish fry Friday, April 4, from 5-8 p.m. in the cafeteria at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, 10700 Aboite Ctr. Rd. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 6-11 and children 5 and under are free. Carry-out will be available at adult meal price only.

**Fish fries during Lent**  
Wabash — The Knights of Columbus, 595 S. Huntington St., will host fish dinners on Friday evenings during Lent through April 11, from 5-7:30 p.m. Cost for adults \$8, children 6-10 \$4 and children 5 and under are free.

**Knights of Columbus plan fish fry**  
Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will sponsor a fish fry on Friday, 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.

**Fish fry at PB**  
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish, 1515 Barthold St., will have a fish fry with Dan's on Friday, April 11, in the school gymnasium from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children age 6-12, and \$1 for preschool-5. Dine in or drive-through carryout.

## RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALES

**Rummage and bake sale**  
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have a rummage and bake sale Thursday and Friday, May

1-2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gym.

**St. Hedwig Rosary Society bake sale**  
South Bend — The St. Hedwig Rosary Society will have a bake sale April 12-13 before and after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

**Sisters auxiliary bake sale planned**  
South Bend — St. Adalbert Sisters' auxiliary will have a bake sale Saturday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Lamb Cakes will be \$15 on a pre-paid, pre-order basis only by Friday, April 4. Sweet-sour cabbage, Polish noodles, home-made Pierogi and baked goods for

Easter will be offered. Lunch will be available.

**Altar and Rosary Society plan sale**  
South Bend — St. John the Baptist Parish will have a bake and rummage sale Saturday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Rummage sale**  
Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish, corner of Oak and Diamond streets, will have a rummage sale Friday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 5, from 9-11:30 a.m. Grocery bag sales start Friday at 3 p.m.

## Elementary Principal Position

### HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

South Bend, Indiana

- K-8 Enrollment: 300
- Candidate must be a practicing Catholic
- Administrative and Public Relations skills are essential
- Have or be eligible for Administrative License

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**For more information, contact:**  
**Rhonda Scher at the Catholic Schools Office at**  
**260-422-4611 X3335**  
**Applications on the web at: [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org).**  
**Applications will be reviewed upon completion.**



## REST IN PEACE

<b>Elkhart</b> Florence L. DelPrete, 90, St. Vincent de Paul	Hannah Marie Densel, 22, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	<b>South Bend</b> Joseph Jirasek, 59, Christ the King
<b>Fort Wayne</b> Donald E. Ryan, 86, St. Jude	<b>Granger</b> Michael David Bowers, 61, St. Pius X	Pablo C. Sanchez, 76, St. Adalbert
Thomas Henry Berghoff, 79, St. Jude	Robert J. Dygulski, 72, St. Pius X	Evelyn P. Pinter, 97, St. Adalbert
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Frank P. Bell, 92, Saint Anne Home Chapel	Audrey Mae Walsh, 80, St. Pius X	Armando J. Mariottini, 95, St. Matthew
Linda J. Rice, 66, Queen of Angels	<b>New Haven</b> Anna S. Wormcastle, 81, St. John the Baptist	Charles P. Szekendy Jr., 82, Our Lady of Hungary
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Robert F. Bercot, 86, Most Precious Blood	Gary A. Lanoue, 78, St. John the Baptist	
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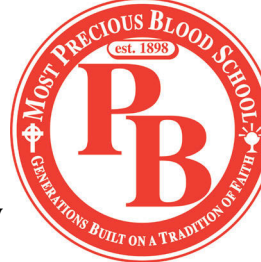
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- Holds an Indiana Administrator's License
- Has exceptional communication and managerial skills

**For more information, contact Rhonda Scher at the Catholic Schools Office, 260-422-4611 X3335.**

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