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BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Without a canonization ceremony, Pope Francis declared three new saints for the Americas, pioneers of the Catholic Church in Brazil and in Canada.

Pope Francis signed decrees April 3 recognizing: St. Jose de Anchieta, a Spanish-born Jesuit who traveled to Brazil in 1553 and became known as the Apostle of Brazil; St. Marie de l'Incarnation, a French Ursuline who traveled to Quebec in 1639 and is known as the Mother of the Canadian Church; and St. Francois de Laval, who arrived in Quebec 20 years after St. Marie de l'Incarnation and became the first bishop of Quebec.

In declaring the three saints, the pope used a procedure known as "equivalent canonizations," which required a thorough study of the candidates' life and writings, fame of holiness and reports of favors granted through their intercession. Unlike a regular sainthood process, though, it did not require the verification of a miracle through their intercession, nor further studies by historians and theologians working for the Congregation for Saints' Causes.

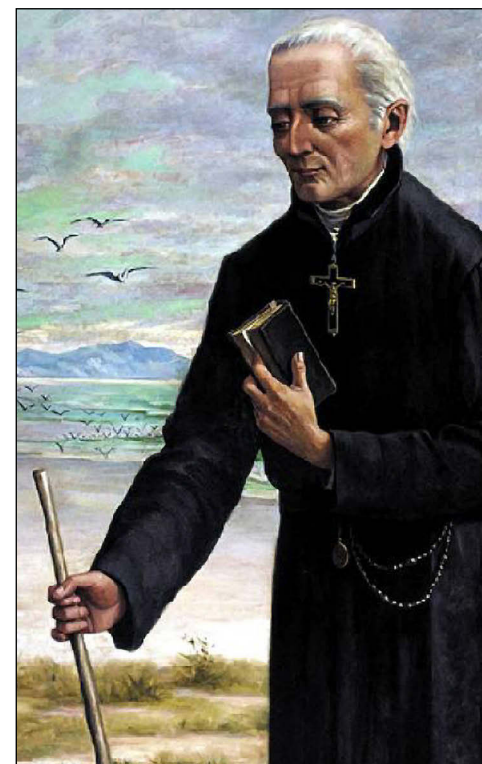
The three were beatified together by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

The Brazilian bishops, who thought the decrees would be signed April 2 and planned local celebrations for that evening, have said they will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving with Pope Francis April 24 in Rome's Church of St. Ignatius. The bishops of Quebec have said they will celebrate a thanksgiving Mass May 18 in Quebec and hope to have a larger celebration with the pope in Rome in October.

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Blessed Marie de l'Incarnation, known as the Mother of the Canadian Church, was canonized April 3. Jesuit Father Marc Lindeijer, vice postulator of her cause, said Pope Francis waived certain requirements to expedite her cause and canonize her this year. Blessed Marie is pictured in an undated painting.



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Beneficial effects of marriage discussed at conference

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — An April 3 student-organized conference on the definition and importance of civil marriage focused on the beneficial effect marriage has on society, and most especially on the most vulnerable members of society: children and the poor. It was the first of what is hoped to be an annual conference sponsored by Students for Child-Oriented Policy, a new University of Notre Dame student group focusing on promoting public policies that give primary consideration to how those policies will affect children.

The Presiding Bishop of the International Communion of Evangelical Churches, Bishop Harry Jackson, Jr., opened the confer-

ence. The senior pastor of Hope Christian Church in Washington, D.C., he has been in the forefront of advocating for traditional marriage, and he related some of the "battles" he and like-minded leaders have engaged in to protect the institution of marriage.

Small, well-organized groups of activists, he said, have succeeded in changing marriage laws well ahead of public attitudes and have mounted challenges to traditional marriage in



BISHOP HARRY JACKSON, JR.

the media, in the courts, in doctrinal attacks within churches and in the schools.

Bishop Jackson said that marriage is important to him as "a personal covenant, a sacred trust" between him and his wife of 37 years, but it is even more than that: "It is a foundational stone of our culture, and I believe that without it, there will be some tremendous consequences," he said.

"When marriages are devalued,

we find that around the world several things happen: When gay marriage or alternative marriages are allowed, then people start marrying later in life, out-of-wedlock births increase, divorces increase, and there is a fragmentation of not only the family structure but the sense of connection that kids have with their family. It creates all kinds of problems in our world."

One of the arguments used for same-sex marriage, Bishop Jackson said, is that it is a civil rights issue. He explained that is an inaccurate comparison because the civil rights movement was based on prejudice about a person's skin color and revolved around lack of opportunity for justice, fair wages and jobs, and

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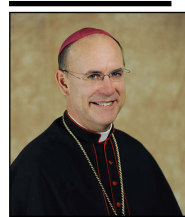
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Holy Week: Entering into the logic of God



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Holy Week is the heart of the whole liturgical year. We accompany Jesus on His journey to Calvary and to the Resurrection. Jesus' earthly journey reached its crowning moment when He went up to Jerusalem to suffer and die for us.

Pope Francis teaches the following: *In Holy Week we live the crowning moment of this journey, of this plan of love that runs through the entire history of the relations between God and humanity. Jesus enters Jerusalem to take his last step with which he sums up the whole of his existence. He gives himself without reserve, he keeps nothing for himself, not even life.*

How will we spend this Holy Week? Will it truly be "holy" or will it be no different from other weeks of the year? How can we live Holy Week? Our Holy Father says that *living Holy Week means entering more deeply into the logic of God, into the logic of the Cross, which is not primarily that of suffering and death, but rather that of love and the gift of self which brings life. It means entering into the logic of the Gospel.*

The liturgies of Holy Week help us to enter more deeply into the logic of God, the logic of the Cross, the logic of the Gospel. This is especially true of the liturgies of the Easter Triduum which begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and ends with Vespers on Easter Sunday. In these liturgies, we celebrate the greatest mysteries of the redemption. Saint Augustine called this time *the triduum of the crucified, buried and risen.*

I invite and encourage you to attend the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, if you are able. At this Mass, we remember the Last Supper. We give thanks for the great gift of the Holy Eucharist. The Son of God offers Himself to us. He gives us His Body and Blood to be with us always. On this night when Jesus was betrayed, Jesus showed his love for us by giving us the Eucharist and instituting the priesthood.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the priest washes the feet of twelve people, recalling Jesus' washing the feet of the Twelve Apostles. This represents the service and charity of Christ. We remember the new commandment of Jesus, that we love one another as He has loved us.

I look forward to celebrating the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM at Saint Matthew's Cathedral this year. Each year, I ask our seminarians to join me at this Mass. I hope we have a full cathedral this year.

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is transferred in a procession to a place of repose. There people can pray in adoration throughout the rest of the evening. I always try to read the Gospel account of the Agony in the Garden on Holy Thursday night. It is good to meditate on this sorrowful mystery, reflecting on our Lord's deep human distress as He faced a violent death, yet with absolute trust, embraced His Father's will with love.

On Good Friday, we commemorate the Passion and Death of the Lord. It is the only



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

This stained-glass image depicts the Crucifixion of Jesus. The window is in St. Hedwig Church in South Bend.

day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. It is a day of fast and abstinence.

I invite all to attend the liturgy of the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, held in the afternoon. I will be celebrating the liturgy this year at 1:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. In this solemn liturgy, we hear Saint John's account of the Passion of Jesus. Solemn Intercessions are prayed, followed by the solemn Adoration of the Holy Cross. Holy Communion, consecrated at the Mass on Holy Thursday, is distributed. The liturgy ends in silence.

Good Friday is a solemn day of remembrance of Christ's suffering and death. It is a day when we encounter in a powerful way "the logic of God: the logic of the Cross, the logic of Love." We can feel the emotion of Jesus dying for us and giving Himself for us. It is also a day to realize that following Him means giving of ourselves in love of others, especially those who are forgotten, those in need of our love and compassion. I think it is especially appropriate that we take up a collection on Good Friday for the works of the Church in the Holy Land, to assist our suffering brothers and sisters in the very land where our Lord suffered and died for us.

Holy Saturday should be a quiet day. That's not easy in our culture today. In the Roman Missal we read: *On Holy Saturday, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his Descent into Hell, and awaiting his*

Resurrection.

The Easter Vigil is "the greatest and most noble of all solemnities." It must take place after nightfall on Holy Saturday. Each year I celebrate the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. This year, it begins at 9:00 PM.

The Easter Vigil has four parts: the *Lucernarium* (the blessing of the Easter fire and Lighting of the Paschal Candle); the Liturgy of the Word; the Baptismal Liturgy; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There are many readings at the Easter Vigil, from Genesis to the Gospel. The Church meditates upon the history of salvation, from Creation to the Redemption. On this holy night, we come to the fulfillment of God's eternal plan with the Resurrection of His Son. It is the night when our catechumens are reborn in Christ through Baptism, strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and fed with the Bread of Heaven, the Holy Eucharist.

The Easter Triduum continues on Easter Sunday when Mass is celebrated with great solemnity. We renew our baptismal promises at Mass on Easter Sunday. The water blessed at the Easter Vigil is sprinkled upon us, reminding us of our Baptism when we received the new life of the Risen Christ.

Let us live Holy Week well this year! It is a time of grace which the Lord gives us to draw closer to Him, to walk in His footsteps, and to bring the light of His love to the world!

Notre Dame panel discussion exposes harms of pornography culture

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

NOTRE DAME — Four people who have been drastically affected by the epidemic of pornography shared their personal testimonies of the struggles they endured and eventually overcame in order to regain control and moral stability within their lives on March 31 at the University of Notre Dame. The panelists included Donny Pauling, a former pornography producer, Christina (Chrissy) Moran, a former pornography star, Sam Meier, a former pornography addict, and Beth Meier, Sam's wife. The event titled "Porn: On Both Sides of the Screen" was co-sponsored by Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life and Gender Relations Center.

Each speaker described the methods in which pornography worked its way into their life and almost ended up destroying them. Donny Pauling began the testimonies by revealing his own difficult relationship with God that led him to a very lucrative, yet immoral lifestyle. As the son of a pastor, he was taught to see God as very legalistic and rigid, and quickly grew resentful toward religion. His bitterness toward faith stayed with him through adulthood and into married life.

While at first he was only curiously attracted to pornography, after bringing a computer into their home he became gradually consumed by it. Not long after, he began living a secret life and started working part-time in the pornography industry. As a photographer and eventual producer, he became more and more skilled at manipulation, convincing young women that pornography was a career they really wanted for themselves and were well suited for.

He revealed that during his nine years in the business, he was responsible for bringing over 500 girls into pornography. He remarked that "although it brought these girls fame and wealth, not one of them ever thanked me for bringing them into this life, and many of them have been severely scarred by the experiences they went through there."

His own marriage fell apart after he had an affair with an actress and he disclosed his double life to his wife. He began to see more and more the negative impacts all around him, especially in the women he worked with.

He shared, with deep emotion, that "after working with many of these girls, I began to see the light that had once been in their eyes

go out and their soul start to die, as they were forced to do more and more extreme acts. On camera it might look like the girls enjoy what they are doing and enter into it of their own consent, but once the cameras turn off, no one sees that same young woman curled up in the corner crying or in shock because she is unable to comprehend what she had just gone through."

However, it was not until an encounter with a Christian missionary group that his life turned around. At a pornography convention, he encountered people from the group XXXchurch, who dedicate their ministry to helping men break free from addiction, encouraging women to see that they are inherently loved, and sharing the healing power of forgiveness and reconciliation through relationship with Christ. This witness brought him to see Christianity very differently from that with which he grew up, eventually leading him out of the industry in 2006. He shared with those present that he has become very involved in his faith and is planning to convert to Catholicism this upcoming Easter Vigil.

Chrissy Moran then shared what led her to be a pornographic actress. As a young girl she was sexually abused, struggled through her parents' divorce and dealt with the fallout of having an alcoholic father. As she grew older she was constantly looking for fulfillment in her relationships with men.

She shared, "I was looking for love, I wanted a family, and I felt unworthy if I wasn't in a relationship."

She confessed that she became addicted to sex because it was the only way she could feel connected to a man, even if for only a short time. She went from living with one man to another.

She began working in pornography in 1999 and enjoyed the money it brought, but still felt very broken. "I would continue to try to have relationships, but it was always with men who struggled with porn and I would wonder why I wasn't enough," she said.

Eventually, after working in the industry for seven years, without having experienced any type of authentic love, she encountered a man who shared the Gospel of Christ with her and showed her how she has been truly loved, forgiven and redeemed by the Savior of the world. Two days later she left the pornography business and sought to reform her life. After committing to a lengthy dating

fast and purgation of destructive habits, she eventually found a strong, supportive Christian man who values her and treats her with dignity. They will be celebrating their one-year marriage anniversary this May.

Sam and Beth Meier met at the University of Dallas and were married in 2001, at ages 20 and 19, respectively. Sam had struggled with pornography since he was 12, but assumed it would not be much of an issue after marriage. However, after receiving a computer as a wedding gift, he quickly found himself becoming addicted to pornography.

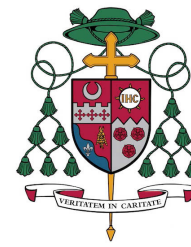
Within a few months he began looking forward to when his wife wouldn't be home so he could look at pornography as much as he wanted. Their sex life became more distant. He remarked on the irony of pornography, "porn begins with two strangers engaging in sex, but if you bring it into your marriage it eventually makes two strangers out of the husband and wife."

He noticed that his sexual fantasies had led to flirting in the workplace and lack of chastity within his heart. While he did not have an affair, Beth became very upset and frustrated with Sam. She indicated that "his addiction and my anger led to a reversal of what a couple should be; he became emasculated and I was forced to take the lead in everything."

She also began to feel inferior to the women he fantasized about and continued to question why she wasn't ever enough for him.

After losing her job she gave him an ultimatum for their future, telling him "if this is what you really want in your life, I will not stop you, but you have to make a choice." Sam wanted to work out his marriage, so he began attending Sexaholics Anonymous counseling sessions and learning more about brain chemistry to better understand his own addiction. He also became committed to daily prayer and frequent Reconciliation, as well as enrolling in the Covenant Eyes software program to keep him honest about his Internet usage. Beth also began to heal by listening to stories of other wives who had battled and persevered through having a husband consumed by pornography.

After years of therapy they have since built up a strong Catholic marriage, grounded in the sacraments, chastity and accountability. Sam now works at the My House organization in the Archdiocese of Kansas City to help families and marriages struggling with pornography, while Beth is a stay-at-home mom for their two sons and also facilitates a support group for wives who struggle with pornography addictions.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. — Palm Sunday Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Monday, April 14, 7:30 p.m. — Chrism Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. — Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Thursday, April 17, 11 p.m. — Tenebrae Service, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Friday, April 18, 1 p.m. — Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, April 19, 9 p.m. — Easter Vigil Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

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

- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel. (There will be NO Adoration/Benediction on Good Friday, April 18, or during the entire month of May.)
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

BRITAIN'S QUEEN ELIZABETH TALKS WITH POPE FRANCIS



CNS PHOTO/MARIA GRAZIA PICCI ARELLA, POOL

Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Pope Francis exchange gifts during a meeting at the Vatican April 3. The Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, were making a one-day visit to meet with the pope and Italian President Giorgio Napolitano. The 30-minute visit of the 87-year-old queen and her 92-year-old husband demonstrates "the importance that she places on this relationship with the Holy See and on getting to know Pope Francis," said Nigel Baker, the British ambassador to the Holy See. The royal visit took place as the Vatican and the United Kingdom were marking the 100th anniversary of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations. Formal ties were broken in the 1570s after Pope Pius V excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I, who had reasserted the Church of England's independence from papal authority.

At border Mass, bishops call for compassion, immigration reform

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

NOGALES, Ariz. (CNS) — With the backdrop a few feet away of the rusted iron slats of the 30-foot wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley and a dozen other bishops from three countries prayed April 1 for compassion and for a return to ideals that welcome immigrants.

More than 300 people formed the outdoor congregation on the U.S. side of the border and hundreds more participated on the Mexico side, receiving Communion pressed into hands that stretched between the slats, illustrating that, as one teenage member of the choir put it, "we are all one community — we are all bilingual and bicultural."

Referring to a visit by Pope Francis last summer to the Italian island of Lampedusa where migrants from the Middle East and Africa try to enter Europe illegally, Cardinal O'Malley in his homily quoted the pope's comments about the "globalization of indifference." "We have lost a sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters," Pope Francis said. "We have fallen into the hypocrisy of the priest and the Levite whom Jesus described in the parable of the good Samaritan."

Cardinal O'Malley quoted Pope Francis further: "The culture of comfort, which makes us think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of other people."

The Mass at the intersection of International Street and Nelson capped a two-day experience of the border region for bishops from as far away as Atlanta and Guatemala. Beginning with a Mass the day before at San Xavier del Bac Mission outside Tucson, which dates from when the entire region was part of Mexico, the bishops then walked along rough desert paths used by migrants.

Crawling under strands of barbed wire, scrunching low to walk through a culvert beneath a road, dodging cactus and sticker



CNS PHOTO/NANCY WIECHEC

Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, N.M., ducks under a barbed wire fence as a group of U.S. bishops tours an area of the Arizona desert north of Nogales March 31. The bishops participated in a two-day tour focused on U.S.-Mexico border issues and used the opportunity to again appeal for changes in the U.S. immigration system.



Catholic school students attend a Mass with U.S. bishops at the U.S.-Mexico border fence in Nogales, Ariz., April 1.

bushes, the group came upon empty water bottles, backpacks and other belongings abandoned by the migrants who cross the hilly, rocky terrain as they try to get past the various security measures and agents used by the Border Patrol to try to stop illegal immigration.

Then the group met with the Border Patrol at their regional headquarters, before crossing into Mexico to serve dinner at a church-sponsored "comedor," or soup kitchen. The "comedor" serves people who have been deported or who are figuring out whether they want to try to sneak into the United States.

"We come to the desert today because it is the road to Jericho," said Cardinal O'Malley in his homily. "It is traveled by many trying to reach the metropolis of Jerusalem.

We come here today to be a neighbor and to find a neighbor in each of the suffering people who risk their lives and at times lose their lives in the desert.

"The hard work and sacrifices of so many immigrant peoples is the secret of the success of this country. Despite the xenophobic ranting of a segment of the population, our immigrant population contributes mightily to the economy and well-being of the United States."

He added that the group came also to mourn the loss of "countless immigrants who risk their lives at the hands of the 'coyotes' (smugglers) and the forces of nature to come to the United States."

The Mass, which was shown live on the Internet and remains available for viewing on YouTube, was organized by the Jesuits' Kino Border Initiative and Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Diocese of Tucson and the Archdiocese of Hermosillo, Mexico, worked closely together in arranging the details. Tucson Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas and Hermosillo Archbishop Ulises Macias Salcedo were among the concelebrants.

A choir from Lourdes Catholic High School in Nogales and members of Knights of Columbus councils from across southern Arizona were among the many volunteers. One of the more unusual roles the volunteers filled was ensuring that nothing other than the Eucharist or hands were passed through the slats of the border fence, part of a complex negotiation with the Border Patrol to allow the Mass to take place within the agency's jurisdiction. Throughout the Mass a dozen or more Border Patrol agents watched the proceedings from just outside a pedestrian port of entry a block west of the altar.

Dick Goddard, a Knight from

St. Pius X Parish in Tucson, was among the volunteer ushers. He said he'd only learned about the Mass a day earlier but thought it important to attend. He had made the hourlong drive to the border with three fellow parishioners.

"They say we have a broken immigration system," Goddard said. "Obviously we do. Human rights and dignity have gotten lost in the whole thing. We've got to do something to get attention to that."

Many of the congregants on the Mexican side came to the Mass after having met the bishops and others in the delegation during their visit to the "comedor" the previous day.

Father Clete Kiley, a Chicago archdiocesan priest who works as director for immigration policy for the labor union UNITE HERE, said two of the young men he chatted with over dinner March 31 caught his eye, smiling broadly through the fence slats as the priests and bishops assembled at the altar on a large stage brought in for the occasion.

Cardinal O'Malley's homily, delivered largely in Spanish, was met with applause at several points, such as when he talked about how today's migrants, whether they come with or without government permission, hold the same kind of values that brought earlier generations of immigrants.

"Our country has been the beneficiary of so many immigrant groups that had the courage and the fortitude to come to America. They came fleeing horrific conditions and harboring a dream of a better life for the children," he said.

"They were some of the most industrious, ambitious and enterprising citizens of their own countries and brought enormous energy and good will to their new homeland. Their hard work and sacrifices have made this country great," he added.

After Communion a procession of bishops climbed the Border Patrol access road alongside the fence. Partway up the steep hill, Cardinal O'Malley placed two wreaths alongside a cross to commemorate those who have died along the border, including "ranchers, farmers, peacekeepers and travelers who seek a common ground of peace and prosperity," as the Mass program described the memorial.

Another Mass was held simultaneously at the border between the cities of San Luis, Mexico, and San Luis, Ariz., at the southwestern tip of the state.

Cross-border religious events to bring attention to immigration-related issues have been sponsored by dioceses in the U.S. and Mexico for years. Among them are annual processions for the Way of the Cross during Lent and Las Posadas, the Christmas season re-enactment of the search for lodging by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, as well as occasional Masses at the border.

The April 1 Mass had perhaps the greatest number of bishops participating, as well as priests from throughout the region and across the country.

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access to housing, education and health care. None of those issues impact gays, he said, and in fact, people declaring themselves to be gay are often featured and praised in the media and are often treated as a special group.

Bishop Jackson, who is African-American himself, said that some of those who have been most adamant in fighting for traditional marriage are African-American and Hispanic Christian leaders. However, something happened in those communities when President Obama "evolved" his opinion to accept same-sex marriage, he said, for many people did not want to oppose the president on that issue.

This caused "a modest erosion" in support of traditional marriage in both the black and Hispanic communities, he said, but the majority of black Americans still do not support same-sex marriage.

In fact, he continued, "We realize that the traditional family could be part of the salvation of our community," for children born into a family with a married mother and father are less likely to be poor, to drop out of school, to go to prison.

"Marriage as an institution is an anecdote to some of the biggest

woes in urban America," Bishop Jackson stressed.

Bishop Jackson said that preserving traditional marriage will be "a slow, arduous process," but he believes the majority of Americans still support it. We are starting to see a push-back against attacks on supporters of traditional marriage, he said, and "We are poised to have a turnaround, a transformation, a counterattack in the area of resisting this redefinition of marriage."

One challenge for churches and organizations that want to be faithful to the Christian perspective, he said, is to create a "pro-marriage, attractive, engaging movement." This must include strengthening traditional marriage, for it has become devalued among heterosexuals, as evidenced by the growing number of out-of-wedlock births and high divorce rate, he added.

A three-person panel included Jennifer Thieme of the Ruth Institute, who discussed the chaos and injustice visited on children of divorced parents; Gerard Bradley, a professor of law at Notre Dame and father of eight, who stressed the biological unity of children to their parents, which he called a "matrix of equality, mutuality and common identity"; and Daniel Mark, a professor of political science at Villanova University, who urged continued resistance to the redefinition of marriage because "nothing less than the well-being of kids and the health of civilization" are

involved.

Another panel consisted of Arina Grossu of the Family Research Council, who urged the students to support marriage not because it is tradition, but because it is part of human nature; Michael Bradley, a Notre Dame student and editor-in-chief of the newspaper *Irish Rover*, who suggested ways to promote traditional marriage in a positive, non-combative manner; and Katrina Harrington, a Notre Dame alumna, who explained how she details her own experience of wife and mother through her blog, "Cedars & Tiny Flowers."

The evening banquet speaker was Robert Oscar Lopez, founder of the International Children's Rights Institute and a professor of English at California State University. He described the difficulties of being raised by his mother and her same-sex partner, with little to no contact with his father. He said he supports civil unions for same-sex partners, but opposes the gay marriage lobby that wants to "deconstruct genetics from parenthood" and strip away the rights of children to be born free, not bought and sold; have both a father and a mother; and connect with their origins.

Other sponsors of the conference were Notre Dame's Tocqueville Program for Inquiry into Religion and American Public Life, The Strake Foundation, the Ruth Institute, Love and Fidelity Network and the *Irish Rover*.

SAINTS

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Despite the one-day delay in the announcement, parishioners kept filing into Our Lady of Assumption Church in Anchieta, Brazil, April 2 to celebrate the new Brazilian saint. Many joined the celebration and morning Mass in the square outside the Church, watching on large TV screens.

At 2 p.m., all of the Catholic churches in Sao Paulo rang their bells to celebrate St. Anchieta. Sao Paulo's Cardinal Odilo Scherer celebrated Mass at the city's cathedral and said St. Anchieta "should be considered the first anthropologist of Brazil due to his enormous interest in the indigenous population and their culture."

Cardinal Orani Tempesta, celebrating Mass in Rio de Janeiro, said it was "impossible to write about the history of Brazil without mentioning the presence of Jose de Anchieta."

Across Canada, the news of the decrees was welcomed with joy and thanksgiving, most especially in the Archdiocese of Quebec, where St. Marie de l'Incarnation and St. Francois de Laval are buried.

In Quebec, Cardinal Gerald Lacroix said the canonizations "give us models of sanctity to encourage us." Pope Francis has given the Canadian Church two "great examples of the New Evangelization."

St. Francois de Laval was born in 1623, studied in a Jesuit school, then joined a group of youths who formed what would become the Seminary of Foreign Missions.

Ordained to the Priesthood in 1647, he eventually was appointed apostolic vicar of New France, as Quebec was called, and ordained a bishop in 1658. He landed in Quebec — a town of just 500 people — the following June and began his missionary work among colonists and the native peoples. He died in Quebec in 1708.

St. Marie de l'Incarnation was born in 1599 and although drawn to the religious life, she followed her parents' wishes and was married at the age of 17. Six months after her son was born, her husband died. When the child turned 12, she entered the Ursuline order and, in 1639, set sail for Quebec with several other Ursulines. She died in Quebec in 1672.

St. Jose de Anchieta, was born in the Canary Islands in 1534 and joined the Jesuits at the age of 17. He was sent to Brazil, mainly for his health, but immediately dedicated himself to missionary work, learning the local languages and writing a grammar and dictionary used by Portuguese settlers and missionaries. He was ordained to the Priesthood only after he had been in Brazil several years. He is credited with being one of the founders of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. He died in 1597 in Reritigba, the city now known as Anchieta.

Pope Francis has used the "equivalent canonization" twice before; in October he signed the decree recognizing Italian St. Angela of Foligno, and in December, he signed a decree recognizing St. Peter Faber, one of the founding members of the Jesuits.

The public Mass scheduled April 27 for the canonization of Blessed

John XXIII and John Paul II will be only the second canonization Mass Pope Francis has presided over. At a Mass in May last year, he proclaimed the sainthood of Antonio Primaldo and some 800 other Italians killed by Ottoman soldiers in the 15th century, Mexican Sister Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala, and Colombian Sister Laura Montoya.

In addition to the three "equivalent canonizations" April 3, Pope Francis signed decrees recognizing the miracles needed for the future canonizations of Blessed Giovanni Antonio Farina, the Italian founder of the Teaching Sisters of St. Dorothy; Kuriakose Elias Chavara, the Indian founder of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, a Syro-Malabar Catholic order; Nicholas of Longobardi, an Italian Oblate priest; and Euphrasia Eluvathingal, an Indian Carmelite sister and member of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church.

He also recognized the miracle needed for the beatification of Brother Luigi Bordini, an Italian member of the Brothers of St. Joseph Cottolegno, who died in 1977.

Pope Francis also declared eight men and women "venerable," recognizing they lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way. The eight included three Italians, three Spaniards, a Brazilian and Assumptionist Father Marie-Clement Staub, who was born in France and sent to the United States in 1909. At Assumptionist College in Worcester, Mass., in 1914 he founded the Sisters of St. Joan of Arc in 1914. He died in Quebec in 1936.

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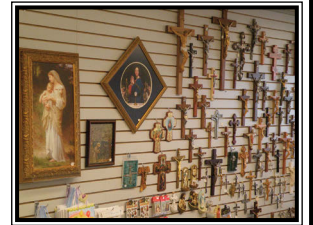
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HHS barred from enforcing mandate on Catholic entities in Georgia

ATLANTA (CNS) — U.S. District Court Judge William S. Duffey Jr. has ruled that two organizations affiliated with the Atlanta Archdiocese — Catholic Charities Atlanta and Catholic Education of North Georgia Inc. — cannot be forced to comply with the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive mandate. In a 91-page decision issued March 26, Duffey ruled that enforcement of final rules issued by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' last June to implement the mandate violated the Catholic organizations' First Amendment right of freedom of speech, as well as protections established under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. His ruling permanently enjoined HHS from enforcing the contraceptive mandate against Catholic Charities Atlanta and Catholic Education of North Georgia Inc., or CENGI. The Atlanta Archdiocese and Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory and the Savannah Diocese and Savannah Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer were the plaintiffs who filed the federal lawsuit, along with Catholic Charities and the Catholic education corporation. They filed suit against HHS and Secretary Kathleen Sebelius in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia in October 2012. In his ruling Duffey said the two dioceses were already exempt from having to provide the contraceptive coverage in their health plans because they are considered to be "religious employers" under the final rules.

NEWS BRIEFS

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL MARKS NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF BLESSED JOHN PAUL II



CNS PHOTO/STANISLAW ROZPEDZIK, EPA

People attend a candlelight vigil to mark the ninth anniversary of the death of Blessed John Paul II in Krakow, Poland, April 2. The vigil was held in front of the so-called "pope's window" at the archbishop's residence.

Chilean Caritas crews ready to respond after quake

SANTIAGO, Chile (CNS) — A spokeswoman for Caritas Chile said crews were ready to respond to a massive earthquake in the northern part of the country, but the situation and damage remained uncertain. "We are working to collect information," said Ingrid Saavedra, director of communications for Caritas Chile. "We have dioceses in the North (of Chile), but we cannot contact them." In a telegram April 2 to Cardinal Ricardo Ezzati Andrello of Santiago, Pope Francis said he was saddened by the news of the earthquake, which left at least six people dead and others injured or homeless. The pope asked the cardinal to convey to all Chileans "my closeness and affection. I ask God to grant eternal rest to those who have died, give consolation to those suffering the effects of such a sad disaster and, at the same time, inspire in everyone sentiments of hope to face the adversity," the pope said. "At the same time, I strongly urge Christian communities, civil institutions and people of good will, with a generous spirit and fraternal charity, to offer effective help at this painful moment to all those involved." Caritas Chile began collecting money and materials for the victims of the magnitude-8.2 earthquake that struck offshore during the evening of April 1 and sent residents of coastal regions fleeing inland after a tsunami warning was issued.

Soon to be saints changed the way Church relates to other faiths

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Blesseds John XXIII and John Paul II left lasting marks on the way the Catholic Church understands other religions and the way it interacts with believers of other faith communities.

Both popes' outgoing personalities and personal experiences — especially during World War II — obviously came into play, as did the fact that the world around them and many of their own faithful, theologians and bishops increasingly sensed that respecting human dignity meant at least trying to respect that others also were searching for truth.

The impact each pope had on Jewish-Catholic relations is so strong, said Rabbi David Rosen, that "in Jewish eyes, there is a total logic to these two being canonized together; in fact, many Jews probably think it's because of the Jews that they're being canonized together."

Pope Francis is scheduled to declare the two popes saints during a Mass April 27 at the Vatican.

Rabbi Rosen, director of inter-religious relations for the American Jewish Committee, told Catholic News Service that Blessed John holds "the copyright" for the modern Catholic Church's respectful

approach to other religions.

Adnane Mokrani, who teaches at Rome's Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, said Blessed John "is not well known in the Arab world, except by those who are very involved in dialogue," although "obviously, it is different in Turkey" where he served as apostolic delegate for 10 years before becoming pope. Still, he is a key player in Catholic-Muslim dialogue because he convoked the Second Vatican Council, which formally set a new tone for the Catholic Church's view of other religions and other believers.

Rabbi Rosen said he believes there is much truth in the assertion that "John XXIII's recognition that the Church had to reassess its whole relationship with the Jewish people — which was the inspiration for 'Nostra Aetate' (the Second Vatican Council document on relations with other religions) — was what led the Church to begin to look at its relationship with all other religions."

The Catholic Church "came to a more universal approach to dialogue out of its 'rehabilitation,' if you like, of its relationship with Judaism and the Jewish people," the rabbi said.

The Nazis' attempt to exterminate the Jews had a profound impact on both popes and on their relationship with Jews both during and after

World War II.

From 1935 to 1945, Blessed John served as apostolic delegate to Turkey, a country that remained neutral during the Second World War. His relationship with King Boris of Bulgaria, where he had served previously, his contacts with top Catholic leaders throughout Europe and with other diplomats based in Turkey gave him repeated opportunities to help Jews fleeing the Nazis receive the papers they needed to escape.

"He not only helped to rescue Jews, but was one of the first people to get information about what was happening," Rabbi Rosen said.

Even before the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, in 1959 Blessed John ordered a change in a Good Friday prayer many Catholics and Jews believed contributed to anti-Jewish sentiments among Catholics. The text offered prayers "for the faithless Jews" — in Latin "perfidia iudaica," which often was translated into English as "perfidious Jews" rather than "faithless."

Even more importantly, Rabbi Rosen said, was Blessed John's meeting in 1960 with the French Jewish scholar Jules Isaac, whose wife and daughter had been killed at Auschwitz.

"I don't know to what degree Roncalli (Blessed John) had inter-

nalized the systematic demonization of the Jew within the Church — I think very few within the Church did — but he knew there was something wrong, he knew something had to change. To have it presented as systematically as Jules Isaac did, I think that was a strong boost for his resolve to address this whole relationship," Rabbi Rosen said.

Blessed John "is the revolutionary," the rabbi said, and everything later popes did built on his groundbreaking moves. "I think it's quite striking: John XXIII starts the process and John Paul II takes it to new heights."

Blessed John began the process that led to the Second Vatican Council's recognition that the seeds of truth and even God's presence could be seen at work in other religions; Blessed John Paul showed the world how seriously the Church believes that by inviting representatives of all the world's major religions — and several local indigenous religions — to Assisi, Italy, in 1986 to pray for peace.

Blessed John Paul has a special place in the hearts of many Jews, and his efforts to promote Catholic-Jewish relations will be remembered as a hallmark of his papacy. He grew up with Jewish friends not far from what would become the Auschwitz death camp; frequently

condemned anti-Semitism as a sin; was the first pope, probably since St. Peter, to visit the Rome synagogue; and was the first to pray at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, leaving amid its stones a note asking God's forgiveness for Catholics' past hostility to Jews.

"In the Arab world, Pope John Paul II is better known" than Blessed John, Mokrani said. "His speech to young Muslims in Casablanca (Morocco, in 1985) was an extremely strong moment of dialogue that had an echo throughout the Arab world."

"Another important point is that at critical moments — especially during the war in Iraq — he was very adept at maintaining balance," Mokrani said. "His position against the war and in favor of peace on a spiritual, diplomatic and political level was very clear and helped overcome the tendency some people had to identify the West with Christianity."

Both popes about to be canonized were living examples that "traveling, meeting people, learning new cultures and interacting with others every day creates bonds," Mokrani said. "Personal, direct contacts are essential, fundamental for dialogue. Dialogue isn't something you can learn at university, you have to live it."

Saint Joseph OB/GYN Specialists and Midwifery now seeing patients at Bremen Family Medicine

MISHAWAKA — The Saint Joseph Physician Network announced that Saint Joseph OB/GYN Specialists & Midwifery is now seeing patients at Bremen Family Medicine.

"Holding office hours in Bremen will allow our patients to stay close to home to receive care," said Dr. David Parker, M.D. "The Saint Joseph Physician Network is dedicated to offer the complete continuum of care in Marshall County and set the standard for obstetrics."

Dr. Parker is trained in medical and surgical NaProTECHNOLOGY (NPT) and will be consulting patients in Marshall County. NPT is a new approach in women's reproductive and gynecologic health science that is morally acceptable to all faiths.

The certified nurse midwife team will provide high quality care to women of all ages including prenatal care and delivery, well-woman gynecology and preconception counseling.

Ancilla College's SGA 'Penny Wars' a success

DONALDSON — Ancilla's Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored a campus-wide "Penny Wars" this March to fundraise for the organization as well as local charities.

Faculty, students and staff volunteered to have their face on a tea jug in order to raise money for the group or charity of their choice. Ten volunteers stepped up to the plate including: Dr. Tom Buchanan (faculty) for the Marshall County Historical Society, Chelsea Chalk (faculty and PTK rep) for Culver Boys and Girls Club, Jacob Cross (student) for Military Family Association, John Gough (faculty) for the Neighborhood Center, Kristin Korcha (faculty) for Relay for Life Starke Co., Jill Neidlinger (faculty and SGA rep) for Ancilla College Emergency Fund, Allen Renz (student and Dance Club rep) for Ancilla College Emergency Fund, Joel Thomas (faculty) for Marshall County Humane Society, Steve VanDerAa (faculty) for Relay for Life Marshall Co., and Sister Carleen Wrasman (staff) for Sojourner Truth House.

For two weeks before spring break, fans could donate pennies to their favorite cause or face. Each penny counted as a point and silver coins counted as negative points.

"We were thrilled with the results of the Penny Wars," said Jill Neidlinger, SGA advisor and assistant professor of math and developmental studies at Ancilla College. "We raised over \$400 through the event and were able to give payouts to the top three winners for their charities."

Half of all the proceeds go to the top two winners' charities and the first-place winner has the "honor" of being dressed up in a silly outfit with their face painted. The winner of the contest was Joel Thomas,

AROUND THE DIOCESE

YOUNG PEOPLE'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS



GEOFF FRANK

Members of the seventh-grade class at St. Therese Catholic School help focus attention on the Stations of the Cross on Friday morning, March 28, before an all-school Mass.

The pre-K to grade 8 school, located in the Waynedale area of Fort Wayne, uses a special booklet, "Step Up Close to Jesus — Stations of the Cross for Young People." The Lenten prayer helps the students and parishioners attending to "remember what Jesus did and to show Him we are thankful."

who received \$162 to go to the Marshall County Humane Society. Second place went to Sister Carleen with \$50 going to Sojourner Truth House, and Tom Buchanan earned \$25 for his charity — Marshall County Historical Society — by having earned the most money overall.

Kathleen Malone Beeler to address Holy Cross College Class of 2014

NOTRE DAME — Kathleen Malone Beeler, former chairman of the board of Beeler Industries, Elkhart, brings her enthusiasm and experience in education, fundraising, politics, board governance and business leadership to Holy Cross College when she is featured as the keynote speaker at the 47th commencement exercises, taking place Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. in the Pfeil Center's McKenna Area, on the campus of Holy Cross.

Beeler's professional and personal work over the past 40 years has been instrumental in the Michiana community. Having served as a

teacher at every level, from grade school to college, for more than two decades, it has been Beeler's dedicated volunteerism in which she has excelled, by raising millions of philanthropic dollars.

"Kathy Malone Beeler, a trustee of Holy Cross College, is a long-time friend of the college and of the Congregation of Holy Cross," said Holy Cross College President Holy Cross Brother John Paige. "We are delighted to be able to honor Kathy Malone Beeler by awarding her a Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa."

Born in Toledo, Ohio, Kathleen attended Saint Mary's Academy in South Bend before matriculating at Saint Mary's College where she earned a bachelor's degree in 1969. She then attended graduate school at the University of Chicago earning a master's degree in English in 1971. Beeler went on to teach high school and elementary school at several Catholic and public institutions including three in South Bend — John Adams High School, St. Joseph Grade School and Corpus Christ Grade School.

Beeler is passionate about volunteering for great organizations in the arts, education, healthcare and Catholic ministry. She is a strong leader for numerous boards and foundations, including the board of trustees of Holy Cross College. As

president of the Logan Foundation Board of Directors, she was instrumental in the development of the new Logan Center on East Jefferson Boulevard. On the board of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, she helped raise funds for the new medical center in Mishawaka. She has served on both the Marian and Saint Joseph high schools' boards, was the first female chair of the Bishop's Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and is the immediate past president of the Catholic Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana. Among the many honors that she has been awarded are the Saint Mary's College Distinguished Alumna (2009), the Colonel Jack Stephens Citizenship Award from the Military Officers of America, the "Sagamore of the Wabash" by the Indiana Governor, and honorary "Kentucky Colonel" by the Governor of Kentucky.

Beeler is the mother of five children and eight grandchildren. Widowed in 1998, she married retired Marine Corps Colonel Brian Regan in 2005. Together, they live in Granger.

Amy (DeCloedt) Nussbaum, a 2006 graduate of Holy Cross College, will be the featured alumni speaker. Nussbaum earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts as a member of Holy Cross's second graduating baccalaureate class.

Following graduating from Holy Cross, Nussbaum went on to earn certification from the Montessori Institute of America, through Montessori Teacher Preparation of Washington. She is passionate about children and their education, and currently serves as the co-administrator, as well as a classroom directress, for Countryside Montessori School in South Bend.

Bishop Dwenger to host 50 Hours of Saints' Power

FORT WAYNE — As Bishop Dwenger High School celebrates its 50th anniversary, the school has planned "50 Hours of Saints' Power" to promote the Golden Traditions Capital Campaign. "This is Holy Ground" and the school will share the excitement of the renovations and construction already underway.

It is through the generosity and prayers of the Dwenger family that the traditions of the school continue, year after year. The school asks for continued support throughout this campaign, in preparation for the next 50 years.

A generous benefactor will match dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 donated during these "50 Hours of Saints' Power," whether online, over the phone or through the mail.

The three-day celebration will be held Sunday, April 13, through Tuesday, April 15.

Sunday, April 13

1 p.m. — Spring Choir and Band Concert, SAC Gym

3 p.m. — Family rosary following concert

3:30 p.m. — Easter egg hunt, main entrance door No. 1.

Monday, April 14

7:05 a.m. — Mass in chapel

7:35 a.m. — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, chapel

Adoration throughout the school day

10 a.m. — Mayoral proclamation of Bishop Dwenger Day (celebrating the ordination of Bishop Joseph Dwenger, April 14, 1872)

10:15 a.m. — Groundbreaking ceremony

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. — "Celebrity Saints" Phonathon. Call 260-496-4775 during these hours to make a donation and speak with one of the "Celebrity Saints"

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. — Dave Scudder and Carol Cornell

12:45-2 p.m. — Fred Tone and Del Nelson

3 p.m. — Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6-8:30 p.m. — "Celebrity Saints" Phonathon with Principal Jason Schiffli, Fred Tone and other past and present Saints will be available to answer calls.

Tuesday, April 15

7:20 a.m. — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, chapel

Adoration throughout the school day

2 p.m. — Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:15 p.m. — Stations of the Cross

3 p.m. — Closing prayer to conclude the "50 Hours of Saints' Power."

'Corazon Puro' missionaries inspire Hispanic youth

MILFORD — A powerful bilingual youth retreat, titled "Youth Walking with Christ," hosted by the Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend took place at Camp Mack the weekend of March 29-30. Over 250 Hispanic youth from around the diocese attended.

The weekend began on Friday with Mass and a session led by Father Agustino Torres, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal priest, who provided a religious figure for the youth in attendance.

Saturday, March 29, sessions on themes relevant to current day issues were addressed including family values, abortion, homosexuality, media and dressing in moderation. And more than a dozen diocesan priests with Hispanic Ministry parishes participated in the Reconciliation services making the sacrament of Confession available for the youth.

An informative lecture for parents about the themes covered with their children, and an exhortation to verbally tell their children how much they are loved was shared by Father Torres as well.

Denise, one of the "Corazon Puro" missionaries, also spoke to the parents about the importance of giving their children more quality time. She shared her personal experience of how an excessive amount of time on computer games brought her 12-year-old son to a nervous breakdown — bringing family life to a renewal through counselors and "real" time between parent and son.

Sunday, March 30, had the



Pictured are the Hispanic youth attending the closing Mass at the Youth Walking with Christ retreat held at Camp Mack on March 28-30.

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youth role-playing the various themes of the weekend. The closing Mass, celebrated by Father Torres, was packed with parents, grandparents, siblings and several diocesan community leaders. During the Mass, a family healing prayer was presented by Father Torres to those in attendance during which the children asked their parents for forgiveness and the parents asked their children for

forgiveness in return.

Following the Mass the youth were invited to give testimonies. Many shared how the retreat had touched their hearts. One youth asked his girlfriend for forgiveness for not respecting her in the past and vowed to respect her with the dignity a princess of God deserves.

Pure Hearts "Corazones Puros" missionaries and their

priest were filled with hope, informing those in attendance, "The Fort Wayne-South Bend youth are an example for the youth on the East Coast of the United States" where their headquarters are located. Enid Roman, director of Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, appreciated the over 29 chaperones who willingly gave their time to the youth throughout the weekend.

Goldstine Foundation's \$1 million gift underscores USF friendship

FORT WAYNE — The Robert Goldstine Foundation has made a \$1 million gift to the University of Saint Francis for the enhancement of its Performing Arts Center at 431 W. Berry St., underscoring a long-term friendship between the university and the foundation's creator.

The friendship — and the university's gratitude — will be displayed when the building's name is lettered as the Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center to proclaim the legacy to all.

The gift will be used to enhance the building's performance in ways the university sees fit, to honor the purpose of the Goldstine Foundation: to make Allen County and Fort Wayne a better place to live and work, said Steve Wesner, president of the foundation's board of trustees.

"Most people in Fort Wayne didn't know of Bob's philanthropy," Wesner said. "He was very generous to the community and never would take any recognition. We thought it should be known because this is something that improves that part of downtown and draws people to it. It benefits our community and catapults it forward as the foundation intended."

Robert Goldstine was a long-term benefactor and friend of the university. He was trustee emeritus for the board from 1975-2001, and emeritus member of the University Relations Committee from 1995-2001.

The performing arts center joins the former Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce building, purchased and slated for renovation by the university as a downtown campus to house new academic programs, drive business creation, support a vibrant arts community and provide economic stimulus for the city.

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Good Friday, April 18:

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Holy Saturday, April 19:

Easter Vigil begins at 10:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20: 10:00 a.m.

The missing piece

BY TROY COZAD

Something was missing. In middle age that is how I felt about my life. And what really bothered me was I could not quite put my finger on what it was. I had achieved reasonable success in my education and career and was financially comfortable. I enjoyed good health. I had traveled extensively and had far more than my share of unique and interesting experiences. I had a wonderful wife, family and circle of friends. I donated to selected charities and helped out my family and friends as best I thought I could. I wasn't much into organized religion but in a vague way believed in God and the desirability to live as a good Christian. All in all, not a bad life really.

Still, something was missing. Then I began attending St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Fort Wayne. I admit at first it was largely to accompany my wife, a heart-felt cradle Catholic. Not that I had anything against Catholicism, but then I didn't have much for it either. Yet the more I attended the more I began to discover that, frankly much to my surprise, a strong faith was that missing piece to my life. True, my path to faith was neither short or straight — I spent eight years attending Mass, took three years of catechism classes, went through nine months of RCIA formation and almost had to be led on a leash to my first Reconciliation — but two years ago at Easter I proudly entered full communion with the Church and experienced taking the Eucharist for the first time. My Catholic family members both rejoiced and joked (badly) that the real reason Pope Benedict resigned was he heard I finally had joined the Church and he figured his work was done because no greater miracle was possible.

To me now a strong faith life has important meaning. It means seeking that inner peace Christ wished for us by being in good relationship with all around you — God, your family, your life priorities, indeed the entire world environment. It means thinking and acting outside yourself — focusing only on possessions, career, status, looks and other points of self-interest only serves to limit you. I also have learned some hard lessons that these self-centered pursuits are transitory and can quickly be washed away through the flood of time.

Catholic writer Matthew Kelly has a great description of this — he says each person's goal should be to become more holy in life, and that means "becoming the best version of yourself possible."

If you want to test yourself, read Mathew 25 and then search your heart to see if you are a sheep or a goat.

It also means a desire to know and share your faith. Two old sayings come to mind — "when you don't know where you are going



KAY COZAD

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any road will take you there" and "if you don't stand for something you will fall for anything." As Christians and Catholics we have a great blueprint of where we should be going and what we stand for — yet too often we tend to ignore the sign posts on life's journey.

I am pleased to believe that, most of the time at least, I am no longer ignoring these sign posts. I try to work every day at becoming the best version of myself that I can. Certainly my involvement with the Church, and with the St. Elizabeth parish community especially, has become among the great joys of my life.

For the past two years I have served on the RCIA facilitation team at St. Elizabeth, helping others on the same path to faith I so recently traveled. I admit it was somewhat intimidating at first — my fellow team members are highly experienced, knowledgeable, and extremely filled with faith beyond my level in every area — yet they welcomed me heartily and

have helped me. Through RCIA activities such as leading "Breaking Open the Word" Holy Scripture studies, facilitating class table discussions and helping to provide an overview of our 2,000-year-old faith, it is exciting and rewarding to feel like you have even a small part in helping each candidate and catechumen to become the best version of themselves possible.

I also participate in a variety of other activities at St. Elizabeth, from education programs to volunteering at the annual Setonfest each summer. Most recently, I spent a Friday night working the Knights of Columbus Lenten fish fry at the church. I can honestly say I have never felt more at home.

It has been quite a journey. If you had told me 10 years ago that leading a "Breaking Open the Word" Holy Scripture lesson in an RCIA program would be the highlight of my week, I would have thought you totally crazy. Yet it has come to pass. It's what was missing in my life.

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
414 Madison Street • Decatur, Indiana



April 27, 2014
Come join us!

Sunday, April 27, 2014
1:00 p.m.

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Reconciliation • Rosary
- 2:00 Sunday Mass
- Divine Mercy Chaplet

We rejoice with the faithful everywhere as Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II are canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Holy Week Schedule

St. Patrick Parish
309 South Taylor Street - South Bend 46601

Latin Masses

Holy Thursday, April 17:
Mass at 7 p.m. followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday, April 18:
Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 5 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19:
Vigil of Easter at 10 p.m.

St. Michael Catholic Church

611 N. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563

Holy Thursday
7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Bilingual

Good Friday
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
12:30 PM in English and 3 PM in Spanish

Holy Saturday
9 PM Easter Vigil
Bilingual

Easter Sunday
Masses in English at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30
Mass in Spanish at 2 PM

22nd Anniversary of Divine Mercy at our parish
Remembering the holy souls in purgatory.



Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena begins
Good Friday, April 18 and ends Saturday, April 26

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2014

2:00 - 2:45 pm:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Reconciliation

3:00 pm: Holy Mass

Father Derrick Sneyd, Celebrant

Immaculate Conception Church, 500 East Seventh Street, Auburn



At Randallia Drive and East State Boulevard in Fort Wayne invites all to join in the celebration of the Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 17 - 7:00 PM
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18 - 12:30 PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 19 - 9:00 PM Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday Mass, April 20 - 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

Where are we seeing the 'living image of God' this Lent?

BY AUDREY ANWEILER

I have always found it strange that Catholic churches shroud the crucifix during Lent. Before Vatican II, it was common practice to cover all the statues of the church during Lent, and some still do this today. Why, I remember asking myself for most of my young adult life at Good Friday, would we decide to cover the sign of Christ's sacrifice for the world on just the occasion we most need to remember it? But, like any other time of preparation and anticipation, Lent requires something more than the routine from us. Whereas throughout the rest of the liturgical year we are provided rich images to recall Christ's effect on our humanity and history, and prime us for prayer and worship, during Lent we abstain from such immediately available luxuries. Instead of within the physical church itself, Lent challenges us to look around, in the environments of our everyday life, to find living images of the suffering, resurrection-bound Christ.

During the Fourth week of Lent, in an ARISE group I was invited to by the St. Vincent de Paul Young Adult group, we were reading what would be the Scripture reading that Sunday, and discussing what it meant to be "Children of the Light."

Many of us began sharing how hard it is not to fall into "darkness," and the struggle of representing Christ in mixed settings with people of little-to-zero understanding of morality, or Catholicism. How do we block out the misguided values we see all around us, one of the men asked, and maintain our vision of what we know to be right?

Whether a young adult in his 20s and 30s, a mother of four or a senior about to retire, we can all relate to this question. In a culture whose moral fiber seems to be disintegrating at record pace, we can all recall times when we've felt the need to discourage certain behavior, or hold our moral high-ground, as our coworkers, acquaintances or fellow bystanders in the ATM line devolve into hedonistic storytelling. But, at those moments, is it more important to quietly cling to our certainties, or enter into the ambiguity?

Grumbling, sighing or avoiding confrontation with our brothers and sisters who've found it more difficult to avoid the various mal-indulgences we have access to in this life was certainly not what Christ was endorsing when He encouraged us to love our neighbor. It never creates a "woman at the well (Jn 4:5)," "tax collector brunch (Mt 9:13)" or a "centurion" (Mt 8:7) moment. In other words, a dismissal

of the messiness of life misses out on encountering those most in need, and of whom we are in most need. It limits opportunities for the believer to look into nonbelievers' eyes, hear their inner-longings, and rely on the Holy Spirit to speak a compassionate word or offer an alternative to their current state of mind. It also omits the sharing of the Gospel, or the mutual benefit of attempting to reconcile it to modern life.

The person, and the living image of God Himself residing in every person, stands at the center of our Christian identity. It is from the radical equality of every human individual that Catholic social teaching builds its understanding of the common good, of our call toward participation, and the principles that have been offered for years, indeed for centuries, as one of the only cohesive, universally applicable touchstones for a just society. If we don't challenge ourselves to know our neighbor, how can we expect to love our neighbor?

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Catholic Relief Services and Santa Fe

CRS RICE BOWL

MELISSA WHEELER

As I mentioned in our first Rice Bowl article this Lent, 75 percent of what is collected goes directly to the international work of Catholic Relief Services. The other 25 percent stays in the diocese for grants to local hunger efforts. Most recently our 25 percent has been given to Catholic Charities in our diocese for all of the work they do with local social justice efforts. This year, CRS highlights a program in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M. that uses part of the 25 percent raised by their archdiocese.

Immaculate Conception Church in Santa Fe holds Bread and Blessings meals on Sunday afternoons. These meals are open to anyone who is hungry. The tables in the hall are decorated neatly. The meal is served restaurant-style with volunteers serving the guests a meal that includes drinks, a main course and dessert. Bread and Blessings has been serving the community for five years. Now guests can receive clothing, hygiene items and books, as well as referrals to social service agencies that can help with unemployment, mental illness, addiction and housing. Whatever their needs may be, the weekly Bread and Blessings meals gives guests and volunteers the opportunity to sit down together around a common table.

This week, our focus turns to the Catholic social teaching principle of global solidarity. We are all part of one human family — whatever our national, racial, religious, economic or ideological differences — and in an increasingly interconnected world, loving our neighbor has global dimensions. As our Lenten journey draws to a close, take time to reflect on how you may be being called to change your life for the benefits of others.

Pray the Lenten prayer given below.

Loving God, We thank you for the many gifts you have given us. Bless our prayers and sacrifices this Lent. May these gifts from our table bring hope and life to

our sisters and brothers who suffer with hunger each day. Unite us through Christ with the poor worldwide, and bless our efforts to bring relief to those in need. Amen.

When contemplating the Stations of the Cross, meditate on how Jesus' path to Calvary is walked everyday by the world's poor. You can find a useful resource for doing this at <http://resources.crs.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/stations-of-the-cross-crs-rice-bowl-2014.pdf>.

Thank you for making CRS Rice Bowl a part of your Lenten journey. Don't forget to empty your Rice Bowl. Please give your donations to your parish office, or you may donate online at crsricebowl.org/give. Continue to follow the work of Catholic Relief Services by visiting crs.org and www.catholicsconfrontglobalpoverty.org. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the work of Catholic Relief Services, please contact me at the email listed below. Thank you again for making a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need by your prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. I leave you with a quote from our Holy Father. May it help you to keep prayer, fasting and almsgiving a part of your practice throughout the year. "Where do I find hope? In the flesh of Jesus, who suffers and in true poverty. There is a connection between the two." (June 7, 2013)

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Christ awaits us with forgiveness



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mt 26:14-27:66

This weekend observes Palm Sunday, recalling with such great reverence the Lord's traditional entry into Jerusalem, beginning the drama and depth of Holy Week.

The liturgy includes two readings from the Gospels. The first occurs at the blessing of the palms and as the procession of the faithful bearing the palms assembles. It reveals both the Lord's divine power, seen through the knowledge that an ass and colt are in the village ahead, and the Lord's mission as messiah. He is approaching Jerusalem, more than just a city in pious Jewish minds, but the holy place in which God's temple stands, where David once reigned as king, and where the prophets spoke in the name of God. It was, as it is, the center of Jewish faith and worship. It was to

be the site of the culmination of the Lord's mission.

The crowd proclaims the Lord as "son of David." They greet the Messiah as their own legitimate king, David's heir, not the detested Roman emperor.

For its next reading, the Church gives us a passage from the third part of Isaiah, one of those eloquent and expressive sections of Isaiah called by biblical scholars the "Songs of the Suffering Servants." Poetic and descriptive, these four songs laud an unflinchingly faithful servant of God, who despite abuse and persecution remains steadfastly loyal. Christians always have seen Jesus prefigured in these beautiful poems.

In the next reading, from the Epistle to the Philippians, the stress again is on Jesus and again in the literary genre of poetry. Experts now believe, in fact, that this passage was an early Christian liturgical hymn. Its deep understanding of the person and place of Christ is both clear and compelling.

Finally, the liturgy presents the Passion Narrative of St. Matthew's Gospel. Matthew's presentation of Jesus, even in the horrifying circumstances of the Passion, conveys powerful lessons.

First, even at this time, Jesus is the Christ. Far from being overwhelmed and helpless, the Lord is majestic and in control.

He is the victim, but a victim completely complying in free will and committed to the Savior's mission.

While the Apostles do not come across as heroic in their loyalty, to say the least, Jesus never repudiates them. He called them. Despite their fear and cowardice, especially in Peter's case, their call endures. Thus it is for all called to discipleship. Believers sin and fall. However, they can return. Their vocation is not cancelled, at least not by the Lord.

Finally, all the intrigue, conspiracy and prejudice that surrounded Jesus fall away before the fact that the Lord triumphs. He is always in control.

Reflection

Matthew's Passion Narrative is the centerpiece of this weekend's Liturgy of the Word. It is easy to lose its deep meaning by concentrating on the awfulness of all that was brought to bear upon Jesus.

Certainly the treachery and cruelty cannot be dismissed or understated. These elements underscore the evil that genuinely exists in the world, and that overtakes many people.

In a week the Church will celebrate Easter. Jesus rose. However, even in the dark hours of Good Friday, the Lord was

almighty and victorious. Nothing then occurred without ultimately lending itself to the fulfillment of the divine plan of salvation.

The praise of the people who acclaimed Jesus' entry into Jerusalem does not illustrate fickleness just on their part. We all are fickle.

Yet, the reading from Philippians illustrates not only that Jesus is Lord, but that we can be good disciples, even if we fall. Christ awaits us with forgiveness. No sin breaks our relationship with God, unless we choose to reject God ultimately and finally. The Lord, living and victorious, always offers us mercy, if simply we ask.

READINGS

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession) Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53; 12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

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.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has conducted guidelines that all adults must follow to protect all children from harm as well as to create safe environments in which children can learn and grow in faith. Knowing and following the guidelines creates a culture of protection and keeps our children safe.

Practical guidelines for conduct when interacting with a child or young person

The diocese's clergy, religious, employees and volunteers working in and on behalf of its schools, parishes, Offices of Catechesis and of Youth Ministry, and other diocesan programs or agencies engage in extensive services with counseling, educational and spiritual ministries to children and young persons ("children"). Children are dependent on adults, particularly adults in positions of trust and leadership. It is vitally important, therefore, that reasonable prudence be exercised by all adults who perform services on behalf of the diocese, which involves interaction. The following is a set of practical guidelines for conducting yourself, which must be observed by all clergy, religious, lay employees and volunteers of the diocese when dealing with children.

These guidelines are not intended to prevent you from performing your service or ministry but rather to assist you in employing good sense when interacting with children. If you find it necessary to depart from these guidelines due to some extraordinary circumstance, you should be aware of your departure and must be able to justify your actions. If one-on-one involvement with a child is unavoidable, you must use extreme discretion in your dealings with the child.

Definition — Child or Children — Anyone who has not yet reached his or her 18th birthday. All clergy, religious, lay employees and volunteers of the diocese will observe the following guidelines when engaging in ministry to or otherwise interacting with children:

1. Children under 18 years of age who are not relatives may not stay overnight in a parish rectory in the diocese. No one, except priests, may live in a rectory on a long-term basis, that is, for more than a few days. Exceptions may be made for housekeepers who have worked in a rectory in

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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the diocese for 20 years or more and, of course, for members of a priest's immediate family.

2. Avoid physical contact with a child. Never engage in any corporal punishment. In situations where physical contact is necessary and proper, such as in sacramental preparation, use sound discretion and moderation. If a child initiates innocent physical contact out of acceptable affection, an appropriate response is proper if not prolonged.

3. Except in unavoidable circumstances that require otherwise, for example a pre-school student who needs assistance in the restroom, do not be alone with a child in a residence, school, sleeping facility, locker room, restroom, dressing facility or other closed area.

4. Any one-on-one counseling, tutoring, training or other assistance or service with a child must be conducted in an open room setting without closed doors, except for a door with a window, and only if readily observable by others who may be in the room or in the hallway outside the room.

5. Seek responsible adults to be present at events involving children, such as games and athletic activities.

6. Youth group trips and school field trips must have enough adult chaperones, preferably of the same sex as participating children, to provide adequate supervision based upon the type of activity. Adult chaperones should supervise in opposite sex pairs whenever possible.

7. Never take an overnight trip alone with a child.

8. Topics or vocabulary that would not be discussed or used comfortably in the presence of parents should not be discussed or used with children.

9. Alcohol, in the form of wine, may be given to those under the age of 21 only in very limited quantity and only in preparation for first Communion. Otherwise, never provide alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Alcohol should not be used by adult supervisors or chaperones if activities with or responsibilities for children are scheduled.

10. Always maintain a professional posture in dealing with children. Avoid unwarranted emotional attachment and be aware of the attraction that children may have for adults in positions of authority and trust. If you perceive emotional or physical attraction developing, refer the child to another qualified adult, particularly in counseling situations.

11. If one-on-one counseling, tutoring or other training or care of a child requires frequent or regular appointments, parents should be notified that these appointments are occurring and provided the schedule of appointments. If you believe the subject matter properly precludes notification, you must consult with and receive the approval of your supervisor on the local or diocesan level before engaging in such appointments.

12. Lodging standards apply to hotel and dormitory room accommodations for adults and children who participate in overnight events. These standards have been followed in practice for diocesan youth ministry events and are now committed to writing to promote a uniform set of guidelines for use in the diocese. These standards are consistent with the model proposed by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, which discourages the rooming of adults with children. The Office of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend endorses this position. For full description of lodging standards, please see: http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Data/Resources/08b61bfaa9074d7772a540ef3d49bbcb-Guidelines_Conduct_Interacting.pdf

13. All of us have an obligation to take appropriate steps to protect children, particularly when they are in the care of the Church. If you observe another adult violating these guidelines or engaging in other conduct, which causes you to have reason for concern for the well being of a child, you should confront that adult in a forthright manner and report your concerns to your supervisor, pastor or a vicar general. If you have reason to believe that child abuse or neglect has occurred or is occurring, you must follow the diocesan policy on reporting incidents of child abuse to civil authorities and report the matter to your supervisor or vicar general at 260-422-4611.

We pray for all adults to follow the loving example of Jesus when interacting with 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.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 13, 2014

Matthew 21:1-11

Following is a word search based on the processional Gospel for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

THE MOUNT	OLIVES	COLT
UNTIE THEM	SEND THEM	PROPHET
ZION	FOAL	BROUGHT
CLOAKS	BRANCHES	THE TREES
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CITY	JESUS	NAZARETH

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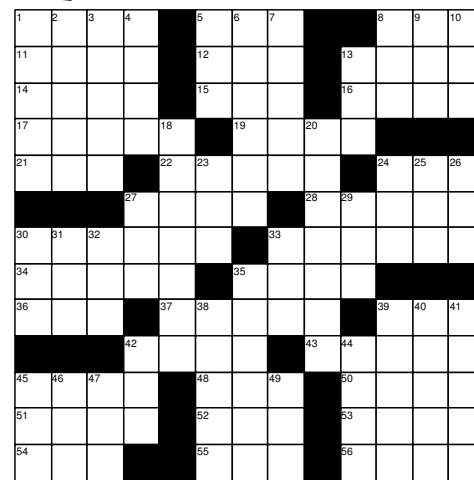
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The CrossWord

April 6 and 13, 2014



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Based on these readings:

Ez 37: 12-14; Rom 8: 8-11; Jn 11: 1-45 and Is 50: 4-7; Ph 2: 6-11; Mt 26:14-27 6:6

ACROSS

- 1 Sure
- 5 Levee
- 8 Compass point
- 11 Cal. University
- 12 Environmental protection agency (abbr)
- 13 Jesus had them do to Lazarus' tomb
- 14 V.P.'s boss
- 15 Aced
- 16 ___ of Israel
- 17 God does on 7th Day
- 19 Fibbed
- 21 ___ Wednesday
- 22 Muslim's religion

- 24 Part of a minute
- 27 Capital of Norway
- 28 Song of praise
- 30 Good looks
- 33 Shrines are found at side ___
- 34 David did for 12 tribes
- 35 Floating ice
- 36 Hair stuff
- 37 Type of race
- 39 Darken
- 42 Island
- 43 Jesus had them roll this away
- 45 Philippians abbr.
- 48 ___ up
- 50 Hearing disorder

- 51 Duke
- 52 Frost
- 53 "Every ___ should bend"
- 54 "___ and you shall receive"
- 55 New York City
- 56 Chow

DOWN

- 1 Infra's opposite
- 2 Real estate
- 3 "In the ___"
- 4 Magi came from
- 5 "Send down your Spirit ... like the ___"
- 6 Greek sun god
- 7 Hyper activity
- 8 Hot tub
- 9 Short for Benedict
- 10 Cease
- 13 Not New Testament
- 18 Mary and Martha
- 20 Hires
- 23 Tricky
- 24 Galilee water
- 25 Peter cut off Malchus'
- 26 Catholic News Service
- 27 "Lazarus, come ___!"
- 29 Snacked
- 30 Eavesdrop
- 31 Compass point
- 32 Cause of sickness
- 33 Wing
- 35 Like a sheep
- 38 Mischievous
- 39 Italian title for Lady
- 40 Set in
- 41 ___ and Persians
- 42 Lazarus was very ___
- 44 Grab
- 45 Legume
- 46 Owns
- 47 Gall
- 49 Christmas month

Answer Key can be found on page 15

All Diocese Team

Today's Catholic is highlighting athletes from Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These student-athletes are recognized in character, sportsmanship, leadership, athletics and Catholic values. The athletes are selected by their coaches.

Bishop Dwenger

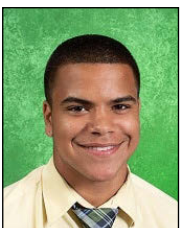
Boys' basketball



Grady Eifert, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, forward



Kyle Hartman, junior, St. Jude, guard



Marcus Stepp, junior, St. Jude, guard

Girls' basketball



Megan Shea, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, forward



Michelle Adgalanis, junior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, point guard

Gymnastics



Cecilia Sordelet, junior, Our Lady of Good Hope

Swim and dive



Nick DeWald, junior, St. Vincent de Paul



Jared Schipper, senior, Our Lady of Good Hope



Erica Evans, junior, St. Patrick, Arcola



Alexandra Goetz, junior, St. Jude

Wrestling



Dominic Garrett, senior, St. Charles Borromeo, 138 lbs.



Austin Hillman, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, 145 lbs.



Alex Bruns, senior, St. Jude, 106 lbs.

Bishop Luers

Boys' basketball



Caleb Kroft, junior, guard



Austyn Rybicki, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, forward/center

Girls' basketball



Allison Butler, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, guard



Adelaide Reibold, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, forward

Boys' swimming



Andrew Gill, freshman, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 200 individual medley



Alexander Maldeney, sophomore, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 200 freestyle



Andres Sundberg, sophomore, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 100 freestyle

Girls' swimming



Dana Baldus, sophomore, St. John the Baptist, 200 freestyle



Carly Grabner, sophomore, St. John the Baptist, 100 backstroke



Olivia Koob, freshman, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 50 freestyle

Wrestling



Gage Malott, freshman, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, 106 lbs.



Daemen Williams, sophomore, 220 lbs.



Landan Yount, sophomore, 113 lbs.

Marian

Boys' basketball



Devin Cannady, junior, guard



Ryan Schafer, junior, St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, guard

Girls' basketball



Erin Guzicki, senior, St. Matthew, guard



Anna Barnard, junior, St. Pius X, Granger, post

Boys' swimming



Pablo Montalvo, freshman, Our Lady of Hungary, 100 fly



Sean Tragesser, senior, St. Matthew, 100 breast stroke



Matthew Schoen, senior, St. Matthew, 100 fly

Girls' swimming



Molly Pendergast, freshman, St. Matthew, individual medley



Theresa Rice, sophomore, St. Matthew, 100 butterfly



Shannon Hendricks, junior, Christ the King, 100 breast stroke

Wrestling



Austin Fitzpatrick, senior, Christ the King, 160 lbs.



Justin Knobloch, senior, 200 med relay



William Felix, junior, St. Joseph, Mishawaka, 120 lbs.



Cole Short, freshman, St. Joseph, 200 med relay



Derek Glon, junior, Corpus Christi, 138 lbs.



Courtney Jenkins, junior, St. Anthony de Padua, 400 free relay

Saint Joseph

Boys' basketball



Greenan Sullivan, junior, St. Anthony de Padua, guard



Meg Lloyd, junior, St. Joseph, 400 free relay



Keaton Wieschhaus, senior, Christ the King, forward



Hallie Cohoon, freshman, Christ the King, 400 free relay

Girls' basketball



Michelle Weaver, junior, Little Flower, guard



Meghan Cohoon, senior, Christ the King, 400 free relay



Madeline Raster, junior, St. Joseph, guard



Peter Rymza, junior, Christ the King, 138 lbs.

Boys' swimming



Anthony Kolbus, junior, 200 Med Relay



Norm Hezlep, junior, Holy Cross, 160 lbs.



Chris Bals, senior, Corpus Christi 200 med relay



Max Ujdak, senior, Holy Cross, 195 lbs.

Girls' swimming

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SATURDAY - 9:00 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

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Portraying saint a chance to share message of God's mercy, says actress

BY JOANNE FOX

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (CNS) — Besides the challenge of portraying St. Faustina, actress Maria Vargo said she also was drawn to the role by the opportunity to share “the message of God’s mercy for every soul.”

“I have had a devotion to Divine Mercy and have been praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy for a long time,” Vargo explained. “I have experienced and continue to experience God’s mercy personally and I understand the great gift that it is.”

Vargo travels the country portraying St. Faustina in a multimedia drama, “Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy.”

The saint had a special devotion to God’s divine mercy. The chaplet is a series of prayers focusing on the gifts of His mercy, especially shown through the passion of Christ.

Vargo was in Sioux City in mid-March to perform the one-woman drama, which is directed by Leonardo Defilippis of St. Luke Productions, based in Battle Ground, Wash.

St. Faustina was born Helena Kowalska in 1905 to a large peasant family in Poland. After a vision from Jesus encouraged her to become a nun, the young woman entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She took Maria Faustina as her religious name and spent the rest of her life doing menial labor at the convent.

In 1930, Sister Faustina began having mystical visions. Jesus appeared to her in a white garment, with rays of white and red light emanating near His heart. He asked her to paint His image with the message, “Jesus, I trust in you.” That was the beginning of a mission that turned into a devotion for the Church — the Divine Mercy.

Sister Faustina kept a diary of her visions until her death from tuberculosis in 1938.

Blessed John Paul II beatified her in 1993 and canonized her in 2000. He also made Divine Mercy Sunday a Church-wide feast day to be celebrated the Sunday after Easter. The late pope, along with Blessed John XXIII, will soon be canonized himself — on Divine Mercy Sunday, which this year is April 27.

Vargo, a Hollywood-based actress, researched the part of St. Faustina for the St. Luke production.

“I was surprised to learn that Sister Faustina was a joyful person, a great storyteller, and that people were drawn to her,” she told *The Catholic Globe*, newspaper of the Diocese of Sioux City. “She was fearless and not afraid to speak the truth to others. She had a lot of determination and spunk!”

“The way she spoke to Jesus was so intimate and affectionate, but also courageous and free. She never minced words with Him, asking Him for mercy for even the most hardened.”

Vargo spent a week living with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY SAINT LUKE PRODUCTIONS

Actress Maria Vargo, pictured in a photo collage, travels the country portraying St. Faustina in a multimedia presentation, “Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy.” St. Faustina was born Helena Kowalska in 1905 to a large peasant family in Poland. Blessed John Paul II was a longtime adherent of the saint’s Divine Mercy devotions. He beatified her in 1993 and canonized her in 2000.

Dorchester, Mass., in preparation for the role.

“Several of the sisters I stayed with were Polish, so I got a real feel for that culture,” she said, but “apart from just a few words” she doesn’t speak Polish like the saint.

“I am meeting so many Polish-American communities on tour. They are so hospitable, and they love their three modern saints — the holy triangle of Faustina, John Paul II and Maximilian Kolbe — so much.”

Prior to taking on this role, Vargo characterized herself as an active Catholic, attending Mass regularly. But now she has “a much deeper understanding of sacrifice,” she said. “I think that comes from the hard work involved in presenting this drama night after night in different locations.”

Vargo said she always believed prayer could change the world.

“But portraying Sister Faustina has taught me that everything we do in life is a prayer, and that sacrifice has great meaning in the eyes of the Lord, especially in union with praying the chaplet,” she said, referring to the Divine Mercy chaplet.

Performing the life of a saint has its challenges, she admitted.

“Portraying a saint and a real person who had so many holy characteristics” means having “to always

remember that I need to be prayerful as I pour myself into this role,” she said.

Another challenge, Vargo continued, is taking the message she portrays on stage and keeps in her heart “off stage.”

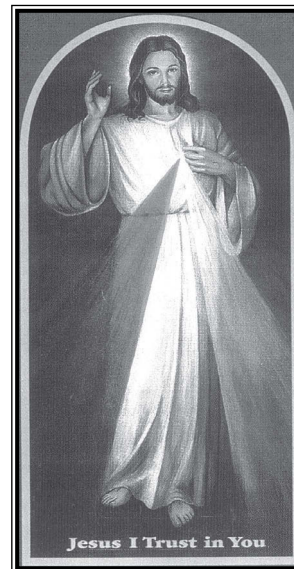
“I realize that all of us are called to holiness, and that it is only through humility and love of God and neighbor that we can achieve our goal of closeness to God.”

With those challenges comes great satisfaction, Vargo noted.

“The greatest joy is that I get the chance to bring St. Faustina — an amazing woman who loved the Lord so much — alive and face-to-face to audiences,” she said. “She is such a friend to us — not a plaster, holier-than-thou statue. She was a normal person of our modern times, who experienced the same temptations we do, yet through the darkness she trusted in Jesus.”

For Vargo, the experience of traveling the country and bringing this message of the power of God’s mercy to an age and culture in need of it has gone beyond what she ever imagined.

“I feel so humbled by the way God is using the talents He has given me,” she said. “I love performing and it is a joy to be playing a role in which I wholeheartedly believe every word that I speak.”



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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Trivia night planned

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will have a trivia night Saturday, April 26, in the activity center. Doors open at 6 p.m., game begins at 7 p.m. Ten rounds of trivia and other fun games (\$1 each). Cost is \$100 for a table of 10 adults, 21 and over. Bring your own snacks, beverages will be available for purchase. No outside beverages will be permitted. Contact Pam McLaughlin at 260-489-6931 or pam.mclaughlin100@yahoo.com for reservations.

St. Aloysius plans square dance

Yoder — A square dance will be held Saturday, May 17, at St. Aloysius, 14607 Bluffton Rd., with the Bill Werling band "Break Away," in the school from 8-11 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Ages 16 and up are welcome. \$20 a couple includes two drink tickets for either beer or wine provided by Mad Anthony's Brewing Co. Snacks, sodas and water will be complimentary. Contact Tina Voors at 260-622-7152.

Easter bake sale

Monroeville — St. Rose Parish will have an Easter bake sale Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at the fire station, 205 W. South St.

Life Center plans speaker

Mishawaka — The Life Center, 2018 Ironwood Circle, will have a speaker Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m. "The New Evangelization: Prayer Witnessing in Support of and as a Form of Sidewalk Advocacy," will be presented by Shawn Carney, co-founder of 40 Days for Life. Call 574-250-2484 for information.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, April 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Ministers of Surprise." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by April 25 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

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 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Holy Week prayer

South Bend — Prayer in memory of those who, in recent years, have given their life for the Gospel, will be Sunday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 Miami St. Hosted by the Community of Sant'Egidio, co-sponsored by the Ecumenical and Interreligious Office of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the Catholic Peace Fellowship.

FISH FRIES

Holy Name Society fish fry
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The CrossWord

April 6 and 13, 2014



New York Catholic all-girls high school founded by U.S. saint to close

BY BETH GRIFFIN

RYE, N.Y. (CNS) — In the end, the declining numbers trumped the best efforts of enthusiastic alumnae and parents, committed staff and a religious congregation to save a New York school founded by an immigrant saint, but the 115-year legacy of Mother Cabrini High School will live on.

The all-girls college preparatory school in the Washington Heights section of northern Manhattan will close at the end of the 2013-14 academic year.

The decision was made by the school's board of trustees and approved by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which sponsors the school. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini founded the congregation in 1880 and established the high school in 1899.

Increased costs and diminishing revenue made it impossible to continue operations, according to a school press release. There are 305 students enrolled, down from 455 in 2004.

"The archdiocese can verify how hard the sisters and the board have tried to keep the school open. Our office will continue to offer assistance where needed, especially by helping the students find a new home in other excellent Catholic high schools," Timothy J. McNiff, superintendent of schools of the Archdiocese of New York, said in a statement.

He noted Mother Cabrini is "not a high school under archdiocesan control."

When the closing was announced, alumnae and parents of current students organized the Cabrini Movement to appeal the board's decision. The group launched a media campaign and an online fundraising appeal with a goal of \$100,000.

Two weeks later, after raising more than \$62,000, Cabrini Movement leaders met with the sisters, who confirmed the school would close because of an insurmountable deficit.

"At that point in time, with the sisters' blessing, we shifted our mission's focus and centered on the need to help the 200-plus current students of MCHS complete their education as they started it as well as advocate for the advancement of women's education in our community," Liane Ramirez Swierk, alumna spokeswoman for the Cabrini Movement told Catholic News Service.



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St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is depicted in a stained-glass window at the saint's shrine chapel in the Washington Heights section of New York City. The chapel adjoins Mother Cabrini High School, an all-girls' college preparatory school the saint founded in 1899, which will close at the end of the academic year.

She said the Missionary Sisters needed \$7 million to keep the school open.

According to a congregation history, Mother Cabrini High School was established as Sacred Heart Villa, "a residential school for young ladies." Its plan envisioned that tuition paid by well-to-do earlier Italian immigrants would fund free schools for needy immigrants.

Today the high school has a predominantly Latina student body and is located in a neighborhood popular with immigrants from the Dominican Republic. The school shares a campus with sisters' convent and a shrine chapel, where the saint's body rests in a glass casket under the altar.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917) came to New York from Italy in 1889 to minister to fellow immigrants. She became a U.S. citizen in 1909. She opened convents, schools, orphanages and hospitals for the poor in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Louisiana, Colorado, California and Washington.

Canonized in 1946, she became



Senior Alexis Lee takes notes during a class at Mother Cabrini High School in the Washington Heights section of New York City April 1.

the first American citizen to be declared a saint.

To keep the school viable, the Missionary Sisters set benchmarks to meet by 2013, including achieving a balanced or surplus budget and undertaking efforts to enhance enrollment and development.

In 2011, the congregation gave the school funds for capital improvements, maintenance, repairs and consultants to help it become self-sustaining. According to a congregation statement, "Administration and staff worked to intensify marketing, increase enrollment and obtain alumnae support and other donations through improved fund development." The school added new course sequences, additional Advanced Placement programs and opportunities to earn college credits.

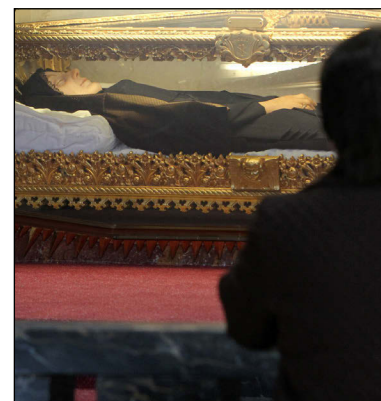
Board member and provincial treasurer Sister Diane Olmstead

declined to elaborate on the statement.

Bruce A. Segall, president of the school since August 2011, told CNS the school researched and implemented an international student exchange program to host an initial six Chinese students, who paid full tuition in advance. He went to China to recruit students. "There's a kinship with Mother Cabrini, because she always wanted to go to China as a missionary," he said.

Segall said when he was hired, two of the goals were to increase new enrollment from 70 students to 100 each year and raise annual "advancement income" to \$500,000. "We never reached that," he said, although both enrollment and development income were inching up. "In hindsight, not doing a major gift program or gala was a mistake," he said.

One of Segall's successful initia-



A woman prays April 1 before the body of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, which rests in a glass casket under the altar in the saint's shrine chapel in the Washington Heights section of New York City. The chapel adjoins Mother Cabrini High School, an all-girls' college preparatory school the saint founded in 1899.

tives was to lease an underutilized campus auditorium to an off-Broadway theater group and a Jewish congregation.

Ultimately, the school failed economically because of factors that included declining enrollment, withdrawal of federal grants and the growing cost of unfunded scholarships, tuition assistance, insurance and maintenance of an aging facility, Segall said in a statement co-signed by Paula Greco-McTigue, chairwoman of the board of trustees.

Segall said the Missionary Sisters retained the National Executive Service Corps to help with school closing details, including student placement for the approximately 200 current freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Joseph Gerics, associate superintendent for secondary education for the New York Archdiocese, said he solicited local Catholic high schools "to see which would provide a soft landing for the girls." Many agreed to accept Cabrini students in good standing and honor their current tuition agreements, he said.

More than one-third of the current students have been placed in other Catholic high schools, including some who will move as a cohort, Gerics said.

"Most of the students want to continue their education in Catholic high schools and our Catholic high schools have extended themselves to accommodate the students and make it financially possible," he said.

Gerics said Mother Cabrini has "funds available to assist students for the remainder of their high school years."

Swierk said the Cabrini Movement is "committed to securing placement for the remaining students and assisting with their transitions to new schools."

Despite sadness at the school's closing, she said Mother Cabrini was a special place for generations of young women. "It shaped the women we have become, teaching us to have a voice, stand up for what we believe in, to become leaders and learn our worth," Swierk said.



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