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## Pope Francis, with retired pope, canonizes Sts. John and John Paul

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA



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A large crowd is seen as Pope Francis celebrates the canonization Mass for Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 27.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Canonizing two recent popes in the presence of his immediate predecessor, Pope Francis praised the new Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II as men of courage and mercy, who responded to challenges of their time by modernizing the Catholic Church in fidelity to its ancient traditions.

"They were priests, bishops and popes of the 20th century," the pope said April 27, in his homily during Mass in St. Peter's Square. "They lived through the tragic events of that century, but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them, God was more powerful."

"John XXIII and John Paul cooperated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the Church in keeping with her original features, those features which the saints have given her throughout the centuries," he said.

Speaking before a crowd of half a million that included retired Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis praised St. John for his best-known accomplishment, calling the Second Vatican Council, which he said "showed an exquisite openness to the Holy Spirit."

"He let himself be led, and he was for the Church a pastor, a servant-leader," the pope said of St. John. "This was his great service to the Church. I like to think of him as the pope of openness to the Spirit."

Pope Francis characterized St. John Paul as the "pope of the family," a title he said the late pope himself had hoped to be remembered by. Pope Francis said he was sure St. John Paul was guiding the Church on its path to two upcoming synods of bishops on the family, to be held at the Vatican this October and in October 2015.

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## Women gather for prayer, reflection and Adoration

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — Approximately 70-80 women from St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart, St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol, St. Martin de Porres in Syracuse, St. Dominic in Bremen and St. John the Evangelist in Goshen gathered at St. John the Evangelist Sunday, April 27, for an evening of prayer, reflection and Adoration. St. John the Evangelist was one of three gatherings in the diocese that offered the reflection. St. Mary in Fort Wayne and St. Anthony de Padua in South Bend were the other two sites.

Darlene Leitz, director of religious education at St. John the Evangelist, and Claudia Diaz of Our Lady of Hungary in South Bend, spoke in English and Spanish

on the topic of "Leaving the Tomb." Both speakers mentioned the importance of action and the power of encouragement.

Leitz told the English speaking audience that whatever the tomb represents in their lives — deadend jobs, family issues, gossiping problems — once they leave it behind, "don't look in the rear-view mirror. Move forward to a new normal."

She said there are multiple ways to encourage someone such as praying for them, comforting them, spending time with them, sharing a meal and offering encouraging words. She gave an example of the power of encouragement by sharing the story of Iribar Hernandez, a fifth-grade student at St. Anthony in Harlingen, Texas. Hernandez was a quiet boy who didn't participate much

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## TWO POPES, TWO SAINTS AND LOTS OF ROSES



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Workers place flowers in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 26 in advance of the canonizations of Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II.

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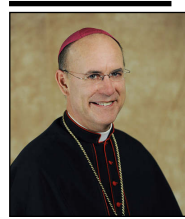
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# Heroes to the Jewish people



## IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

*The following is the talk given by Bishop Rhoades at the Annual Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust, the Yom Hashoah Service, at Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Fort Wayne, on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.*

It is an honor for me to be with you here this evening as we remember with great sorrow the Holocaust and as we honor with deep gratitude Danuta Renk-Mikulska. Shalom! Peace be to you and all the members of the Jewish community in Fort Wayne. I greet you with fraternal love.

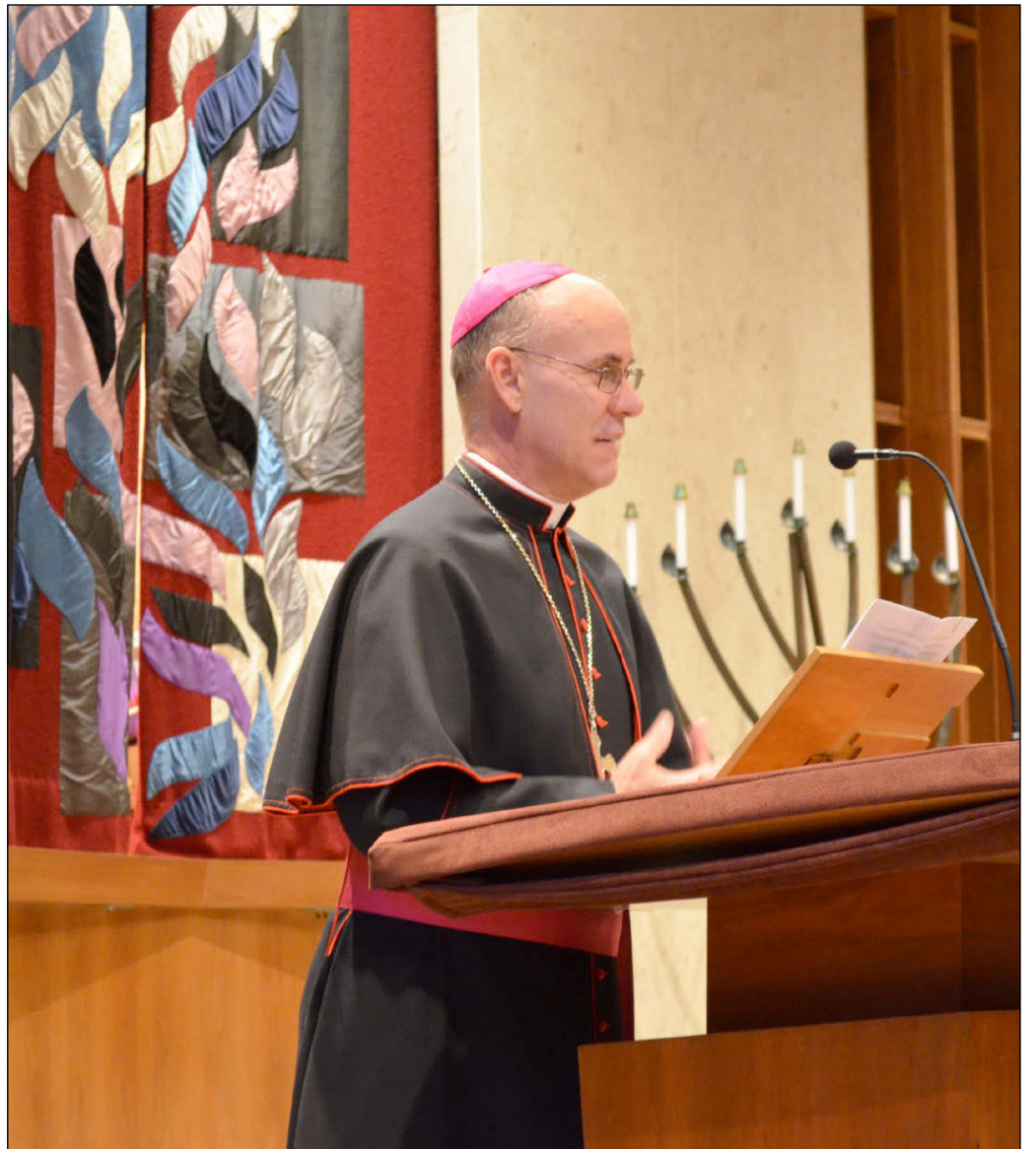
I must begin by mentioning the canonization yesterday of two holy popes, great friends of the Jewish people who did so much to build strong Catholic-Jewish relations.

Saint John XXIII, then Archbishop Roncalli, was apostolic nuncio in Turkey during the time of the Holocaust. He ran a network to issue forged visas and immigration and baptismal certificates that saved the lives of large numbers of Bulgarian, Hungarian, and other Jews. And, as Pope, John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council that ushered in amazing progress in Catholic-Jewish relations and condemned in no uncertain terms all forms of anti-Semitism.

We all know Saint John Paul II's affection for the Jewish people since the time he was a young boy. He always saw the bond between Jews and Catholics as sacred. He lived under Nazism in Poland and experienced personally the evil of anti-Semitism. In countries all over the world, he called on people to remember the Holocaust and, in particular, the people whose sons and daughters were intended for total extermination. We are doing so at this service this evening.

I'll never forget, when I was a graduate student in Rome, Pope John Paul II's visit to the synagogue of Rome. Again he expressed his abhorrence for the genocide against the Jewish people during World War II, which led to the holocaust of millions of innocent victims. Saint John Paul II taught all Catholics to look upon our Jewish brothers and sisters with esteem, affection, and appreciation as he always focused on our common spiritual heritage. How beautiful it was yesterday that many Jewish representatives attended the canonization Mass. A Jewish human rights group called John XXIII and John Paul II "heroes to the Jewish people."

This evening we honor another hero, someone who exemplifies the spirit of our new saints: Danuta Renk-Mikulska. She comes from the same land as our beloved John Paul II: Poland, a country devastated by the Nazi occupation. Years before the Second Vatican Council, Danuta and her family demonstrated a true concern and affection for their Jewish neighbors and risked their lives to assist them. I think



MARVIN GOTTLIEB



**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades spoke at the Annual Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and presented a statue of St. John Paul II to Danuta Renk-Mikulska, standing with her son, Jan Szubiak, in the photo above. Renk-Mikulska was honored at the Yom Hashoah Service at The Temple, Congregation Achduth Vesholom in Fort Wayne on April 28.**

of Danuta's courage at such a young age, bringing food to these Jewish neighbors in hiding. As you know, Danuta was recognized by Yad Vashem last year as a "Righteous Among the Nations." How fitting it is that we honor her this evening.

The horror and evil of the Holocaust can overwhelm the human spirit. People like Danuta, John XXIII, and John Paul

II teach us that evil does not have the last word. They teach us, as Saint Paul said, "to overcome evil with good." On behalf of everyone here this evening, I say to Danuta "thank you." Thank you for your courage and love. And I thank God for your courageous parents and family. May God bless you and may God bless our friends, the Jewish community of Fort Wayne!

## SAINTS

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The pope invoked the help of the two new papal saints for the synods' success, and he prayed, "May both of them teach us not to be scandalized by the wounds of Christ and to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of divine mercy, which always hopes and always forgives, because it always loves."

Pope Francis has said the agenda for the family synods will include Church teaching and practice on marriage, areas he has said exemplify a particular need for mercy in the Church today.

The pope repeatedly mentioned mercy in his homily, which he delivered on Divine Mercy Sunday, an observance St. John Paul put on the Church's universal calendar in 2000. The Polish pope died on the vigil of the feast in 2005 and was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2011.

In addition to Pope Benedict, making only his third public appearance since he resigned in February 2013, Pope Francis' concelebrants included some 150 cardinals and 700 bishops.

Pope Benedict did not join the procession of bishops at the start of Mass, but arrived half an hour earlier, wearing white vestments and a bishop's miter and walking with a cane; he sat in a section of the square designated for cardinals. Pope Francis greeted his predecessor with an embrace at the start of the Mass, drawing

applause from the crowd, and approached him again at the end.

During the canonization ceremony, which took place at the beginning of the Mass, devotees carried up relics of the new saints in matching silver reliquaries, which Pope Francis kissed before they were placed on a small table for veneration by the congregation.

St. John's relic was a piece of the late pope's skin, removed when his body was transferred to its present tomb in the main sanctuary of St. Peter's Basilica.

Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican woman whose recovery from a brain aneurysm was recognized by the Church as a miracle attributable to the intercession of St. John Paul, brought up a silver reliquary containing some of the saint's blood, taken from him for medical testing shortly before his death in 2005.

The Mass took place under cloudy skies with temperatures in the low 60s, and only a sprinkle of rain fell just before the 10 a.m. start of the liturgy. Huge tapestries bearing portraits of the two saints hung from the facade of the basilica, and the square was decorated with 30,000 roses and other flowers donated by the nation of Ecuador.

The square and the broad Via della Conciliazione leading up to it were tightly packed with approximately half a million pilgrims, many of whom had been standing for hours before the start of Mass. Among the many national flags on display, the majority were from Poland, the native land of St. John Paul.

The Vatican estimated that 800,000 attended the ceremony

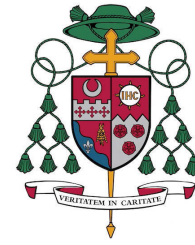
in Rome, with overflow crowds watching on giant-screen TVs set up at various locations around the city. The 2011 beatification of Pope John Paul drew more than 1 million people, according to Italian police estimates at the time.

The Vatican said 93 countries sent official delegations to the Mass, and more than 30 of the delegations were led by a president or prime minister. The current king and queen of Spain and the former king and queen of Belgium were in attendance.

Pope Francis spent half an hour personally greeting the delegations following the Mass. He then rode in his popemobile through the square and adjacent avenue, drawing cheers and applause from the crowds, for about 20 minutes until disappearing at the end of the street.

The canonizations of both popes came after extraordinary measures by their successors to expedite the process. Pope Benedict waived the usual five-year waiting period before the start of a sainthood cause for Pope John Paul shortly after his death, when he was mourned by crowds shouting "Santo subito!" ("A saint at once!"). In the case of St. John, Pope Francis waived the usual requirement of a second miracle before a blessed can be added to the Church's canon of saints.

**Contributing to this story** was Cindy Wooden at the Vatican.



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, May 4, 12:15 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Pius X Church, Granger
- Monday, May 5, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Bernard Church, Wabash
- Wednesday, May 7, 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of Priests' Retirement Board, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. — Education for Ministry Graduation Prayer Service, Archbishop Noll Catholic Center Good Shepherd Chapel, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. — Presbyterate Meeting, Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
- Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, Elkhart
- Friday, May 9, 5 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame

## 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.
- 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.

## WOMEN

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in class. One day his teacher, Sister Catherine, was teaching the class about Divine Mercy and asked the students to describe what she had talked to them about either in words or pictures. Iribar drew a beautiful depiction of Jesus' Divine Mercy in black and white. Everyone was awed by his talent and the picture was auctioned off. Lietz's son Matthew received the picture as a gift sometime later.

Lietz said, "This child bloomed after he drew that picture — proof of what encouragement does!"

The women at the reflection were then encouraged to break off into small groups to reflect and discuss the Scripture John 11: 1-45 — the story of Lazarus and Martha and Mary. Afterwards both groups of women joined together in the church for Adoration.

Some of the women shared their thoughts of the evening. Cathy McGonigal of St. Martin de Porres in Syracuse said she enjoyed the presentation and felt the speaker gave thought-provoking but concrete ideas. McGonigal also benefited from the small group discussions. She noted, "There's a lot of value in a smaller event. There's not



PHOTOS BY DENISE FEDOROW

**A group of women from St. John the Evangelist in Goshen share in a small group breakout discussion on the Scripture reading from John 11: 1-45 and the reflection questions. Clockwise from left are Rebecca Royal, Tena Jakubowicz, Darlene Leitz and Alice Wheeler.**

a lot of contact with our neighboring parishes so this gives us that opportunity."

Irene Hernandez and Guillermina Ortega of St. John the Evangelist attended the Spanish speaking presentation and both said they appreciated the whole event.

Hernandez said, "It was a good experience — getting to know other people and their thoughts and feelings."

Ortega said she found meaning in all the prayers. Currently she is involved in a catechism class in Mishawaka and is considering using

this workshop as her project for class.

Toni Keller and Leanne Miller — a mother and daughter from St. Dominic in Bremen — also enjoyed the evening. It was the first time Miller had been at a diocesan women's event. She said, "I think it offers the chance to really dig deep into what your struggles might be and how your faith plays a part." She also enjoyed the small group discussions and the different perspectives that were offered.

Her mother, Toni, had been to several such events and felt this



**Darlene Leitz, director of religious education at St. John the Evangelist, spoke to the women about moving forward in life and encouraging someone daily at the "Leaving the Tomb" event, a women's retreat offered at three churches in the diocese on April 27. Leitz shows a depiction of Divine Mercy drawn by a young Texas boy that was given to her son as a gift years ago as an example of the power of encouragement.**

was a different setup. "It gave the opportunity to talk with one another in depth."

Keller enjoyed the speaker and said, "I love Eucharistic Adoration."

Alicia Redinger of St. John the Evangelist thought Leitz did a great job speaking of encouraging each other in faith — even if they may not be immediately encouraged, a seed is being planted.

Susan Schartzter of St. John's felt the event was "just right." She liked the convenience of having the event at her own parish. She appreciated Leitz's talk, the Lazarus reading and

small group discussions.

She said having Eucharistic Adoration with women of all ages from different parishes and different ethnicities "was very powerful for me."

Father Anthony Steinacker, pastor of St. John the Evangelist, thanked the women who planned the event and all the attendees. He said he was honored to host the event on such a special evening as Divine Mercy Sunday and the celebration of two popes elevated to sainthood.

# Notre Dame panel discusses HHS mandate

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The federal government's mandate forcing employers to provide insurance coverage for contraceptive and abortifacient drugs was the subject of a panel discussion here on April 15 that drew a sizable audience of University of Notre Dame students. Panelists covered the topic, including the status of Notre Dame's legal challenge of the mandate, the Church's teaching on contraception, and the health and social problems created by contraception and abortion.

Law Professor Gerard Bradley, an expert on constitutional law, explained that religious liberty is at stake in the various lawsuits that challenge the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate, as well as the nation-wide impetus toward same-sex marriage.

Bradley said that court decisions and legislative actions over the next five years on those topics will "map out the world of religion in public and private life." This mapping will determine whether religious people will be required to refrain from manifesting and acting on their beliefs in business and the public square, he said.

Bradley explained that religious plaintiffs have filed 20 lawsuits against the HHS mandate, and 19 of those lawsuits (most of which have multiple plaintiffs) have resulted in injunctions that gave the plaintiffs relief from compliance.

The only religious plaintiff not receiving an injunction is the University of Notre Dame, he said. Thus, the university is complying "under protest" and has sought a rehearing from the entire nine-member 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. The first appeals court hearing was before just a three-judge panel, who voted 2-1 to uphold a lower court's denial of an injunction. Bradley said that Notre Dame has at least a 50-50 chance of obtaining an injunction from the full Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Hobby Lobby case, now being considered by the Supreme Court with a decision expected in June, will shed some light on the Notre Dame case, Bradley said, but is not the same because Hobby Lobby is a for-profit corporate entity. It is also possible that one or more of the religious plaintiffs' cases — such as the Little Sisters of the Poor as the lead case — may go to the Supreme Court and be decided in 2015, Bradley said, and this would more directly impact Notre Dame.

If all legal avenues eventually fail, Bradley said that one possibility would be for the large number of aggrieved religious parties — which includes dioceses, hos-

pitals, colleges, religious orders and non-Catholic entities — to band together to resist compliance and refuse to pay the onerous fines for noncompliance.

Carter Snead, a Notre Dame law professor who is also director of the university's Center for Ethics and Culture, which sponsored the panel discussion, was panel moderator and added that even if the religious plaintiffs lose in the Supreme Court in 2015, a president who did not want to impose the mandate on the country could simply undo it.

Panelist Jessica Keating, director of Notre Dame's University Life Initiatives and coordinator of the Human Dignity Project, said that the way birth control is marketed is a challenge for the Church. She showed a video ad for a contraceptive that focused on consumerism, autonomy and choice, treating the idea of pregnancy as a burden that interferes with a woman's life plans and desires. This attitude treats the child as a commodity, putting persons on an equal value with things, she said.

Such an attitude weakens the ability to encounter the other person and is foreign to the Christian concept of a baby as a gift received through self-giving love between spouses, she said. And this self-giving love is exemplified in Jesus:

"The very vision of the self-giving love of Christ grounds the Church's teaching on birth control and human relationship," she said.

Jeanette Burdell, program director for Saint Joseph County Right to Life and a former crisis pregnancy counselor for the Women's Care Center, spoke about the damage contraceptives do to a woman. This damage makes her more susceptible to various cancers, blood clots and disorders of the reproductive system, as well as infertility. Contraceptives also alter the sex attraction hormones that affect one's choice of a mate and make a woman more susceptible to sexually transmitted diseases, she said. And abortifacient drugs increase these risks even more.

All of these risks are borne by women, not men, Burdell noted,

yet mainstream society does not question this practice, and pharmacy companies market contraceptives and doctors prescribe them "like water" because they seem better than pregnancy.

"So, where is the real war on women coming from?" she asked rhetorically.

What is really concerning, she continued, is the "rampant acceptability" of these drugs that are being less regulated and monitored, with even young teens being able to access some of the drugs without medical or parental supervision. This is "health harm, not health care," she continued, and she predicted an "epidemic" of health problems resulting from ingesting these drugs.

Burdell said that her experience tells her that contraception leads to an abortion mentality, for contraception rejects the outcome of the sexual act. She spoke of women she counseled who had gotten pregnant while using birth control, so they felt justified having an abortion because they had been "responsible" about avoiding pregnancy.

Notre Dame junior Erin Stoyell-Mulholland, who is president of Notre Dame Right to Life, was the fourth speaker. She said that the HHS mandate sends a message that fertility is something that needs to be fixed and that to be successful, women must reject part of who they are — their fertility — in order to level the playing field with men.

The Catholic Church has a "more natural and pro-woman view than society," she said, a view that women and men are equal but different, and that the potential for motherhood is an "incredible" gift. The Church upholds and cherishes the dignity of women, she said, and it endorses Natural Family Planning as a system for each woman to understand her own body and thus avoid or achieve pregnancy through that understanding.

True success does not mean that a woman must leave her fertility at door, Stoyell-Mulholland said, adding that equality would mean helping those who choose to parent, not just taking the easy way out by providing free contraceptives.

"The government claims to speak for women," she said, "but they do not speak for me. I am a Notre Dame woman, and I support the university's case against the HHS mandate."



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# Long-time volunteer memorialized as Bishop Rhoades dedicates Women's Care Center

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — The late Bev McArdle was honored and remembered during the dedication ceremony April 24 at the new Women's Care Center at 419 E. Wayne St. in downtown Fort Wayne. The lovely older home was crowded with administrative staff, employees, volunteers, board members and friends of the center for the event.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was on hand to dedicate the new facility that replaces one on Webster Street purchased by the city as part of a large redevelopment project.

"Bless and sanctify this place," Bishop Rhoades began. He noted that it is especially appropriate that this dedication occur during Easter week when the Church is celebrating the victory of life.

He called the Women's Care Center a witness to life. The Gospel of Life, the Gospel of Love and the Gospel of Mercy are all in evidence here, he noted. "Today we ask God's blessing on this home."

Executive Director Bobby Williams reflected on the 10 years of Women's Care Centers' work in the community under the able leadership of Anne Koehl. "And thanks to all of you who love and support us," more than 18,000 women have been served, he said.

He credited the generosity of the Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation for the donation of the newest Wayne Street facility.

Director Koehl reflected on her friend Bev McArdle's work at the center and contribution to the Crib Club, which is an onsite infant and children's store stocked and staffed by members of the Christ Child Society.

"While all the Christ Child members have been wonderful, Bev had such a unique way of quietly working behind the scenes. ... She was such a faithful servant, always putting the needs of our struggling young moms ahead of anything else. She gave of herself so freely and cheerfully," Koehl said. "Bev was such a wonderful role model for all of us. ..."

Christ Child Society president Ann Arnold, in an email, recalled McArdle as "the embodiment of a true servant, giving of herself in



PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

The Women's Care Center serving the downtown Fort Wayne and the surrounding area is now located to 419 E. Wayne St. Anne Koehl, director of the Women's Care Center, second from right and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, third from right, pose with Donald McArdle, husband of Bev McArdle, and family members. A special plaque in memory of Bev McArdle, an active Women's Care Center advocate, will hang in the Christ Child sponsored Crib Club in the new location.

very simple ways"... and "an inspiration to all of us."

A plaque commemorating her has been placed in the Crib Club room there.

Koehl also offered a brief history of Women's Care Centers in Fort Wayne. The first center opened in January of 2004 on Webster Street, next door to the local abortion clinic, in a lovely, totally refurbished home donated by John Popp, she said. Its location contributed to its success, as many women entered thinking they were in the abortion clinic and received, instead, a life-affirming message of hope.

In 2006 a second care center opened on Inwood Avenue and in 2009 a third center opened on West

Coliseum Boulevard in a "wonderful, very visible location," which has made it the most highly visited site in Fort Wayne.

Now the 419 E. Wayne St. location will allow us to "grow in numbers and in hope," she said happily.

On Monday, May 19, the Tippmann-McArdle Women's Care Center Golf Classic fundraiser will be held in Fort Wayne. "This is a wonderful opportunity to support the good works of the Women's Care Center and its vital mission to love and support the women and children of Fort Wayne," says its invitational letter. For further information, contact any center or Executive Director Bobby Williams at 574-274-0313.

# RELICS OF NEW SAINTS PROMINENT AT CANONIZATION MASS



CNS PHOTOS BY PAUL HARING

Pope Francis kisses the relic of St. John XXIII presented by Father Ezio Bolis, director of the Pope John XXIII Foundation, during the canonization Mass for Sts. John and John Paul II in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 27.



Pope Francis hands the relic of St. John Paul II to Floribeth Mora Diaz, accompanied by her husband Edwin, during the canonization Mass for Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 27. Mora Diaz's cure from an aneurysm in 2011 was the second miracle in the sainthood cause of St. John Paul.

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## Teaching morality contributes to better family, civic life, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Catholic bishops and priests, “always with great compassion,” must continue to teach men and women how to live moral lives according to the Gospel, Pope Francis told bishops from southern Africa. Declining birth rates, abortion, leaving the Catholic Church for “other groups who seem to promise something better,” divorce and “violence against women and children” all “threaten the sanctity of marriage, the stability of life in the home and consequently the life of society as a whole,” the pope said in a message to the bishops. Meeting the bishops from South Africa, Botswana and Swaziland April 25, Pope Francis praised the missionaries who brought the Gospel to southern Africa and the bishops, priests, religious and laypeople who keep it alive in “flourishing parishes, thriving often against very great odds.” In countries where most people “can identify at once with Jesus who was poor and marginalized,” the pope said, Catholics provide loving service to “God’s most vulnerable sons and daughters: widows, single mothers, the divorced, children at risk and especially the several million AIDS orphans, many of whom head households in rural areas.” Meeting each of the bishops, who were in Rome for their “ad limina” visits to report on the status of their dioceses, Pope Francis said common pastoral challenges were mentioned.

## Federal court orders preliminary relief from HHS mandate for FOCUS

DENVER (CNS) — The U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado issued an order April 23 granting a preliminary injunction on enforcement of the federal contraceptive mandate against the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. In its lawsuit, filed with the court in December, FOCUS argued that being required to provide coverage it morally opposes violates its freedom of religion under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which allows for religious exceptions to general laws in certain circumstances. The 400-employee organization also cited the Fifth Amendment, which protects “against abuse of government authority” and the Administrative Procedure Act, a federal statute that governs the way the government’s administrative agencies may propose and establish regulations. “Faith-based organizations should be free to operate according to the faith they espouse and live out on a daily basis,” said Michael J. Norton, a lawyer who represented FOCUS in the suit. “If the administration can punish Christian ministries simply because they want to abide by their faith, there is no limit to what other freedoms it can take away,” he said in a statement. “The court was right to block enforcement of this unconstitutional mandate against FOCUS.” Norton is senior counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom, whose lawyers are representing Catholic and other

## PERSONAL SECRETARY TO BLESSED JOHN XXIII SPEAKS VIA VIDEO LINK TO PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE CANONIZATION



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Cardinal Loris Capovilla, who served as personal secretary to Blessed John XXIII, speaks via video link to an April 25 Vatican press conference in advance of the canonization of Blesseds John and John Paul II. Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, former personal secretary to Pope John Paul II, listens at right.

religious organizations who have filed suit against the mandate.

## Vatican: Pope didn't change Church teaching in call to Argentine woman

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Reports that Pope Francis told an Argentine woman civilly married to a divorced man that she can receive Communion “cannot be confirmed as reliable,” said Jesuit Father Federico, the Vatican spokesman. Julio Sabetta, 50, wrote on his Facebook page that Pope Francis phoned his wife, Jacqueline Lisbona, April 20 at their home in Argentina, identifying himself as “Father Bergoglio.” He said he was calling in regard to a letter she had written him last September about not being able to receive Communion because Sabetta was divorced. Media in Argentina, Italy, England and then all over the world picked up the story based on Sabetta’s claim that his wife told him Pope Francis told her she could receive Communion, although her parish priest had told her that was not possible unless Sabetta received an annulment and the two married in the Church. Basilian Father Thomas Rosica, who is serving as an assistant to Father Lombardi, told reporters April 23 that Pope Francis had phoned Lisbona, but said the content of the conversation was private.

## Magazine says California birth considered as miracle for Pope Paul VI

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Paul VI, who led the Church between the pontificates of Blesseds John XXIII and John Paul II, may be beatified in October, an Italian Catholic magazine reported. *Credere*, a magazine run by the Pauline Fathers, reported April 24 that the alleged miracle needed for Pope Paul’s beatification would be considered by the cardinal members of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes May 5. The cardinals’ recommendation would be given to Pope Francis, who could order the publication of a decree recognizing the healing as a miracle. The Italian magazine said the beatification Mass likely would be celebrated in October, probably Oct. 19, the final day of the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family. The miracle being considered involves the birth of a baby in California in the 1990s, although to protect the family’s privacy, the child’s name and city have not been released. *Credere* said the mother’s pregnancy was at risk, and with it the life and health of the baby. Doctors advised her to terminate the pregnancy, but instead she sought prayers from an Italian nun who was a family friend. Praying, the nun placed on the woman’s belly a holy card with Pope Paul’s photograph and a piece of his vestment.

## Benedict says predecessor's faith, courage were signs of holiness

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Blessed John Paul II’s deep spirituality and his courage to uphold the truth were clear signs of his sainthood, said his successor, retired Pope Benedict XVI. “John Paul II never asked for applause, he never looked around, worried about how his decisions would be received. He acted according to his faith and his convictions, and he was also ready to take the blows,” the retired pope said in a book-length collection of interviews. Pope Benedict’s comments were part of the book, “Alongside John Paul II: Friends and Collaborators Tell Their Story,” a compilation of 22 interviews conducted by Polish journalist Włodzimierz Redzioch. The recently released book was initially available only in Italian and Spanish. In a written response to the author’s questions, Pope Benedict explained his long relationship with the Polish pope, which began with their first meeting as cardinals during the conclave that elected Pope John Paul I in August 1978. “From the very start, I felt great reverence and a cordial fondness” for the then-archbishop of Krakow, who “outstandingly analyzed the nature of Marxism” for the cardinals in the pre-conclave meetings. “Most of all I immediately felt struck by the personal charm that he

exuded, and I noticed from the way he prayed how profoundly united he was to God.”

## Top official says Vatican doesn't fear political use of Holy Land trip

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Despite the risk that Pope Francis’ upcoming trip to the Holy Land may be politicized, people shouldn’t fear any distorted readings or manipulation of the journey, which is a gesture of peace, said the Vatican secretary of state. “If the pope’s trip could be another important building block in constructing peace, it would be worthwhile going to that martyred region,” Cardinal Pietro Parolin said. The cardinal made his comments in an interview published in a new book in Italian, “Popes of Peace,” on the peacemaking role of the pontiffs, especially the soon-to-be Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II. The Vatican newspaper, *L’Osservatore Romano*, reprinted the cardinal’s remarks in its April 23 edition. Cardinal Parolin told the book’s authors that “every pope who has gone to the Holy Land has done so as ‘a pilgrim of peace,’ and it can’t be any other way.” Pope Francis is scheduled to visit Jordan, the West Bank and Israel May 24-26. “Clearly the trip will be interpreted in a political light, too, and there will be those who will want to exploit it for their own agenda,” the cardinal said.

## Deportation order seen as justice ‘finally’ served for atrocities

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (CNS) — A deportation order for El Salvador’s former defense minister who lives in Florida but presided over an era of atrocities and torture in his own country underscores a new era of U.S. foreign policy, according to one of the lead attorneys who sued the official, retired Gen. Jose Guillermo Garcia, in U.S. District Court in 2002. In late February of this year, the U.S. departments of Justice and Homeland Security concluded “removal proceedings,” ordering Garcia’s deportation on the grounds that he fostered an atmosphere in impunity during the bloody civil war in El Salvador from roughly 1979 to 1992. More than 75,000 Salvadoran civilians, clergy and missionaries were killed during that era, including Archbishop Oscar Romero and four U.S. churchwomen. Garcia has been retired in Florida since 1989. “This is something that the U.S. government has only begun doing in the last 10 years against known human rights violators,” said West Palm Beach attorney James Green, who was not involved in the deportation proceedings but was a co-lead council that won a monetary award from Garcia and Gen. Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova on behalf of several survivors of the Salvadoran civil war. A 66-page decision from Judge Michael C. Horn of Immigration Court in Miami and made public in April states that Garcia, as defense minister, was essentially the most powerful position in El Salvador at that time, and Garcia “assisted or otherwise participated” in numerous atrocities during the war.

## Friends of St. Adalbert School plan Mass, dinner

SOUTH BEND — The third annual Friends of St. Adalbert School Mass and Potluck Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 17, at St. Adalbert Church and Heritage Hall. All alumni, school families, parishioners of St. Adalbert and St. Casimir and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend 5 p.m. Mass with dinner following in the school hall.

The bilingual Mass will feature members of the school community as well as the school choir. Greeters will be on hand to welcome and assist those attending. Last year over 150 people gathered to renew friendships and celebrate the history and accomplishments of St. Adalbert Catholic School.

After dinner the evening will continue with entertainment, door prizes and recognition of three special friends of the school. These include Sra. Modesta Alarcón the director of the parish's Spanish children's choir, Steve Sniadecki, the volunteer coach of the boys' basketball team — often called "the little team that could," and a 1971 alumnus of the school whose faithful involvement has supported families and academic programs throughout the years.

Dinner attendees are asked to bring a dish to share — a side dish, salad, main dish or dessert. Food may be dropped off in the school hall prior to the Mass. For more information contact Linda Cornett at 260-637-6329 or SaintAdalbertAlumni@gmail.com.

## USF students earn cash prizes in annual business plan competition

FORT WAYNE — A trio of University of Saint Francis business students earned \$2,000 for their winning business plan as part of the annual Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership Business Plan Competition April 17 at the North Campus.

Senior accounting major Cassandra Loshe, senior business administration major Katherine Nix and sophomore business administration major Haley Roehm shared first-place honors for their business plan, "Fall Ball Series."

They designed "Fall Ball" as a charity event to financially and socially benefit Turnstone Inc., a Fort Wayne provider of services for people with disabilities, while providing economic impact for Fort Wayne. "Fall Ball" would provide a fun-filled, family atmosphere to financially benefit Turnstone through quality baseball, food, entertainment and activities in a welcoming and happy culture.

The second-place team of freshman business administration majors Nicole Norton and David Hamel shared \$1,000 to develop "Breast Friends," a tool for men and women suffering from breast

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## RESPECT LIFE PRAYER DINNER CELEBRATES LIFE



TOM UEBBING

The Saint Joseph County Right To Life gathered with religious and clergy from the area for an Evening of Prayer for Life on April 8 at the Kroc Corps Community Center Chapel. The evening provided an opportunity for the community to pray for life issues and especially for an end to abortion. Holy Cross Father Bill Dailey, from the University of Notre Dame Law School, and Franciscan Sister Agnes Marie Regan were among the Catholic representatives who offered remarks and a prayer. Shown, from left, are Sister Agnes Marie, Sister Ann Bernadette, Sister Raphael Kochert and Sister Jacqueline Oranye. At the dinner, the Saint Joseph County Right to Life Youth Essay Contest winners were recognized. They include Austin Lee and Mara Nolan, both of Corpus Christi School, South Bend, and Madeline Garcia and Eion Lyon.

cancer. The business would pair patients and survivors to help sufferers though the treatment process, helping them to also become survivors. Students cited a Kaiser Permanente study of 2,264 women diagnosed with early stage invasive breast cancer, which found socially isolated women were 34 percent more likely to die from breast cancer than women with close social ties.

Junior liberal studies major Molly Pyle earned third place and \$500 for THRIVE, in which leaders serve as a team of holistic healthcare professionals. The team would provide chiropractic therapy, primary care by a naturopathic physician and integrated medical doctor, music therapy, acupuncture, meditation, yoga, massage therapy, herbal supplements, nutritional education, exercise education, organic foods and essential oil therapies and products.

The students will use the winnings as seed money to develop their business ideas. Awards were made on the basis of a plan's feasibility, ease of implementation and focus on the university's Franciscan values.

## Saint Mary's College to dedicate the Leighton Speech and Language Clinic, announces graduate program

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College celebrated the establishment of the Judd Leighton Speech and Language Clinic with a dedication and blessing of the space April 23 in Carroll Auditorium, Madeleva Hall.

At the dedication, the college announced the new Master of Science in speech pathology. Earlier this month the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) approved the graduate program. Pending accreditation from the Council on Academic Accreditation in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, the program will begin in the fall of 2015. It will be the only such graduate program offered in northern Indiana and the second proposed graduate program that Saint Mary's College has announced within the past few months. The college hasn't offered master's programs since the 1960s.

Both the clinic and the implementation of the master's program are thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Judd Leighton Foundation, Inc.

"This is a day of great celebration at Saint Mary's College," said Carol Ann Mooney, Saint Mary's College president. "In the spirit of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and their mission to reflect on the signs of the times, discern needs and respond to those needs, the master of science in speech pathology and the Judd Leighton Speech and Language Clinic are our response to a regionally unmet demand. We are very grateful to the foundation for this generous gift."

Judd Leighton was a friend to Saint Mary's College. The Leighton name graces the Cushwa-Leighton Library and he and his wife Mary Lou Morris Leighton established an endowed chair in music. The couple focused most of their philanthropic efforts in and around St. Joseph County. The Judd Leighton Foundation, established in his memory, is an independent, private grant-making foundation, which focuses on three primary areas — health, education and economic development.

"The foundation is so pleased to be able to continue this long-standing partnership with Saint Mary's," said Jim Keenan, foundation president. "We are also excited by the learning opportunities that this new graduate program brings to the college and its students and we are delighted that our community will have access to these important services."

Those interested in the services provided at The Judd Leighton Speech and Language Clinic may contact Janet Lovett, director of clinical education, at jlovett@saintmarys.edu or call 574-284-5210.

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER BENEFITS WOMEN'S CARE CENTER



HEATHER COYNE

Holy Cross Father Michael Belinsky blesses baby items donated by Christ the King religious education students and their families during the prayer service at the Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower held at the church recently. All donations benefited the Women's Care Center, which was founded in South Bend in 1994, and has grown to serve 25,000 women annually from 22 centers in seven states.

## BISHOP RHOADES ORDAINS TWO HOLY CROSS PRIESTS



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Newly ordained Holy Cross priests Father Adam Booth, left, and Father Patrick Reidy, right, are shown with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades inside the Basilica of the Sacred Heart after their Ordination Mass on Saturday, April 26. Bishop Rhoades, in his homily described how the new priests would preach Jesus Christ as Lord. "They will evangelize and catechize, baptize and forgive, counsel and advise, anoint the sick and serve the poor," Bishop Rhoades said. "In a word, they will continue the saving mission of Jesus. They will be His ambassadors. They will share in His priesthood. They will celebrate His life-giving actions in the sacraments, acting in Christ's person. In the most amazing of all the sacraments, through their hands, the Lord Jesus will become present on the altar in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist."



Newly ordained Holy Cross priests Father Adam Booth, left, and Father Patrick Reidy, right, leave the Basilica of the Sacred Heart after their Ordination Mass on Saturday, April 26. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades conferred the sacrament of Holy Orders on the two and celebrated the Mass. Father Booth will continue to serve at Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parish in South Bend, while Father Reidy will continue to serve in Campus Ministry and as rector of Keough Hall at the University of Notre Dame.

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# Adoption — a priceless journey

BY KAY COZAD

**B**rad and Meredith Boyles' dream of starting a family finally came true last year with the birth of their daughter Colette. The tiny red-haired bundle, who has brought them indescribable joy, was a gift — literally. Colette was placed with the Boyles through adoption services at Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities has provided a wide spectrum of life-changing services for every stage of life in 14 counties of northeast Indiana since 1922. Of the programs this nonprofit service organization provides, adoption and adoption-related services range from agency infant placement, and finalization services to counseling for adoption-related issues and adoption case-management services.

The Boyles were married in 2006, and began building their careers, Brad in communications and later youth ministry, Meredith in nursing, and, of course, their family. Both have always wanted children. Unfortunately after several years they found themselves realizing infertility issues. After much discernment the couple opted for adoption.

It was a natural decision for Meredith as her dream has always been to raise both biological and adopted children.

"I had a friend from South Korea growing up who was adopted. She inspired me," says Meredith.

Though Brad understood his young wife's desire he had different thoughts.

"She's always wanted to adopt," he says, noting that a common cultural view he's found holds that adoption is a second best option for having children, "but it was a heart change for me. It was about me working on my selfishness."

By meeting with other adoptive dads, Brad was reminded that God embraced him as an adopted son. "Why wouldn't I be enthusiastic about adopting into my family then?" remarks Brad, adding, "God changed my heart and showed us what He had for us."

As soon as the hopeful young couple agreed that adoption was their best option



KAY COZAD

**Brad and Meredith Boyles pose with their daughter Colette, who turned one year in March.**

to start their long-awaited family, Meredith set to work investigating adoption agencies in the area.

Factors the Boyles considered were number of children placed by each agency, cost and staff compatibility. After discussing the pros and cons of each agency the Boyles concluded that Catholic Charities would best meet their needs.

"It was the way Tosha (Gearhart, Family Services supervisor of Catholic Charities) made us feel — very personal, less business-like. We felt she was looking out for our needs," says Brad. Meredith agrees, "We have no complaints about Catholic Charities. The process went so smooth. Every person we dealt with was so helpful, loving and encouraging."

Following their initial consultation the Boyles were sent home with a stack of paperwork with a completion request of three months. The couple agrees now that the paperwork was a bit overwhelming at the time, especially in light of the 18 other anxious couples ahead of them on the placement list and the number of birth mothers at the time at zero.

"We had to really trust and have faith in God's timing," says Brad, noting that even with the numbers their adoption process

spanned only seven months until the birth. "It was a miracle really," he says.

"There is a richness to all the pieces that came together in order for this to happen," adds Meredith.

"The journey we've been on is priceless," says Brad passionately. "We've recommended Catholic Charities to two different couples."

From the time they were chosen for placement, Meredith became ever closer to the birth mother, escorting her to prenatal doctor's appointments and other events. She was able to be with the birth mother in the delivery room when Colette was born, after which she and the baby were directed to another room where Brad waited anxiously to meet his new daughter.

The agreement between the parties in this adoption has been semi-open, which has Gearhart as mediator. The Boyles agreed to send pictures and letters about the baby to the birth mother every three months. In the year since Colette's adoption her birth mother has met with her once and all went well.

Meredith says of Colette's birth mother, "The other incredible part of this journey is that I saw from a (young woman) unconditional love. She loved her (Colette) so much that she knew this was what was best."

It took months, admits Brad, for it to sink in that Colette belonged to his family. "The first six weeks were pretty overwhelming, but at the same time it was amazing to have this miracle child," says the new daddy. "I don't even see her as adopted. She's just my daughter."

As they raise their miracle child, the Boyles have agreed on parenting style and direction, seeking a "balance of grace and discipline."

Brad says, "I want her to have her identity in being a child of God, a gift, precious. She doesn't need more than that."

Advice to anyone considering adoption? The Boyles offer passionately, "You have no idea of the richness of the journey that's before you and the way you'll be changed and transformed through the process."

**For more information** about adoption contact Tosha Gearhart in Fort Wayne at 260-422-5625, ext. 258, or email [tgearhart@ccfwsb.org](mailto:tgearhart@ccfwsb.org). In South Bend contact Barbara Burlingham at 574-234-3111, ext. 31, or email [bburlingham@ccfwsb.org](mailto:bburlingham@ccfwsb.org).

## Pregnancy and adoption services at Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend offers comprehensive pregnancy services that includes education and support for women facing an unplanned pregnancy, as well as adoption plan assistance. Gloria Whitcraft, new

executive director of Catholic Charities, says, "Our pregnancy services department is a pro-life ministry for pregnant women, and their spouses or father of the baby — if the pregnant woman so chooses to include him. We strive to provide a safe, compassionate, confidential, competent environment in which women can receive education and support as they are making a deci-

sion regarding their pregnancy."

Though the staff is fully aware that the decision to parent or place a child belongs to the mother (and father), Whitcraft says, "...We believe that making a decision of this magnitude should be an informed choice, and we value the opportunity to provide women with pro-life options, education and information. Additionally, if a woman is

considering adoption but is not receiving support from family, friends or the general community, we will offer her that support throughout her pregnancy until she has made her final decision. She will receive no pressure from us to place her child for adoption."

If adoption is chosen Catholic Charities is fully qualified to assist with the adoption plan,

including accepting consents to the adoption, providing the home-study for the adoptive couple, facilitating open, semi-open or closed adoptions and meetings between birth parents and adoptive parents before and after the adoption, if that is the choice they make, and supervising the infant's placement, post-adoption.

# Catholic Charities adoption program provides hope for families

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — With the ongoing battle against abortion and the culture of death currently being waged in the U.S, Catholic Charities stands out as a beacon of hope for those who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy situation. The services the non-profit service organization provides for women help to lighten the burden in the decision making process for adoption or parenting.

Tosha Gearhart, Family Services supervisor of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, is the Fort Wayne representative for adoption services. Barbara Burlingham serves the South Bend area in this capacity.

These women work directly with women who face the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy.

Gearhart says, "When a woman finds out she is pregnant and is

unsure of her options, or unsure of what to do, we are here to meet with her and discuss options of parenting and/or adoption. We provide pregnancy counseling on both options. Just because a birth mother comes to us, does not mean that she has to, or always chooses to place her child for adoption. We work with them to help them make the best decision for themselves and their child and support either decision."

If a birth mother chooses adoption, Catholic Charities provides her with profile books of families who have been approved through the agency and are waiting for placement. She then chooses the family she would like to meet and place with.

"A big part of the counseling on adoption involves discussing the different levels of openness and what kind of relationship, contact, etc. that birth mother would like once the placement happens,"



notes Gearhart.

Open adoption offers direct contact between parties, with support as needed from Gearhart. A semi-open adoption chosen by the birth mother and adoptive family has Gearhart as mediator between parties, and in a closed adoption, there is no ongoing contact between parties.

Gearhart reports that post-placement counseling-support is an important part of Catholic

Charities adoption services and she notes that each case is very personal for her.

"Each relationship with the birth mothers I have worked with is different. I have met them all at different stages of their pregnancy, and some after delivery. But regardless of the time I have had to get to know them, and work with them, they are all very special to me. I have had the opportunity to be present at a delivery, be

the first person to hold the baby, and to spend time (two days) with birth mothers in the hospital after their delivery. I have even transported a birth mother home from the hospital before. There is nothing that I won't do for the birth mothers I work with. They need someone to be there for them and to provide them with support in their life changing decision, and I am honored to be that person," she says.

In addition to counseling, other services Catholic Charities offers include pregnancy planning, parent education and referrals to community resources.

One birth mother Gearhart has worked with recently shares her thoughts on her decision and the services she found helpful offered by Catholic Charities. She was provided with brochures from Catholic Charities during her visit to the Women's Care Center and subsequently met with Gearhart.

"From the beginning, Tosha made me feel comfortable and she helped make the process easier. What I liked the most was that she offered to still see me after the placement and she still does, a year later," says the birth mom.

Having Gearhart to talk with throughout her pregnancy was just the support she needed. "She has went above and beyond for me from the beginning. ... She was even at the hospital during my labor and every day after. She has been there for me more than anyone else," she says, adding that post-placement counseling, support services provided by Catholic Charities has been remarkable.

"Tosha continues to meet with me, check in on me and spends time with me. Even if we don't talk about the adoption, she cares about me and how I am doing. She has helped me get through this process by giving me ongoing support," says the birth mother.

The birth mother believes passionately that adoption is a viable option for anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. In her case the adoptive family is open about who their child's birth mother is and why she made the decision to adopt. She says, "Even though it was a really hard decision to make, in the end, it was the best decision. I get to see my child have the life that I knew I couldn't give her. I can see her grow up happy and healthy with people who deserve her the most."

Gearhart agrees wholeheartedly, adding, "The love that is shared for the child by both parties, the birth mother and the adoptive couple, is incredible in adoption. The love that the birth mother has for the child to make such a selfless act and the love that the adoptive couple has for a child that they did not give birth to is amazing — plus, the love that the birth mother and the adoptive couple have for one another. To be brought together by such a life-changing decision."

**Tosha Gearhart** of Catholic Charities contributed to this story.



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## The 'bite' of sarcasm

Did you really just say, 'Yeah right'?

Sarcasm comes from the Greek word "sarkasmos," which means, "to tear flesh" or "strip the skin." No doubt sarcasm can be caustic. To be sarcastic is to comment one thing but mean another, in a pithy, derisive, acerbic or taunting way. Sarcasm by nature is insincere.

It is pouring rain on the first day of your vacation. "This is just wonderful!" you exclaim to your wife and kids as you pull back the curtains in the living room.

An office worker jams the copier. "Well, aren't you smart?" her coworker mumbles under her breath.

A girl is annoyed at her sister, who is eating chips noisily. "Why don't you chew a little louder?" she says, rolling her eyes.

"I was worried. You're late!" a nervous wife exclaims to her husband. He retorts, "Yes dear, you know I was out drinking and carousing and carrying on. Geez,

what do you think I was doing? I was at work!"

The intention of sarcasm is to diffuse, amuse or wound. It sometimes does the former two, and commonly does the latter.

People often think they are being funny when they are being sarcastic. While frequently sarcasm elicits a chuckle, many times it is no laughing matter. Sarcasm is considered by psychologists to be a form of passive aggressive behavior. Hostile feelings are draped in irony, thus giving the speaker an excuse behind which to hide angry thoughts. Sarcasm might let off steam but it can be biting, and mean.

If you address a sarcastic person, he may say, "I was just kidding" or "What's wrong, can't you take a joke?" thus cruelly twisting the fault on you, the listener, rather than the speaker taking responsibility for his own words. This might leave you speechless, feeling blamed for "taking something personally" or doubting the intention of the other.



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### EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Television programs and movies are rife with examples of sarcasm. High school halls are filled with young people trying it out on others. The problem is when the adults laugh along, or get into the habit themselves for a cheap giggle or jab. Sarcasm befuddles conversations and introduces uncertainty into situations. "Did she really mean that or not?" We're not sure. Sarcasm inflicts hurt on others.

Speaking sarcastically when there are children present also sets

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## Lord's presence is in Sacrament and Word



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 3rd Sunday of Easter Lk 24:13-35

Again, as is usual for weekends of the Easter season, the Acts of the Apostles provides the first reading for the Liturgy of the Word.

This reading recalls an event similar to several others in Acts. Peter preaches, in the name of all the 11 surviving Apostles. His remarks, or at least those recorded in this passage, are brief and crisp. The term used by biblical scholars is that the selection is kerygmatic, drawing from *kerygma*, the Greek word for "message."

The message given by Peter contains the basic information about Jesus and about God's plan of salvation.

A few points are most important. One is that, despite the small number of Christians at the time, and in spite of the facts that the Jewish culture and the effects of Roman domination were overwhelming, the Apostles still felt the responsibility to speak aloud about Jesus.

Their interest in this regard hardly was the expression of a wish to control. Rather, put into the context of last weekend's first reading that described both the early Christian community's love for the Lord and its outreach to the troubled and needy, this reading reveals that these first followers of

Christ saw informing others about the Redeemer as a loving service.

Secondly, here, as elsewhere in Peter, even though the other Apostles were present, Peter, and Peter alone, spoke in their behalf.

The First Epistle of Peter supplies the next reading. Scholars debate the authorship of this epistle. Was Peter the author? Or, was someone writing in Peter's name the author? (Unlike today, when signing another person's name would be regarded as deceptive and highly inappropriate, the custom long ago was this was the greatest compliment.)

In any case, the reading shows how totally committed to Jesus the Savior the early Christians were, and how aware they were that salvation had come through the Lord's death and resurrection.

The last reading, from Luke's Gospel is the powerful and lovely story of the Risen Lord's walk to Emmaus with two disciples. Certainly a major point in this reading is its reference to a holy meal when the journey was completed. The connection with the Eucharist is too strong to overlook.

The Emmaus narrative appears only in Luke. It still is one of the most renowned, and beloved, pieces in the New Testament.

Important in its message is the fact that, regardless of their devotion to Jesus, the disciples still do not understand everything. They need Jesus, even in their sincerity and their faith. Without Jesus, they are unsure, puzzled. Secondly, Jesus meets this need — totally. He teaches them. Thirdly, Jesus is with them. Finally, as they celebrate the meal, with its Eucharistic overtones, Jesus is the central figure presiding as they "break the bread."

### Reflection

Beginning with the Scriptural readings for Easter itself, the Church has taken, and is taking, pains to express to us forcefully and clearly its unflinching belief that after crucifixion and death the Lord Jesus rose to new life.

With equal vigor, and equally strong faith, it insists to us that Jesus did not rise and disappear. Instead, the Lord was with the Apostles, showing to Thomas the wounds and blessing those who believe.

Continuing in this vein, it tells us in these readings that Jesus never left us. He still taught as the trip to Emmaus occurred. He still gave life in the Eucharist at Emmaus.

After the Ascension, Jesus still met people and still reassured them of God's mercy. He spoke, and speaks, through the Apostles, whose spokesman inevitably was Peter. The Lord lives! His presence is neither vague nor occasional. Rather, it is in the Sacrament and Word, given still by the Apostles through the community of the Church.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

## Women's freedom, redefined

President Obama met recently with Pope Francis and Vatican officials, and said afterwards that he had explained to them his mandate that employers with religious objections provide coverage of contraceptive and abortifacient drugs: "Most religious organizations are entirely exempt," he said. And those not exempt need only "attest that they have a religious objection" and they are "not required to provide contraception, but in their case 'employees of theirs who choose are able to obtain it through the insurance company.'"

Every part of this description is misleading. Most religious organizations are not exempt; and the Little Sisters of the Poor and other religious nonprofits have brought 47 lawsuits saying that the mandate does require them to help provide the coverage they object to.

But what of that last phrase, about employees who choose it being able to obtain it? Supporters of the mandate say this is what the debate is really about: Employers should not cite their own religious freedom to limit the "reproductive freedom" of their female employees. They claim the mandate is about ensuring women's freedom of choice. But that claim is also wrong, for several reasons.

First, the mandate is of course mandatory coverage for sterilization and all FDA-approved contraceptives. A woman does not "choose" whether to have it. Even if she chooses not to obtain contraceptives herself, her premiums will buy them for others in her health plan.

Second, she is not able to choose whether her minor adolescent daughter will get the coverage or the contraceptives. Every dependent on her family health plan will have access to "free" contraceptives, and the private "education and counseling" to promote their use — and given medical confidentiality rules, a mother may not even know that her 13-year-old daughter is receiving prescription hormones so she can have "safe" sex.

Women who want birth control for themselves may value the freedom to choose a method that best suits their own goals. But that freedom generally does not depend on coercing employers. For example, oral contraceptives are available at almost any drug store for a few dollars a month; "emergency contraception" is available over the counter for all ages.

Supporters of the mandate reply that the policy is not primarily about such methods, which are inexpensive but can have high failure rates in practice. Rather, the mandate will get more women to use drugs and devices that are initially more expensive, but more effective: The IUDs, implants and injectables that together are called "long-acting reversible contracep-

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tives" or "LARCs." These last for years without any action by the woman, and cannot be removed or reversed without a doctor's intervention. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says that LARCs' advantage over other contraceptives is that their effectiveness is "independent of user motivation" — that is, it does not depend on the woman's own choice.

The model demonstration program here is the "Contraceptive CHOICE" program conducted in St. Louis in recent years. The program is oddly named. It abandoned the usual "non-directive" approach to family planning counseling, instead actively encouraging sexually active women to have LARCs inserted into their bodies at no cost; the women were monitored regularly afterwards to make sure they remained committed to the program. Not surprisingly, they had few pregnancies, as they had effectively been sterilized.

Expanding such a program nationwide may lower pregnancies and births in the United States — though no one has yet explained why that is such a high priority for our government, in an aging society whose population has already dropped below replacement level. But this is the government's goal, pursued without much regard for what women themselves might want. A choice to stop using birth control for a while and be open to having a baby is not part of this agenda. The methods to be promoted, and the means for promoting them, have little to do with the choices women may otherwise make, and are in part designed to override them.

Is this what women really want — to be "counseled" that their own very human, therefore changeable, decisions about having a child are not measuring up, and need to be adjusted by physicians and government officials with their own agenda who know better? Why does this new definition of "freedom" look like what feminists used to call male paternalism?

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# John XXIII and John Paul II: Canonizing the bookends

Pope Francis's bold decisions to canonize Blessed John XXIII without the normal post-beatification miracle, and to link Good Pope John's canonization ceremony to that of Blessed John Paul II, just may help reorient Catholic thinking about modern Catholic history. For what Francis is suggesting, I think, is that John XXIII and John Paul II are the twin bookends of the Second Vatican Council — and thus should be canonized together.

On Jan. 25, 1959, less than three months after his election, John XXIII surprised the Catholic world by announcing that he would summon the 21st ecumenical council in history. According to some Catholic thinkers, Vatican I's teaching that the Bishop of Rome enjoyed a charism of infallibility under carefully defined circumstances had made future general councils unnecessary. General or ecumenical councils had previously been summoned to thrash out disputed questions of doctrine; the pope could now take care of that on his own; so, no more councils.

John XXIII disagreed. His council, while celebrating and reaffirming the deposit of faith, would explore ways in which the abiding truths the Church carries in history could be more effectively displayed to the world. It's often said that John XXIII intended Vatican II to be a "pastoral" council, and that's true enough. But John XXIII, a historian by trade, had a capacious view of what "pastoral" means.

He knew that the pope of his youth, the great Leo XIII, had unleashed reforming energies in the Church, energies that had cre-

ated considerable turbulence (and not inconsiderable strife) in the first half of the 20th century. He wanted to focus those reforming energies through the prismatic experience of a new Pentecost, so that the Church might be a more evangelically compelling witness to Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Deconstructing Catholicism was the last thing on John XXIII's mind. His grand strategic goal was a Church that could offer the world the "medicine of mercy" (as he put it in his opening address to the council) in the form of life-giving truths.

As everyone who lived through the post-Vatican II years knows, John XXIII's council created a lot of turbulence of its own. One reason why, I'm convinced, is that Vatican II, unlike previous ecumenical councils, did not provide authoritative keys to its own proper interpretation. It defined no dogma. It condemned no heresy or heretic(s). It legislated no new canons for the Church's law, it wrote no creed, it commissioned no catechism. These were the ways previous councils had told the Church, "This is what we mean." Vatican II did none of that.

And we all know what happened next. A free-for-all over What Vatican II Meant ensued. And in the midst of that free-for-all, John XXIII's strategic goal — an evangelically revitalized Church proclaiming the full symphony of Catholic truth in ways modernity could hear — got lost.

Then God raised up a man of sanctity, genius and deep pastoral experience, a man of the council who had led an extensive implementation of Vatican II in his own diocese under extremely difficult



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circumstances, as John XXIII's third successor: Karol Wojtyla of Cracow, who took the name John Paul II, thus honoring John XXIII's first two successors. Over the course of a 26-and-a-half-year pontificate, and with the aid of Joseph Ratzinger (another Vatican II veteran who would become John XXIII's fourth successor), John Paul II gave the Church the keys to an authoritative interpretation of Vatican II.

He did it through his own magisterium, through the world Synod of Bishops, and through the Great Jubilee of 2000. And when he was called home to the Father's house, he had oriented the Church toward the strategic goal John XXIII had defined on Oct. 11, 1962: the reform of Catholicism for a third millennium of evangelical and apostolic action, for the healing of the world.

Two radically converted Christian disciples, one council, two bookends: that is what Catholicism celebrates at the canonization of Pope St. John XXIII and Pope St. John Paul II.

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though you can't believe he said that. Saying nothing can be powerful. It's like a mirror, reflecting back on the speaker.

- Respond calmly, "Wow, that was rude." Then carry on unbothered. A variation of this is to quietly reprimand, "Please don't be sarcastic." Then stay unruffled. Giving a strong response can encourage the behavior.

The worst way to handle sarcasm is to overreact or bite back with sarcasm of your own, and say something like, "Wow, that was an intelligent comment." The problem with doing this is that you are stooping to the level of the one insulting you. You may win the battle, but make an enemy. "What would Jesus do?" is a good thought to consider. Remember kindness begets kindness, and hurtful sarcasm has no place in a Catholic home.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 4, 2014

Luke 24:13-35

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: the journey to the village of Emmaus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

VILLAGE	SEVEN MILES	EMMAUS
EYES	RECOGNIZING	WALK
CLEOPAS	MIGHTY	PEOPLE
REDEEM	ISRAEL	THE TOMB
MORNING	ALIVE	CHRIST
GLORY	MOSES	STAY WITH US
VANISHED	RETURNED	BREAKING

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a bad example for them. Children emulate what they see and hear, and who really wants a four-year-old saying, "I'm *so glad* you made these Brussels sprouts, Mommy. They look *so good*." or an eight year old sneering, "I *can't wait* for you to tell me it's time to go to bed."

We must say what we mean, and build up, not tear down.

While a little sarcasm might lighten a heavy moment, nobody likes to be on the receiving end of it. An argument might be made that sarcasm, when not directed at a person, can sometimes diffuse an uncomfortable situation and bring levity to a situation. If so, then I submit that occasion is rare. Sarcasm should be like a potent spice used on food sparingly. Otherwise, it contributes toward a cynicism and negative personality, which brings down the sarcastic person and everyone in contact with him. "A joyful heart is good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22) but not humor that hurts.

Ephesians 5:4 says we should engage in "no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk. . ."

Matthew 5:37 tells us to say what we mean and mean what we say, that words have value: "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

St. Francis de Sales in his "Spiritual Exercises" says: "I will be careful neither to criticize, to mock, (and) not to be sarcastic to anyone. It is a sign of stupidity. . ."

Wow.

What can you do when confronted with hurtful sarcasm?

- Don't acknowledge the comment as being negative. Take it at its genuine face value. For example, if a snarky teenager insincerely says to a classmate: "Nice haircut," an effective response said evenly and calmly could be, "Thank you! Glad you like it." This diffuses the jokester, who is now confused whether the person "got" what he was trying to say. Done over time, this can also help train someone to speak genuinely.

- Ignore the comment completely. Just turn away. Or say nothing and look at the person confused, as



## Saint of the Week

### Damien of Molokai

1840 - 1889

feast - May 10

Born in Tremelo, Belgium, Joseph de Veuster left school at 13 to work on the family farm. Six years later he joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, taking the name Damien. He volunteered for a mission to the Hawaiian Islands, and was ordained in Honolulu in 1864. He served on the island of Hawaii for eight years, then volunteered in 1873 to work at the leprosy colony on Molokai (leprosy is now called Hansen's disease). Father Damien was priest, doctor and counselor to 800 patients before he contracted the disease in 1884. He stayed on Molokai, ministering until a month before his death. Considered a model and martyr of charity, he was canonized in 2009.

# Sports

**BISHOP LUERS TO HOST 'RUN WITH THE KNIGHTS' 5K RUN/WALK ON MAY 10** The Bishop Luers High School 5K Run/Walk, "Run with the Knights" will be held Saturday, May 10, at Foster Park, 3900 Old Mill Rd. The entry fee for those who pre-register is \$15 per person, or \$20 per person after May 2. The registration time is 8 a.m. and the race start time is 9 a.m. Packets may be picked up on Friday, May 9, from 4-6 p.m. in the front lobby of Bishop Luers High School or at Foster Park on the day of the race from 8-9 a.m. For more information, contact Sarah Shank at Bishop Luers High School at 260-456-1261 ext. 3039 or [sshank@bishopluers.org](mailto:sshank@bishopluers.org) or visit the website [www.bishopluers.org](http://www.bishopluers.org).

## First week of CYO softball season opens

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In the Catholic Youth Organization softball action, Queen of Angels-Most Precious Blood won one and lost one in their first week of the season. They opened with a 9-2 loss to St. Rose-St. Louis, but beat a tough St. Charles squad, 10-7.

Coach Denny Jamison explained, "We had a bad day against a good St. Rose-St. Louis team. I hope that we will get to

play them again."

In the win over the Cardinals, Caitlyn Ryan and Olivia Dickerson had doubles. In the loss to the St. Rose-St. Louis, Dickerson had a home run, but the Twins had five hits to the Royal-Reds two. Morgan Castleman's double and Nevaeh Feasby's triple were highlights from St. Rose-St. Louis' big third inning when they scored seven of their nine runs. Feasby, who is the team's seventh-grade pitching ace, struck out 11 batters.

The varsity squad for the

Royal-Reds lists nine players from the two schools — five eighth graders, three seventh graders and one fifth grader, with an additional fifth or sixth grader being brought up from the junior varsity team when needed.

Pleased with their numbers, Jamison detailed, "This is the first time in recent years that we have had enough to have a pure junior varsity team without having to bring down a seventh grader."

Jamison described his line up. "We have some travel players, some that play league ball and

some rookies. It is nice to see new players enjoying the sport and learning the game."

Because the softball season is short and the weather typically cancels some games, it can be a challenge to get many games in. Track and soccer also need players in the spring. Jamison added, "We have to schedule around a busy month for the eighth graders — Confirmation, class trips, school plays and retreats." But the veteran coach is hopeful, "the sportsmanship that is exhibited in the CYO is outstanding and a

good reflection of their Catholic schools. And it looks like the CYO has some very good competition this season. Hopefully our Royal-Reds can peak by tournament time."

The 2014 CYO track season will kick off this week with the dates set for the three regular season meets as May 1, May 8 and May 15. The much-anticipated annual championship will take place on May 21.

Please email your spring sports scores/highlights to [mmcastleman@aol.com](mailto:mmcastleman@aol.com).

## Tens of thousands travel to southern Poland to celebrate St. John Paul

BY JONATHAN LUXMOORE

KRAKOW, Poland (CNS) — Tens of thousands of Polish Catholics celebrated their country's newest saint — John Paul II — by converging on the southern city where he served as cardinal-archbishop before becoming pope.

About 50,000 people attended an open-air Mass at the Divine Mercy sanctuary on the outskirts of Krakow. St. John Paul had a great devotion to the Divine Mercy, the recognition of God's mercy as demonstrated in His sending His Son to die for the sins of humanity.

Other pilgrims attended an outdoor concert outside the nearby St. John Paul II Basilica.

Auxiliary Bishop Damian Muskus of Krakow urged people at the open-air Mass to use the sanctity of the moment to effect change.

"Let this moment on this exceptional night and day become the decisive moment at which we begin gathering graces for heaven and our own sanctity," he said at the shrine April 27, the day Pope Francis canonized Sts. John Paul and John XXIII at the Vatican.

Krakow's streets and squares were decorated with posters of Pope John Paul and Polish and Vatican flags. However, festivities were staged nationwide in towns and cities, including the capital, Warsaw, where Mayor Hanna Gronkiewicz-Walz welcomed them as "a sign of gratitude for an exceptional pontificate."

In Czestochowa, Poland, where thousands of pilgrims

gathered at the Jasna Gora national shrine, Pallotine monks organized a giant telecast of the Vatican canonization ceremony for the homeless. And religious leaders celebrated an outdoor Mass in the Tatra Mountains, where St. John Paul hiked as a youth.

Paula O'Hare, a Catholic from Belfast, Northern Ireland, traveled to the pope's birthplace of Wadowice, southwest of Krakow. She said she believed Wadowice was the "next best place after Rome" to participate in the canonization.

"This is where John Paul's spirituality was born, and they're still doing all the right things here — with daily Masses, Confessions and Adorations. The world very much needs such examples today," she told Catholic News Service.

Father Adam Garloch, a priest at Wadowice's Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, said at least 500 local parishioners traveled to Rome with dozens of Polish Church and government leaders for the canonization.

In Krakow, a Franciscan seminarian who identified himself as Brother Marek told CNS he hoped the canonization would "end the phase of building statues and expensive churches" and encourage a greater focus on "living witnesses to love and mercy."

Anna Jurczak, a 15-year-old Scout providing first aid at the Divine Mercy center, said she respected the new Polish saint for his "warmth and authority."

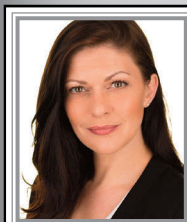


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A priest raises the chalice as he celebrates Mass in honor of Sts. John Paul II and John XXIII in the ski resort Kasprowy Wierch in Poland's Tatra Mountains April 27, the day Pope Francis canonized the two former popes at the Vatican.

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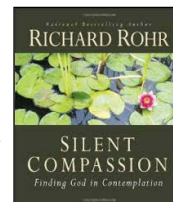
## Book Reviews

**"No Pulling Back (Tale of a Fighter Dog),"** by Ruth Ann Hanley, recently retired attorney and past parishioner of Christ the King Parish in South Bend, offers this historic



novel told through the eyes of a dog, Daemon, that comes to unconditional love through an Augustinian journey. Daemon, a trained killer, comes into contact with a man named John who baptized a man of authority. He then followed this man Jesus who changed the dog's name to Solamen. Read to find out how this dog became Jesus' servant. Infinity Publishing, ISBN: 978-0-7414-8218-1.

**"Silent Compassion: Finding God in Contemplation,"** by Richard Rohr challenges his readers to focus on finding God in silence where they can find peace, compassion and wholeness of being. Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-1-61636-757-2.



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9:00 am	<b>To Be Determined</b>	<b>Christ Child Society</b>	<b>Bishop Dwenger High School</b> Prin. Jason Schiffl
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4:00 pm	<b>Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades</b>	<b>Saint Anne Home</b> Fr. Jack Overmeyer, Fr. Ken Sarrazine	<b>St. Patrick – Fort Wayne</b> Fr. Thu Pham
5:00 pm	<b>Sons of St. Philip Neri</b> Fr. James Bromwich, Fr. Daniel Whelan	<b>Franciscan Brothers Minor</b> Fr. David Mary Engo, and Friars	<b>Catholic Medical Guild</b> Dr. Tom McGovern
6:00 pm	<b>Chaplain Hour</b> Fr. Ed Erpelding, Fr. Bob D'Souza, Fr. James Bromwich	<b>Bishop Luers High School</b> Prin. Mary Keefer	<b>Rekindle The Fire</b> Al Scagnoli

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## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### New members invited

**South Bend** — The Christ Child Society of South Bend will hold a new member coffee on Wednesday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the center, 308 S. Scott St. Hear about the work of the Christ Child Society, meet members and tour the center. Contact Kristy Botich at 574-291-7523 or email wbotich@sbcglobal.net for information.

### Catholic Business Network Group

**Fort Wayne** — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, May 2, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the Cathedral Center by guest speakers on Marian Devotions and the Mother of God. Refreshments will be provided by USA Resume, Caroline Dewey, "The Resume Lady."

### Trip with Father Wrozek planned

**Fort Wayne** — Travel to Ireland with Father Tim Wrozek Oct. 6-16. All inclusive price of \$3,566 from Fort Wayne. Meet to discuss details Sunday, May 4, and June 1 at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Brooklyn Ave., north entrance.

### Inspiring story offers hope

**Auburn** — Tracy Rau, who has been blind since the age of three, will speak Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St. She shares her story of suffering, courage and faith and offers a new perspective on seeing and loving others as Christ does. Light refreshments will be served. Call the parish office at 260-925-3930 or visit iccauburn.org for information.

### Reunion planned

**South Bend** — As part of the 60th birthday celebration, Saint Joseph High School will have a reunion of former faculty, staff and administrators the weekend of July 11-12. A social with tours of the new school, a reception for alumni, Mass in the Chapel of Saint Joseph and Saturday evening dinner are planned. For information contact Henry Chandler at 574-234-2904, ext. 547 or e-mail hchandler@saintjoehigh.com.

### St. Therese Little Flower Theatre presents 'Annie, Jr.'

**Fort Wayne** — Area students ages 7-15 will perform in "Annie Jr.," May 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. at the University of Saint Francis Auditorium at 2701 Spring St. Tickets are available at St. Therese Church, 2222 Lower Huntington Rd. or at the door the night of the play. Adults \$10 and students K-8 \$5. Call 260-747-9139 for information.

### Ultreya gathering

**Fort Wayne** — Area Cursillistas will gather on Wednesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Church, 2213 Brooklyn Ave. for an Ultreya. All are welcome — even if you made your weekend a few years ago or in another diocese. Join other Cursillistas in the area. Call Patti at 260-424-5314.

### Dwenger goes 'Over the Moon'

**Fort Wayne** — Bishop Dwenger Performing Arts Department

will present "Over the Moon," a musical — part Shakespearean comedy and part Fractured Fairy Tales — written by Jodi Picoult and Jake Van Leer. Performances are Friday, May 2, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, at 2 and 7 p.m. A tea party will be held after the 2 p.m. performance on Saturday. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. \$1 for students under 12 wearing a costume.

### Knights plan fish fry

**Fort Wayne** — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, May 2, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

### Mother's Day Prayer Vigil

**South Bend** — The Saint Joseph County Right to Life will gather from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the abortion clinic, 2004 Ironwood Circle, to pray for mothers. A prayer service is scheduled for noon to be followed by a rosary.

### 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.



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## REST IN PEACE

### Decatur

Denton E. Bemus, 76, St. Mary of the Assumption

### Fort Wayne

John C. Huffman, 58, St. Charles Borromeo

Pauline Manier, 91, St. Mary

Helena Buta, 87, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Dorothy Koorsen Gitter, St. Peter

Mary Helen O'Brian, 85, Our Lady of Good Hope

### Mishawaka

Virginia L. Kubiak, 87, St. Joseph

Alice M. Van Poppel, 98, St. Bavo

Evelyn Cato, 82, St. Monica

### Notre Dame

Casimir J. Jedd, 92, Sacred Heart

### South Bend

Domnik Kazmierczak, 20, Little Flower

Irvin Swartz, 85, Holy Family

Martha Bourgon, 95, St. Matthew

Bertha Radzikowski, 90, St. Patrick

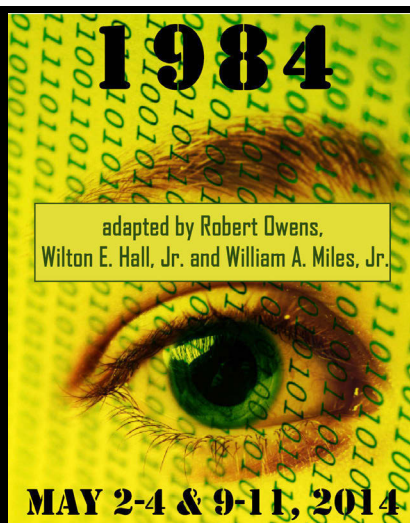
Olga V. Fister, 92, Our Lady of Hungary

Linda L. Pianstki, 68, Holy Family

### Warsaw

Harold Clarke Rutledge, 74, Sacred Heart

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## Lindenwood Retreat Director

The Center at Donaldson is seeking to fill our Lindenwood Retreat Director position. This is an exciting opportunity for the right person. The job duties include directing and managing the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center in the spirit of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ's mission. Other duties include expanding the center's outreach capacity and strengthening its quality of service. This position is responsible for strategic planning, organizing, team-building, and managing all marketing functions to achieve the objectives of visibility and growth. The position will require some travel in northern Indiana.

We offer a friendly, caring work environment in a Christian-oriented, mission-based atmosphere, a competitive wage, and excellent benefit package. Résumé, including salary history should be submitted by May 12, 2014 to:

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**Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38**

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to Mother's Day, we naturally turn to Mary, mother of Jesus. We think about her trust in God, for when she heard the truth and God's plan, she immediately accepted it. Mary's love and witness is a source of great inspiration for all who are called to the vocation of motherhood.

At Catholic Charities, we witness everyday examples of women who, like Mary, demonstrate the sacrificial love of a mother. Consider a pregnant mother who decides adoption is what is best for her child, a mother who must work two or three jobs to put food on the table for her children, and a refugee mother who is forced to leave her husband behind and flee with her children.

As the social ministry of the Church, we at Catholic Charities are called to fold our arms around those in need the way a mother would love and care for her own child, and as it is written in the Scriptures:

*According to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus was addressing the crowd [when] Someone told him, "your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you." But he said in reply to the one who told him, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" And stretching his hand towards his disciples, he said "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Heavenly Father is my brother, my sister, and mother." [Matthew 12: 47-50]*

The word charity is from the Latin word caritas, which means altruistic love. Please join us in demonstrating love of God and love of neighbor. Your financial sacrifice helps us reach even more underserved brothers, sisters, and mothers in our community.

**Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind. Hebrews 13:16**

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Patrick Houlihan  
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