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Three deacons ordained

BY TIM JOHNSON



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Following the Mass of Ordination to the Order of the Diaconate, newly ordained deacons gather for a photo with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Bishop Richard B. Higgins, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, on the plaza of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on May 24. In the photo from left, are Deacon Jonathan Norton, Bishop Higgins, Bishop Rhoades, Deacon William Meininger and Deacon Matthew Soberalski. Diocesan seminarians are in the background.

FORT WAYNE — Three diocesan seminarians — Matthew Soberalski, William Meininger and Jonathan Norton — were ordained to the diaconate Saturday, May 24, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Mass and the Rite of Ordination and opened the celebration by welcoming the parents, families and friends of the candidates for ordination. “We pray that the Lord, who fills them today with the grace to carry out the work of the ordained ministry, blesses them with peace and joy as they receive the sacrament of Holy Orders,” Bishop Rhoades said.

He welcomed Bishop Richard Higgins, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. “Thank you, Bishop Higgins, for all you do to serve our men and women in the military,” Bishop Rhoades said, and announced, “I am happy that one of our candidates, Jonathan Norton, is being co-sponsored by the Military Archdiocese. I know how much our military services need priests and am happy that our diocese will be helping with this need.”

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades explained why seminarians are ordained deacons before ordination to the Priesthood and the three roles of the deacons.

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Pope makes Holy Land pilgrimage

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Pope Francis spent the last morning of his three-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land meeting with Muslims and Jews and calling for closer relations among the three major monotheistic religions as the basis for peace in the region. The Vatican had emphasized, however, that the pope’s meeting with Patriarch Bartholomew was the main reason for his densely packed, three-day visit, May 24-26, to the Holy Land.

Half a century after a historic encounter between their predecessors, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew met in the same place to seek inspiration for Christian unity at the site of Christ’s death and resurrection.

“We need to believe that, just as the stone before the tomb was

cast aside, so, too, every obstacle to our full communion will also be removed,” the pope said May 25 during a prayer service at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

The pope also spoke of an “ecumenism of suffering, an ecumenism of blood,” which brings Christians closer through the common experience of persecution. When others kill Christians, he noted, they do not ask if they are

Catholic or Orthodox.

Patriarch Bartholomew said Jesus’ tomb sends the message that “history cannot be programmed; that the ultimate word in history does not belong to man, but to God. In vain

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Mark Kirzeder appointed Marian High School principal

MISHAWAKA — Mark Kirzeder has been appointed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as the principal of Marian High School effective July 1. Kirzeder has been the assistant principal for academics of Marian High School since 2012 and a science and mathematics teacher at the Mishawaka high school since 2005.

Kirzeder’s appointment was announced at a school assembly on May 22.

“It is a great honor to be asked by Bishop Rhoades to be the next principal at Marian High School,” Kirzeder told *Today’s Catholic*. “I am profoundly thankful to the members of the Marian community for their support during this time of transition for our school. I’m also grateful for the support of my wife, Lesley, and my children, whose constant affirmation and vigilant prayer guided me



MARK KIRZEDER

throughout my discernment process. Finally, I am incredibly honored to be asked to follow in the footsteps of the esteemed principals that came before me, especially my predecessor, Carl Loesch. He has been an invaluable role model, mentor and treasured friend over the past decade, and I will strive to lead in his example.”

Bishop Rhoades announced in February that Carl Loesch, the current Marian High School principal, was appointed the Secretary of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend effective July 1. Loesch will

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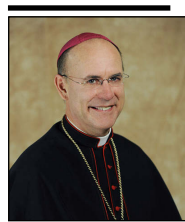
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The mystery of the Ascension



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. We profess our faith in this glorious mystery when we say in the Nicene Creed: *He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.* We believe that Jesus' earthly life reached its culmination when He passed from this world to the Father. He no longer belongs to the world of corruption and death that conditions our earthly life. He passed into the glorified state in God.

It is important to understand that the Ascension does not mean that Jesus has departed from us. He has not abandoned us or left us orphans. Otherwise, after the Ascension, the disciples would not have returned to Jerusalem *with great joy*, as Saint Luke tells us (24:52). He is close to each one of us forever. Recall the words of Jesus at the end of Matthew's Gospel: *And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age* (Matthew 28:19).

With His Ascension into heaven, the Lord Jesus is now present to us in a new way. On the eve of His Passion, Jesus had told the apostles that it was to their advantage that He go away. He said: *It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you: but if I go, I will send Him to you*" (John 16:7). Though Jesus' earthly and visible presence in the world ends, He remains with us in an invisible way. He has not left us alone. He is always close to us.

Christ sends us the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ continues to be with us, sanctifying us and giving us life. He acts through the Holy Spirit in the Church and in our souls. He guides us and leads us to the Father. Christ, the Head, is never separated from His Body, the Church. He entered heaven as our Head. Pope Saint Leo the Great taught that at the Ascension, the glory of the Head became the hope of the Body. This is very true: because Christ has ascended to the Father to prepare a place for us, we have hope of eternal life with Him in heaven.

Exalted at the right hand of the Father, Christ intercedes for us with the Father. He is our eternal High Priest, our Mediator with the Father. As the letter to the Hebrews says: *He always lives to make intercession for them* (7:25). He communicates to us His Body, the Church, the grace and strength to live in Him. Because of Christ's intercession with the Father, we are able to grow in holiness.

Jesus is present to us in His word and in the sacraments. Jesus is visibly present in the Church in "a sacramental manner." We think especially of His presence in the Holy Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we participate in the new life of Christ's Body glorified by the Spirit. Christ's holy Body and Blood is our food on our journey to the Father's house.

Another important truth about the mystery of the Ascension concerns our own journey to the Father's house. There, Jesus said, He has gone to prepare a place for us. He waits for us. When He ascended into heaven, Jesus took our humanity to God and He opened the path for us to heavenly glory. He united humanity with God forever.



KAY COZAD

This stained-glass artwork at St. Joseph Church in Garrett depicts Jesus' Ascension into heaven 40 days after His Resurrection. Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on June 1. "We profess our faith in this glorious mystery when we say in the Nicene Creed: 'He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father,'" writes Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in this week's In Truth and Charity column.

As we meditate on the mystery of Our Lord's Ascension, we also remember His words to the disciples immediately before His Ascension. He not only promises the Holy Spirit, He commands the disciples to go forth as missionaries to the world. He gives them the charge of evangelization. He then gives them the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish this mission.

The Gospel is spread through the power of God, not merely by means of our human wisdom or strength. Our task is to allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, and to cooperate with His grace as we seek to bring the Gospel to the world. The Holy Spirit keeps us faithful to the deposit of faith, to the teachings of Jesus. He strengthens us to be Christ's witnesses in word and deed. This is the specific grace we received in the sacrament of Confirmation.

The following words of our Holy Father,

Pope Francis, are good for our meditation as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord:

The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that He is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as He was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us.

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oversee the Catholic Schools Office and the Office of Catechesis. In February, a search committee was formed to find a new principal for Marian High School.

Bishop Rhoades told *Today's Catholic*, "I am very grateful that Mr. Mark Kirzeder accepted the position of principal of Marian High School. Mark's commitment to Marian, its Catholic identity and mission and its strong academic program has impressed me very much. Mark's deep Catholic faith, his professionalism and his love for Marian will help the school continue to grow and flourish."

"I express my deep thanks also to the search committee, led by Msgr. Michael Heintz, for their help and their recommendation of Mr. Kirzeder," Bishop Rhoades added. "And, of course, I thank Mr. Carl Loesch for his outstanding leadership and service as Marian's principal and I look forward to his leadership of our diocesan Secretariat for Catholic Education."

"We were most impressed by Mark's deep commitment to Catholic education, his commitment to the students and his devotion to Marian," said Msgr. Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, director of the Master of Divinity Program at the University of Notre Dame and a Marian High School graduate.

Carl Loesch told *Today's Catholic*, "Mark's faith, intelligence and hard-work permeate everything he does. He is an excellent teacher and an outstanding administrator. Marian is blessed to have someone of Mark's caliber to lead Marian spiritually and academically. We pray in gratitude for the Good Lord sending the right person to lead Marian."

Kirzeder has a Bachelor of Science degree in science and math education from the University of Notre Dame, a Master of Education degree through the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) at the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership through the University of Notre Dame.

Kirzeder spoke of his goals for Marian, which can be summarized in a document released by the Congregation for Catholic Education entitled, "The Religious Dimension of Education in a



PHOTOS BY KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Mark Kirzeder, left, is shown with Principal Carl Loesch, right, at a school assembly on May 22 announcing the new principal of Marian High School. Principal Kirzeder will take the helm of the Mishawaka high school on July 1. He has been the assistant principal for academics of Marian High School since 2012 and a science and mathematics teacher at the Mishawaka high school since 2005. Principal Carl Loesch has been appointed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades the Secretary of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend effective July 1.

Catholic School" — 1965.

The document reads: "The Catholic school finds its true justification in the mission of the Church; it is based on an educational philosophy in which faith, culture and life are brought into harmony."

"It will be my focus, along with that of my faculty and staff, to find meaningful and innovative ways to continually incorporate the sacramental life of the Church, our rich faith tradition and Catholic culture into every aspect of education at Marian High School," he said. "Doing so will prepare Marian students to be successful contributors to our community and our world, and, most importantly, will help them become future citizens of heaven."

In his application for the position, Kirzeder commented on how he would embody Christ-center principles within the school: "As principal, I would strive to embody the humility and compassion that Jesus showed to all people by treating all students, parents, teachers and staff with respect and kindness. Christ teaches us to serve one another as He did when He washed His disciples' feet and to carry on the message of the Gospel in the face of adversity and through our greatest challenges. It will be my task."

To the Marian High School community, Kirzeder said, "Community is at the heart of the Church," and it would be his duty "to unveil and nurture the community which God has created for us

by providing opportunities for faith formation and encouraging participation in the sacramental life of the Church. The Eucharist will remain central to the life of the school."

Kirzeder asked the community to "continue to keep Marian, our faculty and staff, as well as our students in your prayers as we undergo this transition in leadership."

"I also ask the members of the community to pray in a special way for the intercession of Marian's newly named patron saint, Our Lady of Lourdes, that we may form our students into good men and women of God," he added.

The Kirzeders are members of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in South Bend.

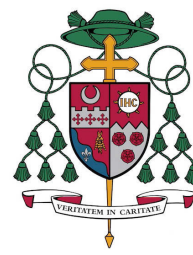
A native of Crosby, Minn., Kirzeder has 12 years experience in Catholic education first as a physical science teacher and wrestling coach for three years at Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School in Charlotte, N.C., and then teaching and serving as assistant principal at Marian since 2005. He has also served as the head varsity wrestling coach at Marian.

Kirzeder participated in the Rummick Leadership Program and said it "served as a well-spring for my own growth as a Catholic educator and servant of the Church. The rigorous academic coursework coupled with the intentional focus on faith formation through prayer and celebration of the liturgy steeped participants in the sacramental life of the Church and prepared me for a practical and spiritual leadership role in a school community. My experience manifested in me a response to the call to serve as an administrator, revealing it, rather, as a call to ministry and the sacred responsibilities accompanying it."

Kirzeder noted, "For me, and for so many who serve in Catholic schools, this is so much more than a job. Educating youth in the Catholic faith is a vocation, a ministry, in response to God's call more so than a choice of our own making. I can undoubtedly say I am compelled to serve God and the Church in this role, for community is at the heart of the Church, and Christ is at the heart of our community at Marian."



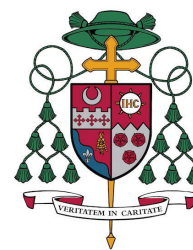
Mark Kirzeder speaks to the Marian High School student body at the press conference announcing his new position as principal of the school.



Priest, deacon assignments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades has made the following assignments of priests and deacons:

- **Reverend Matthew Coonan** from Parochial Vicar to Pastor, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, effective June 24, 2014.
- **Reverend Charles A. Herman** from Pastor, Holy Family Parish, South Bend, to Pastor, Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton, effective June 24, 2014.
- **Reverend Glenn Kohrman** from Pastor, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, to Pastor, Holy Family Parish, South Bend, effective June 24, 2014.
- **Reverend Andrew Budzinski** to Diocesan Director of Vocations, while continuing as Parochial Vicar of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, effective July 1, 2014.
- **Reverend Adam Booth, CSC**, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, Holy Cross and Saint Stanislaus Parishes, South Bend, effective July 1, 2014.
- **Reverend Jesus Mata-Martinez, SVD**, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, Saint Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, effective June 1, 2014.
- **Reverend Mark Enemali, CSSp**, from Resident Priest at Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend, to Parochial Vicar, Saint John the Baptist Parish, New Haven, effective July 1, 2014.
- **Deacon William Meininger** to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Warsaw, effective May 26, 2014.
- **Deacon Jonathan Norton** to Saint John the Baptist Parish, New Haven, effective May 26, 2014.
- **Deacon Matthew Soberalski** to Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, effective May 26, 2014.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, June 1, 11 a.m. — Adult Confirmation Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Wednesday, June 4, 6 p.m. — Mass with Chartering of Legatus Chapter, Saint Patrick Church, South Bend
- Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m. — Legacy Dinner for Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Hilton Garden Inn at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame
- Friday, June 6, 3 p.m. — Graduation Mass for Northeast Indiana Catholic Home Schoolers, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m. — Mass with Priesthood Ordination, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

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

- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) of Adoration and Exposition every Saturday prior to the Vigil 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.

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did the guards of secular power watch over this tomb. In vain did they place a very large stone against the door of the tomb, so that none could roll it away.”

The patriarch said the tomb also encourages Christians to “love the other, the different other, the followers of other faiths and other confessions.”

Their prayer service marked the 50th anniversary of an encounter in Jerusalem between Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople. The earlier meeting, which led both churches to lift the mutual excommunications that started the East-West schism in 1054, opened the modern period of ecumenical dialogue.

Earlier in the evening, the pope and patriarch met privately at the apostolic delegation, the Vatican’s representative office in Jerusalem, where the pope was to spend the second and final night of his visit to the Holy Land.

The two leaders spent more than an hour together, more than twice as long as scheduled. They emerged with a signed common declaration calling for “communion in legitimate diversity” between their churches.

“We look forward in eager anticipation to the day in which we will finally partake together in the Eucharistic banquet,” the pope and patriarch wrote, calling for continuing “fraternal encounter and true dialogue” to “lead us into all truth.”

Their declaration also called for common efforts in the “service of humanity, especially in defending the dignity of the human person at every stage of life and the sanctity of family based on marriage, in promoting peace and the common good” by struggling against “hunger, poverty, illiteracy (and) the inequitable distribution of resources.”

The leaders also stressed the need to protect the natural environment and defend religious liberty, especially for embattled Christian minorities in the Middle East.

The two leaders, scheduled to meet a total of four times during the visit, whose official logo was an icon of the apostles Peter and Andrew, patron saints of the churches of Rome and Constantinople, joined in a fraternal embrace.

At his first appearance May 26, Pope Francis toured the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount, sacred to Muslims as the place from which Mohammed ascended to heaven, and spoke to Muslim leaders.

Addressing his listeners as “brothers” — rather than “friends,” as indicated in his prepared text — the pope pointed to Abraham as a common model for Muslims, Jews and Christians, since he was a pilgrim who left “his own people and his own house in order to embark on that spiritual journey to which God called him.”

“We must constantly be prepared



Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople embrace during an ecumenical celebration in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem May 25.



Pope Francis visits the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem May 26. The pope laid a wreath of flowers at the site, and talked to and kissed the hands of six Holocaust survivors. Also in attendance are Israeli President Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

to go out from ourselves, docile to God’s call,” especially “his summons to work for peace and justice, to implore these gifts in prayer and to learn from on high mercy, magnanimity and compassion,” the pope said.

In his remarks to the pope, the grand mufti of Jerusalem, Muhammad Ahmad Hussein, accused Israel of impeding Muslims’ access to Jerusalem’s holy sites.

Pope Francis then visited the Western Wall, the only standing part of the foundation of the Second Temple, destroyed in 70 A.D.

The pope stood for more than a minute and a half with his right hand against the wall, most of the time in silent prayer, before reciting the Our Father. Then he followed custom by leaving a written message inside a crack between two blocks.

Pope Francis began his visit to the Holy Land May 24 with a call for religious freedom in the Middle East, including respect for the right to change one’s religion.

“Religious freedom is, in fact, a fundamental human right, and I cannot fail to express my hope that

it will be upheld throughout the Middle East and the entire world,” the pope said May 24 in a speech to local dignitaries shortly after his arrival in Jordan.

Pope Francis called for religious freedom in the Middle East, including respect for the right to change one’s religion.

Starting his fast-paced three-day visit, which was scheduled to take him to Israel and the Palestinian territories, the pope said Jordanian Christians, who make up less than 2 percent of the country’s population, “are able to profess their faith peaceably, in a climate of respect for religious freedom,” and he thanked Jordan’s King Abdullah II and the country’s Muslim community for their support of interreligious dialogue with Christians and Jews.

Celebrating Mass on his first day in the Holy Land, Pope Francis said hope for peace in a region torn by sectarian conflicts comes from faith in God.

“The way of peace is strengthened if we realize that we are all of the same stock and members of one human family, if we never forget that we have the same heavenly Father and are all His children,

made in His image and likeness,” the pope said May 24 in his homily at Amman’s International Stadium.

Jordan’s powerful and marginalized joined together at the banks of the River Jordan to welcome Pope Francis at the site believed to be where Jesus was baptized.

Jordan’s King Abdullah II, his wife, Queen Rania and Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad bin Talal, the monarch’s personal representative and special adviser on religious matters, welcomed the pontiff to a very intimate setting of reflection, followed by testimonials of courage in the face of life’s difficulties.

Pope Francis brought his trademark human touch to those suffering — the

marginalized in society — as he visited the sacred place.

There, near the banks of the River Jordan he prayed, spoke and blessed Syrian and Iraqi refugees sheltering in Jordan, along with Jordanian orphans, the sick and the disabled who shared their stories.

The pope also urged the international community to help Jordan bear the economic burden posed by hosting more than 1 million Syrians — 600,000 registered with the U.N. refugee agency — and 300,000 Iraqis still sheltering in the country.

Celebrating Mass in Bethlehem a few steps from the spot traditionally believed to be the birthplace of Jesus, Pope Francis said that the way society treats its young reveals its moral character.

Children are a “diagnostic sign, a marker indicating the health of families, society and the entire world,” the pope said May 25 in Manger Square, outside the Church of the Nativity. “Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for and protected, the family is healthy, society is more healthy and the world is more human.”

The Bethlehem Mass was the only Mass for local Christians during Pope Francis’ two days in the West Bank and Israel, the second and third legs of a three-day journey to the Holy Land. The Mass was limited to about 10,000 people, but the crowd was enthusiastic, and many arrived while it was still dark to get a spot.

The altar was set up in front of a large mural of the Nativity, but in place of the Wise Men were the three popes who had previously visited the Holy Land — Paul VI, John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

Pope Francis told those gathered in the square that “children need to be welcomed and defended, from the moment of their conception.”

After the Mass, the pope met with Palestinian refugee children from four different camps in the West Bank. He told them not to let the past hinder them, but to always look to the future.

“Remember that violence cannot be defeated by violence; violence can only be defeated with peace — with peace, effort and dignity to move the nation forward,” he told those who greeted him during a 20-minute visit at the Dehiyshe Refugee Camp’s Phoenix Cultural Center.



Pope Francis greets children from the refugee camps of Dehiyshe, Aida and Beit Jibrin at the Phoenix Center of the Dehiyshe Refugee Camp near Bethlehem, West Bank, May 25.

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Providing pastoral care to immigrants

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — National and local Catholic charitable agencies around the country have long provided services to people in need, regardless of immigration status. However, several states passed laws that forbid what state legislatures consider “harboring” of undocumented immigrants — and what the Church considers Christian charity and pastoral care to those immigrants.

In Alabama, for example, the Catholic bishops, in cooperation with the Episcopal and Methodist bishops of Alabama, filed suit against a law prohibiting “harboring” of undocumented immigrants. Together, they explained that the “law makes illegal the exercise of our Christian religion, which we, as citizens of Alabama, have a right to follow.” They expressed concern that legally prohibited “harboring” (when there is knowledge of reckless disregard of the fact that persons are undocumented immigrants) would substantially burden their churches in their mission to serve undocumented immigrants in Alabama.

The law would have a chilling effect on their ministries — among other things, these church leaders feared that the prohibition on “harboring” would extend to activities like “(encouraging immigrants) to attend Mass or (giving) them a ride to Mass”; “(counseling) them in times of difficulty or in preparation for marriage”; and inviting “them to come to Alcoholic Anonymous meetings or other recovery groups at our churches.”

Other states have adopted similar laws that threaten the Church’s ministry to undocumented immigrants. In March 2012, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and several other Christian denominations filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Arizona v. United States. The brief discussed how the Arizona law and many state immigration laws like it threaten the Catholic mission to provide food, shelter and other care to all. In June 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision and found that several of the provisions of the Arizona law were pre-empted by federal immigration law, so these provisions were struck down.

Aside from Alabama and Arizona, Georgia, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Utah have enacted laws that generally make criminal the “harboring” of undocumented immigrants.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Among many current challenges, these state immigration laws affect the religious liberty of the Church because they have criminalized certain acts of Christian charity and pastoral care. Religious liberty is more than freedom of worship; it includes our ability to make our contribution to the common good of all Americans without having to compromise our faith. Without religious liberty properly understood, all of us suffer, including those who seek a better life here in the United States.

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?

The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4. Visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education and action in support of religious freedom.

Historic Christian communities under siege in Syria

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — It has been a long and terrible three years for Syria. The violence continues, despite peace talks taking place periodically in Geneva. Christians, who once comprised 10 percent of the population, are caught in the crossfire between President Bashar al Assad’s military and anti-government forces. Christian communities, schools and homes have been targeted, threatening their historic presence dating back centuries. Seventy churches and monasteries are reported to have been destroyed by warring parties. Christians have been kidnapped, held for ransom, tortured and often brutally killed. Two Orthodox bishops from Aleppo were kidnapped in April 2013; 13 Greek Orthodox nuns were taken in December 2013. The nuns were released in March 2014 but there is no word on the fate of the bishops. But Christians are not the only ones affected. According to the United Nations, over 130,000 Syrians (mostly civilians and many Muslims) have been killed and over 8 million have fled their homes, 6.5 million inside Syria and 2.3 million into neighboring countries, since the conflict began in 2011.

Fighting continues throughout Syria and threatens to spill into surrounding countries where tensions between Sunni and Shia Muslims remain high. The Syrian opposition remains a fractious group of political dissidents and militia leaders. Significant numbers are extremists, including many foreign fighters with ties to al-Qaeda style ideologies that have entered the fray. The government of Syria is bolstered by Hezbollah, an Iranian-supported Shiite movement whose presence threatens stability in Lebanon and increases the sectarian (Sunni-Shia) nature of the conflict. Both government and opposition forces are accused of having “disappeared” many civilians.

Many Syrian civilians lack the basics of life — food, water and shelter. Humanitarian organizations have had very limited access to internally displaced persons. The United Nations Security Council has passed a resolution calling both sides to allow access to humanitarian aid. It remains to be seen what impact it will have on a conflict where civilians have been cut off from aid in the past.

The large number of refugees places an overwhelming burden on adjoining countries. Catholic Relief Services, through its local Church partners, is assisting vulnerable people in affected countries. Since 2011, the U.S. has provided over \$1.7 billion in humanitarian assistance to displaced Syrians.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) continues to urge the United States to work with other governments to obtain a ceasefire, initiate serious negotiations, provide impartial humanitarian assistance, and encourage efforts to build an inclusive society in Syria that protects the rights of all its citizens, including Christians and other minorities. Led by Pope Francis, USCCB vigorously promoted the Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in Syria on Sept. 7, 2013 and worked successfully to oppose a Congressional resolution authorizing the use of force in Syria in response to heinous chemical weapons attacks. The bishops of the region were unanimous in opposing outside military intervention, which they feared would simply add fuel to the fire.

Syrian Christians have been frustrated that they have not been invited to participate in peace talks or international negotiations about how to resolve the Syrian conflict. They have reached out through the diaspora in Europe, the United States and other countries to share their stories and seek support. They fear that unless their voice is heard and they receive support from the international community, the Christian presence in Syria will dramatically decline, as it did in Iraq.

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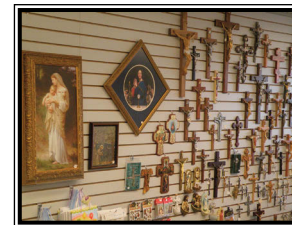
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Rulings on same-sex marriage called 'mistake,' 'travesty of justice'

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — The 1996 Pennsylvania law that recognizes marriage between one man and one woman is unconstitutional, a federal judge ruled May 20, clearing the way for same-sex marriage in the state. Reaction to the ruling in the Catholic community was swift and strong. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia in a statement called the decision by U.S. District Court Judge John E. Jones III to strike down Pennsylvania's Defense of Marriage Act "a mistake with long-term, negative consequences." Gov. Tom Corbett has 30 days to file an appeal, which the archbishop said he hoped would happen. In the meantime, Pennsylvania officials began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. A day earlier, a federal judge in Oregon repealed that state's constitutional marriage amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman. The Oregon Catholic Conference called it "a travesty of justice that marriage, as the foundation of society, received no defense in the U.S. District Court." Oregon officials prepared to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, after the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a bid by the National Organization for Marriage to stay the ruling.

Appeals court stays Texas execution over claim of mental disability

AUSTIN, Texas (CNS) — An execution scheduled for May 13 in Huntsville was stayed by a federal appeals court in New Orleans two hours before Robert James Campbell was set to be put to death. The court said prosecutors in Campbell's case did not take into account evidence

NEWS BRIEFS

BISHOPS OF INDIANA GATHER FOR PROVINCIAL MEETING



KEVIN CULLEN

Eight Indiana bishops gathered May 13-14 in Lafayette for a provincial meeting and a meeting with the executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference. They are, from front left, Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of Lafayette, Bishop Charles C. Thompson of Evansville, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis and Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary. Back row, from left, are Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi of Lafayette, Bishop Emeritus Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville and Bishop Christopher Coyne, auxiliary bishop of Indianapolis.

that he had an intellectual disability. The U.S. Supreme Court has banned the execution of anyone with such a disability and has pegged an IQ of 70 or below as evidence of it. Campbell's first IQ test as a child showed his IQ to be 68. When he first arrived on death row, it was 71. A test conducted in April at the request of his lawyers put Campbell's IQ at 69. Campbell's attorneys contended Texas had concealed evidence of Campbell's low IQ scores during his trial. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, in its ruling, said: "It is regrettable that we are now reviewing evidence of intellectual disability at the eleventh hour before Campbell's scheduled execution. However, from the record before us, it appears that we cannot fault Campbell or his attorneys, present or past, for the delay." Karen Clifton, executive director of the Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Use of the Death Penalty, said the coalition will be organizing a walk in Texas in October to bring attention to the application of capital punishment in Texas, which uses the death penalty more than any other state.

Soldiers lay down weapons for rosaries as they pray, pay homage to Mary

LOURDES, France (CNS) — It looked like any other military parade with bands playing, flags waving and thousands of men and women marching in colorful uniforms decorated with medals and ribbons. But instead of impressive displays of tanks and trucks, troops from dozens of nations fell in line behind religious banners, a large wooden cross and a rose-strewn statue of Mary. Candles and rosaries — not weapons or rifles — were held aloft in soldiers' hands. Such scenes were common during the 56th International Military Pilgrimage to the sanctuaries of Our Lady of Lourdes May 16-18.

Pope to meet with sex abuse victims, confirms investigation of Bertone

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM TEL AVIV (CNS) — Pope Francis will meet with a group of sex abuse victims for the first time in June, he told reporters May 26.

During a wide-ranging inflight news conference on his return to Rome from the Holy Land, the pope also confirmed reports the Vatican is investigating charges its former secretary of state misappropriated 15 million euro from the Vatican bank. And he announced he plans to visit the Philippines and Sri Lanka in January.

The pope described the abuse of children by priests as "such an ugly crime" and a "very grave problem," the betrayal of a priest's duty to lead young people to holiness, comparable to performance of a black Mass.

"We must move ahead, ahead, zero tolerance," he said.

As an indication of how seriously he takes the problem, the pope said he would meet soon with a group of six to eight sex abuse victims from various countries, including Germany, the U.K. and Ireland.

He also will celebrate a private Mass with the group in the Vatican guesthouse, where he lives. Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, a member of the recently established Vatican commission on child protection, will be present at the gathering, the pope said.

The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told reporters the next day that the exact date for the meeting had not been set but that it would be soon.

Pope Francis is not known ever to have met with a group of sex abuse victims, something Pope Benedict did several times in various countries. Marie Collins, a sex abuse survivor from Ireland whom the pope named to the child protection commission, met him at the Vatican in May.

Pope Francis said the Church cannot have privileged "daddy's boys," exempt from punishment when it comes to sex abuse of minors. He revealed that three unnamed bishops are currently under investigation by the Vatican for misdeeds related to sex abuse, and another has been found guilty and is awaiting punishment. It was

not clear if the bishops in question had been accused of personally abusing children or of mishandling accusations of abuse by priests.

The pope also was asked about reports that Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, who as Vatican secretary of state was considered the highest Vatican official, mishandled 15 million euro in funds held by the Institute for the Works of Religion, commonly known as the Vatican bank.

"It's something being studied, it's not clear," the pope said. "Maybe it's the truth, but at this moment it's not definitive."

Pope Francis said the Vatican bank was a case study of financial reforms now underway in the Vatican under the new Secretariat for the Economy led by Cardinal George Pell. The bank has closed some 1,600 accounts held by "persons who didn't have the right," because they were not Church officials or institutions, the pope said.

"But there will still be incongruities, there always will be, because we're human," he said. "The reform must be continual."

The pope answered several ques-

tions about his just-ended three-day visit to the Holy Land.

Looking ahead to other travels, Pope Francis said his second trip to Asia, after a visit to Korea in August, will take him to Sri Lanka for two days in January and then to the Philippines, where he will visit areas struck by Typhoon Haiyan last November.

Asked if he might follow his predecessor's lead and ever resign, Pope Francis said he would pray for the wisdom to obey God's will, but added that Pope Benedict had "opened a door" to the possibility of other retired popes and would not remain a "unique case."

Pope Francis said the door is also open to allowing more married priests in the Catholic Church, in the Latin rite as well as the Eastern Catholic churches where the practice is already established.

"Celibacy is not a dogma of faith, it is a rule of life that I appreciate very much and believe to be a gift for the Church," the pope said. "Not being a dogma of faith, the door is always open."

Discussing what he has frequently called a "throwaway culture," the

product of a "worldwide economic system centered on money, not the human person," the pope said that culture is exemplified not only by youth unemployment and neglect of the elderly, problems he has cited before, but also by low fertility rates in Europe, particularly in Italy and Spain.

Regarding the two Synods of Bishops on the family he has called for this October and October 2015, the pope lamented what he characterized as an overemphasis, by members of the clergy among others, on the question of when divorced and civilly remarried Catholics may receive Communion.

The pope said focusing on that question posed the risk of "casuistry," which he has defined in the past as the practice of setting general laws on the basis of exceptional cases. He emphasized the synods would consider the pastoral care of the family in its totality.

"Today, we know, the family is in crisis, it's a worldwide crisis, the young don't want to marry or they live together," Pope Francis said. "The pastoral problem of the family is very large, very large."

Catholic school students honored by Allen County Non-Public School Association

FORT WAYNE — Students from 15 area Catholic schools were recently honored at the 31st annual Distinguished Student Awards Ceremony presented by the Allen County Non-Public School Association (ACNPSA) at Don Hall's Guesthouse on Monday, May 19, along with their peers from Lutheran schools, independent schools and area Christian schools. Students were selected by their principal and teachers for their outstanding achievements and exemplary Christian leadership.

President of the ACNPSA, Robert Sordelet, principal of St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne, gave the welcome and introductions.

Eighth graders recognized were the following: Rebecca Cochran and Colin Quinn, Most Precious Blood; Matthew Etter and Jenna Farris, Queen of Angels; Clay Ealey and Colleen Wilsey, St. Aloysius, Yoder; Kathryn Barrow and Lucas Lehrman, St. Charles; Colbi Nigh and Benjamin Fink, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne; Adia Wolf and Nick Ammer, St. John the Baptist, New Haven; Jessica Dodane and Abram Beard, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel; Sierra Small, St. Rose, Monroeville; Charles Burton and Margaret Cicchiello, St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth; Alex Campbell and Gillian Stewart, St. Jude; Grace Castleman and Jessica VanHorn, St. Louis Academy, New Haven; Alec Bauer and Colten Dettmer, St. Therese; Nicole Gloudemans and Ryan McArdle, St. Vincent de Paul.

Those selected from Bishop Dwenger High School were Jordan Schneider and Nicholas Hagar while Dominic Frecker and Claire Stuerzenberger represented Bishop Luers. — *Michelle Castleman*

Victory Noll Center offers learning opportunities

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center will host the continuing series "Movies & Popcorn," from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 13, promoting themes with undertones of faith and social justice.

The film "Waiting for Superman," provides a cogent examination of the crisis of public education in the United States told through multiple interlocking stories. Suggested donation is \$10. Registration is required one week prior to each event by calling 260-356-0628, ext. 174, or contact the center by e-mail at victorynollcenter@olvm.org.

The popular program "Butterfly Workshop: Metamorphosis in Your Own Backyard" returns to Victory Noll Center on Tuesday, June 24.

Two sessions will be held. The first begins at 10 a.m. and the second at 4 p.m. There is no cost to participate.

Leader Karen Hinshaw, Huntington County Purdue

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ST. MATTHEW STUDENTS PLACE IN DAR ESSAY CONTEST



PROVIDED BY JACKIE HUTTS BLACK, ST. MATTHEW CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

St. Matthew Cathedral School, South Bend, students Giovanni Karkatsanis-Swarts, grade 5, Elise Hutts, grade 6, and Alyssa Grzesiowski, grade 8, were recognized at the Annual Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens-American History Essay Luncheon in Indianapolis on May 18. By grade level, each of their essays placed second in the state of Indiana. Over 1,550 essays were submitted statewide.

Extension Educator, will present a program about monarch butterflies and how to raise the butterflies to release. Participants will discover the butterfly's lifecycle and what to plant in yards to attract them.

To register for the butterfly workshop, contact the Purdue Extension at 260-358-4826.

Redeemer Radio's In His Glory Sharathon a success

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, AM 1450 WLYV Fort Wayne and 89.9 FM WRRO Edon/Angola, raised \$231,900, a new record, during its semi-annual sharathon recently. During the three-day, 36-hour event, the station received 1,318 pledges from individuals and businesses via phone, mail and even walk-ins to the station. The funds will help assist with operating expenses for the listener-supported station that serves the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, as well as the northwest corner of the Diocese of Toledo. The sharathon also makes it possible for listener-supported Redeemer Radio to continue to serve the community by means of Catholic radio and sharing the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith.

Over 500 volunteers and studio guests made the sharathon successful by giving their time and talent during the three-day fundraiser. Tim and Janet Didier, chair couple for the event, commented: "Amazed. Fulfilled. Catholic fam-

ily. Our diocese is so fortunate to have this Catholic radio station. The knowledge and spirituality of the staff and volunteers as they give endlessly of themselves, both personally and financially, and share their stories and faith traditions is inspiring. Needless to say, we are truly moved and feel blessed to have been asked to play this role!"

Redeemer Radio has some exciting changes coming in June as announced during sharathon with the launch of "Redeemer Mornings," a local morning show featuring host Deacon Jim Tighe, a switch in the Fort Wayne area on June 12 from AM 1450 to 106.3 FM as a result of a station swap, and Redeemer recently entered into an agreement to purchase of 95.7 FM in Michiana.

Scheiber Family Fund awards scholarships and grants

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington County Community Foundation announced that Stuart Elmore, Kyle Jolas, Grant Meese, Marie Scott and Sara Smith have been awarded 2014 Donald E. and Lou Rayne Scheiber Catholic Education scholarships. Each recipient is a graduating senior from Huntington North High School.

Elmore will be attending the Ball State University majoring in

entrepreneurial management/law. He is the son of Donald and Kathy Elmore of Huntington.

Jolas will be attending Lindenwood University majoring in secondary education and exercise science. He is the son of Kevin and Michelle Jolas of Huntington.

Meese will be attending Indiana University majoring in finance. He is the son of Bill and Sheila Meese of Huntington.

Scott will be attending Indiana University majoring in elementary education. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Tammy Scott of Huntington.

Smith will be attending the University of Saint Francis majoring in nursing. She is the daughter of Tod and Joyce Smith of Huntington.

Also awarded were grants to support the Huntington Catholic Schools' Run for the Rams and Bishop Luers High School's Luers Knight.

The Scheiber Huntington Catholic School Fund was created in 1997. It was modified in 2012 and renamed as the Donald E. and Lou Rayne Scheiber Catholic Education and Charity Fund to allow for the awarding of scholarships. This new purpose is to promote educational opportunities for Huntington County students who are members of three Catholic Church parishes: St. Joseph in Roanoke and St. Mary and St. Peter and Paul in Huntington.

For more information regarding this scholarship or any other scholarships awarded by HCCF, visit www.huntingtonccf.org.

SIX DWENGER STUDENTS EARN PERFECT SCORES ON ACT/SAT



PROVIDED BY BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

Six seniors at Bishop Dwenger High School earned a perfect score on one or more sections of the ACT or SAT test. They are, from left, Nicholas Miles, ACT English and reading, who will attend the University of Notre Dame to study theology; Benjamin Hayes, ACT reading, who will attend IPFW; Derek Gloudemans, ACT math, who will attend Vanderbilt University to study engineering; Luke Palmer, ACT reading, who will attend the University of Notre Dame to study architecture; Nicholas Hagar, ACT English and reading, SAT writing skills, who will attend Northwestern University to study journalism and political science; and Matthew Krach, SAT writing skills, who will attend the University of Notre Dame to study biology.

TRIP BY POPE FRANCIS TO HOLY LAND BEARS FRUIT



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis prays at the Western Wall in Jerusalem May 26. The pope stood for more than a minute and a half with his right hand against the wall, most of the time in silent prayer, before reciting the Our Father. Then he followed custom by leaving a written message inside a crack between two blocks.



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Pope Francis celebrates Mass with the ordinaries of the Holy Land and the papal delegation in the Cenacle in Jerusalem May 26. The pope dedicated his final hours in Jerusalem to time with local Catholics, reminding them that despite difficulties, God is always by their side.



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Pope Francis kneels before the Stone of Unction in Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher May 25. The pope and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople marked the 50th anniversary of the meeting in Jerusalem between Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras.



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Pope Francis and Israel's President Shimon Peres plant an olive tree as a symbol for peace after their meeting at the president's residence May 26.

Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate



The Rite of Ordination itself is rich with meaning and symbolism. After the chanting of the Gospel, came the Election of the Candidate, whereby the candidates are formally chosen for ordination and become referred to as the elect. From left are deacon candidates Meininger, Norton and Soberalski.



With the elect kneeling and with hands outstretched, Bishop Rhoades solemnly recited the Prayer of Ordination over Meininger, Norton and Soberalski.

PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD



The candidates were presented to the bishop by Msgr. Bernard Galic, diocesan vocation director and pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder. Msgr. Galic testified to their worthiness, after which Bishop Rhoades formally accepted them to be ordained as deacons.



During the Litany of Supplication, the candidates laid prostrate on the sanctuary floor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception while the intercession of the saints and angels was invoked.



The deacons were each handed the Book of the Gospels, symbolizing the task of the deacon to proclaim the Gospel in liturgical celebrations and to preach the faith of the Church in word and deed.



After the litany, Bishop Rhoades laid his hands on the head of the elect, Jonathan Norton, in accordance with the apostolic tradition.

Deacon Zachary Barry brings trusting, open spirit to Priesthood

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Deacon Zak Barry has been preparing for the day of his Ordination to the Priesthood for many years with prayer and study. But he knows Jesus is in charge. “Only Jesus knows what I need in preparation for ordination, so my prayer has been opening myself up to Him and asking that He work in me so that I will be able to receive the graces I need in ordination,” he says.

A Fort Wayne native, Zachary David Barry is the eldest of the six children of Vincent and Rebecca Barry, parishioners of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish. He received his elementary education at St. Charles Borromeo School and graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School in 2006.

Growing up in a close-knit Catholic family, Deacon Barry credits his parents for his deep, enduring faith. “The first and grounding influence on my formation in the faith came from my parents. They formed my prayer habits early in life, taught me the importance of attending Mass, and gave me countless examples and lessons on living a life focused on the Lord,” he says. He holds dear the memories of attending Confession with his father on Saturday mornings, and the early morning bike rides he and his mom took to attend daily Mass together.

He notes, “And throughout seminary, as I learned more about the faith and grew closer to the Lord in prayer, my relationship with my parents — both the love and support they had shown me and the way I had seen them interact with each other — helped my understanding

of the mysterious love, which God has for us, and the way in which we are called to return that love.”

He also merits the indispensable role of the priests of his youth and his religion teachers in his faith formation and spiritual growth.

Deacon Barry recalls while in grade school his call to the Priesthood. “I first heard the Lord’s call in sixth grade, during a talk one of the parish priests was giving to the class on vocations. His words, ‘Some of the men in this room may be called to be priests,’ sank deep into my heart and took up root there,” he says, adding, “My response to the call was to be open, to continue sharing and asking and listening in prayer, with trust that He would see to it that I found the right path — a trust that kept me from worrying about what my future would be and freed me to focus on growing in holiness not in the future but in the present.”

Deacon Barry was accepted into the seminary by Bishop John M. D’Arcy after high school graduation and spent the next four years studying philosophy at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minn. Following graduation from seminary college in 2010, Deacon Barry transitioned to Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., to study theology.

Seminary life has been a lesson in balance for this soon-to-be ordained shepherd of the Church. “Study is a large part of seminary life, but so is spiritual growth — especially prayer and the sacraments. Human formation also plays a key role, meaning seminary recognizes and teaches the value of being a good Christian man,” he says, noting that fraternity is important



JOE ROMIE

Deacon Zak Barry proclaims the Gospel at St. Peter Church in Fort Wayne at a Mass before a Serra Club-sponsored Christmas luncheon last December.

as well. “We are helped to develop our human virtues and encouraged to spend time together rather than burying ourselves in books and prayer all day, as important as they are.”

Seminary life provides opportunities to understand and practice service as well. “Seminary forms men to have a pastor’s heart, ministering to needs in the community by making visits to nursing homes and hospitals, helping in the schools, visiting prisons and helping in a parish,” he says.

Deacon Barry’s summer assignment experiences have been invaluable to his future ministry as priest. “The summers I’ve spent in the parishes (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Fort Wayne, St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart, and St. Michael, Plymouth) were crucial points of my formation and discernment, because it was there that the Lord was able to confirm His call in my heart,” he says, adding, “I haven’t been more happy than I have been working in a parish.”

Deacon Barry was ordained into the diaconate by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on May 25, 2013, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Now, a year later, as he waits the glorious day of Ordination to the Priesthood he cherishes his family’s support. “My family has been amazingly supportive! They are all excited for me, and my youngest sister Gianna is especially excited to make her first Communion at my first Mass of thanksgiving,” he says enthusiastically.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will ordain Deacon Zachary Barry to the Priesthood at the Mass of Ordination on June 7, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

As for his priesthood ministry, Barry offers a spirit of openness and says, “What am I bringing to the Priesthood? Myself, whole and entire, my gifts and my weaknesses. I’m bringing a spirit open to guidance and correction and a heart seeking the Lord and to draw others closer to Him.”

Following ordination, Deacon Barry looks forward to celebrating the sacraments, especially the holy sacrifice of the Mass and Confession. And as he looks forward to “being in the parish, surrounded by the people of God and ministering to them,” where he knows he will “need God’s grace the most,” this humble servant of God says he is most excited about “being Christ to others — something I’m not worthy of and not capable of without extreme grace. But that is exactly what He’s offering me.”

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- John 15:16

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Barry family will rejoice in God's blessings as son is ordained

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — When Zachary Barry is ordained a priest by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Saturday, June 7, at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in downtown Fort Wayne, his loving family will witness the culmination of years of study, prayer and discernment.

Zak's mother Rebecca told *Today's Catholic*, "We first sensed Zak had a vocation to the Priesthood when he started talking! He is a born philosopher; when he was young, all his teachers said he was a deep thinker."

And when he requested a breviary, a book containing the divine office of the Catholic Church, for his 18th birthday, so that he could pray the Liturgy of the Hours each morning, they were convinced he would pursue a religious vocation.

Zak's parents are "cradle Catholics" and provided loving support for his decision, along with brother Greg, sisters Victoria, Madeline, Miriam and Gianna and extended family members, which include at least one priest and a religious sister. A large and joyful family contingent is expected to be in attendance for his ordination.

The Barry family attends Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne where Zak was a



KAY COZAD

The Barry family is shown on the plaza of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne at the diaconate ordination of Zachary Barry last May.

faithful altar boy throughout his years at St. Charles Borromeo School and Bishop Dwenger High School.

Those encouraging and inspiring him during those formative years included Msgr. Edward

Hession and other priests at St. Charles, as well as teachers and lay people who "lived their Christian vocation joyfully," said Rebecca.

The oldest of the Barry children, Zak entered seminary

training immediately after high school and obtained an undergraduate degree in philosophy from Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minn., then graduate degrees in divinity and theology from Mount St. Mary's

Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.

It's all about Catholic family for the Barrys. Zak's father Vince said, "I want all of my children to find their true vocation and to develop and use their God-given gifts to serve His Church and thereby to achieve happiness. Zak's ordination is the gateway to him fully living his vocation. It certainly will be a more unique blessing to our family than a child's wedding and affect our family celebrations in ways we have yet to discover."

Rebecca shared a mother's perspective. "A priest in the family will be a special blessing, as well as a special cross for us. We have the happy burden, all of us as Catholics, to pray for our priests, bishops and Holy Father, as they lead us in our culture that is so hostile to Christ and His teachings. Our family will have an 'extra' share in that support of priests."

"I feel privileged to have Zak for a son," she said, "and feel he will be a blessing for his 'new' parish family, as he has been in our own family."

As Zachary Barry receives the sacrament of Holy Orders from Bishop Rhoades on the day of his ordination, he will surely sense the love of family that surrounds and envelops him and, along with God's divine presence, strengthens him for his priestly journey.



Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. -Jn 12:26

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ZACHARY BARRY

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An easy formula that works with kids

Three of my teen daughters are currently ballet dancers, studying that art form in a pre-professional classical ballet school. Most days at the studio, the girls are required to wear black leotards (with or without ballet skirts), pink ballet tights and pink canvas shoes. On Wednesdays the girls are allowed to wear colored leotards, and they fully enjoy expressing themselves then by wearing pretty floral or solid colored leotards and coordinating filmy ballet skirts.

A couple months ago the girls and I were in the fabric store, purchasing some material for my 16 year old, who is taking a sewing class at school. My younger daughter asked for a yard of a couple different kinds of stretch fabric to try to make a ballet skirt. Soon, the 12 year old found the clearance rack, and shyly asked for some material too. Not knowing anything about making ballet skirts, but figuring the older sister could help them all fig-

ure it out, I purchased several yards of material in beautiful colors and textures.

At home, the girls went straight to YouTube on the Internet to research how to make the ballet skirts they desired — ABT (American Ballet Theater) style — shorter on the sides and longer in back. My 14 year old worked particularly diligently. She made a few mistakes, had to start over, but before long she had several pretty new skirts to wear to ballet class, and did so as her classmates oohed and ahhed over the new creations. Of course this response motivated her to go home and make more. Some of the girls even asked her to help them make their own, or make some for them with their own material.

As I watched this process unfold right before my eyes, I realized I was watching a pattern that I had seen many times before in my family. Perhaps you have seen it in yours too.



HERESA A. THOMAS

EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

An interest is sparked. You feed the interest by supplying the environment, the materials and enthusiasm. You stand back. They fly.

My 19-year-old daughter is currently a computer animation college student studying art and cartoon animation. While she has taken a few traditional 2-D and 3-D art classes while in high school, she was primarily self-taught in cartooning. When she was a little girl, we simply made materials available to her. I think she filled enough

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The danger of soft atheism

A very instructive exchange between Gary Gutting, a philosophy professor at Notre Dame, and Philip Kitcher, a philosophy professor at Columbia, just appeared in the pages of *The New York Times*. Kitcher describes himself as a proponent of “soft atheism,” which is to say an atheism distinct from the polemical variety espoused by Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens. Unlike his harsher colleagues, Kitcher is willing to admit that religion can play an ethically useful role in a predominantly secular society. I won’t delve into this feature of Kitcher’s thought, for I have explored the Kantian reduction of religion to ethics elsewhere, but I would like to draw attention to one particular move made in this interview, since it shows, with remarkable clarity, one of the fundamental misunderstandings of religion common among atheists.

Prompted by Gutting, Kitcher admits that he finds all religious doctrine incredible. Pressed for an explanation of this rather extreme position, he points to the fact of the extraordinary plurality of religious doctrines: Christians, Jews, Hindus, Muslims, animists, etc. hold to radically different accounts of reality, the divine, human purpose, etc. And since all religions rely fundamentally on the same ground — some revelation offered to distant ancestors — there is no rational way to adjudicate these differences. Indeed, the only real reason that I am a Christian, he would maintain, is that I was born to Christian parents who passed the founding stories onto me. If you, as a Jew or Muslim or Hindu, have different foundational stories, there is no reasonable way I can convince you or you can convince me. It’s just your cockamamie myth against my cockamamie myth. This is, of course, a variation on the standard Enlightenment view that positive religion is untethered to reason and hence inevitably violent, force being the only way that one religion can supersede another.

The fundamental problem here is that Kitcher completely overlooks the decisively important role that a religious tradition plays in the development and ratification of doctrine. It is true that religion is usually grounded in some foundational events, but those experiences are not simply passed on dumbly like a football from generation to generation. On the contrary, they are sifted and tested through a complex process of reception and assimilation. They are compared and contrasted to other similar experiences; they are analyzed rationally; they are set in dialogue with what we know of the world on other grounds; they are subjected to philosophical investigation; their layers of meaning are uncovered through conversations that have unfolded across hundreds, even thousands of years; their behavioral and ethical implications are teased out and assessed.

Let us take just one example from the Bible in order to illustrate how this process happens. The book of Genesis tells us that the patriarch Jacob one night had a dream of

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angels ascending and descending on a great ladder that was rooted in the earth and stretched into the heavens. Upon awakening, he declared the site where he had slept holy and consecrated it with an altar. As the tradition has received this story and drawn out its implications, it has come to see a manifold of profound metaphysical and spiritual truths: that finite being and Infinite being are intimately connected to one another; that every place is potentially a place of encounter with the power that sustains the cosmos; that there is a hierarchy of created reality stretching upward to God from the earth and downward from God to the earth; that the worship of God is enlivening to human beings; etc. These conclusions are the result of the very sifting process I referenced earlier, and they provide the basis for something that Kitcher and his colleagues evidently find inadmissible, namely, a real argument about religious matters. It is not simply a question of pitting one ancient story against another; it is a question of analyzing, marshalling evidence and testing against experience. And when this takes place between interlocutors from different religious traditions, provided that they are people of intelligence and good will, serious progress can be made.

As I hinted, what bothers me about Kitcher’s proposal is that it effectively relegates all religion to the arena of the irrational. It is interesting to note that several times in the course of his interview he compares religious experience to the experiences of people suffering from psychosis. And this shows the real danger of such a proposal, namely, that a society dominated by advocates of Kitcher’s brand of atheism might tolerate religious people for a time but will, eventually, seek to marginalize them — or even hospitalize them for insanity. If you think this last suggestion is paranoid, take a good hard look at the policy of the Soviet Union in regard to those who disagreed with its regnant ideology. In the mid-19th century, John Henry Newman fought tenaciously to defend the rationality of religious claims. Kitcher’s interview — as well as the voluminous writings of his intellectual allies — convinces me that the same battle needs to be joined today.

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THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Mt 28:16-20

In many dioceses in the United States this weekend is the liturgical celebration of the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Other dioceses observe this weekend as the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

These reflections will refer to the biblical readings for the feast of the Ascension.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, is from the beginning of Acts. As with the Gospel of Luke, the author addresses Theophilus. The identity of Theophilus is unclear. Was Theophilus his actual name? Perhaps it was. Perhaps it was not. Theophilus also is a title, meaning “friend of God.”

In any case, this initial form of address recalls that Luke’s Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are inseparably linked. Acts simply continues the story first given in the Gospel. It is important to remember this.

As the New Testament was compiled into one set of Scriptures, and especially as the Church accepted John’s Gospel as the authentic Word of God, the Gospel of John was inserted between Luke and Acts so as not to divide the four Gospels.

However, this process upset the perception of seeing Acts as the continuation of Luke.

Important in this reading is the identification given the Apostles, 11 in number since the defection and then suicide of Judas. Acts clearly states that the Lord chose the Apostles. His selection was not insignificant or casual. It was done with the very power of the Holy Spirit.

They still need the wisdom of Jesus. They are confused about salvation and about the Savior. Will Jesus restore Israel to its old earthly might? Jesus clarifies what salvation means.

He also clarified the place of baptism. Finally, Jesus ascends to heaven. The story ends on an evangelistic note. An angel tells the Apostles, staring into the sky, to look around them and carry onward the Gospel.

For its second reading, the Church offers a passage from the Epistle to the Ephesians. This reading is a prayer that all Christians might find true wisdom in Christ, the only source of truth.

St. Matthew’s Gospel provides the last reading. This reading too identifies the dignity of the Apostles. They are with Jesus. Seeing Jesus, gloriously alive after the Crucifixion, the Apostles believe. Doubts are gone.

The Lord then commissions them to go into the world, excepting no place or anyone, and to bring all into God’s family by baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This passage not only underscores the role of the Apostles, and of the task of the Apostles to continue to proclaim God’s mercy, but it reveals the Holy Trinity.

Reflection

For weeks the Church, with great joy and confidence, has proclaimed to us the reality of the Lord’s victory over death in

the Resurrection. It has led us through weeks of rejoicing in the Resurrection by revealing to us the response long ago of the first Christians to the fact that Jesus overcame death.

The link between Luke’s Gospel and Acts is important. Salvation in Christ continued after the Ascension.

Jesus did not depart the earth in any final sense in the Ascension. The further unfolding of the divine plan of salvation is seen. Jesus chose the Apostles so that they would continue to preach the Gospel and reconcile humans with God.

The Church gave, and still gives, the message of the Lord. In, and through, the Church the Lord acts.

We are able to encounter Jesus — just as the first Christians encountered Him. God lives in Jesus. Jesus still is with us. He bonds with us in Baptism. In Baptism, we enter the Church and meet the Lord, forever alive, forever redeeming, forever healing, forever forgiving, forever strengthening, forever loving.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5acd, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36a, 35bc-36b Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

The Anglican Wannabe fallacy

Prior to April 27's canonization-doubleheader, I taped a lengthy interview with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, discussing both John XXIII and John Paul II. The ABC was kind enough to send transcripts of the programs it did on these giants of modern Catholicism, so I was able to read what others had to say about the Church's two newest saints. Much of it was interesting, but some comments verged on the bizarre.

Dr. Lavinia Byrne (for those unfamiliar with the higher echelons of the British Catholic commentariat) is a former nun whose refusal to concede that the question of ordaining women to the ministerial Priesthood was definitively settled by John Paul II in 1994 led to difficulties with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and her eventual departure from religious life. Dr. Byrne was one of those interviewed for the ABC program on John Paul II, and while her animus toward the Polish pope was entirely predictable, what struck me was the following statement, which she made toward the end of the program:

"If in the 1990s, the (Catholic) Church had followed the example of the Anglican Communion and had accepted the ordination of women, it would look very different nowadays. ... Had there been ordination of women we would not have had parishes that are starved of the sacraments because there simply aren't enough young men coming forward who are prepared to be celibate and prepared to labor on their own."

There, in brief, is the Fallacy of Wannabe Anglicanism.

If the experience of Anglicanism in Great Britain is the measure Dr. Byrne proposes,

then it is certainly true that "the Catholic Church ... would look very different nowadays" if "in the 1990s (it) had followed the example of the Anglican communion and had accepted the ordination of women" — it would look empty. For that is how most Anglican churches in Britain today look on Sunday: empty. There are, of course, many reasons for the collapse of Anglican faith and practice in the U.K.; but there isn't the slightest shred of evidence that that collapse has been slowed, much less reversed, by the Church of England's decision to admit women to its ordained ministry.

On the contrary, that decision was of a piece with the general doctrinal meltdown of the Anglican leadership in the so-called First World, which began in earnest when the 1930 Lambeth Conference (a decennial meeting of Anglican bishops) accepted the morality of contraceptive sex, and has continued apace ever since. Thus when the head of the Anglican Communion, Robert Runcie, engaged in an extended correspondence with John Paul II and Cardinal Johannes Willebrands (the Vatican's chief ecumenist) in the 1980s, Runcie leaned heavily on sociological arguments about changing gender-patterns of leadership in society to buttress his attempt at a theological explanation of why the Church of England was moving toward ordaining women to its ministry — a "radical innovation," John Paul and Willebrands had warned, that would do grave damage to what was once the most promising of the bilateral ecumenical dialogues.

The Church of England went ahead with the "radical innovation"; the quest for full com-



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GEORGE WEIGEL

munion between Canterbury and Rome suffered a grave blow; North Atlantic Anglicanism continued to hemorrhage active congregants.

Hard experience should have taught us by now that there is an iron law built into the relationship between Christianity and modernity. Christian communities that know and defend their doctrinal and moral boundaries (while extending the compassion of Christ when we fail to live within those boundaries, as we all do) survive in modernity; some actually flourish and become robustly evangelical. Conversely, Christian communities whose doctrinal and moral boundaries are eroded by the new orthodoxy of political correctness, and become so porous that it becomes impossible to know if one is "in" or "out," wither and die.

That is the sad state of Anglicanism in the North Atlantic world today: even splendid liturgical smells-and-bells can't save an Anglicanism hollowed out by the shibboleths of secular modernity. Why British Catholics like Lavinia Byrne can't see this is one of the mysteries of the 21st-century Church.

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This all started with the interest, the environment, materials and encouragement.

Something similar occurred when my son was in the fifth grade. We had been reading about electricity in our homeschool and studying electrical current. Out of the blue one afternoon my son gave me a list of parts he wanted: a nine-volt battery, some wiring, some metal and other things I can't remember. Apparently he had started independently reading an electric circuitry book I had on our shelves and he wanted to make a burglar alarm. Instead of trying to control the project, I gave him the materials, some encouraging words and let him at it. In a day he had made, completely by himself, a working burglar alarm. I doubt he would have done so well had I tried to micromanage him.

It occurred to me recently that this formula, which I've seen time and time again at work in our family, can be applied to helping our children develop a relationship with God too.

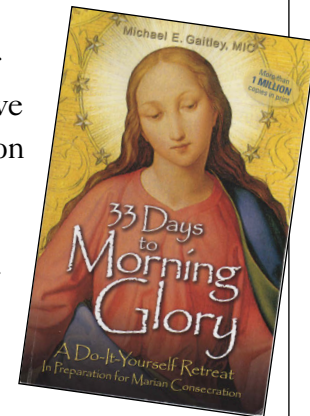
As parents we can spark an interest in our children to communicate with God. Beginning when they

are very young we read them Bible stories, saint stories and talk about God frequently, daily. As they grow older, we feed the interest by supplying the right environment. This is accomplished by making a truly Catholic home, teaching them knowledge of the faith and frequenting the sacraments with them. Next, we provide the materials, (prayer books, saint books, statues and artwork in their rooms and our homes to uplift and inspire). We offer genuine enthusiasm (including our own example.) Then, geared with the necessary tools, they figure out themselves how they are going to make their own personal relationship with God. Like a plant in rich soil nourished by the sun and watered, they grow, amazingly.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for Ascension 2014

Acts 2:1-12

Following is a word search based on the first reading for the feast of the Ascension (May 29 or June 1): the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

FIRST BOOK	JESUS	TAKEN UP
ALIVE	MANY PROOFS	PROMISE
FATHER	BAPTIZED	ASKED HIM
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RECEIVE	POWER	WITNESSES
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sketchbooks to line our 1,000 foot driveway if put end to end. This daughter didn't ask for new Polly Pocket toys for her birthdays. She wanted Prisma color markers and pens and "how to" books from the art store. So, we purchased what we could, surrounded her with material, encouraged her and then let her be. She flourished.

This daughter spent hours honing her craft, reading books on her own about illustration from the library or bookstore and then just applying what she learned. She drew and sketched and doodled and sketched some more. She would bring her notebook to baseball games, to the movie theater, to Grandma's house... Wherever she went, that sketchpad and those pencils came too. To date, she has contributed art for a comic book, had some artwork published in a book, and is now really taking off with her college classes in an excellent program.

Sports

BDHS SAINTS OPEN GOLF OUTING PLANNED FOR JUNE 13 Bishop Dwenger High School invites all alumni, parents, and friends of the Dwenger family to the 19th Annual Saints Open Golf Outing on Friday, June 13, at Cherry Hill Golf Club with 12 p.m. registration, and 1 p.m. shotgun start. Men, women and mixed teams are welcome. Proceeds will benefit Bishop Dwenger's Endowed Scholarship Funds. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to register, visit www.bishopdwenger.com or call the development office at 260-496-4775.

Royal Reds win CYO softball championship

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — It took over two decades, but Coach Denny Jamison's Royal Reds finally won the year-end Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) softball tournament. According to Jamison, the CYO softball league has been around nearly a quarter of a century.

Back then his wife, Barb, was the head coach for nine years. The league started as slow pitch, but soon switched to fast pitch and Denny was the assistant. "So, technically, 2014 was my rookie season as head coach," Jamison quipped.

Most recently, the small-school program, made up of girls from both Queen of Angels and Most Precious Blood, has grown into a championship team under the direction Beth Peters — until she took the head job at Bishop Dwenger High School this season.

Now Jamison is assisted by Brian Brown and the pair had an all-star lineup of talent. "We had outstanding pitching and catching this season and all of the girls were solid with the basics," Jamison detailed.

Also encouraging for the future of their program, of the 11 listed on their roster, the Royal Reds two pitchers were seventh graders (Olivia Dickerson and Sandy Freistroffer), they started two fifth graders in the championship game and their junior varsity squad had a very successful season.

The 7-6 win over St. Charles came on a beautiful sunny Wednesday evening, May 21, on their home diamond in front of a large crowd.

"We were blessed the storms held off and our diamond stayed dry enough from the earlier rains to get the game in," marveled Jamison.

Sparked by a triple from Dickerson, the Royal Reds took control early with their explosive offense scoring two runs in the first inning. A defensive highlight came in the third inning when Caitlyn Ryan tagged out a runner at home plate with the throw coming from Cristina Brown at third base. The eventual champs added another run in the fourth inning and two more in the fifth and sixth each.

Up 7-1 going into the seventh, Dickerson, got out of a fateful jam with the tying and go ahead runs on base to hold off a Cardinal surge. She finished with nine strikeouts.

"I wouldn't have wanted to play them (St. Charles) another inning. They are a well-coached team, solid in every position and definitely had the momentum on their side," admitted Jamison.



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The Royal Reds CYO softball team won the league championship. The team consists of the following, front, from left, Madison Woods, Sandi Freistroffer, Jenna Osborne, Sophie Dickerson and Hannah McLemore; and back row, Brian Brown, Emma Austin, Cristina Brown, Olivia Dickerson, Caitlyn Ryan, Daphne Kimes, Courtney Scott and Denny Jamison.

The Royal Reds beat a strong team from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth (who list five fifth graders) in the opening round of the tournament, then downed St. Jude to get to the championship round. They finished with an impressive 9-1 overall record.

Their lone loss came early in the season to the newcomers from St. Rose/St. Louis who went unbeaten in their first CYO regular season, but lost in a 1-0 nail-biter to St. Charles in the semifinals of the tournament. The two did not meet in the regular season.

St. Charles finished with a 5-2 record overall. Despite mounting a huge comeback driving in five runs off of two triples and two singles in the seventh inning and out-hitting the Royal Reds in the championship game, the Cardinals came up just short. Lefty pitcher, Isabella McGillycuddy also had nine strikeouts in the loss. Assistant coach Karen Bougher summarized, "I was so proud of our girls. They never gave up. They were a great bunch who all got along and love the game."

ST. JUDE EAGLES CROWNED CYO SOCCER CHAMPIONS



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In the boys' Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) soccer championship, the St. Jude Eagles were crowned the 2014 champions after defeating St. Vincent, 4-1, on May 20. Led by Justin Baeten's two goals, the Eagles avenged a regular season loss to the Panthers. In the win, Chino Eke and Lucas Harkenrider had the other two goals for the Eagles. Thom Obergfell and Ron Harkenrider coach the Eagles.

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Theology on Tap to focus on Marian Consecration efforts in the diocese
Fort Wayne — The last Theology on Tap of the season will meet Thursday, June 19, at Calhoun Soups, Salads and Spirits at 6:30 p.m. for an introduction to the "33 Days to Morning Glory" Marian Consecration efforts in the diocese. Franciscan Father David Mary Engo will speak on the writings of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta and St. Pope John Paul II. Theology on Tap will resume meetings in September. For more information visit www.diocesefwsb.org/tot.

Eucharistic Holy Hour
Fort Wayne — The Lejeune Medical Guild and St. John the Baptist, 4500 Fairfield Ave. will sponsor a guided, Eucharistic Holy Hour with prayers, music and reflection planned to benefit healthcare workers and all persons with illnesses Saturday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity for a laying on of hands for healing and a reception afterwards. Visit www.fortwaynecma.com.

Orchestral Mass
Mishawaka — Queen of Peace music ministry will present an orchestral Mass on the Vigil of the Ascension, Saturday, May 31, at 5:30 p.m. The Chamber Choir and orchestra will perform the "Missa Sancti Gabrielis" by Michael Haydn as part of the Mass. Contact Brad Todorovich for information at 574-255-9674.

URC plans annual meeting
South Bend — The United Religious Community of St. Joseph County will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, June 1, from 2-4 p.m. at the Islamic Society of Michiana Community Center, 3310 Hepler St. Light refreshments will be served. Agenda includes: Welcome from the URC and the host Islamic Society of Michiana, election of new board members and officers, update on URC activities and successes and the URC reorganization plans.

Mass for the Deaf offered June 14
Fort Wayne — A Mass for the Deaf, celebrated by Father Mike Depcik, one of 10 priests in the world who is deaf and celebrates Mass through sign language, will be celebrated Saturday, June 14, at 4 p.m. in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne. A light dinner will be served afterward.

Germanfest kicks off with Mass
Fort Wayne — A German Mass, celebrated by Father Charles Herman with music by Fort Wayne Mannerchor & Dammenchor will be Sunday, June 8, at 11 a.m., at St. Peter Church. After Mass a dinner of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, kuchen and beverage will be served in the pavilion. Tickets are \$8 for adults, children 6-12 are \$5 and children under 6 are free. George Berger will be playing old German songs on his accordion.

Catholic Youth Summer Camp openings
Milford — Were Not Our Hearts Burning? Luke 24:32. Consider sending any of your children going into the fourth, fifth or sixth grade to travel along the road to Emmaus at Catholic Youth Summer Camp. This fun and faith-filled week will take place on the beautiful shores of Lake Waubee at Camp Mack in Milford, July 20-25. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will visit the camp. For more information, visit www.stjudeparish.net. Contact Dave and Jan Torma, camp directors, at 574-291-3381 or fisherofmendjt@msn.com.

Knights plan fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 6, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Rummage sale
Mishawaka — The St. Joseph Rosary Society, 3rd and Spring St., will have a rummage sale Friday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Barb Meister at 574-257-4059 for information.

Alumni called to memorial Mass
South Bend — An alumni memorial Mass will be Thursday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Saint Joseph School, 453 N. Notre Dame Ave. Contact Henry Chandler, alumni coordinator, at 574-234-2904, ext. 547 or e-mail hchandler@saintjoehigh.com if you plan to attend. Enter at door A off the Notre Dame Ave. parking lot.

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Laura Faith Parker, 53, Sacred Heart |

Central Catholic alumni to gather
Fort Wayne — An all alumni reunion will be Saturday, June 28, at 4 p.m. at the Classic Cafe Catering and Event Center. Buffet dinner and cash bar. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 due by June 20. Call 260-485-0290 for information.

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, June 1 at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Brooklyn Ave., north entrance.

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. For information contact Henry Chandler at 574-234-2904, ext. 547 or e-mail hchandler@saintjoehigh.com.

Natural family planning classes to begin
South Bend — A six-class series on Natural Family Planning will begin on Friday, June 6, from 7-9 p.m. at The Life Center, 2018 Ironwood Circle. To register, contact 574-234-5411 or email nfpstjoseph@catholic.org.

TV MASSES FOR JUNE

2014	Feast Day	Fort Wayne 10:30 a.m. WFFT-TV, Ch. 55	South Bend 10:30 a.m. WNDU-TV, Ch. 16
June 1	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Father David Mary Engo Our Lady of the Angels Fort Wayne	Father Tom Shoemaker St. Therese, Little Flower South Bend
June 8	Pentecost Sunday	Father William Kummer St. Joseph Hossen Cassel Fort Wayne	Father Bob Lengerich St. Dominic Bremen
June 15 Father's Day	The Most Holy Trinity	Father Joseph Gaughan Most Precious Blood Fort Wayne	Father Matthew Coonan St. Vincent DePaul Elkhart
June 22	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Msr. Robert Schulte Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	Father Tom McNally, CSC Notre Dame
June 29	Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	Father Ben Muhlenkamp St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fort Wayne	Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Bishop of Diocese Fort Wayne-South Bend

Readings for June
June 1 Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1,4,7-8 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a
June 8 Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23
June 15 Ex 34:4b-6,8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-55 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18
June 22 Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a Ps 147:12-15,19-20 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58
June 29 Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19

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thing permanent," Bishop Rhoades said. "Deacons are icons or images of Christ the Servant — the configuration to Christ the Servant through diaconal ordination is permanent."

"That's why the Church requires us to be ordained deacons first," Bishop Rhoades further explained. "We don't leave one Order behind when

we assume a different one. The sacramental effects of the three grades of Orders are cumulative, not exclusive."

"You won't be icons of Christ the Servant for just a year, but for a lifetime," he continued. "No one is admitted to the higher degrees of Holy Orders without first being configured to Christ with the indelible character of the diaconate."

He noted, "When you are priests, God-willing, the diaconal dimension of your ministry must also be visible. What is this dimension? It is the dimension of

service, 'diakonia.'"

Bishop Rhoades spoke of the threefold ministry of the deacon. The first was the diakonia of the liturgy, ministers of the altar. "You will prepare the altar for the Eucharistic Sacrifice and you will give the Body and Blood of the Lord to His people," he said. This ministry also includes taking Holy Communion to the sick, the suffering and the homebound.

The second was to exercise the diakonia of the Word. "This is the first duty of all the ordained, the first duty of our priests and bishops as well," Bishop Rhoades said. "We share a common responsibility to proclaim and explain the Gospel. Remember always that it is the Word of God we preach, not our word."

The bishop said through preaching and teaching, "we are called to lead people to grace, to an encounter with Christ. To do this task well, you must, (I repeat) you must be men who contemplate the Gospel with love. You can't give what you don't have. I urge you as preachers to first linger over the pages of the Gospel and read them with your hearts as well as your minds. Prayer, spiritual reading and meditation must be part of our daily routine as ministers of the Word of God."

The third aspect of the ministry of deacon is charity. Bishop Rhoades recalled the first deacons in the Acts of the Apostles were ordained to serve at table, to feed the poor widows.

The bishop recalled the works

of Pope Benedict in his encyclical "Deus Caritas Est."

Pope Benedict wrote that the exercise of charity, "the love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to the Church as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel. The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the sacraments and the Word."

Bishop Rhoades encouraged the three men to love the poor, the sick and the suffering and to go out, as Pope Francis says "to the edges and peripheries, to the vulnerable and forgotten."

"Have a particular love and concern for the most vulnerable in our midst: unborn children, the disabled and the elderly," Bishop Rhoades said. "Remember also that besides material poverty, there is much spiritual and cultural poverty."

At the end of the Mass, Bishop Rhoades reminded all that the family is the seedbed of vocations and thanked the families and all who participated in the Mass.

Deacon William Meininger said he was excited about the ordination. "Although I have been serving the people of God as a seminarian," he said, "it is really amazing to think that I will be able to serve them as a sacred minister."

Deacon Meininger added he had been looking forward to "officially promising obedience to the bishop," and "entering into a

very special life-long relationship with the people and Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend."

Meeting on the plaza of the cathedral after the ordination Mass, Deacon Soberalski said he was looking forward mainly to preaching and serving the people of God.

He said of the ordination day that he was extremely happy, a little nervous and "so blessed."

Deacon Norton called the ordination day an affirmation. He said, "Just the prayers of the people mean a lot to me. To be able to lay down my life for the Lord in such a public manner, before the people of God with their praise and their prayers around us."

He said he looked around the cathedral and realized, "this is my family now."

"All the people in this congregation are now my family," he said, "and I am willing to lay down my life for any of them. I look forward to getting to know all of my new family and all of my spiritual children. It's very exciting."

His expectations for his diaconate are to continue to "experience the grace of Our Lord and to experience the grace from Holy Orders for the first time."

He also noted the importance of the Blessed Mother. "No matter where you go, she is always there beside you," he said. "I expect to experience her hugs for the rest of my life."



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