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Pope, in Albania, says killing in God's name is sacrilege

BY CAROL GLATZ

TIRANA, Albania (CNS) — Killing in the name of God is sacrilege, and religious leaders must denounce the use of faith to justify violence and oppression, Pope Francis said during a one-day visit to Albania.

In a world “where an authentic religious spirit is being perverted and where religious differences are being distorted and exploited,” Albania is an “aspiring example” to everyone that peaceful coexistence is possible, Pope Francis told Albania President Bujar Nishani and other dignitaries upon his arrival in the country Sept. 21.

No one should “consider themselves to be the ‘armor’ of God while planning and carrying out acts of violence and oppression,” the pope said.

The pope told reporters on the papal plane he chose to visit the Balkan nation because the peaceful collaboration between its Muslim-majority population and minority Catholic and Orthodox communities “is a beautiful sign for the world.”

“It’s a signal I want to send,” he said, that religion, far from causing division, is the very foundation of freedom and brotherhood.

In a meeting with Muslim, Christian and Catholic leaders and representatives, Pope Francis said



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Pope Francis passes an image of Mother Teresa as he arrives to celebrate Mass in Mother Teresa Square in Tirana, Albania, Sept. 21.

“authentic religion is a source of peace, not violence” and any “distorted use of religion must be firmly refuted as false.”

“To kill in the name of God is sacrilege. To discriminate in the name of God is inhuman,” he said.

The pope encouraged Albania’s religious communities to continue working toward the common good.

“We need each other,” he said, and the “more men and women are at the service of others, the greater their freedom.”

The pope said Albania was a “land of heroes” and a “land of martyrs,” whose people stood firm in the face of oppression and persecution.

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The White Mass will be celebrated at St. Pius X Parish, Granger, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16. A panel discussion will be at 7:30 p.m. on “The Role of Human Suffering ... Perspectives from Judaism, Christianity, and Islam”

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Women's Care Center celebrates 30 years of service

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

WARSAW — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish on Sept. 18, offering praise and gratitude to those who have protected, healed and assisted pregnant women and their families throughout the country over the last three decades.

“Thirty years ago the Women’s Care Center was founded,” Bishop Rhoades said. “For 30 years, you have served the Gospel of Life and saved thousands of unborn children. You have done this by living the Gospel of love. It is one Gospel, the Gospel of life and the Gospel of love.”

Originally founded in 1984 by



CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

Pictured are counselors and staff from the Women’s Care Center facilities in South Bend who were honored for their service and dedication to helping women choose life on Sept. 18 in Warsaw.

University of Notre Dame professor Dr. Janet E. Smith, Women’s Care Center is now the largest pregnancy resource organization in the United States. Originally beginning in a small blue house in South Bend, it served about 300 women during the first year. It now assists over 25,000 women annually in 23 care centers throughout seven states.

Bishop Rhoades, a proud member of the Women’s Care Center governing board, continued, “Through your love for the women who have come to you, often in very difficult circumstances, you have helped them to see their dignity as beloved

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GAO: Many federally subsidized health plans cover elective abortions

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops' pro-life chairman Sept. 16 urged Congress to bring the federal health care law "into compliance with the Hyde amendment" and exclude elective abortions from health plans subsidized with federal funds.

"At a minimum, Congress should not delay in enacting a law to require full disclosure of abortion coverage and abortion premiums to Americans purchasing health plans," said Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, who is chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

The GAO report "confirms the U.S. bishops' long-standing concern about abortion coverage" in the Affordable Care Act, the cardinal said.

He made the comments a day after the non-partisan Government Accountability Office released a report assessing such coverage in plans across the country.

The Affordable Care Act was passed in 2010 without Hyde amendment-like protections, the long-standing federal statutory restriction that says federal funds cannot be used for abortion services, except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the woman would be endangered.

An effort to insert restrictions on abortion funding in the House version of the health care bill failed. Before the Senate passed the bill that was eventually signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 23, 2010, the U.S. Catholic bishops repeatedly urged U.S. senators to put Hyde-like language in the measure.

A day after he signed the health care bill, Obama issued an executive order applying the Hyde amendment restrictions to health insurance exchanges getting federal subsidies. But at the time Catholic and other pro-life leaders raised questions as to whether his executive order would stop any expanded use of taxpayer funds for abortion.

The GAO, which was asked to prepare its report by a group of Republican lawmakers, gathered information from February to September of this year. The federal agency identified more than 1,000 plans eligible for federal premium subsidies that cover elective abortions.

The report stated that the health care law "prohibits the use of federal funds made available to offset the cost of QHP (qualified health plans) coverage — that is, income-based tax credits and subsidies — to pay for non-excepted abortion services," that is, abortions not excepted under Hyde.

It said 23 states have laws restricting the circumstances under which qualified health plans can provide non-excepted abortion services as a covered benefit. Seventeen of those states have laws that do not permit coverage of any abortions; six of them permit coverage of non-excepted abortions "only in limited circumstances, such as to prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a pregnant woman's major bodily function."

However, the report said, 28 states have no laws restricting such abortion coverage. In five of those states — Connecticut, Hawaii, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont — all qualified health plans "cover non-excepted abortion services," it said.

In 15 of the 28 states, some plans cover non-excepted abortion services; of those 15, the number of plans providing abortion coverage ranged from 2 percent in Texas to 98 percent in Massachusetts. For example, in New York 405 out of 426 plans subsidize abortion on demand, in California, 86 out of 90 plans; and in Oregon, 92 out of 102.

The Affordable Health Care law requires all 50 states and the District of Columbia to offer at least two qualified health care plans, at least one of which does not cover non-excepted abortion services.

The GAO report said the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which is part of the Department of Health and Human Services, has provided limited guidance about the rules relating to coverage of abortion by health care plans. The HHS agency told the GAO "that additional clarification may be needed."

The health care law requires insurers to estimate the cost of coverage of abortion per enrollee per month and to collect from each enrollee a premium for that coverage that is "segregated from any other premium amounts."

In a Sept. 17 statement, the Catholic Health Association of the United States echoed the criticism of the lack of oversight to stop abortion funding in the subsidized health plans.

"It is important to recognize that the ACA law explicitly forbids the use of federal funds for abortion except in the cases covered by the Hyde amendment," it said. "This critical provision must be adhered to in every state, irrespective of how challenging it is to monitor."

"We recognize that there are 50 different states with 50 different insurance commissioners and regulations, as well as over 2,000 different

insurance plans," the CHA added. "This represents a real challenge for monitoring, but it must be done. The ACA law requires it."

The CHA said it will diligently monitor the efforts of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services "to assure that the law is implemented as written," especially since the agency said it would address the issue of unauthorized abortion with qualified health plans and state insurance departments.

The statement noted that the reason women often give for getting an abortion "is the inability to afford health care for the mother, unborn infant and later the child the lack of health care," but with the access to health care under the federal law provides, "no mother should ever feel she has to abort her unborn child because she cannot afford health care."

In 2010, after Obama signed his executive order applying Hyde amendment restrictions to the health care law, USCCB leaders were among those who questioned whether it would effectively stop federal funding of abortion in health plans, while CHA felt the order would be effective.

In his Sept. 16 statement, Cardinal O'Malley criticized the lack of full disclosure on abortion coverage in federally subsidized health plans, as illustrated by the GAO report.

"Surveys have shown that most Americans do not want elective abortion in their health coverage, and do not want their tax dollars to fund abortions," he said. "Their wishes are not being followed, and it can be difficult or impossible for them to find out whether those wishes are respected even in their own health plan."

Cardinal O'Malley added: "The only adequate solution to this problem is the one the Catholic bishops advocated from the beginning of the health care reform debate in Congress: Bring the Affordable Care Act into compliance with the Hyde amendment and every other federal law on abortion funding, by excluding elective abortions from health plans subsidized with federal funds."

As co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, also criticized the lack of transparency on coverage.

"Americans throughout the country have raised serious concerns that they find it nearly impossible to determine whether the plan they purchase finances the killing of unborn children," he said.

Scot bishops hope Catholics join public debate after independence vote

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — The Catholic bishops of Scotland said they accept the results of referendum in which Scot voters rejected independence.

In a Sept. 19 statement, the Bishops' Conference of Scotland also commended "all those who participated in what was a passionate and sometimes partisan debate."

"The vast majority of Scots engaged with the referendum, and it is our hope that we can all now cooperate for the benefit of our nation in the future," it said.

The Sept. 18 vote on whether Scotland should leave the United Kingdom was rejected by a 55 per-

cent to 45 percent margin.

The issue of independence had generated intense feelings among advocates on both sides, and the days leading to the vote were marred by reports of violence, vandalism and intimidation, mostly, though not exclusively, by those campaigning in favor of an end to the 300-year union.

The bishops also urged the Catholic community to "continue to engage in public debate and decision-making" and, in doing so, to uphold the meaning and importance of the Christian message.

"May God bless Scotland," the statement concluded.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster, president of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, endorsed the Scottish bishops' statement.

A spokesman for the cardinal said Sept. 19: "All Catholics are

encouraged to continue to engage in public debate and decision-making as confidently we seek to make the face of Christ known and together work for the common good."

Scottish officials reported that more than 2 million people voted to remain with the U.K., while more than 1.6 million cast ballots in favor of independence. Voter turnout was reported at nearly 85 percent.

Conceding defeat Sept. 19, Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond, who also is leader of the governing Scottish National Party, told supporters not to "dwell on the distance we have fallen short" but on "the distance we have traveled and have confidence the movement is abroad in Scotland that will take this nation forward."

Later that day, Salmond resigned his post, prompting a Sept. 20 letter of gratitude for his public service from Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of

Glasgow, president of the bishops' conference.

The archbishop thanked Salmond for his support and assistance with the 2010 visit to Scotland of Pope Benedict XVI, adding that the bishops were "especially grateful for your recognition of the important place of religion and faith in Scotland, for your support of Catholic education as making its own distinctive contribution to the good of Scotland as a whole, and for your sensitivity to the issues around religious freedom which are emerging in our country as they are elsewhere."

The "no" campaign had been expected to win the referendum from the outset, but from early September, the outcome looked increasingly uncertain as opinion polls repeatedly showed a rise in support for independence.

Fifth season of ARISE Together in Christ brings 'good news' to area faithful

BY KAY COZAD

A new season of ARISE Together in Christ is set to begin in early October and parishes across the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are gearing up with open registration last weekend and this weekend. "We are the Good News," is the fifth and final season in this three-year parish-centered process of spiritual renewal, evangelization and adult formation that has enabled its faithful members to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community and reach out in service to others.

The ARISE process, a Renew International initiative, has focused on establishing small Christian communities of eight to 12 members each who meet regularly in homes, parishes, youth groups and college campuses, to read and reflect on Scripture and Church teaching, share how it relates in their personal lives and encourage active service and discipleship.

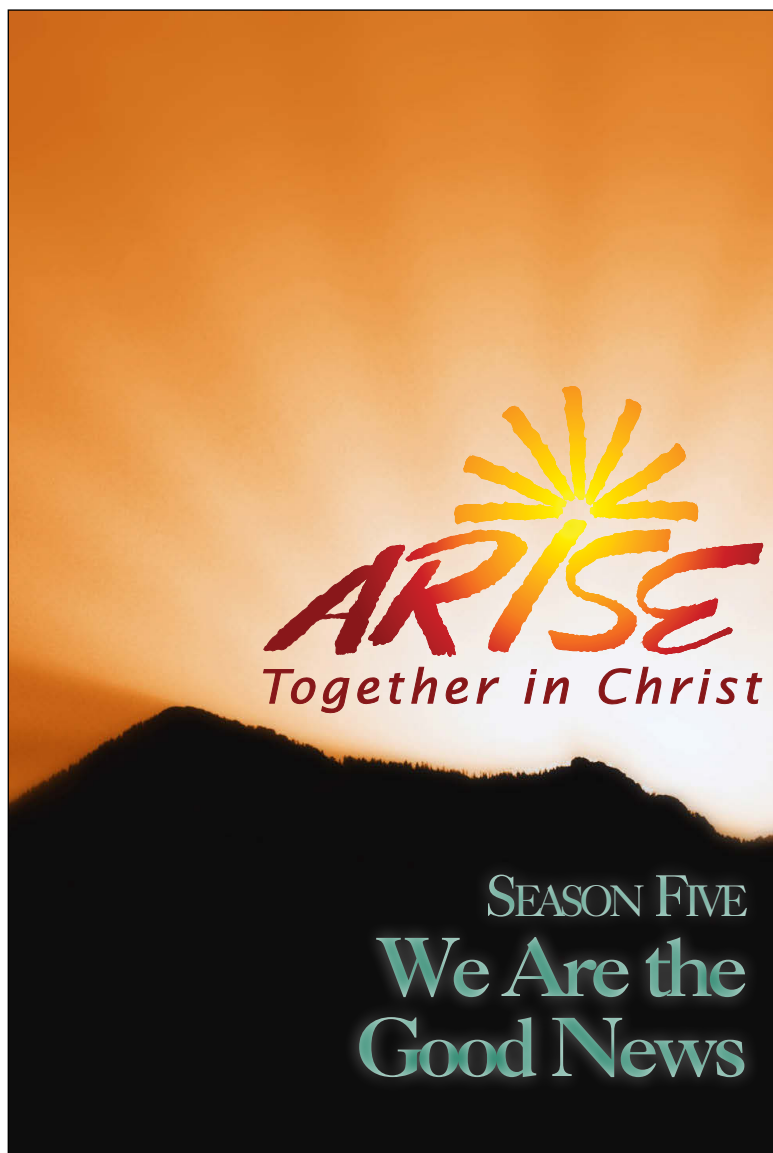
The five distinct six-week sessions that the process offers, which began in fall of 2012 in the diocese, have included, "Encountering Christ Today," "Change Our Hearts," "In the Footsteps of Christ," "New Hearts, New Spirit," and now "We Are the Good News!" Renew International provides coordinator and team leadership training prior to each season.

Those who have participated in one or all of the past four seasons of ARISE speak of their deepening of faith and joy in service to others.

As a coordinator of the process at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne, where 125 participants have met in 13 groups, Marianne treasures the building of community among its ARISE members. "I have gotten to know so many of the parishioners of the parish in a more personal and warm way. The team was so helpful and our leaders were very loyal and dedicated," she says.

Community building was important to another ARISE coordinator, Mary, at St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne as well. She says, "My blessing has been to get to know the heart and soul of others in our group." From her participation as one of the 90 members of the nine ARISE groups there, Mary has found new hope in Reconciliation and she continues as a member of the social justice/action group that evolved from discipleship.

Marcy, also from St. Joseph Parish, adds that her blessing as participant in a previous season of ARISE was being witness to other group members' spiritual evolution. Seeing others "risk praying shared prayer, trusting each other with their sharing and bonding as a Christian commu-



The fifth season of ARISE begins Oct. 5. Register at any participating parish.

nity" brought a deeper awareness of Christ to her. With that awareness, Marcy has stepped out in faith to teach English as a second language (ESL) classes to those in need.

Peggy, coordinator of ARISE at her parish, Most Precious Blood Parish in Fort Wayne, where 80 members in eight groups met, was gratified to see the diversity of those who participated. "Some had no ties to the parish, other than coming to Mass on the weekend, leaving quickly and never talking to anyone. Now I see lifelong relationships built with Church community and more importantly, Christ," she says, adding that her participation in the ARISE process has led to her commitment to the extraordinary minister of the homebound ministry. "They (the homebound) look forward to the Eucharist with such passion it has made me feel so much deeper for the gift of the Eucharist and the Mass," she relates.

Suzanne and Deb, two of the 65 participants in the seven groups that met at St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke, were enriched by the trust that developed during faith sharing. Deb now feels she is not alone in her faith journey with all its struggles and joys.

St. Rose of Lima in

Monroeville claimed four groups with 39 members, one of whom, Linda, was gratified to get to know her group on a personal level. That group prepared and served soup to their parish community during Lent last year and also led the rosary.

Barbara of St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne, where 16 groups of 110 participants met in small ARISE communities, found the focus on forgiveness to be life changing for many. "This past season "New Heart, New Spirit," with its theme of forgiveness and God's loving mercy, led many of our participants to go back to the sacrament of Reconciliation after years of absence — and then the ability to receive the Holy Eucharist," she affirms.

The ARISE process begins the week of Oct. 5. Registration is now being accepted at participating parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Those interested in participating in Season V, "We are the Good News," need not have participated in previous seasons. For more information about registering for ARISE Season V contact your local parish.

For information on RENEW International visit www.renewintl.org.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Tuesday, Sept. 30, 12 p.m. — Mass at IPFW, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 1, 4 p.m. — Mass and Blessing of Blessed Andre Bessette Chapel, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame
- Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. — Rosary for Life, Inwood Circle, South Bend
- Thursday, Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m. — Teach Master of Divinity Class, University of Notre Dame
- Thursday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Christ the King Church, South Bend
- Friday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m. — Blessing of the Our Lady of the Rosary Health Center, South Bend
- Friday, Oct. 3, 12 p.m. — Mass for Serra Club, Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka

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It withstood centuries of Ottoman rule, followed by an independence that degenerated into decades of oppressive communist control. The totalitarian regime founded by Enver Hoxha claimed to liberate the people from the constraints of all religions, turning the country into the only atheist nation in the world.

"It promised a paradise without God, but it left instead a hell with no consolation," Archbishop Rrok Mirdita of Tirana told the pope during a morning Mass in Mother Teresa Square.

Despite the risks of torture, imprisonment and execution, people held onto their faith, praying and passing on their traditions underground.

Hearing of such atrocities brought the pope to tears in one of the most moving moments of the one-day trip.

Tirana's cathedral was otherwise silent as 84-year-old Father Ernest Simoni recounted his story during a vespers service.

Father Simoni spent nearly 30 years in prison work camps, where he suffered continual physical and psychological torture because he refused to denounce the Church.

When the atheist regime fell in 1991, the priest immediately went back to his ministry, urging feuding Christians in mountain villages to embrace God's love and let go of hatred and revenge.

When the priest finished, he approached the pope, who extended his arms to embrace him. But the priest dropped to his knees to kiss the pope's ring. Moved to tears as they embraced, the pope removed his glasses and paused a moment more as the two men rested their foreheads against each other.

The pope later put aside his prepared text, saying the intense courage and humility shown by the priest and other victims of the dictatorship showed that the only way to find the strength to survive such brutality was in God.

During a meeting with volunteers and children at the Bethany Center, a residence for disabled and poor children, the pope said faith through charity "dislodges the mountains of indifference, of disbelief, of apathy."

"The secret to a good life is found in loving and giving oneself

for love's sake," he said. "Goodness offers infinitely more than money, which only disappoints, because we have been created to receive the love of God and to offer it, not measuring everything in terms of money or power."

Before praying the Angelus in Mother Teresa Square, the pope told young people to build their future on Christ, saying "'No' to the idolatry of money, 'No' to the false freedom of individualism, 'No' to addiction and to violence."

He urged them instead to say, "'Yes' to a culture of encounter and of solidarity, 'Yes' to beauty," the good and the true, and to a life lived with enthusiasm and "faithful in little things."

Jurgen Lleshaj, a young man from the Diocese of Rreshen, in northern Albania, told Catholic News Service that his faith gives him the courage to face an uncertain life because, "without God, there is nothing."

"Our parents had to pray in secret, and we learned from them there is no life without Jesus," said Lemida Zogu, a young woman with the Rreshen diocesan youth group.

Young people made up a large part of the jubilant crowds of some 300,000 who turned out to welcome the pope.

Many Muslims, who make up more than half the country's population, were in attendance as well as large groups of Catholics, who make up about 15 percent of all inhabitants. Many took buses from other parts of Albania or walked from their homes in Tirana.

Security was typical for a foreign papal journey, with streets and rooftops dotted with police and the roads lined with metal barricades partitioning out the popemobile route.

All cellular service, however, was jammed by authorities for several hours as an extra precaution. The Vatican repeated earlier assurances that there were no "specific threats" against the pope, who rode around the main square twice before Mass in the same open-air jeep he uses at general audiences in Rome.

Before the start of the morning Mass, a large, powered paraglider circled and swooped over the main square, the fabric decorated with the national symbol of a black eagle.

The pope used the symbol in his homily, saying God raises His people "up on eagle's wings."

"The eagle soars up high, but it doesn't forget its nest," that is, its past, traditions and values, he said.

Divorce, migration changing the face of families worldwide, in U.S.

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The family under discussion when the extraordinary Synod of Bishops convenes at the Vatican Oct. 5 will bear little resemblance to the family of 50 or even 20 years ago.

The blended and extended families created by high rates of divorce, remarriage and cohabitation — along with the worldwide migration prompted by economic turmoil and war — have combined to change forever the view of family as limited to a mother, father and their children.

But children are still most likely to live in two-parent families in all countries except South Africa, according to the World Family Map 2014, a research project sponsored by the Bethesda, Maryland-based nonprofit Child Trends and a variety of educational and nongovernmental institutions from across the globe.

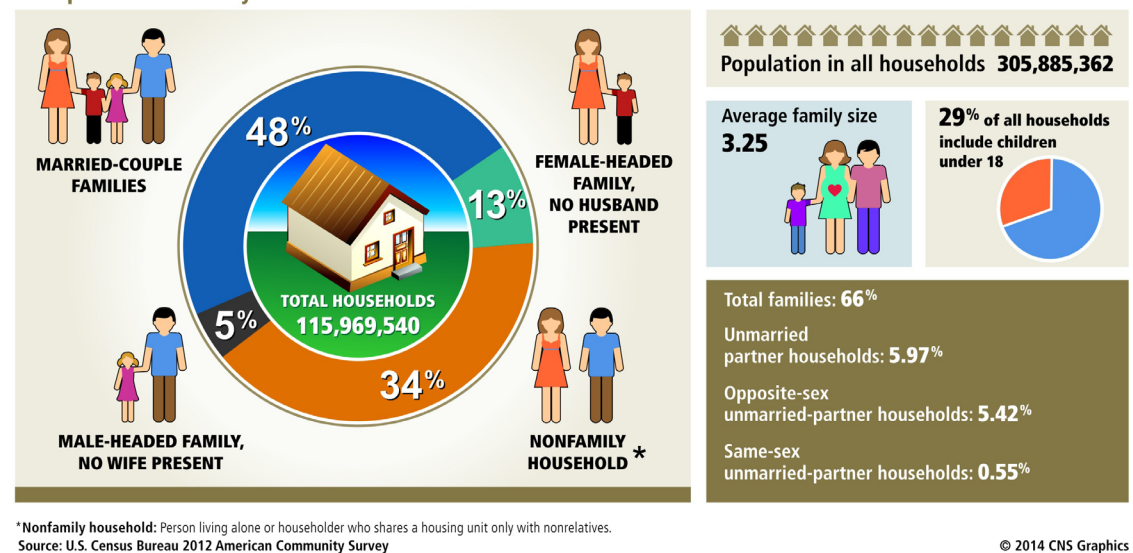
"The family is the core institution for child-rearing worldwide, and decades of research have shown that strong families promote positive child outcomes," said Laura Lippman, co-director of the World Family Map and senior program director for education at Child Trends.

The report, co-written by Lippman and W. Bradford Wilcox, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Virginia, found that "growing up with a single parent is especially common in sub-Saharan Africa, in Central and South America, and in several English-speaking Western countries."

One-fifth or more of children

HOUSEHOLDS IN AMERICA

A snapshot of the family in the United States



in the United States, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Canada live with only one parent, while Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe have the world's lowest rates of single parenthood.

The report also found that "although marriage rates for adults aged 18-49 are declining worldwide, they remain high in Asia and the Middle East (between 47 percent in Singapore and 80 percent in Egypt), and are particularly low in Central/South America."

The rate of cohabitation for adults aged 18-49 tops 30 percent in some Central and South American countries and 20 percent in some European nations, the report said.

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 American Community Survey shows that only 48 percent of U.S. households

include a married couple and 34 percent of households include only one person or two or more people without family ties of marriage, blood or adoption. Thirteen percent of "family households" in the U.S. — defined as one in which two members are related by birth, marriage or adoption — are headed by women with no husband present, while 5 percent of family households are headed by men, with no wife present.

In a report prepared for the Council on Contemporary Families, based in Coral Gables, Florida, Philip Cohen, a professor of sociology at the University of Maryland, found that the "typical" American family that existed in 1960, with a breadwinner-father married to a stay-at-home mother, now only applies to 22 percent of U.S. chil-

dren today. Meanwhile, 23 percent of U.S. children live with single mothers, 7 percent with parents who cohabit with unmarried partners, 6 percent with single fathers, and 3 percent with grandparents and no parent present.

"Different families have different child-rearing challenges and needs, which means we are no longer well-served by policies that assume most children will be raised by married-couple families, especially ones where the mother stays home throughout the children's early years," Cohen said in the report.

In his 2014 book, "The Next America: Boomers, Millennials and the Looming Generational Showdown," Paul Taylor, executive vice president at the Pew Research Center, said the United States also must deal with a vastly different racial and ethnic makeup than 50 years ago, primarily because of immigration.

In 1960, he said, the U.S. population was 85 percent white, 10 percent black and 4 percent Hispanic. By 2060, according to Taylor, whites will make up 43 percent of the population, Hispanics 31 percent, blacks 13 percent, Asian-



CNS PHOTO/TYLER ORSBURN

A family is pictured outside their home in Nashville, Kan. The family and how it has changed in the last several decades will be under discussion when the extraordinary Synod of Bishops convenes at the Vatican Oct. 5.

Americans 8 percent and other races or ethnicities 6 percent.

In addition, Taylor said, only one-fifth of the U.S. population was made up of first- or second-generation immigrants in 1960. A hundred years later, in 2060, first- or second-generation immigrants will make up 37 percent of the U.S. population, he said.

Randall Woodard, an associate professor of theology/religion at St. Leo University in Florida, told Catholic News Service that divorce is the biggest issue facing American families, "and Catholics in the U.S. generally aren't particularly distinct or different from the rest of the culture here."

He said the synod will need to find a way to make divorced Catholics who have remarried feel welcomed into the Church, even if their status might preclude them from receiving the sacraments.

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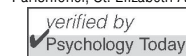
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Bishop Cupich named to succeed Cardinal George as Chicago archbishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis has named Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Spokane, Washington, as archbishop of Chicago, succeeding Cardinal Francis E. George, who has headed the archdiocese since 1997.

The appointment was announced Sept. 20 in Washington by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Archbishop Cupich will be installed in Chicago during a special Mass Nov. 18.

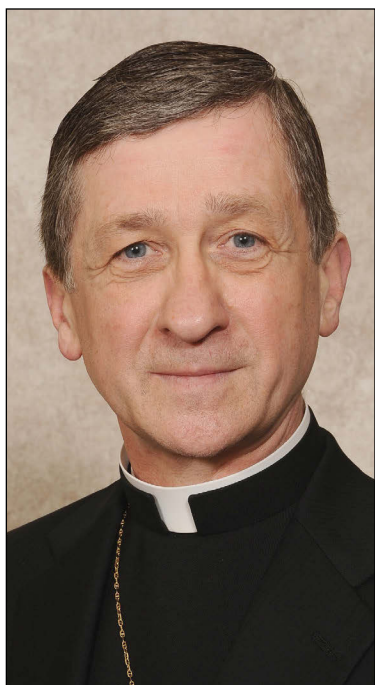
Cardinal George is 77, two years past the age when bishops are required by canon law to turn in their resignation to the pope.

The cardinal was first diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2006 and had a recurrence of cancer announced in 2012. In August it was announced that he was participating in a clinical research trial for a new cancer drug.

His health concerns have stepped up the process of searching for his successor as archbishop of Chicago.

In an April 11 news conference he told reporters: "It's a question of being able to spend your entire energy on what is my responsibility as archbishop of Chicago. This is a position that demands a lot of constant attention."

"Now it looks as if I'm going to have to be spending a little more attention on my health and so it's just not fair to the archdiocese to have someone who may not be able to do the job as well as I believe it should be done," he added.



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Pope Francis has named Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Spokane, Wash., as archbishop of Chicago, succeeding Cardinal Francis E. George. The appointment was announced Sept. 20. Bishop Cupich is pictured in a 2010 photo.

Archbishop Cupich, 65, has been bishop of Spokane since 2010 after having served as bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota, since 1998. A native of Omaha, Nebraska, he was born in 1949, the grandson of Croatian immigrants. He was ordained a priest for the Omaha Archdiocese in 1975.

In his ministry as a priest, he served as an associate pastor and pastor, teacher, seminary rector, and as a member of the staff of the apostolic nunciature in Washington.

The archbishop chairs the Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and is former chair of the Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Cardinal George is the first native Chicagoan to serve as archbishop of Chicago. He was born in 1937 and attended schools in Illinois before entering the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1957. He was ordained a priest Dec. 21, 1963. He was his order's vicar general in Rome from 1974 to 1986.

The cardinal has often said that one of his goals is to live to see retirement since all of the other Chicago bishops died in office. His predecessor, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, died in 1996 at age 68 of pancreatic cancer.

A five-month bout with polio when Cardinal George was 13 damaged both of his legs, forcing him to use a brace on his right leg. He walks with a pronounced limp.

He was president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2007 to 2010.

He was made a cardinal in 1998. Before his appointment to Chicago, he was archbishop of Portland, Oregon, and before that bishop of Yakima, Washington.

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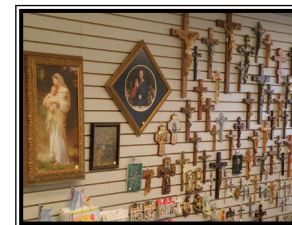
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BISHOP CELEBRATES MASS WITH DIOCESAN BOY SCOUTS



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass for members of the Boy Scouts throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at Moreau Seminary on Sept. 20. Ad Altare Dei Medals (meaning “to the altar of God”) were awarded to Scouts who have demonstrated knowledge and participation in the sacramental life of the Church. Scouts and adult leaders also received International Catholic Awareness Emblems, testifying to their focus and commitment to the development of the global Catholic community.



Bishop Dwenger High School students Thomas Roesler and Nick Thelen, shown here with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, were presented with Pope Pius XII awards for their participation in the Church and coordination of an entire day of Eucharistic Adoration during this year's Divine Mercy Sunday. The two upperclassmen ensured that there were Boy Scouts present in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the entire 24-hour celebration held at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne.

NEWS BRIEFS

Pope names panel to streamline marriage annulment process

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Two weeks before the start of an extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family, the Vatican announced the formation of a special commission to reform the process of granting marriage annulments.

“The work of the commission will start as soon as possible and will have as its goal to prepare a proposal of reform of the matrimonial process, with the objective of simplifying its procedure, making it more streamlined, and

safeguarding the principle of the indissolubility of matrimony,” said a Vatican statement Sept. 20. The new body's work will address what Pope Francis has identified as a key challenge in the “pastoral care of marriage.”

“There is the legal problem of marriage nullity. This has to be reviewed, because ecclesiastical tribunals are not sufficient for this,” the pope told reporters in July 2013.

Pope Francis related the problem of annulments to the situation of divorced and civilly remarried Catholics, whose predicament he said exemplifies a general need for mercy in the Church today.

According to Church teaching, such Catholics may not receive Communion unless they obtain an annulment of their first, sacramental marriage or abstain from sexual relations, living with their new partners as “brother and sister.”

The new commission on the annulment process, which Pope Francis established Aug. 27, has 11 members, including Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio, president of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, and Archbishop Luis Ladaria Ferrer, secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. — Francis X. Rocca



CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Sept 18, recognizing 30 years of outreach to pregnant women by Women's Care Centers throughout Indiana and beyond.

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daughters of God and also to see the dignity of the babies in their wombs. You have also helped the fathers to recognize this dignity and their responsibility to respect life.”

Bishop Rhoades further commended their efforts to bring healing and peace through an abundance of mercy and love.

“You don't judge the women who come to you. You do not condemn them,” Bishop Rhoades said. “You accept, love, uplift and encourage.”

“Throughout the Gospels, we see how Jesus by His words and actions brings the transforming life of God,” he added. “That is what we are called to do as His disciples, as His Church. We all need God's grace and forgiveness in our lives. And having experienced His love, we are called to bring this to others. That's our mission as disciples of Jesus. That's your mission at Women's Care Center in your service of pregnant women.”

Bishop Rhoades concluded his homily by asking for the intercession of the Marian patron of pregnant women to continue to guide the work of the Women's Care Center.

“Here in this church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, let us turn to Mary, the Mother of Life,” he said. “May she help us bear constant witness to the Gospel of Life. Let us entrust ourselves to her, that she may sustain us in our commitment to be disciples of her Son and of His merciful love — apostles of life in a culture of death.”

Following Mass, a reception was held at the Stonehenge Golf Club to honor and celebrate those who have personally sacrificed and labored to make the success of the Women's Care Center a reality.

Bobby Williams, the foundation director of Women's Care Center, expressed his gratitude for the tremendous examples of compassion and outreach shown to countless women since the opening of their original facility in 1984.

“Today we celebrate 30 years of meeting women where they are at with no judgment, with our only agenda being love,” Williams said. “Thirty years of unconditional ser-

vice, greeting families with warm and sincere smiles, ultimately helping women to find the best path for themselves and their babies. Thirty years of teaching moms and dads to be the best parents they can be, of giving away thousands of car seats and millions upon millions of diapers. Thirty years of helping courageous women place their babies in the arms of others who could not have their own, of attending baby showers in hospital rooms, and of holding newborns for clients when they come back to say thank you. Thirty years of love and care, and with your support and God's grace the best is yet to come.”

Ann Manion, who has served as volunteer president for the last 29 years, emphasized how integral those who work directly with pregnant women truly are to the success of the organization.

“Hundreds of thousands of women have been served and tens of thousands of babies have been saved,” she said. “It really is thanks to the counselors — it is the counselors who serve one-on-one with the women and who help them choose life. If it wasn't for loving ladies, we wouldn't have served 203,084 women.”

Jenny Hunsberger, the director of Women's Care Center for St. Joseph and Marshall counties, further detailed how the organization has sought to benefit those who have entered their doors. She explained, “The mission of Women's Care Center is to provide women with the opportunity to choose life for their babies by helping them to recognize their own dignity and their own worth. We do that by loving unconditionally.”

She said that the most rewarding part of their ministry for her is “seeing the courage of young women who are facing incredibly difficult situations and witnessing their strength and ability to make hard choices, rooted in deep love, even when the world is standing against them.”

She also praised the efforts of Bishop John M. D'Arcy and Bishop Rhoades who showed constant support and leadership for the work of the Women's Care Center.

“Both bishops have sat on our governing board of directors and offered tremendous spiritual guidance and direction,” Hunsberger said. “And we truly need their guidance and blessing if this will continue to be a holy work.”

Holy Cross records second highest enrollment two years in a row

NOTRE DAME — A 4.5 percent increase in enrollment for the fall 2014 academic semester has Holy Cross College at Notre Dame experiencing positive growth.

The 535 students registered at Holy Cross make it the second highest enrollment in the college's history. The highest enrollment was 557 students in fall 2001, when Holy Cross was a two-year college. However, since graduating its first class of baccalaureate students in 2005, the size of each graduating class has grown exponentially from 14 (in 2005) to 115 in 2014.

The registrar's office reports that of Holy Cross' 535 students, 52 percent are from states other than Indiana. The student body is made up of residents from 23 states and 10 countries, as well as 14 different religious backgrounds. This year's incoming class saw a 50 percent increase in the number of new freshmen from St. Joseph County (Indiana).

Visit www.hcc-nd.edu for more information.

Human dignity lecture to focus on prison reform

NOTRE DAME — Martin F. Horn, distinguished lecturer in corrections at John Jay College, City University of New York and Executive Director of the New York State Sentencing Commission, will deliver the 2014 Annual Human Dignity Lecture, "Prison Reform: Problematic Necessity," on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall auditorium at the University of Notre Dame.

Recognized as one of the leading advocates of prison reform and a champion for humane prison conditions, Martin Horn will address the historically flawed character of the prison system and the ways in which the modern prison system impinges upon human dignity. Horn will review the history of prison reform in the United States and address the need for ongoing prison reform in a democratic society.

The human dignity lecture is sponsored by the Office of Human Dignity & Life Initiatives, a joint venture of the Office of the President and the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, and is co-sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Saint Joseph High School announces National Merit semifinalists

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School has announced seven National Merit semifinalists. Seniors Sofia Carozza, Mary Clark, Sophie Desch, Nora Kelly, Nolan Liu, Sophia Mark and Peter Rymysza will now continue in the competition for finalist status and eligibility for National Merit Scholarships.

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SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS ELECT NEW LEADERSHIP



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The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross installed its new leadership team on Sunday, Sept. 7, in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame. The team was elected in June to a five-year term at the congregation's 25th General Chapter meeting in Entebbe, Uganda. They are, from left, Holy Cross Sister Angela Golapi Palma, councilor; Sister Suzanne Brennan, general treasurer; Sister M. Veronique (Wiedower), president; Sister Brenda Cousins, general secretary; and Sister Sharlet Ann Wagner, first councilor.

schools entered the 2015 National Merit Scholarship program by taking the 2013 PSAT with 16,000 chosen as semifinalists, representing less than one percent of each state's high school seniors.

USF to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will celebrate the feast of its patron saint, Francis of Assisi, with three events on or near Oct. 4. Born in 1182, St. Francis' Christian conversion, poverty and his service to the poor sparked a spiritual movement that continues today in the three orders he founded. The events at the university, which will commemorate Francis' impact on the world, are sponsored by the Center for Franciscan Life.

The Transitus, a traditional Franciscan prayer service commemorating Saint Francis' passing into heaven, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. in Saint Francis Chapel at the west end of Trinity Hall. Through readings, hymns and ritual, participants will re-live the night of Francis' passage through death to eternal life. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the Campus Ministry building.

As part of the university's homecoming activities, St. Francis' "birth into heaven" will be commemorated at a special Mass in Saint Francis

Chapel on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 12 p.m. University chaplain Father David Meizen will celebrate the Mass, and liturgical music will be provided by members of USF Campus Ministry Peer Ministers and the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. People of all faiths, especially alumni, employees and students, are invited to join in this celebration of St. Francis' life in word, song and sacrament.

A Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. in front of Brookside (former Bass mansion) near the Saint Francis statue. Pets of all shapes, sizes and species are welcome, as are their owners.

For more information, call Sister Anita Holzmer, director of the Center for Franciscan Life, at 260-399-7700, ext. 6705.

Red Mass to be celebrated at Basilica of the Sacred Heart

NOTRE DAME — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the South Bend Red Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, on Monday, Oct. 6, at 5:15 p.m. A reception will follow at the Eck Hall of Law, Eck Commons (second floor). The public is invited. This ancient custom marks the opening of the

judicial year by invoking divine guidance and strength on all those who serve the law.

Young Catholic women invited to write pope

NOTRE DAME — A group of students active in Campus Ministry at Saint Mary's College are rising to meet a challenge facing the Catholic Church: a significant drop in young women practicing the faith. Students at this Catholic, women's college are organizing a letter-writing response to Pope Francis' outreach to youth called "Voices of Young Catholic Women." They're inviting Catholic women of the Millennial Generation (born between 1981-1995) to write the pope about their love for the Catholic tradition and ideas for how the Church might better reach their demographic.

Those who take part are instructed to send letters, prayers, poetry, art and other forms of creative expression to the Center for Spirituality (CFS) at Saint Mary's. President Carol Ann Mooney will hand deliver the correspondence when she and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, have a general audience with Pope Francis on Nov. 26.

CFS sent invitations to campus ministry offices and Newman Centers/Clubs at colleges and universities across the country encouraging college women to take part in the project.

For submission guidelines and deadlines, visit <https://www.saintmarys.edu/spirituality/voices-of-young-catholic-women>.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA HOLD ROCK-A-THON FOR CHARITY



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The Daughters of Isabella Circle No. 434 held their second Rock-a-Thon on Sept. 7 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart. Members "rocked" for a total of 10 hours — before, during and after the Sunday Masses — and asked for pledges from families and friends. Funds collected will allow the group to support various parish endeavors and people in need in their communities. The Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: "Unity, Friendship and Charity." Shown in photo rocking are circle regent Millie Shaw and treasurer Bonnie Master.

St. Augustine parishioner Linwood Bailey helps college graduates launch successful careers

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

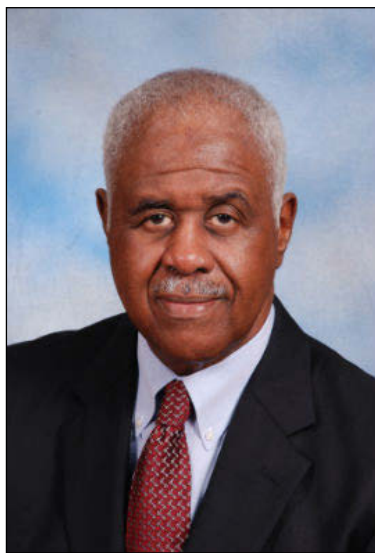
SOUTH BEND — Linwood Bailey has spent the majority of his life working in the corporate world, coming to understand what it takes to survive and thrive as an employee of a major business. Now he spends the majority of his time advising recent college graduates on how they can productively begin the next phase of their lives and achieve their goals.

Since 2008, Linwood has been operating a career coaching program called Fields of Success, which he founded to educate, inform and inspire graduates in their personal job search, which for many people is very often a competitive, confusing and frustrating experience when trying to navigate it on their own.

Many young men and women recently out of college can identify with the challenges of beginning their careers. Bailey shared that “many students graduate without jobs or without finding work in their field — in fact two of every five students are either unemployed or underemployed after completing their undergraduate education.”

Bailey’s passion and ability to help these individuals find work stems from the awareness that people need to properly market themselves and show what they can offer potential employers in order to be successful.

“People hire you to solve a problem, but if you don’t know what problems you can solve, it is very difficult to search for a job. When people come to me for assistance



LINWOOD BAILEY

when looking for a job, I ask them two questions: ‘Why would anyone want to hire you,’ and ‘What are you selling?’ That is usually followed with a long silence,” he said.

“Hiring occurs when you have the right set of skills, what I call the individual’s ‘personal product,’ connected with the right situation that needs those skills,” Bailey said. “My whole college to career and coaching practice is focusing on helping them find what their personal product is and what skills, capabilities and strengths they possess. Often these major skills have been acquired through employment and are transferable, such as the ability to solve a problem, to build relationships, to connect people and collaborate.”

Bailey’s experience in leadership with various corporations, including

Whirlpool and RJ Reynolds, as well as his work as an interviewer and coach since his corporate retirement, have given him significant insight in effective personal marketing and brand promotion. “Many people are unsure of the best way to find their ideal job,” he said, adding, “Once you come to understand how you directly benefit and address the needs of an organization, networking with the right people becomes the goal.”

When working with an individual, Bailey offers several services to help lead them to a mutually beneficial employment experience. He explains that his services include “coaching sessions, definition of the individual’s personal product, networking assistance, extensive personal support, résumé preparation and development of a personal summary. This summary is a supplement to the résumé, which describes in brief who you are, what you have done, situations you are seeking, and how others can help you.”

Bailey emphasized, “these services are designed to help build confidence in the individual, to keep them motivated, to give them a clear focus, and offer parents an avenue to assist in their child’s professional advancement — because once the individual defines who they are and what they are searching for, it allows for family and friends to more clearly see how they may be able to help make connections and facilitate partnerships for their loved one.”

Additionally, Bailey works with veterans looking to make the transition from the military to

the corporate world. As a former Vietnam veteran, he acknowledges that, “those who have served in the military are coming from a completely different system of rules and regulation from what exists in the corporate world. ... My goal with these men and women is to help them learn corporate language and understand how they can function and be successful in this new environment.”

Faith also plays a role in his business and his personal successes. As a parishioner of St. Augustine Church in South Bend and the first in his family to convert to Catholicism at the age of 10, Bailey identifies himself as a “seven-day Catholic.”

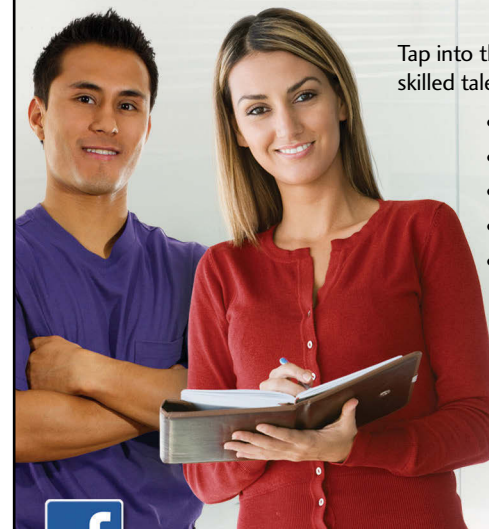
He explains, “In life, what you achieve is like a chain, which supports and connects everything. It starts with faith, because you have to believe in something. When you have faith, you hope. When you have hope, you try. And when you

try, you can achieve. We have all been given unique gifts and talents. Our lives will be measured by the impact we have on others and how we have used those skills and talents to benefit those around us.”

Bailey’s book entitled, “The Business of Me: Your Job ... Your Career ... Your Value,” outlines his employment success strategy by “providing career management processes, resources, tools and information resources designed for today’s business professional.”

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Diocesan campus ministries help students stay connected to faith

BY KAY COZAD

With the renewed fervor within the Catholic Church to reach out to youth and young adults, dioceses across the U.S. are working diligently to assist college students in staying connected with their faith wherever they are. To combat the staggering statistics that show that of the 1.8 million Catholic students who enter college each year, about 80 percent stop practicing their faith, many colleges and universities offer Newman Centers or Catholic campus ministries as a faith resource for students.

Named for Cardinal John Henry Newman, Newman Centers are residence and Catholic ministry centers that provide pastoral services and ministries to Catholic communities on non-Catholic campuses around the world.

In an effort to ensure incoming freshmen in the area stay committed to their faith formation the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's Office of Evangelization and Special Ministries employs the assistance of Hannah Quast and Emily Van Fossen as coordinators of Campus Ministry for their area college campuses.

Hannah Quast works as liaison between the diocese and the

Catholic student organizations at Bethel College, Goshen College and Indiana University-South Bend in the South Bend area.

Emily Van Fossen serves Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne (IPFW), Indiana Tech, Manchester University and Trine University in the Fort Wayne and surrounding area.

Both women work closely with each campus's student leaders of the Newman Centers, faculty advisors and chaplains to meet the unique interests and needs of the Catholic students.

The Newman Groups generally focus on "faith, friendship, prayer and service," notes Van Fossen. "That might manifest in celebrating Mass together, praying the rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet, studying the saints, engaging in a book or Bible study, working with community through a service project, or just getting together for pizza and board games," she says, adding, "There is also a fall retreat for all four campuses at St. Felix in Huntington in early October. IPFW has regularly scheduled Mass and a Meal on Tuesdays at noon in Walb Union, as well as a regularly scheduled Thursday evening event in Cole Commons."

In the South Bend area, Quast says, "the ministry looks different on each campus in order to both



meet the students where they are and help them to grow closer to God in the ways that are best for them. ... Last year on Bethel's campus we met after the all-school chapel on Wednesdays for coffee and to chat about the content of the chapel that day. This coming year we hope to show the Catholicism series on campus in order to have deeper discussions and perhaps draw in some of those on campus who have questions about the Catholic faith.

"At Goshen College, we meet in the evenings for coffee, Bible study and 'Catholic trivia.' At IUSB, we have a weekly Mass, with cookies afterward, as well

as weekly faith sharing. Last semester we read part of G.K. Chesterton's 'Orthodoxy' and then went through the ARISE Lenten program. This year we are hoping to offer a tri-campus retreat for the students on all three campuses," she says.

Evangelizing and strengthening the Catholic presence on campus, Van Fossen says, requires communication in many forms. "It's a matter of using social media, like Facebook, to communicate with existing and potential members; participating in campus-wide events such as move-in days, Freshman Fests, orientations and other social gatherings

where we are able to meet and interact with students, continuing our relationship with the Newman Connection (newmanconnection.com), and doing some grassroots marketing on a parish/community level."


With the goal of active participation in one's faith at the college level as a springboard to a faith filled adult life, these Catholic campus ministers work to stay in touch with the students as they move on to graduation. According to the Newman connection website, newmanconnection.com, "College graduates active in campus ministry, are more likely to attend Mass, volunteer for leadership in parishes and consider a religious vocation." Quast heartily agrees, saying, "I have found that the young people who remain and are active in the Church are full of great enthusiasm for the faith. They are excited to live a holy life and they joyfully share it with others."

For more information about a Newman Center on a college campus near you in the Fort Wayne area contact Emily Van Fossen at evanfossen@diocesefwsb.org and in the South Bend area contact Hannah Quast at hquast@diocesefwsb.org.

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Learning agility key in seeking employment

BY BERT FITZGERALD

When Google changes anything people notice, and often follow.

Lately, it's hiring. Google gave its vaunted data analytics team the task of finding which hiring criteria correlate highly with in-house success. They found that, as Laszlo Bock, Google's Vice President of People Operations told the *New York Times*, "G.P.A.s are worthless as a criteria for hiring, and test scores (SATs) are worthless. ... We found that they don't predict anything." Best-practices hiring criteria don't have time for students' brag stats?

As interviews are mined on what *does* predict success these days, be on the lookout for a happy irony. The same job performance standards, which highlight the predictive failure of relative GPA, test scores, institutional prestige and resume-oriented leadership experiences, are vindicating the predictive value of traits associated with character development and a liberal education: "learning agility," "intellectual humility," "analytical ability" and "emergent (flexible) leadership," and even "grit." Consider this an invitation to college students and parents to consider anew which objectives, as measured by which criteria, define a responsible use of four years.

In the already mentioned interview at Google, Bock notes that, "The No. 1 thing we look for is general cognitive ability (i.e.) ... learning ability. It's the abil-



ity to process on the fly. It's the ability to pull together disparate bits of information." Josh Bersin, founder of the HR consulting firm, Bersin by Deloitte, offered a concurring interview to *Business Insider*: "Every HR person I talk to says that your passion and drive overcomes educational background and ability except for one thing ... learning agility."

But this learning agility/ability is not necessarily an inborn characteristic. In her book "Mindset: The New Psychology of Success," researcher Carolyn Dweck argues that learning

ability follows from a chosen, positive attitude towards difficult challenges and even the accompanying provisional failures. This mindset seems to be behind Bock's lament that, "Successful bright people rarely experience failure, and so they don't learn how to learn from that failure. ..." From Bersin's point of view, "Companies want someone who thrives on challenge (and is) willing to learn something new. ... If you're the type of person that wants to be told what to do, you might be a straight A student. In fact you might even be a better

student than the other type of person (who thrives on challenge)."

If GPAs aren't passing muster as proxies of fluid intelligence, you might imagine how club presidencies are faring as leadership proxies. To Google, leadership chops are not experience being in charge, but an orientation to the, "end goal ... what can we do together to problem-solve." As Bock stated it, "When faced with a problem and you're a member of a team, do you, at the appropriate time, step in and lead? And just as critically, do you step back and stop leading, do you let someone else?"

In this vein, Dan Connor, the South Bend-based vice president for risk and insurance at the Franciscan Alliance network of hospitals, states he seeks candidates who are "out there in the real world with opportunities to solve problems with relational

skills." He finds that their propensity to leave their "comfort zones" while still in school signifies potential adaptability on the job.

Notre Dame's famed philosopher, Alasdair MacIntyre is known for challenging students' comfort zones as well, but for what might seem like the decidedly non-careerist goal of imparting a liberal education and the intellectual virtues. Yet his resulting emphasis on analytical thinking sounds just like Google's. MacIntyre notes in a speech at Vanderbilt University that certain "mathematical" skills are essential "regardless of career path," and thus "everyone should have a course in probability and statistics — as well as others that help us to understand difficult texts or disentangle complex arguments." Or as Bock puts it, "You have to be able to think in a formal and logical and structured way." He continues that, "I took statistics at business school, and it was transformative for my career. Analytical training gives you a skill set that differentiates you from most people in the labor market."

When it comes to choosing personal and intellectual challenge over paper perfection, MacIntyre was fond of saying, as Lee Marsh quotes him in the *Irish Rover*, "If you go through college without caring about your GPA, you can get quite a good education." But what about a good job?

Bock had this to say about a conversation at a recent college career fair with a student tempted to seek a lighter course load to protect her GPA: "I told that student they are much better off being a B student in computer science than an A+ student in (a less challenging major) because it signals a rigor in your thinking and a more challenging course load. That student will be one of our interns this summer."

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The good and the bad in end of life

Planning for end of life situations is important. We should put in place an advance directive before our health takes a serious turn for the worse and we are no longer able to indicate our own wishes or make our own decisions. Advance directives can be of two types: living wills and health care agents.

The best approach is to choose a health care agent (a.k.a. a “proxy” or a “durable power of attorney for health care”). Our agent then makes decisions on our behalf when we become incapacitated. We should designate in writing who our health care proxy will be. The National Catholic Bioethics Center (<http://www.ncbcenter.org>) and many individual state Catholic Conferences offer helpful forms that can be used to designate our proxy. Copies of our completed health care proxy designation forms should be shared

with our proxy, our doctors, nurse practitioners, hospice personnel, family members and other relevant parties.

In addition to choosing a health care proxy, some individuals may also decide to write up a living will in which they state their wishes regarding end of life care. Living wills raise concerns, however, because these documents attempt to describe our wishes about various medical situations before those situations actually arise, and may end up limiting choices in unreasonable ways. Given the breathtaking pace of medical advances, a person’s decisions today about what care to receive or refuse may not make sense at a later timepoint. In the final analysis, it is impossible and unrealistic to try to cover every medical situation in a living will, and it is preferable to have a proxy, a person we trust, who can interact with the hospital and the health care



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

team, weigh options in real time, and make appropriate decisions for us, as we need it.

A new type of living will known as a “POLST” form — a tool for advance planning — also raises concerns. The POLST form (which stands for Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) is a document that establishes actionable medical orders for a patient’s healthcare. The form is typically

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Mayor de Blasio’s indecent proposal

The new mayor of New York, Bill de Blasio, has recently begun a big and well-financed push for universal prekindergarten education. The mayor’s goal is to offer 53,000 full-day seats by September and more than 70,000 by next year.

The problem is that the city’s public schools don’t have even half the seats they need. The effort is going to require a lot of help from private schools.

That’s not necessarily a bad thing. A public-private partnership could have a lot of potential. The Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn have offered 1,700 new seats. The *New York Times* reports that Orthodox Jewish schools educate some 8,000 4-year-olds. The city proposes to pay participating schools a tuition of \$10,000 per student.

But here’s the rub: The city has issued rules about how religious schools must conduct their business if they want to participate. The rules are stringent enough that they would definitely change the way parochial schools and yeshivas are run.

For example, unless it is impracticable, schools would be required to remove or cover up religious signs, names and symbols at the school entrance, and also in classrooms and other areas where the pre-K students are taught.

The application of these rules could become arbitrary, if the comments of the mayor’s counsel are any indication. His counsel said that a mezuzah on a doorway would be OK if it was small — but maybe not if it had a Star of David on it. It would depend on the size of the star, she said. If small, it would be OK.

Religious instruction would be forbidden. Schools could use the Bible in class, but it would have to be presented “objectively as part of a secular program of instruction.” Lessons can focus on “characters and events in a story and cultural connections.” (Imagine explaining to a 4-year-old that the Resurrection is an important story with enormous cultural ramifications.)

Schools must not call for prayers either, though the city’s guidance generously allows that staff “need not prevent students” from praying on their own.

The city is serious about enforcing these rules. It has hired 30 new staffers who will make at least two site visits a year to check on the schools that participate.

Of course, no school has to participate, and the rules could be worse. But they seem silly and hostile to the identity of institutions whose cooperation the city needs. Should we really fear what effect a crucifix,



INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

JOHN GARVEY

a menorah or a sign saying “Welcome to St. Francis School” will have on 4-year-olds?

The rules also present an unnecessary temptation to cash-starved religious schools to forget who they are. The First Amendment forbids the kind of established churches our European forebears had, so we are rightly wary of spending public money to support the practice of religion.

But struggling parochial schools — many of which already serve students who cannot pay — will be tempted to trade their faith for \$10,000 per student. The program reminds me of the Adrian Lyne film “Indecent Proposal,” where a billionaire offers a happily married woman \$1 million to spend the night with him. Even if all parties are acting voluntarily, it’s wrong to make offers like that.

There is an easier solution. Why not give parents the \$10,000, and let them buy a year of prekindergarten? That would respect the principle of disestablishment in the same way the GI Bill does. The government makes no choice for or against religion — the recipient makes that choice.

Parents would be happy. Kids would be well educated. Catholic schools and yeshivas could keep being themselves. And New York City can get all the benefits of universal pre-K without making indecent proposals.

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Everyone may repent



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 21:28-32

The Book of Ezekiel provides this weekend’s first reading. Pivotal in Jewish history was the time spent by Hebrew captives, and by their descendants, in Babylon, the capital of the then-powerful Babylonian Empire. This empire had overtaken the Promised Land militarily, in the process forever ending the two Hebrew independent kingdoms. Many survivors were taken to Babylon.

Occurring in the 6th century B.C., it simply is called the Exile. For the Hebrew people, the Exile was a heartbreaking time. They were so far from their homeland. The Exile seemed as if it would last forever. Indeed, it lasted for four generations. Quite likely many Jews fell away from the traditional religion of their ancestors.

These people were like people in any other time. For many, religion seemed to have failed them, at least as a guarantee of security.

During this time, Ezekiel wrote. He had to respond to the people’s despair. The prophet turns the tables. He confronts the people with their own sinfulness. Where is their devotion to God? How faithful have they been in being God’s people? No one realistically could have argued that there had been no sin. Who

deserted whom?

In many first century Roman Empire communities, persons of many religious traditions lived side by side.

Quite likely, such was the case in Philippi. Jewish symbols and references appear in the Epistle, but in no sense was the city Jewish but actually thoroughly pagan, an important military base in the Roman Empire, situated in what now is Greece.

Considering that Christians were in the minority, the Epistle had to reinforce their commitment to the Lord and challenge them to withstand paganism.

This epistle magnificently and eloquently proclaims Christ, the Lord, as the Savior. This weekend’s reading is an example. Scholars think that this passage in fact was an ancient hymn, sung by early Christians when they met for worship.

St. Matthew’s Gospel, the third reading, recalls an encounter between Jesus and priests and elders. Religion was a favorite topic for everyone at the time, so Jesus would have intrigued priests and laypersons alike.

God is the father in this parable. The vineyard represents the people of Israel, God’s own, God’s chosen, borrowing a well-known image from the prophets.

Scholars suggest several possibilities regarding the two sons, but one suggestion is that the first son represents Israel; the next son represents gentiles and sinners. This last son, not the heir, is true to God.

The story glorifies the breadth of God’s love and the potential for human repentance.

While culture and environment significantly may affect religious practice, few people today think that genetic heredity and ethnicity, strictly speaking, limit or expand God’s love or the human ability to approach God.

Many, however, are angry with God, as were Ezekiel’s contemporaries, or they think that their sins have made them moral outcasts. No one is beyond God’s love. Every sinner can repent.

Reflection

The readings this weekend very much are in the stream of readings heard during the weekends of late summer and now early fall. The Church is calling us to discipleship.

We all hear this call realizing that we are sinners. Our sin shames us, convincing us that we are strangers in God’s kingdom. We feel overwhelmed by our sins, or we are furious with God for this or that reason.

Everyone may repent. We first must recognize that our voluntary sinfulness has crippled us, maybe set us on a course toward ruin. Then, humbly, we must ask for forgiveness.

If we are as contrite as the second son in Matthew’s story, as wholehearted in our love for Jesus as is shown in the hymn in Philippians, then God will forgive us and welcome us to everlasting life.

READINGS

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28 Ps 125:4-9

Phl 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23

Ps 88:2-8 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16

Ps 88:10-15 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-9c,

13-14 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5

Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14b Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 Lk 10:17-24

Recognizing American saints

Most attention-paying U.S. Catholics are aware of the beatification causes for Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Catholic Worker co-foundress Dorothy Day. Five more causes, currently in the works, illustrate the rich diversity of American Catholicism and the extraordinary ways in which the Holy Spirit enlivens “heroic virtue” — the mark of a saint.

The Servant of God Vincent Capodanno, MM, was born on Staten Island and ordained for Maryknoll in 1957. After seven years of missionary service in Taiwan, he volunteered for the Navy Chaplain Corps and was posted to the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam in 1966. During a battle in the Que Son valley in September 1967, Father Capodanno, already wounded while administering the last rites to the dying, tried to save a wounded corpsman who had fallen near a North Vietnamese machine gun. The “Grunt Padre” was killed in the midst of his act of mercy and posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Venerable Solanus Casey, OFM Cap, entered the diocesan seminary in Milwaukee in 1891 and was dismissed on grounds of academic incapacity in 1896. On Christmas Eve of that year, he entered the Capuchin monastery in Detroit, where he again encountered difficulties with the pre-ordination course of studies. Recognizing his impressive spiritual and moral qualities, his superiors permitted his ordination in 1904, but he was not granted faculties for preaching or hearing confessions. Despite the limitations placed on his ministry, he became a beloved spiritual direc-

tor and counselor, and the vehicle of many cures, physical and spiritual, during 53 years of priestly service in New York, Detroit and Huntington, Indiana. His example is one of the inspirations of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

The Servant of God Walter Cizek, SJ, a Polish-American, was something of a hellion when he was growing up in a Pennsylvania coal-mining town in the early 20th century. So he surprised everyone when he entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1928; a year later, he volunteered to go to Soviet Russia as a missionary, inspired by Pius XI’s efforts to rekindle Catholic life in the Stalinist USSR. Trained at Rome’s Russicum and ordained in 1937, Cizek made his way to the Urals in the chaotic early days of World War II, where he worked as a logger while conducting an underground ministry. Arrested by the Soviet secret police and charged with being a Vatican spy, Cizek spent almost 23 years in captivity, including hard time in the Gulag. Swapped for two Soviet agents in 1963, he spent the last two decades of his life in New York, giving spiritual direction and writing two books of memoirs, before dying in 1984.

The Servant of God Augustus Tolton was born into slavery in 1854, his master’s wife standing as godmother at his Baptism in Brush Creek, Missouri. After the Civil War, Tolton began his education at a parochial school in Quincy, Illinois, over the objections of racially prejudiced parishioners. Despite the support of his pastor, Tolton was denied admission by the American seminaries of the day and eventually completed his studies for the Priesthood at the Pontifical Urban



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

University in Rome. Ordained in 1886, he imagined he would serve in the African missions, but was instead sent back to Quincy, where his ministry met with considerable resistance from bigots. Transferred to Chicago, he built St. Monica’s at 36th and Dearborn into a thriving African-American parish before dying of heatstroke in 1897 on his way to visiting the sick.

And then there is the **Servant of God Francis X. Ford, MM**, about whom I’ve written before. A Brooklyn native and Maryknoll’s first seminarian, Ford was ordained in 1917 and immediately went to China where, after serving as priest and later bishop for over three decades, he died in a communist prison on Feb. 21, 1952; his remains were scattered by his persecutors lest his tomb become a pilgrimage site for Chinese Catholics. As there is no question that Bishop Ford was martyred, one can only hope that Vatican nervousness about ruffling feathers in Beijing will subside so that Ford’s long-overdue beatification can be celebrated.

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filled out with the help of trained “facilitators” — usually not physicians — who ask questions about patients’ health care wishes, and check boxes on the form that correspond to their answers. The facilitators receive training that can lead them to paint a rather biased picture of treatment options for patients, emphasizing potential negative side effects while sidestepping potential benefits or positive outcomes.

POLST forms thus raise several significant moral concerns:

The approach encouraged by the use of POLST forms may end up skewed toward options of non-treatment and may encourage premature withdrawal of treatments from patients who can still benefit from them.

Filling out a POLST form may preclude a proxy from exercising his or her power to protect the rights of the patient, since the form sets in motion actual medical orders that a medical professional must follow. As a set of standing medical orders, the POLST approach is inflexible. Many POLST forms

begin with language like this: “First follow these orders, then contact physician or health care provider.” Straightforwardly following orders created outside of a particular situation may be ill-advised, improper and even harmful to the patient.

In some states, the signature of the patient (or his or her proxy) is not required on the POLST. After the form has been filled out, it is typically forwarded to a physician (or in some states to a nurse practitioner or a physician’s assistant) who is expected to sign the form. Thus, in some states, a POLST form could conceivably be placed into a patient’s medical record without the patient’s knowledge or informed consent. In a recent article about POLST forms in the *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, approximately 95 percent of the POLST forms sampled from Wisconsin were not signed by patients or by their surrogates. Fortunately, in some other states like Louisiana, the patient’s signature or the signature of the proxy is mandatory for the form to go into effect.

The implementation of a POLST form can thus be used to manipulate patients when they are sick and vulnerable, and can even lead to mandated orders for non-treatment in a way that constitutes euthanasia. The

POLST template represents a fundamentally flawed approach to end of life planning, relying at its core on potentially inappropriate medical orders and dubious approaches to obtaining patient consent.

Notwithstanding the pressure that may be brought to bear on a patient, no one is required to agree to the implementation of a POLST form. Patients are free to decline to answer POLST questions from a facilitator, and should not hesitate to let it be known that they instead plan to rely on their proxy for end of life decision making, and intend to discuss their healthcare options uniquely with their attending physician.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for September 28, 2014

Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Matthew 21:28-32

Following is a word search based on the First and Gospel readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

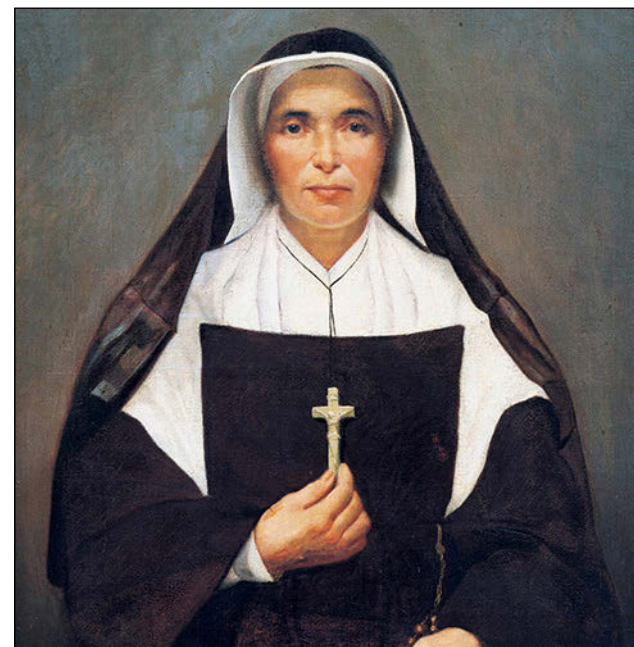
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Saint of the week:



Mother Theodore Guerin

1798 - 1856 feast - October 3

A Breton by birth, Anne-Therese Guerin was 25 when she entered the Sisters of Providence of Ruille-sur-Loir, France. As Sister Theodore, she directed schools in Rennes and Soulaines, where she also studied pharmacy and medicine. Despite poor health, she led five other nuns across the Atlantic to a new mission on the American Frontier. St. Mary-of-the-Woods Academy, which they began in Indiana, is now the oldest U.S. Catholic college for women. Mother Theodore survived a harsh climate, a major fire and the hostility of the local bishop, also from France, to found the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Canonized in 2006, she often advised others, “Put yourself gently into the hands of Providence.”

Sports

ICCL VARSITY SOCCER RESULTS Goals by Jorge Campos, Adan Aguilar, Rocky Correa, Francisco Tavaréz and Eddy Duarte led St. Adalbert to a win over St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, 6-1, on Sunday, Sept. 21, in Inter-City Catholic League soccer action. St. Joseph, South Bend, beat Mishawaka Catholic, 7-0. In girls' varsity soccer, goals by Holy Family's Maleny Mireles, Jessica Veldman, Lauren Sanders and Kaleigh Fitzke, brought a victory over St. Joseph, South Bend, 4-0. Holy Family won over St. Michael, Plymouth, 2-1.

Despite losses, JAT Knights charge through season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth/St. Therese/St. Aloysius (JAT) got their first win of the season on Sunday, Sept. 7, with a 22-6 victory over St. Vincent.

The Knights' eighth-grade field general, Josh Dippold, had a very good passing day going 10-15 with three touchdowns and 167 yards. A scoring pass for six yards went to tight end Mark Sturm on the first drive set up after a 58-yard strike to Ethan McQwire. In the second quarter, Dippold also hit McQwire for a 40-yard touchdown and had a perfectly placed pass for a 33-yard bomb to Zach Wood. Will Huth added the extra point to finish the scoring.

On defense Keenan Baldus, Jed Enneking each had an interception and Dippold had three. Defensive tackle Sam Garretson stopped a

Panther offensive drive with a safety and Enneking's interception was a result of a tipped ball by nose guard Grant Brough. Sturm stripped the ball from a St. Vincent running back causing a fumble that was recovered by Ben Miles. Defensive end Sturm and Nick Solyom also had great games. Coach Chris Brough detailed, "I am very proud of our total team effort today. Our defense was very stout against their run and passing game. Offensively, we moved the ball in the air well, but we still have some work to do. Our special teams play was vastly improved from our first game."

Brough was also very pleased with his talented kicker Huth, "Kicking an extra point counts for two at the CYO level. Having a kicker like Will who can do that for you is huge," he boasted.

Brough concluded, "I am especially happy with the performance of our offensive and defensive lines. They

were the unsung heroes in the win."

In the loss to St. Charles on Sept. 14, Brough remarked, "The Cardinals did exactly what we expected them to do. There were no surprises; we simply did not get the job done." He added, "We had a great week of practice and I had a good feeling about the game, but we're a little dinged up. We had one player not be able to start the game and another got hurt in the middle of the second quarter. We don't have a lot of players this year, so injuries are very troublesome."

On Sunday, Sept. 21, the Knights fell to 1-3 after they suffered a 14-0 loss to Central Catholic (CC) in a hard-fought battle at the University of Saint Francis.

Brough explained, "Our defense played pretty well today although they gave up two touch downs. Unfortunately our offense did not get the job done and put the defense in bad field position."

Coach Brough admitted, "Today was a frustrating game for a coach. We have very low numbers this year and we don't have very many big linemen. Miles is out with an injury this week and Peter Tsuleff and Jacob Creager are still adjusting to varsity play after coming off broken bones from the preseason."

The Knights were left very short on personnel when seventh-grader Grant Brough, JAT's starting center and nose guard, had to come out of the game for a few series with a hand injury.

"We just could not get our offense going," Brough added. Despite the adversity, Brough was very proud of his unit, "They never gave up today, never gave in. These kids have heart and you can't teach that or coach it. It comes from within."

In the second game of the day, St. Charles moved to 4-0 with a win over St. Vincent.

Bishop Dwenger Hall of Fame inductees announced

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School has announced the 2014 Hall of Fame inductees who were recognized before the start of the football game Friday, Sept. 19, and at a dinner and ceremony Saturday, Sept. 20, in the newly-renovated gym at the school. They are Dave Scudder '67, Alumnus of the Year, Rachel Janssen '03, Athletics, Chris Dittoe '92, Athletics, Rick Fischer '88, Visual and Performing Arts, and Carol Cornell, Citizens of Two Worlds. Bishop Dwenger High School instituted its Hall of Fame Awards Program in 2004 to recognize and honor those who contribute so much to their communities and church through their professional and personal lives.

Mishawaka Catholic matches up against St. Matthew

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — The Mishawaka Catholic Saints (Queen of Peace/St. Thomas) matched up against neighbor St. Matthew (Our Lady of Hungary/St. Jude) at Marian High School's Otolowski Field Sept. 21.

The two foes had a mutual respect that carried onto the gridiron, but both were in desperate need of an Inter-City Catholic League win and had diligently toiled on the practice field in anticipation for this contest.

The Blazers of St. Matthew would rely heavily on misdirection, time management, a huge offensive line and the breakaway speed of their prized back — Christian Tate. The Saints placed claim to the duo of Ronnie King and Noah Espiritu assigned to carry its payload.

The Blazers' black-and-white clad Tate started off with a vengeance slashing, busting and juking the Saints for gains of 15, nine, eight, and 13 yards on his team's first possession that stalled after miscues on exchanges and a penalty.

The Saints' start would sputter after just three plays as their rhythm was absent and their counterparts were plugging potential holes at the line of scrimmage.

The Blazers, however, on their next possession, engineered one of their patented drives including,



PHOTO BY RAY DERUCKI

St. Matthew's Christian Tate races just past the grasp of Mishawaka Catholic Saint, Seth Branson.

a fourth and one pile moving first down and Tate's double digit gains, which then culminated with C.J. Njuguna two-yard rumble to pay dirt. The points after kick didn't find its mark, still giving St. Matthew an early 6-0 lead.

The Saints would not take long to retaliate. King promptly took a handoff at midfield and pranced untouched for the equalizing touchdown. Thadeous Horvath's points after kick was true pushing the score, 8-6, Mishawaka Catholic.

The Blazers hoped to counter, but a series of errors left the ball back in the hands of King. He took yet another handoff from Lucas

Fletcher and walked the sideline like a tightrope for a 37-yard score. Again Horvath split the uprights making the margin, 16-6, with a mere 42.6 seconds left in the half.

St. Matthew would not go into the locker room just yet as Jacob Lyle found Tate in space for a 20-yard gain and then passed to Randy Moore, who broke tackles and bumbled and stumbled to the one-foot line. Unfortunately the Blazers were out of timeouts, and their attempt — to get set and run a play with two seconds left — failed.

The second stanza saw typical Saint power football as they alternated hand offs to King and

Espiritu gaining yards and more importantly crewing up the clock with the crescendo ending with a four-yard plunge from Espiritu. The surefooted Horvath increased the lead to 24-6.

The Blazers were forced to play the kind of football that didn't suit their strengths but persevered as Joe Machecca popped a quick-hitter for 20, and then Tate accounted for the rest with the help of huge blocks finally breaking the plane. The points after kick was good by Njuguna putting the score at 24-13, with just over seven minutes left on the clock.

The clock was too much to overcome as the Saints played ball control and the Blazers couldn't mount a counter attack in time giving Mishawaka Catholic the hard-fought victory.

"St. Matt's is a difficult team to prepare for, but our scout team really stepped it up in practice this week," said Saints' skipper, Tony Viola. "Coach Domonkos always has his kids ready to play and today was no exception."

"We are a young team and we are just beginning to play together and with confidence," continued Viola. "Ronnie King ran today like we always knew he could run. It's nice to see his progression."

"We came out and didn't execute on a couple of things, but I can't say enough about the fight our kids had in them," explained Blazer coach, Domonkos. "We always like com-

peting against the Saints. They are a classy group of players."

"We are working hard to get better. Our low numbers haven't dissuaded the team. We were just a couple of plays, a couple of tackles away," Domonkos said. "We would have liked to stay on the ground and played to our strengths, but I was happy that when we did go to the air that we stepped up."

In other action, St. Anthony remained undefeated as they handed the West Side Catholic Cardinals their first loss, 28-6. Brennan Horvath scored on a couple of short runs, and Ryan Schmitt and John Paul Lewis added a touchdown each for the Panthers. The lone score for the Cardinals was from an Ashton Ruszkowski-to-Noah Hickey 22-yard pass.

The Holy Cross Crusaders outlasted the Elkhart Christian Eagles in an exhibition matchup, 35-18. Vincent Gutermuth returned the opening kick off 93 yards and added a much shorter two-yard plunge to his resume. Grant Stetnek had a 29-yard run to pay dirt, and Patrick Farris added one of his own for 52 with the Crusader scoring being capped off by two extra-point conversions by Miguel Zyniewicz.

The ICCL schedule will have all five teams in action this weekend at Saint Joseph and Marian high schools. A complete list of details and standings can be found at www.icclssports.org

Sister M. JoEllen Scheetz, past USF president, dies

MISHAWAKA — Sister M. JoEllen Scheetz (Mary Helen) died on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka. She was 88.

Sister JoEllen, formerly known as Mary Helen, was the oldest of two daughters born to Joseph and Ellen (Fitzgerald) Scheetz in Lafayette on May 20, 1926. She attended Sacred Heart Grade School in Fowler, where the Sisters of St. Francis educated her. She attended Fowler High School until her family moved to Lafayette during her junior year. Subsequently she graduated from St. Francis High School in Lafayette. She began studying at St. Francis College the year the campus was moved to Fort Wayne, one of 20 resident students at the women's college at the time.

She entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Oct. 3, 1946, and received the habit and the name Sister JoEllen on Aug. 12, 1947. She professed her final vows on Aug. 12, 1954, following a Scheetz family religious vocation tradition. Three of Sister JoEllen aunts were religious sisters, an uncle was a priest and numerous cousins were of the order.

Sister JoEllen received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from St. Francis College in

1956 and a Master of Arts in English from the University of Notre Dame in 1964. She received a doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Michigan in 1970, and was licensed to teach English, Latin and music.

Sister JoEllen taught for 18 years at the elementary and secondary levels in various schools of the province, including Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne. In addition to teaching, she was often organist at the parish church. She devoted 34 years to higher education that included teaching in the English Department, serving as academic dean for one year and as president of St. Francis College (now the University of Saint Francis) for 23 years. She also served on the Provincial Council for 16 years.

Current University of Saint Francis president, Sister of St. Francis Sister Elise Kriss, said of her predecessor, "Sister JoEllen served the University of Saint Francis, then Saint Francis College, for 23 years as president (1970-1993). She was instrumental in the development of new academic programs to serve the education needs of the Fort Wayne community. She strengthened the quality academic programs for which the university is known. She was an advocate



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ful sister and surely has her place in heaven already."

Provincial Superior of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, Sister M. Angela Mellady remembers Sister JoEllen: "Sister JoEllen was passionate about teaching even after her retirement. We are so grateful for all that she shared with us both in and out of the classroom over the years."

Sister JoEllen retired at the age of 80 to St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka where she devoted her time to completing Volume II of the "History of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration — the Eastern Province," a work that covers 1940-2006.

Due to declining health Sister JoEllen moved to Our Lady of Angels Convent in 2008.

Sister JoEllen is survived by her sister, Dorothy (Jim) Lambright of Akron, Ohio, three nephews, one niece and eight great nieces/nephews.

The funeral Mass for Sister M. JoEllen was celebrated on Sept. 19, at St. Francis Convent Chapel in Mishawaka. Her remains rest in the convent cemetery.

A memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 4:30 p.m. in the University of Saint Francis Chapel in Trinity Hall, Fort Wayne.

for the development of the strong athletic programs that provided the opportunity for many students to earn a degree while participating in intercollegiate athletics."

"Sister JoEllen continued to teach during her presidency, and for many years after she retired from the presidency," Sister Elise said. "In this way she maintained a close relationship with students and alumni. She saw the expansion of campus facilities, including the Hutzell Athletic Center and Saint Francis Chapel in Trinity Hall. It is hard to describe her many years of very dedi-

cated service and love for 'The College.'"

Father John Delaney, pastor of St. Jude Parish in South Bend recalls the support he received from the inspiring Sister JoEllen while in seminary.

"I've known her since I was a student at Bishop Luers and she was then dean of girls," he said. "While I was in the seminary, Sister JoEllen wrote to me every week I was there. As Sirach states: 'A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter...' She certainly has been that faithful friend over the years. ... She was a wonder-

"May my instruction soak in like the rain, and my discourse permeate like the dew, like a downpour upon the grass, like a shower upon the crops."

— Deuteronomy 32:2

Sister JoEllen Scheetz

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In loving memory of

Sister JoEllen Scheetz, OSF, who devoted 34 years to the University of Saint Francis in the roles of president, dean and professor. On behalf of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration serving at the University of Saint Francis and the university's trustees, students, faculty, staff and administration.



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Animal blessing on St. Francis feast day
South Bend — A Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 8:15 a.m. at St. Patrick Church by the Msgr. John C. Fritz, FSSP. Confessions will follow the blessing, and Msgr. Fritz will offer Mass at 9 a.m. All pets are welcome. For information visit www.sbfssp.com.

Right To Life dinner to be held
South Bend — The 23rd annual "Life is Precious" benefit dinner, hosted by St. Joseph County Right to Life will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Century Center. Tickets are \$45 per person. For reservations call 574-232-5433.

Haunted Castle open for fall
Fort Wayne — The Haunted Castle and Black Forest located at 8965 Auburn Rd. and sponsored by the St. Vincent Boy Scouts will open Sept. 26 through Nov. 1. Visit hauntedcastle.com or call 260-489-1763.

Sunday breakfast at St. Pius X
Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Pius X. Adults \$6, children 6-10 \$3 or family for \$25.

Bishop Luers Men's Knight "Smoker"
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club will have a Men's Knight "Smoker" on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 7 p.m. to midnight under the tent at Bishop Luers High School. Notre Dame vs. Florida State game will be on. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Bishop Luers Athletic Department. \$25 tickets are available pre-sale at all home football games or at the Bishop Luers Athletic Office 260-456-1261 ext. 3020. For more information, contact, Brent Egts 260-341-8510.

Polish festival planned
South Bend — St. Hedwig Parish will have a Polish Festival, Sunday, Oct. 5, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hedwig Memorial Center. A Polka Mass at 11 a.m. will be followed by Polka Music by Wil Smaka's MusiConnection from 1-4 p.m. Chicken, Polish foods, dancing, games and a cash bar. Admittance is free. Call 574-287-8932 for information.

Mental Health Awareness class offered
South Bend — A free course on mental illness is being taught by members of the SJC chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Learn about mental illnesses and healthy coping skills to help your relative or friend. Class topics include the symptoms of mental illness,

basic brain biology, medications and treatment, problem solving, coping and communication skills, self-care and support. Classes will meet 11 consecutive Tuesdays beginning Sept. 30, from 6:30-9 p.m. at the St. Vincent de Paul Society, 520 Crescent Ave. Call 574-259-3564 or email pbondo@sbcglobal.net to register.

Creighton Method workshop
Fort Wayne — A Creighton Method workshop will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, at St Elizabeth Ann Seton from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Mother Teresa Room. RSVP to Theresa Schortgen 260-494-6444 or theresa.a.schortgen@frontier.com

Knights plan fish fry
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 3, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children (5-12) \$3.50. Shrimp for \$9 and chicken strips for \$8.50 will be available.

Rummage and bake sale
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Rosary Society will have a rummage and bake sale Thursday and Friday, Oct. 2 and 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mohr Hall, 1515 Barthold St.

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