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Frequently asked questions about the extraordinary synod of bishops

Q. When and where is it?

A. Oct. 5-19, 2014, Vatican City

Q. What is this?

A. The synod is a meeting of Pope Francis, bishops, clergy and laypeople.

Q. What is its purpose?

A. Pope Francis has written that the synod will discuss the "challenges of marriage, of family life, of the education of children and the role of the family in the life of the Church." The discussion will be based largely on responses to a questionnaire sent out to the world's bishops in November 2013.

Q. Who will attend?

A. Approximately 250 people, including the presidents or vice presidents of 114 national bishops' conferences, 13 heads of Eastern Catholic churches, three superiors general of religious orders, heads of Vatican offices and synod officials, and synod fathers appointed by Pope Francis. The synod also will have nonvoting collaborators and auditors, including married couples appointed by the pope.

Q. What controversial issues will be discussed?

A. Pope Francis has said birth control and the eligibility of

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divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Communion will be among the topics of discussion. The latter was also a major topic of discussion at a special meeting of cardinals the pope called in February.

Q. Will the synod change Church teaching?

A. Italian Archbishop Bruno Forte of Chieti-Vasto, chosen by Pope Francis to be the special secretary of the extraordinary synod, said that the "doctrine of the Church is not up for discussion, but rather the discussion will concern improving the 'pastoral application' of Church teaching."

Q. Why is it "extraordinary"?

A. The meeting will not reach definitive conclusions but set the agenda for a larger meeting of bishops, to be held at the Vatican in October 2015. That meeting will generate proposals for the pope's approval.

Q. What prompted this synod?

A. In July 2013, Pope Francis told reporters he wanted the gathering to explore a "somewhat deeper pastoral care of marriage," including the question of the eligibility of divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion.

Judge, deacon encourages balance of faith, profession

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Following an ancient custom dating back to the 13th century, attorneys, law professors, high ranking government officials, guests and others who work in the legal field, gathered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, Sept. 24, for the celebration of the Red Mass.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Red Mass, which gets its name from the red vestments of the celebrant. The vestments represent the tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit, and from the brilliant scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices of the Middle Ages.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades incenses a portrait of St. Thomas More, patron saint of those in the legal profession and politics, with Deacon Marc Kellams, who was the special guest assisting at the Red Mass, and is a Circuit Court Judge in Monroe County, Indiana. At far right is Father Mark Gurtner, chaplain of the St. Thomas More Society.

The Mass is celebrated to invoke divine guidance and strength during the coming term of court, and is celebrated in honor of the Holy Spirit as the source of wisdom, understanding, counsel and fortitude; these gifts of the spirit being essential in the dispensation of justice in the courtroom, as well as in the individual lawyer's or civil servant's office.

Assisting at the Red Mass as a special guest was the Honorable Marc R. Kellams, Circuit Court Judge in Monroe County, Indiana, and deacon of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He serves St. Charles Borromeo

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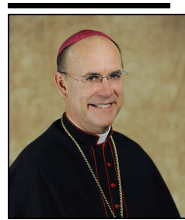
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The Gospel of the Family



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

In his apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis wrote: *The family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis, as are all communities and social bonds. In the case of the family, the weakening of these bonds is particularly serious because the family is the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another; it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children.*

In light of this cultural crisis, the Holy Father has convoked an extraordinary assembly of the Synod of Bishops to treat the topic: *The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization*. The Synod Assembly will take place from October 5th to the 19th. It will be followed up by the Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops in October 2015, demonstrating Pope Francis' deep concern for the challenges facing marriage and family throughout the world.

The Preface of the working document for the Synod affirms that "the proclamation of the Gospel of the Family is an integral part of the mission of the Church." The Church has the duty to proclaim the truth and beauty of God's plan for marriage and the family. It has the duty to promote the dignity of marriage and the family. The Church faces much resistance in today's culture to its teaching on moral issues related to the family. The bishops will be looking at ways to better present the Church's teaching and to promote its wider acceptance. They will also be looking at how the Church can better support parents and families through its pastoral care.

The Synod will also be addressing some difficult pastoral situations, including cohabitation and *de facto* unions. It will be devoting attention to the situation of separated and divorced persons as well as those who have divorced and remarried. The working document for the Synod states that "pastoral charity impels the Church to assist people who have suffered the breakdown of their marriage and are living with their situation relying on the grace of Christ. A more painful wound results when these people remarry and enter a state of life which does not allow them to receive Holy Communion." The document states: "With patience and understanding, the Church must explain to these people that their not being able to celebrate the sacraments does not mean that they are excluded from the Christian life and a relationship with God."

The Synod will also be addressing the lack of acceptance by many of the Church's teaching on openness to life, especially in a highly secularized society. In the face of a contraceptive mentality, the working document states that "the Church needs to reflect on how to encourage a mentality which is more open to life."

The bishops will also be discussing the challenges of the upbringing of children today, particularly their upbringing in the faith. They will be looking, for example, at the challenges faced when parents are living in irregular situations. We must be committed to transmitting the gift of faith to our children and young people.



PROVIDED BY THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

"The Holy Family, the beacon of true love, is to be contemplated in every family situation so as to draw light, strength and consolation," states the working document of the extraordinary assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The Synod topic is "The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization," and will assemble Oct. 5-19. Above is the painting for the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. Shown in the painting is St. Anne and St. Joachim with Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus.

The challenges facing the Church regarding marriage and family may seem overwhelming. I can't think of an area where the "new evangelization" is needed more. I am grateful for the priority that Pope Francis is giving to the proclamation of the Gospel of the Family, in continuity with Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI. We must pray for "a new springtime for the family."

It is important that, in the face of so many challenges, we not lose hope. The source of our hope is God and His love. The working document of the Synod states in its last paragraph that "the love of God shines in a particular way in the Holy Family of Nazareth, the sure point of reference and comfort for every family. The Holy Family, the beacon of true love, is to be contemplated in every family situation so as to draw light, strength and consolation." I, therefore, invite you during the month of October to pray the following Prayer to the Holy Family written by Pope Francis:

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.**

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.**

Pentecost Collection thanks

Dear Friends in Christ,

My deep and heartfelt thanks to all who contributed so generously in our annual Pentecost Collection this past June for the education of our seminarians! The total collected this year is \$218,388. These are the amounts collected since the Pentecost Collection began: \$251,367 (in 2011), \$179,594 (in 2012), and \$284,843 (in 2013).

This important collection helps to pay the costs for the education of our 35 seminarians, since the costs significantly exceed the amount budgeted from the Annual Bishop's Appeal. This is because we now have so many seminarians, a blessing from the Lord. I am hoping that we can grow the Saint John Paul II Endowment for Seminary Education since we still have a significant need, despite the Bishop's Appeal amount and the Pentecost collection. We need all three sources of revenue for this large annual budget item.

Our seminarians are preparing for their priestly mission. This preparation is a long and necessary period of formation so that they will be well-prepared to be sent forth as priests of Jesus Christ. They will return to our diocese ready, God-willing, for the consecration of the Holy Spirit to begin their mission. During their time in the seminary, they are growing in identification with Jesus the High Priest and Good Shepherd. They are receiving a solid human, spiritual, theological, and cultural formation. They need this to be good pastors of soul and teachers of the faith.

Please continue to pray for our priests and seminarians and for me. May the Lord bless you for your generosity!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m. — Wedding Anniversary Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Sunday, Oct. 5, 5:15 p.m. — Vespers and Dinner with Holy Cross Seminarians, Old College, University of Notre Dame
- Monday, Oct. 6, 5:15 p.m. — Red Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Tuesday, Oct. 7, 6 p.m. — Mass and Meeting with Prayer Group, Saint Patrick Church, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6 p.m. — White Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Oct. 9 — Meeting of Advisory Board of Our Sunday Visitor, Detroit, MI
- Friday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Patrick Church, Fort Wayne

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

- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) of Adoration and Exposition every Saturday prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

2015 World Meeting of Families details emerge as countdown begins

Preparations being made for diocesan attendance

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — September 22 marked exactly one year before the start of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, so organizers for the event took the occasion to brief staff of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the latest details.

Registration for the Sept. 22-25 event will begin within several weeks as agreements with speakers for the program are finalized. That part of the planning is ahead of schedule, as registration for the meetings held every three years in a different city typically begins only eight to nine months before the event.

Donna Farrell, executive director for the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, acknowledged the excitement for the event in the city and said the most frequently asked question her staff hears is, "How can I help?"

That willingness to help will be tested because Farrell estimates 7,000 to 10,000 volunteers will be needed. Probably around a thousand of those will be needed for the four days of discussions and programs that will comprise the World Meeting of Families at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Organizers are hoping for about 10,000 attendees for the four-day meeting, perhaps up to 15,000. It will be the largest convention in Philadelphia next year.

Most volunteers will be needed

to help with the large public events expected to be attended by Pope Francis after the meeting, though confirmation of his visit has not yet been made official. After a volunteer coordinator is hired, volunteers will be accepted by the end of this year and mostly next year, with background clearances and training to follow in the summer.

Planning for the papal visit is continuing, and Farrell described some details of that portion of the week.

Pope Francis would arrive Friday evening, Sept. 25, 2015, at the close of the World Meeting of Families with a public welcome ceremony at Independence Hall in Philadelphia with perhaps 40,000 in attendance.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to join the pope Saturday night, Sept. 26, at a public Festival of Families cultural celebration along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia's center city. It will feature musical and dance acts and other family entertainment, along with selected families from around the world giving witness to their family's faith.

"It will be one of the most beautiful events of the week," Farrell said.

Capping the week of festivities will be the public Mass celebrated by Pope Francis also on the Parkway Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015. No time has been set for the Mass yet, and multiple other details remain in flux as it is still a

year away. But Farrell did say that "well in excess of 1 million people are expected."

She and her team of organizers are working to "create the most meaningful set of events so that people are still talking about this decades afterward, just as we are Pope John Paul II's visit" to Philadelphia in 1979, Farrell said, an event she also attended as a teenager.

"I thought that was a once in a lifetime event, and here we are planning it again," she said.

Another dire need for the event is how to accommodate the thousands of people coming to Philadelphia. Only about 11,000 hotel rooms exist in the immediate Philadelphia area, Farrell said, so it will be important for people to generously open their homes for guests.

Home Stay, a Dublin, Ireland-based firm, will facilitate the process of matching a host family with people traveling to the area.

Other events will include a Family Fest by Philadelphia's leading cultural institutions including the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Franklin Institute, among others. Each is planning family-themed exhibits and extended hours during the week. As an example, the Kimmell Center for the Arts will host a film festival.

A family 5K run is also planned, as are bus tours of the five national Catholic shrines in the Philadelphia region.

The Office of Family Life for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is also in the process of preparing for the 2015 World Meeting of Families. "You and your family are invited to join Bishop Rhoades, ourselves and other pastoral ministers and families for this historic event," wrote Fred and Lisa Everett, co-directors from the Office of Family Life in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"The diocesan Office of Family Life is coordinating efforts not only to assist families in making a pilgrimage, but also to assist all families in the diocese in their spiritual preparation for the fruits of this international encounter," reported the Everetts in the Sept. 21 issue of *Today's Catholic*.

In addition, the Everetts will be writing a monthly column, "Love Is Our Mission," in preparation for the World Meeting of Families. "Over the next 10 months, we will be providing updates and excerpts (in the column) from this catechesis, which is published by Our Sunday Visitor," the Everetts wrote. "Our office will also be assisting parishes in purchasing bulk orders that can be used in various settings by parents, married couples or even individual families."

In Philadelphia, the activities and events of the World Meeting of Families underscore its two main goals: "to strengthen families and to witness to the value of the family as the building block of

society," Farrell said during the informational meeting she led on Monday.

The meeting was just the first of about a dozen such meetings to be held in October in parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Organized mostly by deaneries, World Meeting of Families staff will inform parish pastors and other leaders such as school principals, directors of religious education and pastoral council members on how to volunteer, how to host families and how to prepare parishioners for next year's event.

Materials for the parishes to help prepare parishioners are available on the website of the World Meeting of Families 2015: www.worldmeeting2015.org.

Organizers also will distribute 300 prayer cards to parishes. The cards display the official icon for the event and the official prayer, available in 18 languages.

Farrell said prayer was an important part of the preparation for next year's event. She suggested parishioners light a candle at their church and say a prayer, for people to pray the official prayer together before meetings and, especially, together at home with their family.

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Pilgrim statue inspires renewed Marian devotion

BY KATNY KERSHNER

SOUTH BEND — “What is the most important question in the world today?” began William Sockey, custodian of the USA Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Speaking to an assembly of Saint Joseph High School students, Sockey proffered, “Does God exist? That’s the fundamental question that is being discussed. Because if He does exist it makes all the difference.”

Former Vice President of the World Apostolate of Fatima (formerly known as the Blue Army), Sockey has been the caretaker of the National Pilgrim Statue for six years. It is his austere duty to protect the statue and to traverse the country heralding a message of peace, conversion and salvation through prayer and sacrifice.

The statue is an image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary as she appeared to Sister Lucia of Fatima, Portugal. Blessed by Pope Francis in October of last year for the purposes of the New Evangelization, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades encouraged all parishes and schools in the diocese to welcome the statue and to learn from Sockey the important messages associated with Fatima.

Quoting from St. John Paul II, Sockey told his student audience that the Fatima message is more urgent today than when it was first received in 1917. That was a time of horrific warfare in Europe. Pope Benedict XV, after numerous failed attempts to broker peace between world leaders, asked that a prayer novena be made to the Blessed Mother under the title “Queen of Peace.” Eight days later, on May 13, 1917, heaven responded. Mary appeared to three shepherd children in a field in rural Portugal.



KATHY KERSHNER

Seniors of Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, gather around the visiting statue of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima, which was blessed by Pope Francis in October of last year. Presentations of the history of Our Lady of Fatima, the importance of prayer, sacrifice and reparation were given by William Sockey (pictured left of the statue) and Carol Bunt (pictured right of the statue) to theology classes at Saint Joseph High School during a month-long diocesan tour.

The central messages of Fatima, Sockey suggested, are “to be convinced of the existence of God, to realize the truth of the Catholic faith, and to be motivated to participate in the salvation of souls through the simple daily offering of prayers and all of our daily suffering.”

“The only thing that matters in the whole universe,” he exhorted his teenage audience, “is how many souls make it to heaven. Our principle job is to renew the face of the earth by bringing souls into the state of grace, primarily through prayer and sacrifice.”

The students listened in rapt attention as Sockey described the appearance of the Angel of Peace,

who prepared the little shepherd children for the Blessed Mother’s coming. The description of Mary and her instructions to the children, the heroic response of Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta to her call for prayer and sacrifice, the subsequent arrest of the children by the political authorities and the amazing miracle of the sun that took place on Oct. 13, 1917, kept his Saint Joseph audience reverently attentive.

Emily Anderson, a junior at Saint Joseph High School, agreed, “as the presenter said, one of the major questions today is, ‘Does God



PROVIDED BY MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD SCHOOL

Students and staff at Most Precious Blood School in Fort Wayne venerate Our Lady of Fatima as the statue made a stop at the school on Sept. 17.

exist?’ I felt that the presentation was important because Fatima was and still is such an important part of Catholic (devotion). It is distinctive proof that God is there and looking out for us every single day. By having students go to this presentation, I feel like many are going to reevaluate their faith because this event is so extraordinary and awe-striking. By raising awareness for it, more young people can see how God works in our daily lives.”

Stanley Liponoga, IV, the principal of Most Precious Blood School, Fort Wayne, noted similar reactions to the visit of Our Lady’s statue to his school on Sept. 17.

“It was a powerful presentation and moving for all of our students to hear the miraculous stories,” he said. “A student said to me, ‘I felt a really powerful presence when I venerated Mary (the statue).’ Other students expressed amazement over the presentation. Christ was alive in

them. It was great to hear them continuing the conversation during their own social time.”

Carol Bunt, corresponding secretary, World Apostolate of Fatima, Fort Wayne-South Bend Division, sought to impress the students assembled of the graces that can be gathered simply by venerating blessed images of Our Lady.

She explained, “We can’t all go to Fatima, so today Fatima has come to you. Take this time to realize whenever there is a special image of Our Lady, like this statue of Our Lady of Fatima, she has many blessings that she wants to hand out. So take this time to ponder some situations in your life for which you would like to have Our Lady’s graces and ask her for them.”

Students finished the presentation by praying aloud the prayers offered on the World Apostolate of Fatima website (wafusa.org).



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Educators called to 'greatness of soul'

BY KATHY KERSHNER

MISHAWAKA — Catholic Mission Day united South Bend diocesan educators for the celebration of Mass and consideration of the role of Catholic education in building up the Body of Christ. Hosted by Marian High School on the feast of Padre Pio, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades used the example of the great saint of Pietrelcina to exhort his Catholic educators to strive to both foster and teach the virtue of magnanimity.

"Greatness of soul, magnanimity: that is what characterized the lives of the saints. The saints were often simple, small, ordinary people, but they had the sincere desire to give the best of themselves. In so doing, God used them to do extraordinary things," said Bishop Rhoades.

Drawing from a recent homily of Pope Francis, Bishop Rhoades explained that Catholic education has at its heart a mission of facilitating an encounter with Jesus Christ, "our Great Teacher and model of life."

Modeling a life of virtue, creating engaging lesson plans, striving for excellence in every word and deed, these are hallmarks of an authentic teacher. In doing these things in great love, he encouraged, "we strive to teach our children and young people to travel the road of life as disciples of Jesus, pursuing truth, beauty and goodness."

In order to equip his educators for this work of ministry, the Secretariat for Catholic Education Carl Loesch arranged for a keynote presentation that asked those present to consider patterning their teaching methodology on God, Himself.

In his presentation, "The Way God Teaches," Dr. Joseph White, clinical psychologist, catechist and author, offered a strategy of teaching modeled by God throughout salvation history. White reasoned that God has revealed, through Scriptures and the Incarnation of His Son, a manner and method of teaching that can be imitated. Citing the Catechism of the Catholic Church, he pointed out that it is the Church's mission to be "a visible and actual continuation of the pedagogy of the Father and of the Son."

He went on to elucidate five aspects of the way God teaches and showed point-by-point how all education should be personal and



KATHY KERSHNER

Tara Schmitt, catechist at St. Pius School, Granger, peruses the Alive in Christ series. "I ordered my sample series," she beamed, "I can't wait to get them!"

invitational, multisensory, communal and familial, structured, systematic, comprehensive and self-perpetuating.

The co-author of "Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus," an early childhood curriculum for ages 3 through kindergarten and the Alive in Christ catechetical series for grades 1-8, White, along with Our Sunday Visitor, introduced to grade school and high school catechists, textbooks and an interactive website that was written and organized around the five aspects of divine pedagogy that had been discussed earlier in the day. Described as a curriculum centered in Christ, White declared, "The primary mission of a Catholic school is to put students in touch with the person of Jesus Christ. We do this by teaching as Jesus taught. This will look different depending on the grade level and subject taught."

Tara Schmitt, a catechist at St. Pius School, Granger, ordered a sample of the Alive in Christ series for her fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade classes. "It looks like they have created a curriculum that is engaging, offering prayerful opportunities as well as providing sound catechesis. From what I saw today, they have put a great deal of effort in providing an interactive on-line dimension including music, liturgical prayer and videos as well as customizable on-line lesson planning."

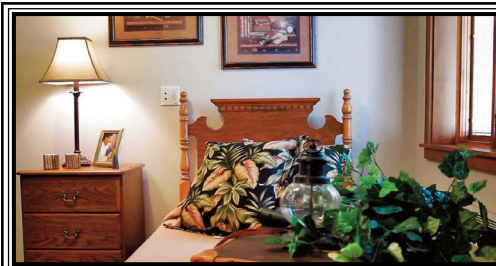
In addition to the catechetical resources offered during the day,

myriad opportunities for reflection were offered to teachers in the afternoon breakout sessions, as well. Participants were able to choose between topics ranging from the teachings of Pope Francis to creation and evolution, symbolic meaning in religious art to the educational impact of Marian consecration. Professors and theologians from within the diocese offered thought-provoking and inspiring lectures and discussions.

"The speakers encouraged us to learn from the way God teaches and relates with us," Carl Loesch commented. "The breakout session speakers included people like Rev. Raphael Mary, Msgr. Heintz, Dr. Sloan, Deacon Mel Tardy and many others who were outstanding."

"Catholic Mission Day gave us a chance, as Catholic educators, to step back and reflect on our overarching mission: to invite others, through our words and deeds in so many varied settings, to embrace and live out a deeper relationship with Christ," said Joanie Rymza, catechist from Christ the King School, South Bend. "I appreciated Bishop Rhoades' call to us to the practice of magnanimity, both with regard to our mission and in our individual day-to-day relationships with our students and peers."

Fort Wayne area educators assembled for Catholic Mission Day on Sept. 22 at Bishop Luers High School.



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Pope: Greed, throwaway culture fuel 'hidden euthanasia' of elderly

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis warned against the abandonment and neglect of the elderly, calling it a “hidden euthanasia” rooted in today’s “poisonous” culture of disposal and an economic system of greed.

In the presence of his predecessor, Pope Francis also thanked retired Pope Benedict XVI for staying to live at the Vatican and being like “a wise grandfather at home.”

“A people who don’t take care of their grandparents and don’t treat them well is a people with no future. Why no future? Because they lose the memory (of the past) and they sever their own roots,” he said.

The pope’s comments came during a special encounter and Mass for older people in St. Peter’s Square Sept. 28. Some 40,000 grandparents, retired men and women, and their families attended “The Blessing for a Long Life” event, organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family.

Pope Francis specifically invited Pope Benedict to attend the event, making it the third time since his retirement in 2013 that the German pontiff has made a rare appearance in public with his successor.

Carrying a cane and looking strong, the 87-year-old pope arrived about one hour into the event, which featured music and testimonies from families. About 10 minutes

later, while the famed Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli sang “Con te partiro” (“I’ll Go With You”), Pope Francis made his entrance with a small group of families. He immediately went to greet and embrace Pope Benedict, who only stayed for the next hour, leaving before the start of Mass.

Addressing him as “Your Holiness,” Pope Francis thanked the retired pontiff for his presence, telling the crowd, “I really like having him living here in the Vatican, because it’s like having a wise grandfather at home.”



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis greets emeritus Pope Benedict XVI during an encounter for the elderly in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican Sept. 28.

The wisdom and love of older people are instrumental for building the future, and they can even cheer up grumpy teenagers, the pope said.

“It’s very good for you to go visit an older person. Look at our kids. Sometimes we see them being listless and sad; (if) they go visit an older person, they become happy,” he said.

“Older people, grandparents have an ability to understand very difficult situations, a great talent. And when they pray about these situations, their prayers are strong and powerful.”

But there are many who instead prey on their fragilities, and the pope warned against the “inhuman” violence being waged against the elderly and children in areas of conflict.

Harm can also be waged quietly, he said, through many forms of neglect and abandonment, which “are a real and true hidden euthanasia.”

People need to fight against “this poisonous throwaway culture,” which targets children, young people and the elderly, on “the pretext of keeping the economic system ‘balanced,’ where the focus is not on the human being but on the god of money.”

While residential care facilities are important for those who don’t

have a family who can care for them, it’s important these institutes be “truly like homes, not prisons,” the pope said, and that their placement there is in the best interest of the older person, “not someone else.”

These retirement homes should be like “sanctuaries” that breathe life into a community whose members are drawn to visit and look after the residents like they would an older sibling, he said.

The pope also thanked an older couple from Qaraqosh, near Mosul, Iraq, for their presence and urged people to continue to pray and offer concrete aid to those forced to flee from such “violent persecution.”

Married for 51 years with 10 children and 12 grandchildren, Mubarak and Aneesa Hano said they were chased out of their Iraqi town by Islamic State militants.

“The cities are empty, homes destroyed, families scattered, the elderly abandoned, young people desperate, grandchildren cry and lives are destroyed from the terror of the shouts of war,” Hano said.

He said he hoped the world would finally learn that “war truly is insanity.”

Hano told the pope that, for 2,000 years, the bells tolled in their parish churches until the militants invaded the northern Iraqi plain and replaced the crosses on top of their places of worship with black flags. Because the bells no longer ring in these abandoned villages, the bells of St. Peter’s Basilica tolled instead at the end of Hano’s testimony.

Pope Francis then concelebrated Mass with 100 elderly priests from around the world.

The White Mass will be celebrated at St. Pius X Parish, Granger, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16. Hors d’oeuvres will be served at 6:45 p.m. with a panel discussion at 7:30 p.m. on “The Role of Human Suffering ... Perspectives from Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.”

Conception on Oct. 8. A banquet with speaker Matthew Hanley at St. Mary’s Oechtering Hall will follow the Mass. Hanley will speak on “Ideological Medicine: Serving Politics, Not People.” Cost for the banquet is \$15 per person. Register at www.fortwaynecma.com.

White Mass to be celebrated in diocese

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the Second Annual White Mass for all medical workers and their families at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate

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'Let Love Shine' dinner and auction to be held

SOUTH BEND — The fourth annual "Let Love Shine" Dinner Auction will be held on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 5:30-9 p.m. at the Morris Inn Grand Ballroom at the University of Notre Dame, in South Bend. The dinner auction will honor Our Sunday Visitor Institute and benefit Christ Child Society of South Bend. This year's recipient of the Heart of a Child Award is Our Sunday Visitor Institute, benefactor of over \$65,000 in grants to Christ Child Society of South Bend; as well as almost \$15,000 benefitting the National Christ Child Society.

Christ Child Society of South Bend is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the personal service of children living in poverty in St. Joseph County. Serving the community since 1947, programs include providing new winter clothing for 4,000 children and welcoming layettes for 500 babies born into poverty each year.

Attending this year's event along with hundreds of volunteers and friends of the organization are members of the OSV Institute Board and staff. Tickets are available for \$100 per person by contacting Linda Brammer at 574-287-5048 or visiting www.letloveshine.info.

Poor Handmaids to come home to Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sisters are organizing several events called "PHJCs Coming Home" in various cities over the next few years. The purpose of these events is to reconnect with the people in some of the areas in which Poor Handmaids have ministered and share who they have been over the years, who they are today, and who they hope to be in the future. All are invited to "PHJCs Coming Home to Fort Wayne-Hessen Cassel," the second of the PHJCs Coming Home weekends, on Oct. 24-26. Events scheduled include:

- Saturday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m. a reunion will be held for former Poor Handmaids and Ancilla Domini High School alumnae at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory in downtown Fort Wayne. At 5 p.m., Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and will honor the Poor Handmaid presence and ministry in the Fort Wayne area. Mass will be followed by a 6 p.m. reception at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory.

- Sunday, Oct. 26, at 10:30 a.m., Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Parish-Hessen Cassel in Fort Wayne with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as celebrant. Brunch will follow at the St. Joseph Parish hall. Hessen Cassel is the first ministry the Poor Handmaids started after arriving in the United States in 1868. The public is invited to join the Masses and the free reception.

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The "Grupo de Oracion" (Prayer Group) of St. Adalbert and St. Casimir Parishes in South Bend recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. Meeting weekly in prayer and holding an annual retreat on Pentecost, the group has also contributed financially to the parish through fundraisers over the years. Attending the anniversary celebration were founding members and current coordinator, Rosa Hernandez, sub-coordinator, Estela Rodriguez and Holy Cross Father Pedro Pacini, pastor.

Sister" Vocation Days will be held at some Fort Wayne area schools and a Theology on Tap style event is planned.

Sister Karen J. Hartman celebrates 60 years of consecrated life

CINCINNATI, Ohio

— Franciscan Sister of the Poor Sister Karen J. Hartman is celebrating her 60th jubilee in religious life. A native of Fort Wayne, Sister Hartman is the daughter of the late Frank and Catherine Hartman and the second oldest of six children. She attended St. Peter Catholic Church and School in her youth and was inspired by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who staffed the school and encouraged her in her pursuit of a religious vocation.

Sister Hartman had a great desire to become a nurse and entered the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Oct. 4, 1954 at age 18. She professed final vows in 1962 at St. Clare Convent in Cincinnati and was sent to St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing in Dayton, Ohio, where she earned her nursing diploma.



SISTER KAREN J. HARTMAN, SFP

Sister Hartman holds a BSN from the University of Dayton, an MSN from Ohio State and a master's degree in theology from Xavier University. Presently, Sister Hartman resides at St. Clare Convent in Cincinnati and serves as coordinator of the U.S. Office of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation for her community. She is also a wedding ministry coordinator.

Reflecting over the past 60 years of grace-filled moments and movements, Sister Hartman said, "I can only thank and praise God for the many blessings, gifts and opportunities received through my Franciscan vocation. Each ministry has been a deepening of knowledge and experience. To know and love God in all of creation, as I serve my sisters and God's chosen ones, is my great privilege and joy."

A Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at St. Peter Church in Fort Wayne on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 4 p.m. An open house is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5 hosted by the family.

Saint Mary's position in national rankings remains in top 100

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College remains in the top 100 of the *U.S. News & World Report's* Best National Liberal Arts Colleges list. The college has been in the top 100 for six years

running, this year coming in at 96 out of country's 249 liberal arts colleges. Access to the national rankings can be found online at www.usnews.com/colleges.

Sister Meng celebrates 65 years of religious life

FORT WAYNE

— Sister Damian Meng is celebrating her 65th jubilee as a Sister of Notre Dame this year. Sister Meng was born in Toledo to Louis and Carolyn Meng, one of three children. She is from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Genoa, Ohio, and attended Notre Dame Academy in Toledo.

Sister Meng entered the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo in August of 1946. She professed final vows in August of 1949.

Sister Meng graduated from Mary Manse College in Toledo. She first served in education teaching primary grades in the Toledo diocese for over 19 years. She also attended Northwestern Practical Nursing School in Ohio earning her LPN and worked at a Toledo health care center caring for the elderly and ill sisters.

Sister Meng came to Fort Wayne in 1991 and has served at St. Jude Parish and School. Currently sister resides at the St. Jude convent.

A jubilee celebration was held this summer at St. Jude and a special Mass will be celebrated in November to honor Sister Meng's special intentions.



SISTER DAMIAN MENG, SND

CHRIST THE KING TO HOST HOLY HOUR FOR AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA



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Christ the King Parish, South Bend, will host an outdoor holy hour at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, celebrating the annual America Needs Fatima prayer, holy hour. The holy hour will take place at State Rt. 933 and Darden Rd. Bring a chair and rosary.

MASS CONCLUDES NOTRE DAME CONFERENCE FOCUSED ON ARCHBISHOP ROMERO



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, bishop emeritus of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was the main celebrant of an outdoor Mass Sept. 29 at the conclusion of a three-day conference at the University of Notre Dame that focused on Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador. Archbishop Romero, an outspoken critic of the corrupt government of El Salvador, was assassinated while celebrating Mass on March 24, 1980. In 1997, Pope John Paul II named him a Servant of God, the first step in a cause for canonization. The conference, which drew international participants, examined Archbishop Romero's theological contributions and his enduring impact not only on Latin America, but on all peoples. — Ann Carey

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH CAMPOUT



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Blessed Sacrament Parish in Albion hosted a parish campout in the church's backyard on Sept. 13-14. The whole parish received the invitation and the event was attended by all ages. Above, Alek Gensic holds a vigil candle during the campout.

ANCILLA COLLEGE SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT

DONALDSON: Ancilla Domini College is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for a periodic evaluation by the regional accrediting agency. The College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit December 8-10, 2014, by a team from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Ancilla Domini College has been accredited by HLC since 1973. The team will review the institution's ability to meet the Criteria for Accreditation, Assumed Practices, and Federal Compliance Program.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments regarding the College to the following:

Public Comment on Ancilla Domini College
The Higher Learning Commission
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, Ill. 60604

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

The public may also submit comments on the Commission's webpage at www.ncahlc.org.

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Royce Gregerson ordained to diaconate in Rome

BY KAY COZAD

ROME — For seminarian Royce Gregerson, preparing for his Oct. 2 ordination to the diaconate has been a journey of prayer and meditation. “I have been spending time in prayer meditating on the promises that I will make and the words of the Rite of Ordination, and focusing on how I can better live as a Christ-like servant,” he says.

A native of Marion, Gregerson is one of Roy and Karen Gregerson’s three children. After attending Catholic elementary school in Marion he transferred to St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in 2000 for his eighth-grade year when he and his family moved to Fort Wayne. Gregerson graduated from Bishop Luers High School in 2005 and Wabash College in 2009. He and his family are active members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne.

Crediting his family, his Catholic education and the joy and guidance of many faithful priests in his life, Gregerson says God used life’s circumstances to grow his faith at every point in his life. “My parents taught us the faith and gave us a good example of what it meant to be faithful Catholics,” he says, adding that receiving a Catholic education and being surrounded by other Catholics, including inspiring and helpful priests like Father Duane Craycraft and Father Jim Shafer, added to the strong faith foundation that now undergirds his vocation.

Though the young seminarian admits that from an early age he knew that he was being called to the Priesthood, Gregerson says, he

did his best to ignore it through high school until he found great fulfillment in serving others while on a service trip. His parents were not surprised when he divulged his discernment to the Priesthood and shortly after he began meeting regularly with his pastor, Father Shafer, until his entry into seminary in 2011.

Seminary life has been inspirational to Gregerson, who holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Pontifical College Josephinum and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) from Pontifical University of the Holy Cross.

“Life in the seminary has been a tremendous blessing for me. The opportunity to live and study with so many other men who are in love with Christ and desire to serve God and His Church, open to His will for their lives is an unrepeatable experience,” says Gregerson.

Currently, he resides at the Pontifical North American College in Rome where he has begun studies for a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) with a concentration in moral theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. He expects to complete his studies in 2016.

Gregerson recalls the impact his summer assignments at St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur, and St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart have had on his vocation. “Probably the most important part of my summer assignments has been an increase in desire to serve as a parish priest,” he says, adding, “The biggest blessing for me, though, from these assignments has always been a steady confirmation of my vocation.”



Royce Gregerson stands at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome.

PROVIDED BY ROYCE GREGERSON

and I’ve been exposed to so many people who have pushed me to learn more, think more critically, and to appreciate the truly vast treasure that exists in sacred theology,” he says, adding that the cultural experience in Rome has broadened his understanding of the Church in America and abroad.

The Oct. 2 diaconate ordination took place in Rome in the Papal Basilica of St. Peter at the Altar of the Chair. “To be ordained at the heart of the Catholic Church, over the site of the martyrdom and tomb of the Prince of the Apostles, is unique and something I will treasure for the rest of my life,” says Gregerson excitedly. Many of his family members traveled to attend the sacred Mass while others at home were offering prayer support.

Gregerson’s focus has been on his prayer life and service to God. “I have been trying not to focus too much on the ordination itself and trying to just remain faithful to my daily habits of prayer in the Mass, the Divine Office, the rosary and my meditation each day,” he says. This inspired young seminarian feels he offers a readiness and willingness to serve the Lord and His Church. “After five years of priestly formation my heart has been conformed more and more to Christ’s and I am ready to offer my life to Him through the promises I will make at my ordination. That willingness and readiness to sacrifice oneself strikes me as the most important thing, more so than any skills or talents I might have,” he says.

His hope during his year as deacon: “I hope that I learn as deacon how better to be a servant for my fellow Christians in imitation of Christ. This year will also be focused in large part on preparing for Priesthood, so I’m really looking forward to learning how to celebrate the sacraments, especially Holy Mass. Within the diaconate itself, I look forward to serving as a deacon during Holy Week, especially the Paschal Vigil.”

Being stationed in Rome for the past three years in close proximity to the Holy Father, Gregerson has developed a new and deeper devotion and appreciation for Pope Francis and the workings of the Catholic Church. He feels his world-class education there has been priceless. “There is an academically charged environment in Rome

“Be shepherds with the smell of the sheep.”
— Pope Francis



With prayerful best wishes as Royce enters his diaconate year.



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Respect Life

Living the Gospel of Life and the Gospel of Love

BY LISA EVERETT

This past summer at our annual pro-life directors' conference, we heard a moving story from Dr. John Bruchalski, founder of the Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax, Virginia.

As an OB/GYN, he opened this facility in 1994 for the purpose of providing first-class gynecological and obstetrical care to women, especially those facing crisis pregnancies, in the context of the healing ministry of Christ.

Dr. Bruchalski recounted that he had become ill with cancer several years before, and during his leave of absence from his medical practice, needed to find physicians to cover for him when his patients were due to deliver. The only person he could find who was willing and able to cover for him during a particular stretch of time was a doctor who performed abortions.

Little did either of them know how God was planning to use this unusual arrangement for His purposes. During the weeks when the abortionist was covering for Dr. Bruchalski, one of his patients went into labor who was carrying a child with anencephaly, a condition incompatible with life in which a baby is born without major parts of the brain and skull.

The abortionist delivered the baby, who died within hours surrounded by the love of his parents and siblings.

A few weeks later, the abortionist angrily confronted Dr. Bruchalski for not having given him a "heads up" about the condition of this baby. After

all, this was precisely the kind of baby that the doctor-on-call believed should be aborted! Dr. Bruchalski apologized to the abortionist for having neglected to inform him of all the facts regarding his patient's pregnancy, and didn't think much more about the incident.

Several years later, the paths of the two men crossed again, and the doctor who had covered for him during those weeks told Dr. Bruchalski that he was no longer performing abortions.

"It all started the day that I delivered that baby with anencephaly for you," confided the former abortionist. "I had never seen so much love in my life as I saw in the delivery room that day, and I have never been the same."

As another Respect Life Month begins, it is good to hear real-life stories like this that remind us that no one, not even an abortionist, is beyond the mercy of God and that love is the most powerful force in the universe, stronger than sin and stronger than death.

By God's marvelous design, each of us is meant to be "loved into life," as a priest-friend of my parents was fond of repeating. This refers above all to God, of course, but He shares that privilege with us.

The mutual love of spouses expressed through the "language of the body" is not meant to remain closed in on itself, but to give life to another person who is literally the two of them in one flesh. And that child is created not only in the image and likeness of mom and dad, but above all, in the image and likeness of God, with an inalienable dignity and an immortal soul.

No matter how short or long someone's life on earth happens to last, we are called to surround him or her with love until the moment they draw their

last breath and find themselves face to face with God who is Love. As families, we are called to love people into this life, and to love them into the next, and in all the moments in between, to do our best to love all the people God puts on our path into the life of His kingdom.

We never know how God might be working through the circumstances of our life, particularly the painful ones, to give life — His life — to others. Could that couple whose baby had anencephaly possibly have guessed that the love they lavished on their little one for those few hours was, by the grace of God, the means He used to melt the hardened heart of the doctor who had just delivered their baby? Yet it was precisely their fidelity to the Gospel of Life and their love for their dying baby so strong it was palpable to a stranger, that made it possible for them to become spiritual parents that day to a man who made his living taking life.

Dr. Bruchalski confessed that when he was first diagnosed with cancer and needed to take a leave of absence from his medical practice, he wondered what they would do without him. Well, he chuckled, God did wonders without me! If we, too, are faithful to the Gospel of Life, which is ultimately the Gospel of Love, the Lord will no doubt work wonders through us as well.



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Healing from abortion: A father's story

The following is an account of a Fort Wayne man's journey to healing after an abortion experience.

The other day I was stopped at a red light and the car ahead of me had a bumper sticker that read, "Abortion: One dead, one wounded." Not to be cold but I understood who was dead, what confused me — who was the wounded: ONE? Abortion wounds many people. The mother is obviously wounded, but there are many others who feel the same guilt, condemnation and pain from the abortion. The one who doesn't get mentioned the most is the father.

As a post-abortive man, I felt the same pain, guilt and condemnation that I hear women carry. As a post abortive advocate for men, I get to speak to different organizations including women's post abortive groups. The common denominator that both the mother and father experience is guilt and condemnation.

Many women are surprised when I tell them about my feelings

the abortion brought. Many women realize that abortion does hurt the father. I know men can hide their feelings well, but there is a hole in our souls the abortion creates. God created men to provide for and protect their families. Abortion destroys his confidence in his ability to provide those crucial needs in the lives of his spouse and future children.

Soon after the abortion, men don't realize the negative effects and after time, they don't want to admit the pain they feel so they are in denial. Work, drugs, alcohol, overachieving, etc., are ways that men show their hurt. Others don't work or have very low self-esteem. This is the sadness of what abortion has created in our country.

The abortion advocates say that women who are affected emotionally by the abortion are emotionally weak. Nothing is said about the effects of abortion on men. For decades we have sat in the back struggling with the emotions but kept our mouths shut. There had to be something wrong with us and

we did not want to let people know we were hurting. Therefore we became dysfunctional husbands, fathers, employees and employers. Who knows how many divorces, suicides and mental illnesses have occurred because of the right of women to kill their babies.

There is healing that can come for men as there is for women. God does forgive us, but He first asks that we forgive ourselves. His healing is wonderful and I know firsthand how His healing touch feels.

Men, I know how stubborn we can be; it took me 27 years to be healed. However, the blood of Jesus cleanses all sins and we cannot believe the lies of the enemy. Even today the enemy attacks me, but the work of the hand of God in my life took the nerves out of the event like a root canal. The abortion remains, like the tooth, but there are no feelings of guilt and condemnation. It is a painful process, but in the end the results remove anything for the enemy to attack.

I have spoken to many groups



about the effects of abortion on men over the last five years. One night I was speaking to a church group and told them the story of the bumper sticker. I told them that the bumper sticker should have said one dead, two wounded. However, what about the parents who would have been grandparents, siblings that would have been aunts and uncles, and friends who could have been godparents? After the meeting, an older couple came up to me. Both were crying and they thanked me for talking about grandparents. They felt a great loss and no one ever acknowledged them. They were very grateful. So, in reflection, maybe the bumper sticker should read: "Abortion, one dead, and many wounded."

If you are hurting from a past abortion(s), contact Project Rachel at 855-722-4354 or visit <http://sites.diocesefwsb.org/projectrachel>.

Add the persecution of Christians to Respect Life Month

BY FREDERICK EVERETT

With the fall of the international communist movement over 20 years ago, there was well-grounded hope that the global persecution of Christians might soon become a thing of the past. There was heady talk back then about the "inevitability" of democracy and a new global birth of freedom that would accompany it. The world, it seemed, was on an upward swing.

Unfortunately, as recent events testify, the promise of that time has proved to have been a pipe dream. Christians are not only still persecuted, but the death of Christians and the destruction of their communities has widened, deepened and multiplied. According to author John Allen, the past year will likely have seen upwards to 100,000 Christians killed for their faith. Unquestionably, the global war on Christians has become a pressing issue for the respect of human life.

Besides giving money to Catholic Relief Services or the Knights of Columbus to help Christian refugees, what is a Catholic Christian to do? One way to respond is to become more educated about the plight of Christians throughout the world. There are several organizations that have websites that deal with these afflicted communities. Catholic Near East Welfare Association (www.cnewa.org), Aid to the Church in Need (

University of Notre Dame Professor Daniel Philpott

churchinneed.org) and In Defense of Christians (www.indefenseofchristians.org) are just three examples of agencies helping persecuted Christians.

Unfortunately, even with some increased coverage in the mainstream press recently, this story remains grossly under-reported. The Pew Research Center's 2014 report found that between June 2006 and December 2012, Christians faced harassment and intimidation in 151 countries. This represented the largest number of any religious group. In addition, Christians are the only religious group that is persecuted in all 16 of the countries high-

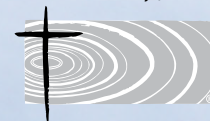
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lighted as egregious offenders by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom in 2012.

According to Notre Dame Professor Daniel Philpott, director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights, "the persecution of Christians has grown more and more widespread (in recent years). The sad fate of Christians in Egypt, Syria and Iraq are only some of the latest episodes. The extremist Islamists who control Mosul, Iraq, have told the remaining Christians to convert to Islam, live as second-class citizens or die. The denial of the religious freedom of Christians is one of the largest classes of human rights violations in the world today. Yet, the phenomenon is underreported in the mainstream media and the human rights community."

At a conference on religious freedom in Rome, Pope Francis stated that "it gives me great pain to see that Christians around the world suffer the (lion's share) of such discrimination." The Holy Father went on to say that "the persecution of Christians today is even more virulent than in the first centuries of the Church, and there are more Christian martyrs today than in that era."

To this claim, Professor Philpott adds the following insight: "To advocate for the religious freedom of Christians is not to claim that their human rights are more important than anyone else's. Religious freedom is a fundamental human right to which everyone on the planet is entitled. Today, however, Christians constitute the lion's

share of those in the lion's den."

One new and very exciting initiative that has started in our diocese under the direction of Professor Philpott has been named Under Caesar's Sword: How Christian Communities Respond to Repression. In collaboration with the Religious Freedom Project at Georgetown, the Notre Dame Center for Civil and Human Rights has been awarded a grant of over a million dollars to discover and draw attention to the ways in which Christian communities around the world are responding to the severe violation of their religious freedom. The center has pulled together a team of 15 top-notch scholars to research and report on repressed Christian communities around the world, including those in China, Indonesia, Nigeria, Syria, Egypt,

Iraq, Pakistan, India and many other countries.

However, the center does not plan to allow this effort to be merely an academic exercise with a report that will simply be gathering dust on a shelf. One of the project's main goals will be its extensive efforts to disseminate its findings as part of its efforts to raise awareness of and be in solidarity with persecuted Christians. The project will be producing a documentary on Christian responses to persecution; developing curricula on the topic for churches and schools; and publishing a readable report of the findings to be distributed around the world, including to persecuted churches. The project will also be posing the question about how Christians worldwide can build a culture of solidarity in which the sacrifice of the martyrs

will be remembered and honored.

To learn more about this project, visit its website: <http://humanrights.nd.edu/research/ucs/>.

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"Let us respect and love human life."

~ Pope Francis, Twitter, May 2013

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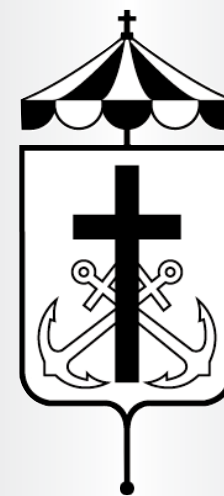
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a thought of God.
Each of us is willed, each of us is loved,
each of us is necessary."*

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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of every human person, at
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JOHN PAUL II, Evangelium Vitae

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"is always a good.

*This is an instinctive perception
and a fact of experience, and man
is called to grasp the profound
reason why this is so."*

Saint John Paul II - Evangelium Vitae

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Indiana Catholic Conference urges support for No Taxpayer Funded Abortion/Abortion Insurance

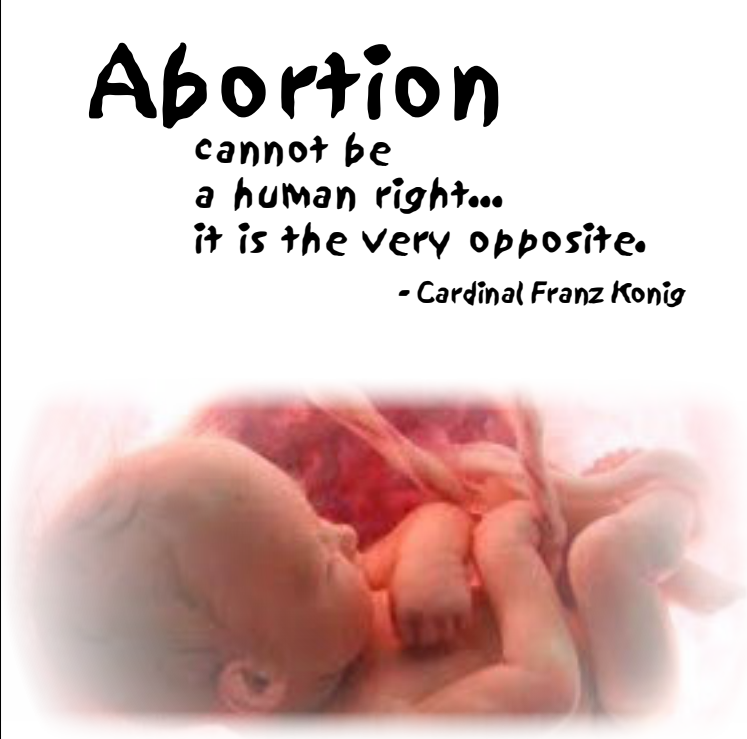
INDIANAPOLIS (Indiana Catholic Conference) — On Sept. 15, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a report revealing that over a thousand health care plans under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) cover elective abortions and that many health plans do not inform enrollees about the inclusion and cost of abortion coverage. These problems flow directly from defects in the ACA. On Jan. 28, the House joined together two measures that would correct these problems and passed the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act (H.R. 7).

The Senate must act. Either take up and pass H.R. 7, or pass the separate bills, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (S. 946) and the Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act (S. 1848). On Nov. 12, the Senate will return after the elections for a lame-duck session.


The Indiana Catholic Conference asks that readers contact Senators Coats and Donnelly by calling the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121, or call their local office and ask them to please co-sponsor and support the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, S. 946, and the Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act, S. 1848. Tax dollars should not be used to fund or promote abortion, and, at a minimum, abortion coverage in health insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act should be fully disclosed to enrollees.

Additional contact information:
 • Senator Dan Coats can be found at <http://www.coats.senate.gov/contact/>


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 - Cardinal Franz Konig




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It was you who created My inmost self, and put Me together in my Mother's womb, for all These mysteries I thank you, For the wonder of myself, for The wonder of your works.

Psalm 139, 13 - 14

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May our Respect Life prayers invite the Holy Spirit to visit those who mistakenly believe that their support of abortion is righteous.

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Psalm 119:13

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- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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Luke 22:19



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Making our marriages better

A Gallup poll some years ago indicated some common complaints of husbands about their wives. The list looked something like this:

- The wives tend to ...
- nag
 - infrequently have words of encouragement or praise for their husbands
 - spend too much money
 - neglect the care of the home and/or children, busying themselves outside the home
 - meddle in or gossip about others' affairs
 - tend towards being late
- Likewise, the wives had complaints of their own:
- Their husbands ...
- go out too often without their wives
 - stay out late at meetings and engagements, resulting in their wives feeling lonely and left out
 - show less and less interest

in their wives as the wives grow older, yet still seem to be super courteous and attentive to younger women

- are domineering
- spend too much money on themselves and their personal interests but account for every penny with everyone else in the family

Javier Abad and Eugenio Fenoy, in "Marriage, A Path to Sanctity," write, "Wives would do well to take a close look at these complaints because, many times, they explain why husbands grow indifferent and even negative about them for apparently no reason at all. ... (Likewise), husbands should go over (the common complaints of wives) ... and see if there might not be some area in them for (their own) improvement." These complaints are not true with all spouses in all marriages, but



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since they were discovered to be common ones, it's not a bad idea to review them and consider their relevance in our own lives.

"... A husband should always be warm and considerate. He should also know how to show appreciation for the small tokens of his wife's affection — the shoes she has just shined for him, the favorite dish she has prepared as a surprise, some

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Repent and return to God's vineyard



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 21:33-43

The first section of the Book of Isaiah is the source of this weekend's first reading. The prophet then speaks directly to the people. He speaks as God, in the first person.

In this reading, the prophet employs an image with which his contemporaries would have been very familiar, the image of the vineyard. The prophet describes the land of God's people as a vineyard. The vineyard belongs to God. God tends the vineyard. Lavish in generosity and care, God fills the vineyard with the choicest vines.

The author of this section of Isaiah was very disappointed with his people. He saw them moving along a path that would lead to their destruction.

What was happening as a result? The people were polluting God's vineyard. They became wild grapes, sour and repulsive, unworthy of being in the beautiful vineyard. They themselves were creating their own doom by being disloyal to God.

Their disloyalty was in their laxity in religious observance, at least in the prophet's mind. Especially troubling for him were the leaders who were flirting with neighboring pagan states and who allowed the paganism of these neighbors to influence policy.

The Epistle to the Philippians

provides the second reading this weekend.

Philippi was an important military post in the Roman Empire, located in modern Greece. As such, it was a thoroughly pagan community. Because of their worship of the God of Israel, of Jesus as the Son of God, and because of their devotion to the Gospel values of love, sacrifice and life in God, pagans looked upon Christians with disdain, at best, as threats.

Before long, this disdain for Christians in the empire erupted into outright persecution.

Understandably this epistle had to encourage and reassure Philippi's Christians. It admonished the Christians of Philippi always to be faithful to God, always to be holy, and indeed never to fear opposition or even persecution.

St. Matthew's Gospel is the source of the third reading.

As has been the case on other weekends, the selection for this weekend is a parable. Again, the story is about a discussion between Jesus and priests and elders. Voicing the parable, Jesus refers to a "landowner," who of course is God.

The landowner has planted a vineyard. (Remember the first reading? Vineyards often were used in the Old Testament to describe the nation of Israel.) The vineyard belongs to God. Those who occupy the vineyard merely are tenants. God protected this vineyard by surrounding it with a hedge, and then God went on a journey, leaving tenants to tend the vineyard.

In due course, the landowner sends his servants to the tenants to collect the yield. The servants find that tenants have turned against God. The tenants kill these servants. God sent more servants. They too were killed. Finally, the Son of God was

sent also to be killed. Finally, God drives the tenants from the vineyard.

Reflection

The Church has called us to discipleship during these weeks. It restates this call in these readings.

Ultimately, today's lesson is not about doom and destruction, although both Isaiah and Matthew feature unhappiness and death. Rather, the message is of salvation and hope.

By disobeying, or ignoring, God, we bring chaos upon ourselves. God does not just hurl thunderbolts of anger and revenge at us. Instead, we create our own eternal situation. We choose to sin. We choose to be with God, or to be without God. Salvation is not forced upon us. We choose our plight of death and hopelessness.

All is not necessarily lost. The wonder, and great opportunity, in all this is that God accepts us back if we repent. God is merciful. By forgiving us, God returns us to the vineyard, there to find life and goodness forever.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-6 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

Catholics in Indiana should prepare to vote

The 2014 election in Indiana does not have the high profile offices of president, governor and senator on the ballot; these come in 2016. But that does not mean the 2014 election is less important. This year's ballot includes all U.S. Congress members, all State Representatives and half of the Indiana's State Senators. In addition state offices, such as Secretary of State, Auditor and Treasurer, and many countywide offices are on this year's ballot.

Each election has value, its own importance and consequences. Hence, all elections should be taken seriously and deserve due diligence when considering the candidates and issues involved. Moreover, Catholics are obligated to take part. In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation.

Elections provide an opportunity to debate and decide about leaders, policies and values that will determine the direction of the state and nation. As is evident, public policies and decisions by public officials have moral dimensions and consequences that affect everyone. So how does one prepare to fulfill his/her civic duty and decide for whom to vote? The Church can offer some guidance, not by recommending candidate X or Y, but by giving guidance and perspective on how to approach the issues and how to determine a prudent choice.

One cannot compartmentalize politics and morality

A common error in present times is the dichotomy between faith and public life. All of human life and activity is not out of the scope of God's care and concern. Some today want to keep religion out of the public square, but that denies the integration of faith and life. The Church teaches that faith is to be lived each day and in all one does; Sunday Eucharist nourishes and enables the faithful to live the Gospel's call each day in all they do. They are called to be a leaven in the world. Personal as well as political activity is rightly guided by moral norms.

Voting is moral act

One's vote should not be based on frivolous or selfish motives. Catholics are called to be guided by moral convictions and not attachment to party or interest groups. One should not let party determine who they vote for or lead them to neglect fundamental moral truths. The Church's call for political engagement is different from other institutions and social groups. Interest groups and political parties have a focus of power and governance; the Church asks for persons to focus on the dignity of every human being, the development of the common good and the protection of the weak and vulnerable.

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Be principled and not partisan in political and social issues

Politics is often ideological, emotional and divisive. The Catholic Tradition does not offer an ideology but a moral framework in which to evaluate policies and candidates. The Church asks that Catholics engage using faith and reason and to form one's conscience through study and prayer. First one must seek to know what is right by studying Scripture and Church teaching. Secondly, one must use reason to study the issues in the light of faith; and lastly prayerfully ask for God's guidance and His will to be done.

Opposing evil and doing good are essential obligations

Catholic social teaching is holistic. One must always oppose intrinsic evils that directly threaten the sanctity and dignity of human life such as euthanasia, genocide, torture and racism. In like manner, there is an obligation to contribute to the common good in solidarity with those in need. The right to life is linked to the basic needs that every human being needs to live and thrive. In addition to the basic human needs, defending religious freedom, supporting marriage and family, welcoming the immigrant and protecting the environment provide for the common good. While evil must always be opposed, that does not mean that this absolves one from doing good. Both are required.

Because no candidate is perfect, it is difficult to find one that complies with all values and principles of Catholic social teaching. In the end one must form one's conscience through study and prayer and then vote based on the best judgment of which candidate will do the best job of protecting from evil and promoting the common good. So can one be sure a good choice was made? God offers the virtue of prudence, which enables one to discern the true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. During the election season, seeking God's help in developing the virtue of prudence is also a good way to prepare for voting.

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Healing words for the wounded

A recent article on communicating the pro-life message left me nodding in agreement — but sometimes shaking my head in disagreement. While it rightly states that words are powerful and can shape opinions, it also says to always use words like “kill” and “sin” in reference to abortion. The article should have mentioned the importance of being aware of our audience when we choose what words to speak — and when we choose whether to speak at all or to simply listen. While never avoiding the fact that abortion ends a life, as pro-life people we should be aware that our audience will almost always include women who have had an abortion or people who have been involved in one. We should take special care to use words of love and mercy, rather than judgment and condemnation, in order to better help those in need of Christ’s healing touch and to help prevent greater loss of lives and souls.

Abortion’s impact is extensive. After 41 years of legalized abortion in the United States, the death toll is over 55 million children. Because of repeat abortions, about 35 million women have lost one or more children to abortion. In addition, a roughly equal number of men have fathered a child who was then aborted. The grandparents of the deceased child or other family members are often involved, and they, too, may blame themselves for real or imagined failings that contributed to the death of a child.

A priest active in Project Rachel, the Church’s post-

abortion healing ministry, described the spiritual desolation experienced by women who have had an abortion: “Many feel they have committed ‘the unforgivable sin’ and are destined for hell, or that they deserve to be on death row. Most suffer this spiritual desolation in silence, too ashamed and feeling unworthy to seek reconciliation from God.”

The terrible fact is that many suffer from this unresolved grief and guilt that restrict their ability to live fully in the presence of God’s love. The good news is that Christ offers hope, healing and His merciful love to all who have suffered from abortion.

The Lord calls us to help bring about that encounter with Christ, the Healer and Divine Physician, through our compassionate words, actions and sometimes even our silent yet attentive presence. By listening to the stories of those wounded by abortion and expressing sorrow for their loss, we can witness to their child’s life and affirm their right to grieve. Showing kindness and offering assistance to those leaving abortion facilities might even help prevent repeat abortions by encouraging them to turn to pro-life groups for support with a future unexpected pregnancy.

One caller to Project Rachel demonstrated the importance of a compassionate attitude. She said, “I had done a fine job of beating myself up for years and I certainly didn’t need the person on the other end of the phone to make me feel any worse. But, when I finally called, it was not like that at all. The voice on the

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BY MARY MCCLUSKY

other end was warm and full of hope for me. My journey of healing began on that day that I made that phone call.” Our use of language that conveys God’s love, warmth and mercy can bring hope of His forgiveness and healing to those struggling from a past abortion.

The Church offers help for those suffering from abortion’s aftermath through a diocesan-based ministry usually called Project Rachel. If you are hurting from past abortion(s), contact Project Rachel at 855-722-4354 or visit <http://sites.diocesefwsb.org/projectrachel/>.

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with the current; so when the wife is in harmony and peace with her husband, nothing will be unpleasant, even if innumerable storms arise every day.”

Wow! That’s fourth century wisdom still applicable today!

The secret to making our marriages better, then, is as simple as a nightly marital examination of conscience. Pondering the list of successes and failures of the day is a discipline that will reap all of us great rewards. In honestly evaluating our actions, we can take personal responsibility for them, and work to improve. This is a pleasure-filled duty to be sure. Overlooking the faults of our spouses while focusing on fixing our own always leads to greater marital happiness.

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improvement in the decoration of the house, etc. He should also keep physically fit and conserve his manly appearance. Such a husband will be easily loved by his wife.”

Is this advice outdated? I think not.

Considering one major purpose of marriage is unitive — intimate companionship in helping the other get to heaven — (the other purpose being procreative) a smart couple will ignore popular cultural trends to seek self gratification and personal enjoyment only in their marital relationship and seek to serve the other whole heartedly. In marriage, both the husband and the wife give themselves definitively and totally to one another. They are no longer two but one flesh. (CCC 2364). Marriages that have stood the test of time exemplify sensitivity to the others’ needs and participate in self-giving and willingness to sacrifice. It’s that simple, and that concept is never outdated.

According to an article in *Scientific American*, numerous studies show that fulfilling intimate relationships such as marriages are the single most important source of life satisfaction. So, nurturing our spouses actually leads to our own happiness. What a win-win! Of course this exemplifies that God’s own plan of harmony is always to our benefit.

Have you ever watched a couple of children bickering? Who really knows how a particular argument starts, but often both children have valid complaints. “She looked at me with a mean face,” one might say. And the other may retort, “Only because he wouldn’t listen and is trying to boss me around. ...” As parents we counsel our children, “The bigger person makes the first move to forgive. Let’s not worry how this started. Just let it go.” We need to listen to our own advice and apply it to our spousal relationships. A short memory and a heart of love provide fertile ground for a marriage to flourish.

St. John Chrysostom wrote: “... When a wife is at odds with her husband, nothing will be healthy in the household, even if all other affairs are flowing

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 5, 2014

Matthew 21:33-43

Following is a word search based on the Gospel for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a parable about those destined, or not, for the Kingdom. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PLANTED	VINEYARD	WINE PRESS
BUILT	A TOWER	LEASED
TENANTS	PRODUCE	KILLED
STONED	TREATED	SAME WAY
RESPECT	MY SON	HEIR
DEATH	READ	STONE
REJECTED	KINGDOM	TAKEN

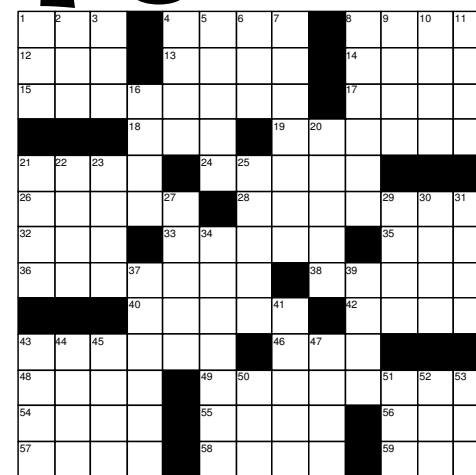
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Based on these readings: Is 5: 1-5; Ph 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43 & Is 25:6-10a; Ph 4: 12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

ACROSS

- 1 Imitate
- 4 Large flat-bottomed boat
- 8 Red planet
- 12 Dove sounds
- 13 Praise what is lovely & ___
- 14 Burial unguent in Jesus’ day
- 15 Isaiah’s friend had one
- 17 New England Business Assoc.
- 18 Mary said
- 19 Podiums
- 21 Stay with me
- 24 Twist around
- 26 Of gloomy disposition

- 28 King sent troops because he was
- 32 Constrictor snake
- 33 “I am the Alpha & the ___”
- 35 French “yes”
- 36 Accepted
- 38 Moses was in desert
- 40 ___
- 40 Elite intellectuals’ society
- 42 Soviet alignment
- 43 Spanish dance
- 46 Affirmative
- 48 Cain’s brother
- 49 Uniqueness
- 54 From vineyard crop

- 55 Related
- 56 Monks often made
- 57 “___ you dash your foot on a stone”
- 58 Cease
- 59 Grain

DOWN

- 1 Armored vehicle
- 2 Luau dish
- 3 Billion years
- 4 Eye infection
- 5 Offensive
- 6 ___ Father, Who art...
- 7 King hosted one
- 8 Capital of Philippines
- 9 Brews
- 10 Guest didn’t have a wedding one
- 11 Red and Galilee
- 16 The cornerstone is wonderful in ours
- 20 Antenna grid
- 21 Ali ___ and the 40 Thieves
- 22 Pagan god
- 23 Plural
- 25 Wild grapes
- 27 Built to watch
- 29 End
- 30 European money unit
- 31 Record
- 34 Jewish candelabrum
- 37 Egg dish
- 39 Black
- 41 Easter month
- 43 Weep
- 44 Off-Broadway award
- 45 Glasses part
- 47 What tenants pay
- 50 Also known as (abbr.)
- 51 Serving of corn
- 52 Herod was
- 53 Bishop’s turf

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

ICCL soccer highlights In Inter-City Catholic League soccer action Sept. 28, the St. Joseph, South Bend, boys' varsity squad beat St. Adalbert, 2-1, in a very balanced game that presented great sportsmanship by the St. Adalbert team, which competed with nine players to make the teams even. In girls' varsity soccer action, Holy Family defeated St. Anthony, 7-0. Holy Family's goals were scored by Jessica Veldman, Kaleigh Fitzke, Chloe Lentych, Maria Ramirez, Grace Wilson, Ellie Costello and Jackie Tellez. More results at www.icclsports.org.

Outnumbered, outsized, CYO Panthers never give up

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Week after week, the St. Vincent Panthers may be outnumbered and outsized, but Coach Kevin Thompson's unit never gives up. After suffering an opening day loss to Central Catholic (CC), 24-6, St. Vincent once again fell to CC on Sunday Sept. 28, in Week 6 action by a score of 22-12.

In the first week of play, Thompson detailed, "Opening day didn't go our way when we played a very well-coached Central Catholic team. The score

was close at halftime with CC on top, 8-6, but the Irish controlled the entire second half."

In the second meeting, St. Vincent was down just 8-0 at half, led on defense by Henry Hilger and Ryan Richardson who worked very hard to keep the Panthers in the game. On the first play of the second half, James Black took a perfectly-blocked ISO (isolation run play) 86-yards for a touchdown. The extra point was blocked, but St. Vincent was right in the game at 8-6. It wasn't until early in the fourth quarter when CC's size took over and they scored 14 unanswered points.

"We continued to fight to the end and scored on the last play of the game," Thompson explained.

St. Vincent is very young this season with just eight eighth graders listed on their roster and only 29 total. And they have just two "X players" so they give up a big size difference up front.

But despite their record, Thompson is very proud of how hard his kids work. "Each week we ask, 'Did we get better this week?' and this week, once again, I believe we can say, 'yes.'"

St. Anthony Panthers face rival Mishawaka Catholic Saints

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — A perfect day for family, friends and Inter-City Catholic League football presented itself as a lone squad was in search of the flawless season at Marian High School's Otolski Field.

The St. Anthony Panthers had given up a mere 12 points thus far this campaign and were taking aim at an always-fierce rival in the Mishawaka Catholic Saints.

The maroon-and-gold clad Panthers' defense was solidified by the biggest of the big play linemen of the league with the menacing Casey Conery, who had to be accounted for on every down, and made his presence known early and often as the Saints' offense sputtered early.

St. Anthony's offense did what they do best — utilize all of their talented skill position players. And it was exemplified as quarterback Conor Ratigan tucked the pigskin and scampered 17 yards for the first score and then was followed by the sure-footed kicker Paxson Campbell's extra points boot making the margin, 8-0.

The iron wall — that is the Panther defense — again held and then a 20-yard romp by Brady Gumpf was followed by another courtesy of Ryan Schmitt. Finishing the scoring drive was a hard-fought seven-yard TD run by John Paul Lewis. Campbell's



PHOTO BY RAY DERUCKI

Panther Brennan Horvath plows through the Mishawaka Catholic Saint defense.

kick was true again pushing the lead to 16 with still a minute and change in the first quarter.

The Saints turned to an attack they were not accustomed to running as quarterback Lucas Fletcher threw a strike to Zachary Horvath for 32 yards, but the success would be short lived as one of his attempts fell in the open arms of Panther John Paul Lewis.

On the next play from scrimmage, Ratigan found an open Brennan Horvath on the pitch and catch, good for 45 yards. Gumpf added another big run and then he finished the task on a bullying five-yard dive. Campbell, one of the most consistent kickers, hammered another points-after-chip shot to make the score, 24-0, with

still 3:29 remaining in the half.

The Saints started in the hole at their own 10 and could not get anything going as the clock wound down ending the half.

The second half saw a new group of backs for the Panthers as they paraded carries from Kenzel Kelly, Tyler DeBoe, Luke Leonard and doses of Horvath to methodically drive down the field, but more importantly drain the clock of precious time needed by the Saints.

The Saints go-to back Noah Espiritu was constantly shadowed, and their remaining big play by Josh Gill was too little,

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Cardegles cross-country teams off and running

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — At the midpoint of their cross-country season, Coach Dan Kaufman and the Cardegles are off and running with their biggest turnout ever: 24 boys and 35 girls. After six meets, the boys' varsity boasts a 72-10 record and the junior varsity is 14-4. The girls' varsity is 72-13 and junior varsity, 18-4.

The third weekend in September, the team ran a split squad with 14 varsity boys and girls competing at the West Noble Invitational in Ligonier, while the remainder of the team competed at the Huntington Catholic Invite where the younger Cardegles both finished third. In a meet hosted by the Lutheran Schools on Sept. 23, both the girls and boys came out on top.

At the West Noble Invite, the boys had an outstanding performance finishing fourth of 31 teams. The girls also ran well finishing fifth. Kaufman was especially pleased as the meet included some of the best middle school runners and teams from northern Indiana.

"It has been an outstanding season so far," Kaufman explained. He added, "Our top four runners for both

the boys and the girls have already put themselves in the Cardegle all-time top-15-runner rankings."

Individually, Aileen Delaney was the top female Cardegle finisher at 12th followed by Alex Ebetino (21st) and Caroline Miller (31st). For the boys, Emmett Delaney was 14th, Matt Kochanski 18th, Keaton Broerman 21st and Isaiah Wiseman 31st.

Earlier in the season the team competed at Prairie Heights where the girls won the championship and the boys placed second. At the Norwell Invitational the boys had an impressive second-place finish, while the girls placed fifth. Finally, at Indian Springs, another big meet, the boys finished fifth and the girls fourth of 25 teams.

Thus far, the top seven runners have been Aileen Delaney, Ebetino, Miller, Hannah Ewing, Julia Eckrich, Natalie Vogan and Julia Broerman for the girls. Leading the boys are Emmett Delaney, Kochanski, Wiseman, Broerman, Andy Myers, Drew Reiling and Jonah Getty. Next up for the squad will be the New Haven Classic, the Carroll Middle School Invite and their own Cardegle Invitational on Oct. 9.

MARIAN TAKES ON SOCCER RIVAL SAINT JOSEPH



PAUL TINCHER

Marian and Saint Joseph squared off for their annual soccer game held this year on Sept. 17 at Abro Stadium at Marian High School in Mishawaka. Marian won the game, 2-0, and gained the ranking of 8-3 overall and 5-0 in the NIC. Goals for Marian were scored by Christian Verstraete and Kevin Torres-Villa. In the photo, Mario Manta, No. 14, of Saint Joseph is shown in action with Luis Juarez, No. 25, of Marian.

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too late as they succumbed to the depth of the talented gladiators of St. Anthony.

"Boy they are good. They could have put up any score they wanted today," explained Saints' skipper Tony Violi. "Coach DeBoe is a classy guy. He helped develop players from both squads by playing subs after the game was in hand, and that's what the ICCL is supposed to be about."

"My team will learn from this

and get ready for the playoffs," continued Violi. "If we can get healthy and continue to work in practice, I think we can be competitive in the post season."

Overhearing the post game comments to the players, Coach DeBoe said, "Not only were you guys a good team today, you were great teammates supporting each other."

DeBoe then asked, "Is anyone dinged up?" The response from a jubilant player rang out, "Not dinged up, fired up."

In the only other game of the day, St. Matthew beat Elkhart Christian in an exhibition matchup, 32-0, in no large part to Christian Tate's runs of 73 and

38 yards. Adding to the Blazer scoring were Matt Holmes for two scores and Joe Machecha who dashed for a 32-yard touchdown.

The Holy Cross Crusaders were awarded a forfeit, as the West Side Catholic Cardinals were unable to field a team due to injury and grades.

"The West Side squad is working through some grade issues and unfortunately a couple of injuries," commented ICCL President Violi. "We will find out this week if we will have to alter the remaining schedule and play-off format."

Updated scores and schedules can be found on the league's website at www.icclsports.org.

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St. Vincent teacher to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom

BY SANDRA GUFFEY

FORT WAYNE — What do 30 first-grade students at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne and a member of the 122nd Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard have in common?

They share community circle and read together every day. They talk about God and their country. They learn how to Skype because their teacher, Master Sgt. Anthony Turner, will serve for up to six months in Operation Enduring Freedom beginning this October.

"I love my God, and I love my country," Turner said. "All because of that I go."

Turner, who is 55, grew up in Anderson. He started working on a teaching degree at Ball State University in 1982, but decided to join the Air National Guard in 1986. He went active for four years in Louisiana.

Altogether Turner served for 10 years from 1986 to 1996 while finishing his teaching degree and attaining an associate's degree in Aerospace Ground Equipment.

He is one of the few to have a degree in Aerospace Ground



SANDRA GUFFEY
 Master Sgt. Anthony Turner reads to his first-grade students during story time at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne.

Equipment. "When I entered the military, and they tested us, mechanics was my lowest score. So I thought I'll do that so I would get better at it," he said.

Turner confessed his father wasn't so sure that was a good idea, but the teacher's philosophy of being a lifelong learner fits the Air Force motto: "Two boots in, we fly, fight and win. We are American Airmen."

Just like in the military, he is "two boots in. Leaving the kids is the hardest thing I've ever done," Turner said. "I always want to bring education alive for my kids."

Skype and Facetime will allow him to communicate and help out the substitute teacher, Julie Burns, while he's gone.

TV MASSES FOR OCTOBER

2014	Feast Day	Fort Wayne 10:30 a.m. WFFT-TV, Ch. 55	South Bend 10:30 a.m. WNDU-TV, Ch. 16
Oct. 5	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father David Mary Engo Our Lady of the Angels Fort Wayne	Father Freiburger St. Thomas the Apostle Elkhart
Oct. 12	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Ed Erpelding Parkview Med Cntr Fort Wayne	Father Terry Coonan St. Pius X Granger
Oct. 19	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Ajay Tiru Queen of Angels Fort Wayne	Father Anthony Steinacker St. John the Evangelist Goshen
Oct. 26	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Andrew Budzinski St. Vincent de Paul Fort Wayne	Msgr. John Kuzmich Sacred Heart South Bend

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Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 3, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Bake and rummage sale planned

South Bend — St. John the Baptist Parish, 3526 St. John Way, will have a bake and rummage sale Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. Sunday will offer a \$1 per bag sale. Fresh bread baked on site.

Catholic Business Network Group

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Oct. 3, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed by refreshments provided by Redeemer Radio in the Cathedral Center.

Spanish speaking volunteers needed

South Bend — St. Vincent de Paul will sign up approximately 900 families for Christmas food and toys and needs volunteers to assist the Spanish speaking clients through the sign-up process. Shift options are 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 12:30-4 p.m. during the last week of October. Call Mary Eme at 574-234-6000 ext. 12126 or email mary.eme@svdpsb.org.

Fall festival planned

South Bend — St. Casimir, 1308 Dunham St., will have a fall festival on Sunday, Oct. 19. A chicken dinner will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12, children under 5 free accompanied by an adult.

No carry-outs, advance sales only by Oct. 12. Tickets available at the parish office, 2505 Grace St. A "holiday" booth, pastry booth, raffles, games of chance and door prizes will be offered.

Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Oct. 9, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12. Proceeds will benefit St. Joseph County Right to Life.

Ladies luncheon for LuersKnight

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will host a Ladies Luncheon at the Fort Wayne History Center Sunday, Oct. 19, with a social hour at noon and lunch at 1 p.m. Guest speaker, Tracy Rau, will speak on her faith-filled life journey, "Courage, Strength, and Faith — Stitched Together With Love." Mary McIntyre, class of '66, will have "Jewelry by Mary McIntyre" available for purchase.

The luncheon is free of charge but a donation or an item for the LuersKnight auction is requested. Contact Bishop Luers at 260-456-1261 ext. 3142 or email at kskelly@bishopluers.org by Friday, Oct. 10.

Joy Mart II craft show announced

South Bend — Sacred Heart Rosary Sodality will have a craft show and bake sale Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the social hall. On Saturday, Nov. 8, a holiday decor garage sale is planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the social hall. Sacred Heart is located at 63568 US 31 just north of Lakeville.

Holiday craft BOO!zaar planned

Mishawaka — St. Joseph Church, 225 S. Mill St., will host a holiday craft BOO!zaar on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each non-perishable food item donated to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry on that day will be an entry into the raffle, which has over 50 prizes. For more information call 574-255-1757.

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RED MASS

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Parish in Bloomington. Deacon Kellams spoke after the Mass on the topic, "The Balance of Faith and Profession."

Deacon Kellams has been a member of the bar for 36 years. He was ordained to the diaconate in 2008.

He said keeping the two roles of judge and deacon separate has not been near the challenge one might think.

"Fortunately, my judicial responsibilities as a criminal court judge do not include actions that force me into ethical dilemmas," he said at the talk following the Red Mass dinner in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

Deacons are visible while fulfilling their sacramental duties — serving at Mass, baptizing infants, witnessing weddings and participating in various roles at funeral and committal services.

"The true ministry of a deacon however is one of service," Deacon Kellams said. "Acts Chapter 6 tells of the need of deacons to assist the apostles to serve the widows. Thus the first deacons were chosen to be of service so that the apostles could better fulfill their responsibilities."

Each deacon has a particular diaconate vocation. "Mine is to the elderly and the sick," he said. "I visit hospitals, eldercare facilities and the homebound. I coordinate a cadre of volunteers, and I spend time with the dying and their families."

The death of his daughter nearly five years ago to brain cancer has given him special skills and a keen insight into dying "that helps me be

of service to those suffering the end times," he said.

Deacon Kellams asked those gathered if they think of their public service as a calling, and asked, "And even further have you ever contemplated that the work you do has at its center a touch of the divine?"

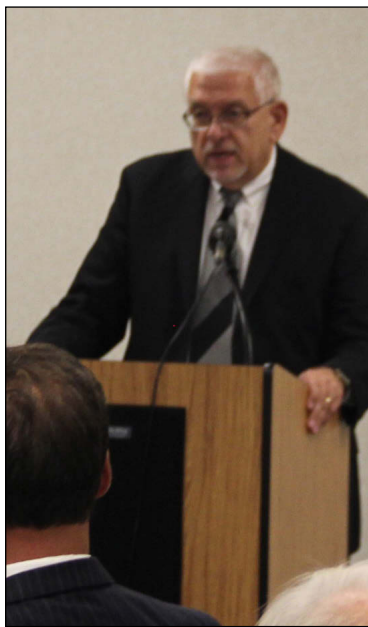
He quoted Thomas L. Shaffer, professor emeritus at the University of Notre Dame, who mused in his book "American Lawyers and Their Communities": "We American lawyers learn to look at the community of the faithful, rather than from it. We stand in the courthouse looking at the church. We see the particular people, even when we claim to belong to it, from the point of view of the government. When we are able to change the place where we stand, when we walk across the street and look at the courthouse from the church, we notice a couple of things about the way the government in America regards the community of the faithful."

Deacon Kellams asked, "Do we actually consider our public self and our private self as dual personalities in the body of one person, both secular and religious at the same time?"

The judge added, in Shaffer's book, "Faith and the Professions," he actually came to the conclusion that those who practice law had the responsibility to be moral teachers.

"For a long time I tended to look at my faith as a matter separate from my profession, as something that shaped my private life, something that I shared with family and others of like mind," the deacon said. "But how is it that one is able to so abstractly divide a life?"

"If we are being honest, most of us in public service are here for the simple and often stated motive that we want to be of service to others; that we want to share our talents for



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Deacon Marc R. Kellams from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis speaks at the dinner following the Red Mass in Fort Wayne on Sept. 24.

the betterment of humankind," he noted. "And so it is that the lessons of our faith, even if never spoken, and certainly never out-rightly attributed — at least by most of us — are intrinsically and fundamentally a part of who we are, and thus of what we do and how we do it."

Deacon Kellams said, "The Catholic Church is not just an organization I belong to. It is not just something I am or do for one hour every week. It is instead at the very heart of who I am and how I function. Now do not misunderstand, I'm not one to speak in religious terms, 'Christ-speak' as I call it, dropping the Lord's name in my comments, and I do not display my faith in a professionally public way, or even in symbolic ways — and in fact I tend to distrust those in the

Red Mass planned for 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.

profession who do. I choose instead to follow the instruction in Matthew, Chapter 6, that says: 'Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.'

"I have also never held the belief that my faith was to be used as a tool, never to be used as a mechanism for changing others, by judicial influence or worse by judicial fiat, into something I found more acceptable," Deacon Kellams said. "Instead I have

endeavored to look upon my faith as a way of influencing and changing the very essence of who I am, not only as a pathway to eternal salvation, but as a way of life; and that through my life I might serve as a positive influence to others."

"Heaven knows, how often I have failed at that undertaking," he said, "but as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta so gratefully taught, 'God does not call us to be successful, but to be faithful.'"



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, center, celebrates the Eucharist during the Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Sept. 24. Father Mark Gurtner, right, the chaplain of the St. Thomas More Society, concelebrates. At left is Deacon Marc R. Kellams, a special guest at the Red Mass and speaker at the dinner that followed. Deacon Kellams is a Circuit Court Judge in Monroe County, Indiana.



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