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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

'Speak Lord, Your servant is listening' Vocation awareness encouraged at all-schools Masses

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE, NOTRE DAME — "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." The message from 1 Samuel stirred the hearts of young people gathered in Fort Wayne's Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and the University of Notre Dame's Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center as schools from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend assembled for the annual all-schools Masses.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Masses where his theme of vocation awareness to the Priesthood and consecrated life resonated with the students.

"Jesus teaches us how important it is that we pray to the Lord of the Harvest, that we pray to God, that He may give laborers, workers for His harvest, for His vineyard," Bishop Rhoades said in his homily.

Jesus, in His ministry, saw that the people needed a shepherd and leaders who would show them God's love. The Apostles began the mission of proclaiming the Gospel, healing the sick and helping those who were in trouble or had special needs.

"This has been a need of the



KAY COZAD

A group of fourth-grade students from St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne dressed as their favorite saints pose together before attending the all-schools Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Oct. 29.

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Confirmation rally draws young from across diocese

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — "Made for Greatness #Sainthood" was the theme for a Confirmation rally that drew middle school students from across the diocese to Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass to begin the day's events.

In opening, he noted that it was the feast of All Saints, "a great day in the life of the Church ... and a great day for a Confirmation rally." Not only do we honor all the saints, all of us are called to be saints as well, he said.

He reminded his listeners that he'll confirm most of them when they complete their preparation

for the sacrament and added, "It's one of my most joyful duties as a bishop."

He especially liked the shirts the students wore which proclaimed, "Do not be afraid to be saints," in the words of St. John Paul II, one of the newest saints.

Bishop Rhoades elaborated on the Gospel message from the Book of Revelation written by St. John the Apostle, his favorite saint. In doing so, the bishop recalled a vacation to Italy when he visited the cave on the island of Patmos where John saw visions of heaven and wrote the Gospel. Bishop Rhoades noted that gathering for Mass as they had done on the feast day was a foretaste of John's heavenly vision.

Bishop Rhoades advised the students, when selecting a

Confirmation saint's name, to think about the saints and to choose one to be a special friend throughout their lives, just as John was a special friend to Jesus to the end of His life. Like John, "live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ," he challenged them.

Bishop Rhoades further explained the upcoming sacrament to the confirmands by saying, "Confirmation completes what you received at Baptism."

He noted that they will be permanently "sealed" with the gift of the Holy Spirit as they are confirmed. "God calls us to be saints ... to fight temptation ... to overcome the enemy," he said. Confirmation offers the strength to live the faith and bear wit-

ness to Christ in word and deed. "We are all called by God to be saints," he said in closing.

Featured speaker for the rally was Ansel Augustine, a native of New Orleans and a "hot boy" in that culture. He told *Today's Catholic* that the term "hot boy" refers to a person who handles his business and represents

himself, his clique or his city well. No matter how difficult the situation, he comes out on top.

"A hot boy is a person full of courage and is known to have a big heart," he said. A hot boy has expectations but can play the game however it goes and will not tolerate disrespect.

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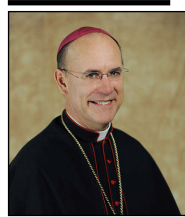
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Devotion to the memory of the dead



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Following is the text of the homily that Bishop Rhoades delivered during Mass on All Souls' Day, November 2nd, 2014, at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne:

Today, All Souls' Day, we bring to the Lord all our loved ones who have died, who have gone before us in faith. We pray and intercede for them and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Pope Saint John XXIII once said that *the devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit*. We need a renewal and revival of this spirit. We live in a culture where many try to avoid as much as possible the thought and reality of death. This is seen even at funerals where the emphasis is more on celebrating the departed person's past life on earth than on praying for them and their future glory. It's true that at funerals we should be giving thanks to God for the person's earthly life, but the important funeral rites of the Church are primarily liturgies in which we pray for the recently departed person. I say to my family and close friends: "when I die, please don't focus on my meager accomplishments; focus on the Lord and pray for me, for my eternal rest and peace. Help me with your prayers and sacrifices, especially with Masses, that through the trial of purgatory I may attain eternal joy."

One way of showing devotion to the memory of the dead is visiting and praying at their graves. It is appropriate that we offer this Mass today here at our Catholic cemetery. Let us remember in a special way those who are buried here, as we also remember all our loved ones wherever they are buried.

In entrusting the souls of the faithful departed to the Lord, we recognize our solidarity with them as brothers and sisters in the communion of saints, the Church. Yesterday, All Saints Day, we celebrated the feast of our brothers and sisters who are already in heaven. We also live in solidarity with them — they help us and we ask them to do so when we invoke their intercession. Today, All Souls Day, we remember the souls in purgatory. The doctrine of the communion of saints expresses the great truth that the union among us who are members of the Body of Christ goes beyond earthly life, beyond death. In fact, it endures forever. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, said the following concerning the communion of saints:

This union among us goes beyond and continues in the next life; it is a spiritual communion born in Baptism and not broken by death, but, thanks to the Risen Christ, is destined to find its fullness in eternal life. There is a deep and indissoluble bond between those who are still pilgrims in this world (us) and those who have crossed the threshold of death and entered eternity. All baptized persons here on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and all the blessed who are already in Paradise make one great Family. This communion between



JOE ROMIE

On All Souls Day, Nov. 2, more than 100 faithful attended a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in the Resurrection Mausoleum at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Bishop Rhoades makes final remarks to those gathered before the dismissal hymn.

earth and heaven is realized especially in intercessory prayer.

Did you ever notice that we pray for the dead at every Mass? Each of the Eucharistic prayers includes intercession for the faithful departed. This is important also in our prayer outside of Mass, to remember the souls in purgatory. And also to have Masses offered for our loved ones who have died. This is a beautiful gift we can give to them.

None of this makes any sense without the hope we have in eternal life, a hope founded on the death and resurrection of Christ. Because of Jesus, we believe that death does not have the last word. It's not our final destiny, rather, it is a passage to eternal life. As we pray in the first Preface of Masses for the Dead: *Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.*

Praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. It is an important obligation, because even if they have died in God's grace and in God's friendship, most probably still need final purification in order to enter the joy of heaven. Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated and every imperfection of the soul corrected before we see God face to face. This is the complete purification that is

meant by the Church's teaching on purgatory. Praying for the souls in purgatory is a gift of love that we share with them. Sometimes when we pray for them, we can feel their closeness to us.

Today is also a good day for us to reflect on our own preparedness for death or lack thereof. We are pilgrims here on earth and we must never lose sight of the final destination of our pilgrimage, our heavenly homeland. What is most important in life is that we live and that we die in God's grace and friendship. We all desire eternal happiness. We live in hope that one day we will be with the Lord and with our loved ones in the perfect joy of heaven. This should be the horizon toward which we direct our lives and our choices: eternal life with God, to be among "the souls of the just that are in the hand of God." This is God's desire too, as Jesus said in today's Gospel: *this is the will of the One who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what He gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day.*

Today and throughout this month of November, let us offer prayers and sacrifices for the faithful departed. Let us be devoted to the memory of the dead. As Pope Saint John XXIII said: this is truly one of the beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit!

Cardinal Müller addresses issues of poverty at Notre Dame ethics conference

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) and a Nobel Prize winner were among the distinguished speakers at a conference on poverty sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. The conference opened with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Oct. 30 and continued through Nov. 1.

In a keynote discussion, Cardinal Gerhard Müller, prefect of the CDF, was asked to speak about his 2014 book, "Poor for the Poor: The Mission of the Church" (Vatican Publishing House). Pope Francis wrote the preface to the book.

The cardinal said that in his pontificate, Pope Francis has worked to keep in the public discourse the issue of poverty understood in its widest possible sense.

"Going well beyond a merely economic conception of poverty, Pope Francis has tried to indicate to the world the true poverty of the human condition in our times: the poverty of body and soul, pointing out all the forces at work in the world further impoverishing mankind," Cardinal Müller said.

"The mission of the Church is to free mankind from the poverty of our fallen condition and constantly remind us that we are created in the image and likeness of God; we are the object of His divine love; we are called to the richness of eternal life with Him."

This concept is reflected in Catholic social teaching, which "places at the very center of the discussion the true goal of man: not a rich material life on earth, but the riches of eternal life with God," he explained, and this goal can be reached through virtue, "the true wealth of man."

A key virtue is solidarity, Cardinal Müller continued, defining solidarity as "a fundamentally Christian virtue, the living out of the Gospel in recognition that all men are bound together, in the image of the eternal union of the Holy Trinity."

Citing the remarks of Pope Francis earlier that week, the CDF prefect explained: "Solidarity is more than sporadic acts of generosity. It is a mood of thought and action that begins with the community, giving priority to the life of all, as opposed to merely thinking in terms of the individual. It means fighting against the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, the negation of rights.

"It means facing head-on the effects of a system that places profit at its center, not man, a system which leads to forced dislocation of peoples, human trafficking, drugs, war, violence and all of those realities suffered by many, which we are all called to transform in the

Pope Francis extends greetings to participants of the Poverty Conference

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades shared the following letter at the Mass celebrated Oct. 30 to open the Poverty Conference hosted by the University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture.

28 October 2014

Dear Bishop Rhoades,

The Holy Father sends cordial greetings to you and to all those participating in the Fifteenth Annual Conference hosted by the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. He trusts that this gathering will make a lasting contribution to overcoming the "globalization of indifference" (Evangelii Gaudium, 54) through the promotion of a "globalization of solidarity," the habits and convictions of which open the way to structural transformations and make them possible (Evangelii Gaudium, 189). Upon all taking part, he invokes God's blessings of wisdom, joy and peace.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin

Secretary of State

Taking this opportunity to express my sentiments of esteem and respect, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Carlo Maria Vigano

Apostolic Nuncio



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, left, is shown with Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Müller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith who offered a keynote address at a conference on poverty sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture.

light of man's true vocation, his true dignity."

Cardinal Müller also discussed the responsibility of wealthier countries to help those that are struggling, not through commercialization, but rather by genuine assistance that would honor the autonomy of the people as well as the historical and cultural structures of a country.

The other keynote address was presented by James Heckman of the University of Chicago, a Nobel Laureate in Economics. He spoke on "Predistribution: A strategy for promoting flourishing lives."

Like Cardinal Müller, Heckman also stressed virtue as a remedy for poverty. He cited various statistics that show the inequality between people raised in poor households and those from wealthier homes. However, he said that financial assets alone do not explain this disparity, as other factors enter into the picture, such as culture and transmission of values.

Heckman said that a very tradi-

tional, Biblical method to alleviate poverty is through giving alms to the poor. He proposed another "dynamic strategy" to approach poverty and generational inequality through what he called "predistribution," which he defined as "a strategy of giving skills to people to avoid them being poor in the first place, to improve human dignity and to present what I think is a complementary strategy to redistribution."

This redistribution strategy, which would be economically efficient and is rooted in economic analysis, would build character, promote family values and create skills, Heckman contended. Skills he mentioned were motivation, self-regulation, and what he called the classical Christian virtues, all of which help people take greater control of their lives and have better outcomes such as better health and financial stability, less incarceration, stronger families, etc.

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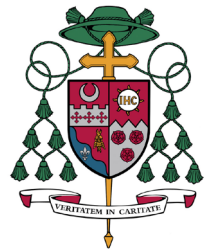
PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m. — Meeting of USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Baltimore, Maryland
- Sunday, Nov. 9, 4 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Trustees of Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Baltimore
- Monday, Nov. 10, to Thursday, Nov. 13 — Fall General Assembly of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Baltimore, Maryland
- Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint John the Evangelist Church, Goshen

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.

Bishop expresses gratitude for Middle East Collection donations



Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to express my deepest gratitude to the faithful of our diocese who contributed so generously to the collection in September to help our brothers and sisters in Iraq, Syria, and Gaza who have suffered so much from violence, terrorism, and religious persecution. \$180,017 was collected from the parishes of our diocese.

1.8 million people have been displaced in northern and central Iraq. Christians, Yazidi and Shia Muslims have been singled out for attack. So many families, forced to flee their homes because their towns were attacked by ISIS, are now living throughout Kurdistan in schools, church compounds, and empty buildings. Your generosity is helping Catholic Charities and the Catholic Church in that area to support thousands of these families, providing shelter and food, and also opening schools for the children. CRS is also providing relief supplies to over 6,000 displaced families in northern Iraq. CRS is also focusing efforts on people's needs for the harsh winter ahead.

Let us continue to remember these suffering brothers and sisters in our prayers. Despite their dire living conditions, these people remain steadfast in their faith. Thank you again for your wonderful Christian charity!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

'Pure Hearts' text-message ministry combats impurity

BY DAVE MCCLOW

FORT WAYNE — Very often men can feel alone in their struggle for reaching sexual purity. But there is hope. Men can find renewed strength in the face of temptations thanks to a new weapon on the journey to a pure heart.

Rekindle The Fire men's ministry recently launched its third text-message ministry, called "Pure Hearts." Designed to support men in living out their desire for sexual purity, inspirational and challenging texts are sent to men's phones three times a week.

Pure Hearts is an effective purity-building tool that when teamed with regular prayer, frequent Confession and reception of the Eucharist, penances and practical steps can conform hearts and minds to Jesus. By receiving weekly Scriptural passages, saints' quotes, and practical tips, men are better equipped to defend against the sins of pornography and other temptations to impurity.

A growing struggle

Impurity, caused largely by pornography, is a pervasive problem among Catholic men. It guts the moral strength and resolve of their prophetic office, received in baptism, to stand up to evil.

The Christian men's organization, Promise Keepers, asked men at their 2008 conferences whether or not they had viewed pornography in the last week and 53 percent of the nearly 10,000 who responded (anonymously voted yes with their cell phones)."

There is no reason to think it is not as big a problem for Catholic men. It is also affecting Catholic high school boys and college men. In fact, in 2008, a Catholic high school in the Midwest surveyed the pornography use of 175 senior boys.

The results indicated that 48 percent were viewing pornography one or more times each week. Of

the 48 percent, 36 percent had feelings of addiction to pornography, and 68 percent said that their parents were unaware of their pornography use. ... The entire freshman class was surveyed, and 29 percent of the freshman boys were viewing pornography one or more times each week; 12 percent had feelings of addiction, and 74 percent said that their parents were unaware of their pornography use.

Rekindle the Fire wants to help men, teens and boys rid pornography from their lives, to live out their true masculine nature: to embrace roles as sons, brothers, husbands and fathers.

A higher calling

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades understands the rising importance of bringing the message of purity to the forefront. He summarized the effects and solutions for overcoming the struggle with pornography:

"I am grateful for the Rekindle the Fire efforts to combat the use of pornography. Its effects are harmful in so many ways: degrading to women, destruction of marriages and offensive to the Lord. It also defeats a man's calling and cripples his ability to love. I encourage men who struggle with pornography to seek help and healing, to receive the Lord's forgiveness and grace in Confession and to reclaim their true dignity as men through the redemptive love of Christ."

This is why Pure Hearts is so needed — to encourage and strengthen men to turn from the temptations of impurity and to seek the face of God each and every day of their lives. Pure Hearts is a free, confidential text-message service. Sign up now by sending the text message "rtfpure" to 75309, or visit rekindlethefire.com.

Dave McClow is a member of Rekindle the Fire men's ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.

Confirmation Masses announced for spring 2015

All Confirmations are celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades unless otherwise listed.

St. Joseph Church, Garrett — March 25: 6:30 p.m.

St. Dominic Church, Bremen — March 28: 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — April 6: 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne
Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Mary Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Peter Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Fort Wayne

St. Patrick Church, Arcola — April 7: 7 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne — April 8: 7 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne — April 14: 7 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Elkhart — April 15: 7 p.m.

St. Michael the Archangel Church, Plymouth — April 17: 7 p.m.,
Bishop William L. Higi

St. Patrick Church, South Bend — April 18: 10 a.m.

St. Augustine Parish, South Bend
St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, South Bend
St. Patrick Parish, South Bend
St. Hedwig Parish, South Bend
St. John the Baptist Parish, South Bend
St. Patrick Parish, Walkerton

St. Pius X Church, Granger (two Confirmation Masses) — April 18: 5:30 p.m. and April 19: 12:15 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame — April 19: 11:45 a.m.,
Bishop William L. Higi
University of Notre Dame
Saint Mary's College
Holy Cross College

Holy Family Church, South Bend — April 20: 7 p.m.,

Bishop William L. Higi
Holy Family Parish, South Bend
St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, New Carlisle

St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur — April 21: 7 p.m.

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Decatur
St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Elkhart — April 21: 7 p.m.,

Bishop William L. Higi

Immaculate Conception Church, Kendallville — April 23: 7 p.m.

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Avilla
Immaculate Conception Parish, Kendallville
St. Gaspar de Bufalo Parish, Rome City
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion

St. Mary of the Lake Church, Culver — April 25: 9 a.m.

St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Culver
Culver Academy students

St. Adalbert Church, South Bend — April 25: 5 p.m.

St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend
St. Casimir Parish, South Bend

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw — April 26: 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul of the Cross Church, Columbia City — April 28: 7 p.m.
St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Columbia City
St. John Bosco Parish, Churubusco
Immaculate Conception Parish, Ege

St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne — May 3: 3 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, Hessen Cassel — May 4: 7 p.m.

St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder
St. Joseph Parish, Hessen Cassel

St. John the Baptist Church, New Haven — May 6: 7 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven
St. Louis Parish, Besancon
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Monroeville

St. Patrick Church, Ligonier — May 10: 5 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne — May 11: 7 p.m.,
Bishop William L. Higi

St. Joseph Church, Fort Wayne — May 13: 7 p.m.,

Bishop William L. Higi

St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend — May 16: 10 a.m.

Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka
St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka
St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka
St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka

St. Mary Church, Huntington — May 21: 7 p.m.

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington
St. Mary Parish, Huntington
St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke
St. Catherine Parish, Nix Settlement

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Angola — May 22: 7 p.m.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Angola
St. Joseph Parish, LaGrange
Immaculate Conception, Auburn

Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw — May 22: 7 p.m.,

Bishop William L. Higi
Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton

St. Robert Bellarmine Church, North Manchester — May 23: 10 a.m.,

Bishop William L. Higi
St. Bernard Parish, Wabash
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester

Adult Confirmations

St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend — May 24: 11 a.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — May 30: 5 p.m.

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Speaker urges pro-life supporters to advocate for life in culture

BY ALLISON CIRAULO

SOUTH BEND — Scott Klusendorf, founder and president of Life Training Institute, was the keynote speaker for the “Life is Precious” dinner hosted by the St. Joseph County Right to Life (SJCRTL) on Oct. 30.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offered the invocation and opening remarks for the event held at the Century Center in South Bend, which attracted 725 attendees.

In his remarks, Bishop Rhoades praised the work of SJCRTL for its efforts to protect the unborn through prayer, education, political activity, social action and service.

“Respect for life is the foundation of a truly just society,” Bishop Rhoades said. In light of the upcoming election, he also urged the audience to “vote for candidates who will further the common good, remembering that it is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life.”

Scott Klusendorf began his talk with the assertion that all supporters of the pro-life cause must also be apologists for the cause. This is due to the fact, Klusendorf said, that the pro-life movement faces an “increasingly hostile culture” that eschews absolute moral truth.

He said that in order to effectively engage the culture on the issue of abortion, pro-lifers need clarity on three questions: What is the unborn? What makes us valuable as human beings? And what is our duty?

Klusendorf argued that the first question, in particular, needed to come back to the forefront of the debate. “This is an empirical question that deserves an empirical answer,” he said.

“From the earliest stages of development, you were a distinct, living and whole human being.”

Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, who said that in the 21st century the faithful live under a “dictatorship of relativism,” he argued that while the issue of abortion may arouse complex emotional reactions, it is not for that reason exempt from a definitive moral analysis.

Klusendorf showed a brief



Scott Klusendorf is the founder and president of Life Training Institute, which was established in 2004 to challenge and equip pro-life advocates to persuasively defend their views in the public square. He was the keynote speaker at the annual “Life is Precious” dinner in South Bend on Oct. 30, where he gave a talk on how pro-life supporters can effectively advocate for the cause of life in today’s culture.

video clip that included images of aborted babies. While the images were disturbing, he believes they play an important role in sensitizing the public to the reality of abortion.

“If the pro-life movement does not lovingly but truthfully open the casket on abortion, our nation is going to continue to tolerate an injustice it never has to see,” he said. “But when we open that casket, we offer the hope of reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ.”

In regard to the second question that needs clarity, Klusendorf spoke of the value of every human being as created in the image of God, regardless of size, level of development, environment or degree of dependency.

To close, Klusendorf addressed the third question. “What is our duty? To love our unborn neighbor and his mother. And love is costly.”

Tom Gill, president of the St. Joseph County Right to Life board, called attention to the

cards placed at the seat of each attendee with a date representing a real abortion that took place at the abortion facility in South Bend. He encouraged attendees to name the baby memorialized by

the card and to pray for that baby throughout the coming year.

Gill spoke of the importance of the St. Joseph County Right to Life’s billboard campaign, sidewalk counselors and prayer witness, all of which helped redirect 245 women from the abortion clinic to the Women’s Care Center in 2013.

“Every year all of us as a pro-life community are saving more babies,” he said.

Program director Jeanette Burdell thanked the volunteers who have been invaluable to the work of St. Joseph County Right to Life. She also acknowledged the work of new operations manager, John Fyrqvist, whose IT background, she said, has helped take the organization’s work to the next level.

Together with Gill, Burdell presented Holy Cross Brother William A. Mewes with the Annette M. Macknick Courage Award for his work as a pro-life educator, prayer witness, sidewalk outreach coordinator and demonstration participant.

Michael and Colleen Kendzicky were the recipients of the Pillar of Life Award for their generosity and leadership, which has had “a notable impact on our mission to save lives.”

The Brother John Lavelle, CSC, scholarship was awarded to Michelle Roy, a junior at Holy Cross College, for promoting and serving the pro-life cause as both a high school and college student.

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Skills often get overlooked in discussions of inequality, he continued, but skills are “major determinants of inequality.” Skills create agency, the capacity for people to act on their own to build their lives and work with others. Skills also promote the dignity of human beings, which he said is consistent with what Pope Francis has been saying.

We have been “fixated” on pure cognitive skills, Heckman continued, but recent research has shown that character skills play an important role in life success; and character skills can be fostered by families, taught in schools and acquired through social interactions.

Since the early years of a child's life are so important, Heckman said more consideration should be given to nurturing family environments and mentoring children and parents. Not only would this benefit human flourishing and dignity, it also would be more effective and less expensive than simply giving alms to the poor.

One of the conference sessions dealt with the success of Catholic schools in bringing children out of poverty. Archbishop Fernando

Chomali Garib of the Archdiocese of Concepción, Chile, told the conference about the dramatic rise in per capita income in his country that is related directly to Catholic education.

Nicole Garnett, a professor in the Notre Dame School of Law and co-author with her colleague Margaret Brinig of “Lost Classroom, Lost Community: Catholic Schools’ Importance in Urban America” (University of Chicago Press, 2014), explained why Catholic schools matter: They model the joy of vocation and form children in the Catholic culture; they provide an excellent education to disadvantaged children; and they provide stability to neighborhoods.

Shavar Jeffries, a Newark, New Jersey, attorney and founder of a system of charter schools in Newark, explained how school choice and deregulated education have improved the life outcomes of poor children, and he argued for more school choice programs.

This year's event was the 15th annual conference of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, which is dedicated to sharing the richness of the Catholic moral and intellectual tradition through teaching, research and dialogue across a range of disciplines.



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the celebrant of the Mass Oct. 30 that opened a conference on poverty sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. Bishop Rhoades read a letter at the Mass from Pope Francis offering a greeting to those participating in the conference. At the conference, Cardinal Gerhard Müller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, spoke in his keynote about his 2014 book, “Poor for the Poor: The Mission of the Church” (Vatican Publishing House). Pope Francis wrote the preface to the book.

Liturgical items top agenda at USCCB meeting in Baltimore

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Liturgical matters will take center stage on the agenda of action items at the fall general meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, to be held Nov. 10-13 in Baltimore.

There will be five liturgical items up for consideration. All are subject to amendments from bishops. All but one require approval of two-thirds of the bishops, followed by final approval from the Vatican.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, who is president of the USCCB, will deliver his first presidential address. He was elected to a three-year term last November. As is customary, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, also will address the assembly.

During the meeting, the bishops will choose a new secretary-elect for the USCCB, and vote for the chairmen-elect of five committees.

A number of presentations will be made, including one on underserved communities and Catholic schools, and another on a recent pilgrimage of prayer for peace in the Holy Land.

The bishops also will conduct the canonical consultation on the sainthood cause of Father Paul Wattson. Father Wattson was an Episcopal priest who co-founded the Society of the Atonement, also known as the Franciscan Friars and Sisters

of the Atonement, to further Christian unity. He was received into the Catholic Church as were all men and women in the society at the time, and devised the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, still observed each January.

On the first day of the meeting, the bishops will concelebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore in honor of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Baltimore was the first diocese founded in the United States. The bishops had similarly marked the bicentennial of the U.S. hierarchy in 1989 with a Mass at the basilica.

The liturgical items up for consideration:

- A revised translation of the ritual book “Dedication of a Church and Altar,” used whenever a new church is built or when a new altar is made. The revised English translation incorporates the modifications from the Code of Canon Law as well as bringing the translation into conformity with the Roman Missal, Third Edition.

- A first-ever official English translation of the ritual book “Exorcisms and Related Supplications,” revised after the Second Vatican Council, and promulgated in Latin in 1999 with an amended version in 2004. The main part of this book is the rite of major exorcism and includes an introduction outlining criteria for its use, which is always the decision of the bishop alone. While this text affirms the real-

ity of evil in the world, it even more so affirms the sovereignty of Jesus to overcome any and all evil.

- A supplement to the Liturgy of the Hours of an English translation of the prayers used for the feast days of saints who have been added to the general calendar since 1984.

- Modifications to the Revised Grail Psalms, originally approved in 2010 by the Vatican. The USCCB Committee on Divine Worship recommended improving the translation and its “sprung rhythm” to make proclamation and singing easier.

The fifth liturgy-related item would authorize rewriting for later approval guidelines from its 1995 document “Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities” in light of medical developments and increased awareness of challenges faced by Catholics today, such as gluten intolerance, also known as celiac disease.

Other action items to be addressed by the bishops include the 2015 USCCB budget, the 2016 diocesan assessment, and a proposal to proceed on a revision to the “Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services.”

In USCCB elections, Archbishops Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans and Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services have been nominated as secretary-elect. The five committees seeking chairmen-elect, and their bishop-nominees, are:

- Committee on Communications: Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, New York, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas.

- Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church: Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio, and Bishop Joseph J. Tyson of Yakima, Washington.

- Committee on Doctrine: Bishop Robert J. McManus of Worcester, Massachusetts, and Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit.

- Committee on National Collections: Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Alabama, and Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, California.

- Committee on Pro-Life Activities: Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York and Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles.

The secretary-elect and the chairmen-elect will serve one year in that capacity and then begin a three-year term.

The bishops also will vote on members for the board of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network and Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB's international aid and development agency, as well as hear a presentation by Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the CRS board, and CRS president Carolyn Woo on CRS' work on capacity building.

Other presentations scheduled for the USCCB meeting:

- Underserved communities

and Catholic schools, presented by Archbishop George J. Lucas of Omaha, Nebraska, chairman of the Committee on Catholic Education, and Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas, chairman of the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church.

- The pilgrimage of prayer for peace in the Holy Land, presented by Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace.

- USCCB engagement with the Church in Africa, presented by Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington.

- The observance of the Year of Consecrated Life and the “Guidelines for the Reception of Ministers in the United States, Third Edition” and plans for their implementation, presented by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh, North Carolina, chairman of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

- A status report on the 2013-16 USCCB strategic plan, “The New Evangelization: Faith, Worship, Witness,” presented by Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of Seattle, USCCB secretary,

- Separate reports by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco, chairman of the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage; Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty; and the USCCB working group on the life and dignity of the human person.

Christ Child Festival planned

FORT WAYNE — The “Christmas in the Park” Christ Child Festival will be held at Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd., in Fort Wayne from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29, and Sunday, Nov. 30. The event location provides the opportunity to ride through Franke Park in one of the two horse-drawn wagons or the one horse-drawn carriage. Festival-goers will enjoy a living Nativity, tents with crafts and games for children, displays and more. For more information contact Judi Hapke at 260-447-9437.

Madrigal Dinners, a Christmas tradition, festive for whole family

NOTRE DAME — The Saint Mary's College Department of Music will present its 42nd Madrigal Dinners, a Renaissance-style holiday banquet and performance celebration. The merry feast is sure to thrill children of all ages with entertainment provided by colorfully attired singers, actors, dancers, instrumentalists, jugglers, a jester and a lord of the manor. Performances will be held in the North Lounge of Regina Hall Dec. 5-7. Ticket information, including family friendly, adult and children menus and pricing, is available at moreaucenter.com or by calling the box office at 574-284-4626.

This is the 31st year that Nancy Menk, professor of music, director of choral activities, and the Mary Lou and Judd Leighton Chair in Music, has conducted the Madrigals.

Accompanying the entertainment is a holiday feast prepared by Dining Services (Sodexo). The meal includes prime rib (Cornish hen for the matinee), roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, Waldorf salad, wassail and cheesecake with flaming cherries. Children and vegetarian menus are also available.

OLVM Sisters discuss Victory Noll future plan with local leaders

HUNTINGTON — Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters welcomed guests representing local government, community agencies and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Thursday, Oct. 23, to join in a discussion process relating to preserving the legacy and work of the sisters and to the future use of the Victory Noll land and buildings.

As part of their regular community assembly in which sisters missioned both in Huntington and other mission centers gather at Victory Noll for meetings, the local leaders were asked to be involved in a “visioning” effort by the sisters to partner in responding to the needs of the people of Huntington and beyond.

Changing demographics within the OLVM community are prompting the sisters to look at ways to preserve their values and extend their mission as the number of members continues to get smaller. A member-

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ST. JOSEPH-HESSEN CASSEL HOLDS STUDENTS' RETREAT



ROSE WORMAN

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne, eighth-grade students invited neighboring students from St. Aloysius School, Yoder, as they hosted an all-day retreat Oct. 27 at St. Joseph with the Franciscan Brothers Minor. The day started with an energetic Mass celebrated by Franciscan Father David Mary Engo, followed by fellowship, music, inspirational talks and Scripture readings. The retreat was concluded with a procession around campus with the Our Lady of Fatima statue carried by students, as the friars and students recited the rosary, ending in the church with prayer.

ship that once included more than 300 sisters has now dropped to fewer than 70, many of whom are in their 80s and 90s and not involved in active ministries.

Victory Noll will examine partnering options with area entities as they move forward, and ways to strengthen those partnerships to achieve their goals.

“Our hope is that any future plans will respond not only to the needs of the sisters as a congregation, but also to the needs of others as well, especially those persons who are at times neglected or overlooked,” said Sister Beatrice Haines, Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters president. “This was an energizing, creative and hope-filled experience. It was only a beginning and we hope to include others in the future.”

John Niederman, president of Pathfinder Services in Huntington, said he was glad to be part of the discussion.

“I enjoyed learning more about the incredible gifts of the sisters and the energy they give to Huntington,” he said. “I want to stay in touch and be asked to contribute in the future.”

Dr. Ted Dunn of St. Louis served as facilitator and consultant for the assembly, and for the meeting with local leaders, which included a tour of Victory Noll.

The Victory Noll campus covers 150 acres on the west side of Huntington. There are five buildings that serve as residential areas, a health care facility, administrative offices and a retreat center. More

than 100 acres is maintained as a natural habitat with forested and grassland areas.

Founded in 1922 by Father John Joseph Sigstein, Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters motherhouse is located at Victory Noll in Huntington and the sisters serve across the United States.

Saint Joseph High School food drive kicks off

SOUTH BEND — h.o.p.e. (Helping Other People Endure) has kicked off their annual food drive. A pledge drive had been underway through Oct. 30 with the goal to raise \$20,000, which will feed 350 families. h.o.p.e. members encouraged all students and staff to donate to help them reach their goal.

h.o.p.e. will be assembling boxes after school on Nov. 20 and packing the boxes after school on Nov. 21. Boxes of food will be delivered on Monday, Nov. 24.

Auburn parish to host holy hour for vocations

AUBURN — All are invited to celebrate a Holy Hour for Vocations on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. The liturgy will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Gene and Margaret Freiburger, parents of Father Jason Freiburger, will share a reflection on marriage and encouraging faith-filled vocations in the family. Father

Derrick Sneyd, pastor, will be the celebrant. Refreshments and socializing will follow. Visit iccauburn.com or call the parish office at 260-925-3930 for more information.

Center for Spirituality lecture to explore ‘Crossing the Color Line’

NOTRE DAME — The Center for Spirituality (CFS) at Saint Mary's College announces an upcoming lecture titled “Crossing the Color Line: A Catholic Perspective on Racial Justice and Responsibility” by Christopher Pramuk, associate professor of theology at Xavier University and author of “Hope Sings, So Beautiful: Graced Encounters Across the Color Line.” The talk will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge of Le Mans Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The lecture will discuss how the Church is called to respond to racially charged events like those in Ferguson, Missouri, and to broader systemic realities of racial injustice in the United States. A lifelong musician and student of African American history and spirituality, Pramuk will draw from his own experiences of “crossing the color line” along with insights from the Gospels and the prophetic witness of black Catholics to address the question “Where do we go from here?”

ST. JUDE STATUE BLESSED BEFORE CLOSING MASS OF PARISH MISSION



PROVIDED BY ST. JUDE PARISH

While visiting St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, for a parish mission, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed at new statue of St. Jude on Oct. 28, the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude. Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass at St. Jude on Tuesday for the final night of the three-day parish mission, “Sent By Christ.” The statue of St. Jude was gifted to the parish by Jerry Ankenbruck and created by artist Frank Bougher. Also pictured is Father Jacob Runyon, pastor.

ALL-SCHOOLS MASSES SHOW U



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The Bishop Dwenger choir provides liturgical music at the all-schools Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Bishop at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Oct. 29.



Superintendent of Catholic Schools Marsha Jordan and Secretary of Catholic Education Carl Loesch attend the all-schools Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Bishop at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Oct. 29. The fourth-grade students from area schools attended Mass dressed as their chosen saint.



St. John the Baptist, New Haven fourth-grade student Max Robinson speaks with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades about St. Maximilian Kolbe's life and martyrdom during bishop's homily at the all-schools Mass celebrated at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Oct. 29.

The fourth-grade students dressed as saints from area Catholic schools receive Communion from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, left, and Father Philip DeVolder, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw, at the all-schools Mass. A number of area priests from the schools represented in the congregation concelebrated Mass.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the Catholic school students, staff members and others who attended the all-schools Mass celebrated at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Oct. 29.



These fourth-grade students of Most Precious Blood School in Fort Wayne pose as St. Maria Goretti and Joan of Arc at the all-schools Mass.

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Church for 2,000 years," Bishop Rhoades said. "There is a great need today for laborers, for workers in the Church, in the Lord's vineyard."

"Jesus tells us to pray for vocations," the bishop said, "to pray for more workers for the Church. I am asking you to pray for more priests and religious sisters and brothers."

He also asked the students to think of themselves, serving God as priests, religious sisters or brothers.

"Maybe some of you are already thinking about it. I hope so," Bishop Rhoades offered.

He related the story of Samuel from the day's first reading. God was calling Samuel to be a prophet.

"Sometimes when you pray, say those words of Samuel: 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening,'" Bishop Rhoades said. "Especially pray what to do in your life, pray about your vocation. ... And when we are listening, we hear God's call, and it may be a call to be a priest, to be a sister or a brother. It may be a call to marriage. But we have to listen."

He encouraged the young people to listen for that call in the silence of their hearts and minds. "When you pray," he said, "don't do all the talking. Listen. Listen to God speaking to you."

He encouraged the students to read the Scriptures. He said if they did not have a Bible, to put one on their Christmas list. "When we read the Scriptures, that's one way that God speaks to us," Bishop Rhoades said.

He encouraged the young people to be open to God's call when choosing a vocation. Think about, he said, "What does God want me to be and do with my life?"

"When we do what God wants us to do, and we answer His call ... then we're really going to be happy with our life," Bishop Rhoades said.

With the feast of All Saints, Nov. 1, celebrated near the all-schools Masses, fourth-grade students came dressed as their favorite saints.

In Fort Wayne, Max Robinson of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, was called out by Bishop Rhoades to speak about his saint, St. Maximilian Kolbe. Bishop had asked for a priest-saint and young Max was quick to volunteer and share with the 4,000 people gathered for the Fort Wayne Mass on Oct. 29 what he learned about the saint who "gave up his life for a stranger." St. Maximilian, a priest, lost his life at Auschwitz, after he came forward to take the place of a man sentenced with nine others to the starvation chamber. Father Kolbe was the last survivor in the starvation chamber and actually died from a shot of carbolic acid.

Bishop also called on Katie Palmer of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, who chose St. Katharine Drexel as her patron saint. St. Katharine Drexel was part of a wealthy Philadelphia family. She used her inheritance to found the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and established schools and missions across the country to serve Black and Native American children.

Other fourth-grade students chose priests, sisters and brothers to represent at the Mass.

Mia Gabet from St. Mary, Avilla, chose a Dominican sister, St. Rose of Lima, as her patron saint. The sister took care of the poor and sick and was called the "Angel of the Andes," Mia noted before the Mass.

In South Bend, Bishop Rhoades emphasized the witness of St. Martin de Porres, the first Black Saint of the Americas, on his feast day of Nov. 3.

"St. Martin, a Dominican Brother from Lima, Peru, was known for his great humility, love of the Eucharist, and enjoyment of menial work. He taught that no matter how humble our work, if we do it with love and for the glory of God, we can become saints."

Bishop Rhoades was pleased to learn that Martin Del Abra of St. Adalbert had chosen to dress as St. Martin de Porres, his patron name saint.

Bishop Rhoades said, "We should all have our special friends in heaven — men and women we can look to and ask for prayers and intercessions from throughout our lives."

Additionally, Bishop Rhoades spoke with Teresa Pingel of Christ the King, who dressed as Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, whom she was named after. She shared that she admired Mother Teresa for "founding the Missionaries of Charity and helping to serve those who are very poor."

Bishop Rhoades commended all the South Bend students who dressed up as saints, again exclaiming his hope that some in attendance may become priests, or religious sisters or brothers. He thanked all those who participated in the Mass as servers, lectors, cantors and choir members.

He also recognized those who helped make the event a success, including the teachers, principals, and staff of the schools represented, the Catholic Schools Office, Superintendent Marsha Jordan, Quality Dining and the University of Notre Dame staff.

Christopher Lushis contributed to this story.



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Nineteen schools, including five from Michigan, participated in the all-schools Mass at the University of Notre Dame's Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center on Nov. 3. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the celebrant.



A handbell choir comprised of students provides music at the all-schools Mass on Nov. 3.



Father Jason Freiburg, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, distributes the Eucharist at the all-schools Mass Nov. 3 at Notre Dame.



Students participated as altar servers, gift bearers, readers and as members of the liturgical processions.



Martin Del Abra of St. Adalbert had chosen to dress as St. Martin de Porres, his patron name saint, at the all-schools Mass.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks with Teresa Pingel, who dressed as Mother Teresa, and with Olivia Pulling who dressed as Terese of Lisieux. Both are students and parishioners of Christ the King.

From slavery to the Priesthood: Father John Augustine Tolton

BY MATTHEW E. BUNSON

On March 2, 2010, Francis Cardinal George, the archbishop of Chicago, announced that a cause for canonization had been introduced by the archdiocese.

The new candidate for sainthood is truly remarkable for not only was he the first American diocesan priest of African descent but was the son of slaves. His name was Father John Augustine Tolton, and in his short life of 43 years, he endured racial hatred, poverty and intolerance with fortitude and charity. He is today, a model for African American Catholics and a witness to the Church's welcome to all people, regardless of their color or background.

"The time was not yet right"

Tolton was born on April 1, 1854, into slavery in Brush Creek, Missouri, to the slaves Peter and Martha Tolton. His parents had been married in a Catholic ceremony and made certain that he was baptized, at St. Peter's Church, a few miles from Hannibal, Missouri.

At the start of the Civil War, his father escaped and joined the Union army, and his mother, in 1863, made the courageous decision to flee Missouri with her three children to the free state of Illinois. Augustine was nine at the time.

Once safely in Quincy, Illinois, Martha found work with her sons in a local cigar factory and took them to Mass in the local German parish of St. Boniface. The family endured great hardship and tragedy, including chronic poverty, the death of Augustine's brother in 1863, and the news that Augustine's father had died from dysentery in St. Louis.

Meanwhile, Martha enrolled Augustine in St. Boniface School for the part of the year when business was slow at the cigar factory. Within a month, she was asked to withdraw him by the pastor and the sisters at the school because of anonymous threats and complaints that a black child was studying there. Martha reluctantly enrolled him in a public school, and the family departed St. Boniface's for St. Peter's Church in Quincy, where they found a slightly more welcoming environment.

The chief reason for that welcome was the pastor there, a fierce Irish priest named Peter McGirr, who issued the unexpected invitation for Augustine to attend the parochial school at St. Peter's.

It was Father McGirr also who allowed young Augustine to serve as an altar boy and who first encouraged him to discern a vocation to the Priesthood. Augustine embraced the possibility, but both of them knew how difficult it would be to secure his entry into the seminary. This proved to be the case, and so several priests banded together to begin his preparation anyway. Augustine progressed swiftly. He completed high school and then graduated from Quincy College.

There remained the problem of a seminary. Every application was declined on the basis that "the time was not yet right" for a black seminarian. Undaunted, Father McGirr won the help of the Franciscan Fathers, and through their Minister General secured admission for Augustine into the College of the Propaganda Fide in Rome to become a missionary in Africa.

Tolton later acknowledged the immense debt he owed to Father McGirr, declaring in 1889, "The Catholic Church deplures double slavery — that of the mind and that of the body. She endeavors to free us of both. I was a poor slave boy, but the priests of the Church did not disdain me. It was through the influence of one of them that I became what I am tonight."

A Missionary to America

In February 1880, Tolton joyously set sail for Rome, and the next six years of intense studies in languages, theology and missiology were the happiest of his life. Finally, on April 24, 1886, he achieved the fulfillment of his dreams: Augustine Tolton was ordained a priest in the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. On Easter Sunday, he celebrated his first Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. His life had changed forever, but not in the way he had expected.

The day before he received Holy Orders, Tolton was informed that the Propaganda Fide was not sending him to Africa. Instead, he was heading back to the United States. He was still to be a missionary, but to America, a country that had ended slavery but still did not have one black priest.

For Tolton, the news was shocking. He knew what he was being asked to do. He had grown up facing racial prejudice, and he was acutely aware that returning as a priest would only make him a target of hatred from anti-Catholics and even from some Catholics who were not ready to accept a black man as a priest. Tolton, however, obediently accepted the assignment.

After a joyous welcome home from Father McGirr, he celebrated Mass on July 18, 1886, at St. Boniface Church. In attendance were several thousand people, both black and white.

His first assignment was as pastor to the African-American parish of St. Joseph Church that had been established out of St. Boniface. He proved a gifted homilist, and when whites started attending the parish and seeking his spiritual advice, complaints were made to the local bishop that Tolton was trying to "mix the races."

In the end, the situation of intolerance became so strident that Father Tolton was forced to ask permission of authorities in Rome to accept an invitation from Archbishop Patrick Feehan of Chicago. Feehan wanted him to serve as a pastor for black Catholics in the city. This solution was accepted by Rome, and on Dec. 19, 1889, Tolton left his family and friends for Chicago and the challenges of a new phase of service.



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Father Augustine Tolton, also known as Augustus, is pictured in a photo from an undated portrait card. Born into slavery in Missouri, he was ordained a priest April 24, 1886. He served as pastor at St. Joseph Church in Quincy, Ill., and later established St. Monica's Church in Chicago. Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George has formally closed the investigation into the life and virtues of the sainthood candidate.

Father Gus

Around 1882, black Catholics in Chicago had started the St. Augustine Society, dedicated to visiting the sick, providing proper funerals and feeding the poor. Mass for them was celebrated in the basement of Old St. Mary's Church on 9th and Wabash. With his arrival, Father Tolton became their chaplain.

In 1891, Tolton won permission to move out of the basement by building a church for the African American Catholics of Chicago, what he hoped would be St. Monica's Church, on the corner of 35th and Dearborn. Even though much of the church was not finished owing to lack of funds, Tolton celebrated the first Mass at St. Monica's in 1893. What had begun as a tiny flock hidden away in the bottom of a church grew to a congregation of more than 600, and St. Monica's served as the spiritual center for black Catholic life in the city for decades to come.

Tolton embraced his people with selfless devotion and settled into his role as the first black pastor in Chicago. He was called "Father Gus," but while he had been accepted by his fellow Chicago priests, his ministry was still largely performed alone among the shocking slums of the city. He worked tirelessly to care for the sick and the forgotten, giving completely of himself to a community still struggling for acceptance and justice. And through it all, he endured intolerance and hatred both for being a black man and a Catholic priest.

A symbol of his new life was

family once more.

As his fame spread he was also invited to speak at national gatherings. In 1889, he gave an address at the First Catholic Colored Congress in Washington, D.C., and he was asked to speak to Catholics in Boston, New York and even as far away as Galveston, Texas. At the same time, he pressed ahead with future plans for St. Monica.

In early July 1897, Father Tolton attended the annual retreat of Chicago priests at St. Viator's College in Bourbonnais, Illinois. The temperature reached 105 degrees in the city, and while returning to the parish on July 9, he collapsed from the severe heat near Calumet Avenue in Chicago. He was taken to the nearby Mercy Hospital, but he never regained consciousness and died a few hours later. The cause of his shocking death was listed as sunstroke. The stunned black Catholic community bid a loving farewell to "Father Gus," and his remains were taken to St. Peter's Cemetery in Quincy.

The achievements of Father Tolton did not die with him. He was cherished among the black Catholics in Chicago and across the country. He also remained a powerful model for young black men seeking to follow his footsteps into the Priesthood and for all priests dedicated to proclaiming Christ's love in the face of hatred and scorn. America's first Black Catholic bishop, Harold Perry, SVD, wrote of him, "Father Tolton found his opposition within the Church and among Church people, where compassion should have offset established prejudice and ignorance. It was his lot to disprove the myth that young Black men could not assume the responsibility of the Catholic Priesthood."

the change in living quarters. He had lived initially in a small room on South Indiana Avenue, near St. Mary's Church. Later, with the help of his congregation, Tolton was able to move into a small house behind St. Monica's. Significantly, the added space allowed him to invite his mother and sister Anne to come and live with him and so unite the

Prayer for the Cause of Father Augustus Tolton

O God, we give You thanks for Your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of Your Son's passion and death. If it be Your will, O God, glorify Your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now ask through his intercession, (mention your request), so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what You have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of Your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to You O God, through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen

Bishop Joseph N. Perry
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Coping with the burden of dementia

One of my greatest fears is developing dementia when I finally get to the golden years. I have had many close family members get dementia and a positive family history is a risk factor for developing dementia.

Alzheimer's dementia accounts for between 60-80 percent of all cases and is the type most are familiar with. But there are many variations. They include dementia with Lewy bodies, frontotemporal dementia, vascular (multi-infarct) dementia, and Parkinson disease with dementia.

As the world's population ages the burden of dementia is increasing worldwide. There are an estimated 5 million people now in the United States that have dementia. When a member of your family gets dementia it can be devastating and not only effect the entire family but friends, coworkers and the community as well.

There are medicines and therapies that can slow down the progression for several years, but invariably there is steady progression until memory is lost

and the person lives in a state of confusion. From the research that I have reviewed I am not optimistic of a major treatment breakthrough in the next few years.

There are things you can do to reduce your risk of getting dementia. Keeping a high level of social activity is a positive, as is staying mentally engaged. Retirement without a plan of keeping your brain stimulated could be a problem. Also there is a clear reduction in the onset of dementia in those that exercise regularly.

I frequently feel like I have all kinds of problems with memory — "Where did I put my keys?" "Why did I just walk upstairs to my bedroom and now can't remember why I am standing here." Here is the good news for all of you reading this with similar concerns. Self-reported memory loss does not seem to correlate with the subsequent diagnosis of dementia. Those with dementia usually have no clue they are developing memory loss but rather it is their family that notices changes in memory

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and thinking. So if you are analytical enough to think you are getting dementia you probably are not.

My mother had dementia for over 10 years before she died. My family was blessed by the fact that my mother was one of the happy ones. I have helped care for hundreds of patients with dementia over the years and it usually goes one of two ways: pleasantly confused or nasty and belligerent.

To be the primary caregiver and not only have to deal with the mental confusion, but in addition, be verbally abused can be overwhelming. Believe me when

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Jesus is the true temple of God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Feast of St. John Lateran dedication Jn 2:13-22

Last weekend, the Church replaced the liturgy of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time with the liturgy of the feast of All Souls.

This week, instead of the liturgy for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome.

As was the case last week, the Church has lessons here to teach.

Since historic circumstances have associated St. Peter's so intimately with the popes for so many centuries, most Catholics probably would be surprised to know that the first-ranking church in Rome is St. John Lateran Basilica.

St. Peter's is a shrine, not a cathedral. Cathedrals are the churches in which local bishops celebrate the Eucharist and preach especially in their official positions as shepherds of the flock.

In Rome, St. John Lateran is the cathedral, the seat of the pope. Since the pope, the Bishop of Rome, also is the chief pastor of the Church Universal, St. John Lateran has significance for every Catholic.

This link with the pope reminds us that we all are part of the Church.

The dedication of any church is important since by dedication we set a space on earth aside for God, there to hear God's holy word, and to be with God in Jesus in the Eucharist.

For the first reading, the Church offers us a beautiful passage from the Book of Ezekiel. The prophet sees water flowing from the temple. The Holy Land then, as now, as always, was very arid. Water meant life. Life flowed from God's house, from God's presence.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians is the source of the second reading. It describes us, the people of the Church, as "God's building." We are the brick and mortar of the structure that makes God visible on earth, in which God dwells. Christ is our foundation stone.

The last reading is from the Gospel of John. It reports the event, so familiar to Christians, when Jesus entered the temple area in Jerusalem and found there a virtual marketplace. He drove the merchants away, insisting that the temple was God's house, the holiest of places.

He denounces the merchants for making God's house a place not just of business, but by their cheating and greed, a place of sin.

Reflection

We can be overly literal in reading this passage from St. John's Gospel. Of course, Jesus ridded the sacred precincts of the temple of merchants and charlatans, preying on the devout.

Sin and human greed have no

place in the true temple of God. For John, Jesus was the true temple of God. John further saw a community aspect in the group of believers surrounding Jesus. They were united to the Lord, by the Lord's own design. He was united with them. The bond was created by none less than God.

Jesus would be killed and in three days would rise. It was just as Jesus predicted that the temple would fall and in three days be restored.

We are now in this community, which is the Church. There can be no sin among us. We cannot allow our greed or dishonesty to defile the holy temple that is Christ.

St. John Lateran, as any dedicated church, has a pragmatic purpose, providing us with a setting for prayer, for hearing the Word of God, and for the Eucharist, reminding us that we are the Church.

We are the Body of Christ, resurrected and living in the world. Christ is in us. We are in Christ.

In God's mercy, the pope guides us and ministers to us.

READINGS

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-6 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8

Father Tolton, pray for us

"For the slave called in the Lord is a freed person in the Lord," St. Paul wrote in his First Letter to the Corinthians. His words resounded 18 centuries later in the life of Father Augustus Tolton, who was born a slave, died a Catholic priest, and is now being considered for sainthood.

Father Tolton's cause was submitted to the Congregation for Saints' Causes in September by the Archdiocese of Chicago. If canonized, he would be the first African-American priest recognized as a saint. Young Augustus escaped slavery when his mother rowed her family across the Mississippi River from Missouri to Illinois in 1862. His talents caught the attention of the Franciscan professors at St. Francis College in Quincy, Illinois. With their encouragement, he aspired to become a priest and a missionary to Africa.

It was a courageous assignment to seek. One month after Father Tolton was ordained, Charles Lwanga and his companions would be massacred in Uganda for embracing the Catholic faith. Father Tolton, who clearly took after his mother, was willing to brave such an environment.

But God had other plans: to serve the Church in a nation that openly disdained him because of the color of his skin.

The prejudices of the day prevented Father Tolton from attending a seminary in the United States. He went to Rome instead. His fellow students, he said, "all were my friends, they all loved me, though I cannot say why."

The *St. Joseph's Advocate*, a newsletter published in the United States by the Josephite Fathers in those days, described Father Tolton's April 24, 1886, Ordination at Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran this way: "(Before) he leaves that grand basilica, see what happens ... grand caucasian heads, some as white (in) hair as in skin, some young and beautiful, some princely, some priestly, but all uncovered, bowed low on their humble supports, bended knees, at the feet of this poor American Negro and ex-slave, that his two black palms may touch their crowns! May we live to



JOHN GARVEY

INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

see the day when this scene will be enacted in the Cathedral of Baltimore with a goodly number of this colored mission looking on."

Father Tolton was deployed not to Africa, but to Quincy. He established St. Monica Church, the first Catholic Church in America built by and for a black community. His brief life — he died of heat stroke in 1897, when he was 43 — would be spent serving God in a nation where racial equality remained elusive.

Americans today would find hard to understand the indignities he suffered. But we have some hints from the historical record. Among the documents gathered by the website www.toltoncanonization.org is a speech from 1890, delivered by a black Catholic layman, Lincoln Valle, at an event for the archbishop of Chicago. Valle acknowledged Father Tolton's presence, then went on: "Most Rev. Father, we only pray that the Negroes of these United States will soon understand that if prejudice is to remain for a season on earth there is one place where it must be unknown and that is within the sacred (circle) of the Catholic Church. We hope he will soon learn that the solemn dogma of the Catholic Church is the equality of all men before their God."

Valle was right. Many American Catholics of that time were wrong. But rather than judge past generations for their sins, we should learn from their mistakes and from the lives of people like Father Tolton. "Virtue has consequences," said Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago about Father Tolton's life, "and virtue is stronger than evil."

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Exploded into being by divine love

I've long been fascinated by cosmology, although my deficiencies as a mathematician preclude my really following the arguments of astrophysicists, high-energy particle physicists and others exploring the origins of the universe. Yet the fascination remains and it was kindled anew by a May 12 article in the *Boston Globe Magazine* about Alan Guth, a key figure in current explorations of what happened in the Big Bang, the orthodox explanation for How Things Started.

Take a deep breath and try this key passage from the article:

"Using the theories of Einstein and others, Guth points out that at extremely high energies, there are forms of matter that upend everything we learned about gravity in high school. Rather than being the ultimate force of attraction that Newton and his falling apple taught us, gravity in this case is an incredibly potent force of repulsion. And that repulsive gravity was the fuel that powered the Big Bang.

"The universe is roughly 13.8 billion years old, and it began from a patch of material packed with this repulsive gravity. The patch was ... tiny — one 100-billionth the size of a single proton. But the repulsive gravity was like a magic wand, doubling the patch in size every tenth of a trillionth or a trillionth of a second. And it waved its doubling power over the patch about 100 times in a row, until it got to the size of (a) marble. And that happened within a hundredth of a billionth of a trillionth of a second. As a point of comparison, the smallest fraction of time that the average human being can detect is about one-tenth of a second.

"The ingredients of what would become our entire observable universe were packed inside that marble ..."

Literally mind-boggling, to be sure, but a good moment to remember that the Big Bang theory of the origins of the universe

was the brain-child of a Catholic priest, Georges Henri Joseph Édouard Lemaître, a Belgian Jesuit. When Lemaître began his work, the "steady-state" model of the universe dominated cosmology; after the work of Lemaître and others, the steady-state model was supplanted by the notion of an expanding universe that began with the Big Bang — or what Father Lemaître called, a bit more primly, the "hypothesis of the primeval atom" or the "Cosmic Egg." As I understand it, Alan Guth's work, and that of others exploring the first micro-seconds of what people of biblical faith know as Creation, builds on Lemaître's insights.

The new cosmology makes possible a new dialogue between physics and theology, or, more broadly, between science and religion. In the early days of what we know as modern science, the hard sciences — physics, chemistry, astronomy — were thought to be (and often thought themselves) the enemies of revelation and biblical religion. In the early 21st century, that's changed. It's the life sciences, like evolutionary biology and genetics that are often stuck in the intellectual quicksand of ill-informed, knee-jerk atheism, while the hard sciences are bumping up against boundaries beyond which their methodology can't take them — boundaries that may define the meeting ground between scientists and theologians.

If Alan Guth's work is empirically verified, a large question will remain — a question that takes Guth's science to just such a boundary: Where did that primordial something, that "patch of material packed with ... repulsive gravity" that contained "the ingredients of what would become our entire observable universe," come from? It defies all logic to suggest that something can come from nothing; yet science cannot get us "behind" that something from which everything came.

were blessed by a wonderful and dedicated staff and my mother was happy and well cared for till the end.

To those out there caring for a loved one with dementia at home, my advice is to give it all you have, but recognize that in a significant percentage of people with dementia there comes a time when you can no longer handle things alone and they are actually better off and safer in a nursing home setting.

You also need to ask for help. Ask your family and friends to help out to give you an occasional time of respite. You also need to ask for help from the various social agencies available such as the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org). Consider becoming part of an Alzheimer's support group. Ultimately to survive this challenging time you have to seek out and accept the graces the Holy Spirit will bring to you if you ask.



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Thus a new — in truth, old — conversation opens up. NASA scientist Robert Jastrow saw it coming 20-some years ago when he wrote that the scientist "has scaled the mountain of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; and when he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries." And what have those Christian theologians been pondering?

That what science calls the Big Bang was love exploding out of the life of the Trinity.

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As it says in Galatians 6:2: "Help carry one another's burdens; in that way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Finally, Mathew 5:16: "In the same way, your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father." If you look at your situation in terms of it being an opportunity to serve your loved one and therefore serve the Lord, you should not only find strength needed to carry on but also find peace.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 9, 2014

John 2:13-22

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS	WENT UP	TEMPLE
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ALL OUT	TABLES	HOUSE
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HIS BODY	THE DEAD	DISCIPLES
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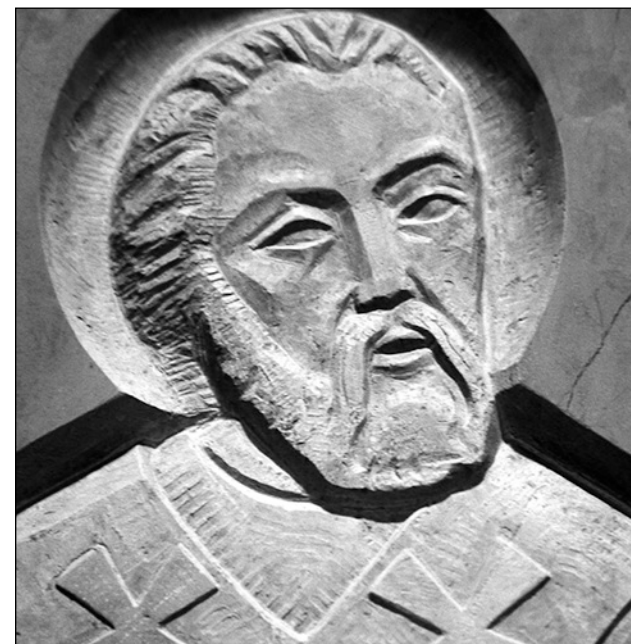
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I tell you that those afflicted with dementia have little control over what they say and two minutes later won't remember they said it. The caregivers that can get through this and still smile invariably have a deep faith and are usually also dedicated to daily prayer and Scripture reading. How else could they survive?

Many spouses take care of their loved ones at home as long as they can and I think this is more than admirable. It is truly God's work and one of His highest callings. In my mother's case my father had already died and we could not provide the care she needed so we had to make the decision to place her in a dementia unit in a nursing home. We

Saint of the week:



Josaphat

1580-1623

Feast — November 12

An early ecumenist, Josaphat was born in Ukraine. Not happy with a mercantile apprenticeship in Lithuania, he spent his spare time learning church Slavonic to enhance his liturgical and prayer life. In 1604 he entered a monastery in Vilnius, where he began promoting Orthodox union with Rome and reform of Ruthenian monasteries. This movement eventually became the Basilians of St. Josaphat. As an abbot, bishop and archbishop in Eastern Europe, he constantly called for unity with Rome, a position that became increasingly controversial. In 1623, after preaching openly in Vitebsk (Belorussia), he was attacked by a mob, shot and thrown in a river. This patron of Ukraine is the first Eastern-rite saint whose cause was processed by Rome.

Sports

BISHOP LUERS TENNIS TEAM EARNS CONFERENCE CROWN The Bishop Luers High School tennis team finished a phenomenal 2014 season highlighted by a conference crown — their first since 1968. The championship came after a nail-biting victory over Bishop Dwenger when the No. 2 doubles team of Andy Mauch and Matt Palmer came from behind to lift the Knights past the Saints. Luers also won the East Noble Invitational behind the efforts of singles title winner, Isaiah Klotz and doubles champions Erik and Johnny Walker. The Knights finished with an impressive 12-3 overall record.

— Michelle Castleman

St. Charles Cardinals defeat St. Anthony Panthers in diocesan playoff

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — South Bend has been home to many storied football games, and the Inter-City Catholic League hosted their diocesan rival Catholic Youth Organization for a Division I championship that would have a script worthy of a Hollywood blockbuster.

The host St. Anthony Panthers boasted an unblemished record and had skilled players talented enough to make anyone envious and a monster on defense that has opposing coaches look twice and devise ways to run away from him.

St. Charles had a very similar story — undefeated and unmatched. They paraded a much-heralded quarterback with a cannon for an arm backed by talented receivers and a go-to sprinter to carry the payload.

The Cardinals started the game with quarterback Blake Sheer showing just how far he could throw the ball as on two plays in a row. The strapping signal caller threw 20-plus-yard darts. Unfortunately the opening series ended on a 30-yard incompletion.

The Panthers of St. Anthony would take a different tactic as they would keep it on the ground handing the ball off into the belly of Ryan Schmitt, John Paul Lewis, Brennan Horvath and Brady Gumpf, only to have the ball pop out on an exchange giving the Cardinals good field position.

The field position was needed as the Panther defense went to work and drove the white-and-red-clad squad in the opposite direction and forced a punt.

Boom, the first big play of the game came on a 58-yard scamper by Lewis. Unfortunately it was added by a hold and brought back. Undaunted, the Panthers picked up another 15 yards by Horvath, and then quarterback Conor Ratigan tossed the pigskin to his waiting arms for 16 more, marching down the field to the shadow of the goal posts only to come up short on a fourth down pass play.

The Cardinals wouldn't stay with their backs to the goal line for long as TJ Tippmann bolted to daylight picking up breathing room at the 40-yard line. The Panther defense would again hold and force a punt.

Starting at their own 47 with 4:39 left in the half, the Panthers went to their bread-and-butter running game inching back to the endzone, but an interception at the



PHOTO BY RAY DERUCKI

The St. Charles Cardinals took the ICCL-CYO Division I championship on Sunday, Nov. 2. The team defeated the St. Anthony Panthers, 16-6.

six-yard line by Patrick O'Keefe muddled the drive, making the first half a scoreless battle of wills.

The Panthers again took to the ground to start the second half until Tippmann stepped in front of a sure completion and gave the Cardinals a flicker of jubilation.

Their promising quarterback Sheer went to work dissecting the purple-and-maroon warriors with a series of short passes to Jared Lee and Alex Blunt, followed by a pitch to Hayden Ellinger. The only problem was the Panther defense and their hard hitting and sure tackling didn't allow big plays and resulted in incompletion on fourth and two.

The Panthers would start off looking at 70 yards between them and the goal line and looked overwhelmed by the Cardinals with no gain, no gain incompletion until a roughing the passer penalty turned on a switch that energized the squad.

Big back Gumpf on the next play seemed hemmed in, and, out of nowhere, bounced a big gain for 35 yards followed by a couple more runs and then Ratigan found an open Lewis for a pass down to the four.

The nifty quarterback tucked his head down behind his lineman and squirted out untouched for the first score of the ballgame after 25 grueling minutes of play, making the margin, 6-0.

Game over? "Not so fast" as Lee Corso would say, as Drew Aguirre returned the kick off across midfield, and then Ellinger and Tippmann and their legs did the rest as the later scored courtesy of great blocking to the wide side of the field. The important points after try was good as the leg of kicker Mike Garrett pierced the uprights giving the Cardinals their first lead of the game, 8-6, with time closing in.

The Panthers refocused and started another drive only to have

Charlie Howe of the Cardinals intercept a fourth and eight offering.

The game was far from over as the Panther defense put nine men in the box and stopped the Cardinals on successive plays, using their timeouts to squeeze moments from the clock.

On their heels and under great pressure it happened. Cardinal Coach Sam Talarico loaded up the backfield and called an unconventional play. Quarterback Sheer pitched to the deep back. Blunt and the Panthers pursued with reckless abandon targeting the runner, and then the tailback lofted a 41-yard strike to O'Keefe to seal the deal lifting the Fort Wayne team to a 16-6 victory in the closing moments.

"My goodness, they were the most physical team we faced all year, and we had to run our offense away from defensive lineman Casey Conery," said an exuberant Talarico. "I knew when I sent the play in that if we failed on it our fans would have thought I was nuts; but I had faith in our kids to make it work."

"This is a great and gritty group of kids. They have worked hard at practice and produced in games. I can't be prouder of them," added Talarico. "Our three linebackers will be hard to replace. They have started every game for the last two seasons, and they were the core of our defense."

"The Cardinals were well coached and well prepared and played a great football game," commented Panther skipper James DeBoe. "You can't make mistakes against a good football team and win unfortunately."

"Our kids fought tooth and nail. They put the work and time in and for that I'm proud," remarked DeBoe. "It's hard to go out this way, but the kids will go on with life and be successful."

LEAGUES ANNOUNCE WINNING CYO VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAMS



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St. Rose-St. Louis Twins won the Blue League CYO volleyball championship.



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St. Vincent de Paul won the Green League CYO volleyball championship.



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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton won the White League CYO volleyball championship.

Saint Joseph High School 1964 winning football team reunites

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — The air was cool and crisp, the crowd was roaring and the team was energized ... the same kind of energy that filled the football stadium in 1964 when Saint Joseph High School brought home their first state championship. Recently, members of the 1964 team returned to the football field for a special recognition of their 50th anniversary on the new Father Walter Bly Field at Leighton Stadium.

The evening began with a tour of the new school building followed by dinner, watching film of the 1964 Washington game, fellowship and fun with members from the 1964 winning team.

"The purpose of the event was to commemorate a landmark event in Saint Joe history on its 50th anniversary, the first state championship in school history, and to honor those responsible for the event," said Alumni Coordinator Henry Chandler. "I hope our guests took away a feeling that their accomplishment is still remembered and appreciated even though 50 years have passed."



Pictured are members of the 1964 Saint Joseph High School football team and coaching staff during an on-field recognition ceremony.

According to Coach Gene Cavich, the team had excellent young men who were very coachable, played extremely hard and had high goals. "It was an honor and privilege to coach them," he said.

Former player Mike Seall felt the leadership in 1964 was what gave the team the winning edge.

"From my perspective, the most memorable thing about our state championship was that it was actu-

ally a culmination of the coaching staff's efforts and the hard work of previous teams that put us in the position to succeed," noted Seall. "In particular, Coach Wally Moore created an environment in which a relatively diverse group of people were able to work as a team to achieve a common goal. As incoming freshmen he told us that if we put in the work, stayed together and dedicated ourselves to this goal, we

could achieve it. The lessons learned from his leadership prepared us to succeed in life beyond athletics."

"The most memorable moment was seeing the final football polls at season end and the euphoria of being crowned champions," recalled team member Dave Badagnani about 1964.

"(The year) 1964 was just a good senior year — dating my future wife and winning the state championship," recalled Mike Pianowski.

Player Bob Christin said, "Hardly a day passes when I don't remember at least for a moment that I had the good luck to play on a team that won a state championship in 1964."

For Rich Joo, the class was extra special even though the school was segregated with females on one end of the building and males on the other.

"Even though we were separated, there seemed to be a good unification among us. I had many great times with a lot of wonderful fellow students and honestly cannot single out one that stands above them all. We were a great student body," said Joo.

Former players appreciated the chance to revisit their glory days and

spend time with former coaches.

"Friday night was fantastic. Meeting new Saint Joe faces and touring that magnificent school. The recognition of the accomplishment from 50 years ago sent chills up my spine. I was ready to don a helmet and mix it up for one more game. Of course, I would have needed oxygen and EMTs standing by," said Badagnani. "It is a thrill to this day to have been part of all this and the honor to have represented Saint Joseph High School both on and off the field in 1964!"

"The Friday night reunion was wonderful. It was so great to see my old friends, teammates and coaches one more time," noted Christin.

"The Friday night festivities were done in such a way that I hope I never forget them until the day I die. The personnel involved did a wonderful job of putting them together. After doing a lot of talking and laughing with the attendees and having the honor and privilege of being introduced at half time and watching the new Saint Joseph High School football team win another game, I believe I can speak for all of us that were there that it was one of the top events of our lives," commented Joo.

Crusaders reign as ICCL-CYO Division II champs

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Past Inter-City Catholic League and Catholic Youth Organization diocese championship weekends have encompassed shoveling of snow and semi-truck loads of hot cocoa, but this day would boast sunny skies and perfect football temperatures as the Eagles of St. John/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel would match up against the host Holy Cross Crusaders at Saint Joseph High School in the Division II championship contest.

The conflict would be centered around the high flying and high scoring Eagles that featured track star Justin Gaston and the hard-hitting, ground-pounding old-school Holy Cross Crusaders that were two extra point kicks away from a perfect season.

The first series had the Crusaders wondering if their defense would be playing second fiddle to the pursuing Eagles as the black-adorned army swarmed the hosts forcing a four and out.

The pride of the Crusader defense would be tested early as a bottled up Gaston took a hand off deep and as would-be tacklers closed in, reversed his field and jaunted 20 yards until being forced out at the sideline as spectators shook their heads in disbelief.

The drive was suddenly scuttled after the defense tightened and the Eagles sputtered punting the ball away.

The Crusaders would try a new game plan, which consisted of

handoffs to reliable backs Grant Stefanek and Tion Ottbridge for small gains and then call a quarterback run behind the offensive line for five to six yards and a first down. The simple tactics netted quarterbacks Patrick Farrisee three late downs in a row. However a miscue gave the ball back to the visitors from Fort Wayne.

The Eagles would show off their high octane offense without the aid of Gaston who was nicked up as quarterback Norman Knapke found receivers Marcus Hartle and John Podzielninski of successive downs for 20 yards a piece. The drive stalled, as a five-yard pass completion was only half the distance needed for a first down.

The teams exchanged interceptions as Podzielninski stopped a Crusader drive with his and Ottbridge returned the favor moments later on a flea-flicker effectively ending the scoreless half.

The second stanza saw the Eagles going nowhere fast as the patented Holy Cross defense anchored by Mitchell Coleman tightened their grip and hit quarterback Knapke hard.

The trench warfare soon

ended as Farrisee broke a tackle, then another tackle and one last tackle until finding daylight and sprinting the remaining 80 yards untouched for the

first score of the battle. The points-after kick by Miguel Zyniewicz was good, making the narrow margin, 8-0.

A hobbling Gaston again put pressure on the Crusader defense but an errant throw found Holy Cross' Stephen Murphy for an interception.

This time the St. John/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel defense would be called upon and they exceeded expectations by not only forcing the Crusaders to punt, but on that play tallying a safety, making the score, 8-2.

The Eagles would strike quickly after a big pass play from Knapke to Gaston of 35 yards, the latter followed the blocking of student body left and after breaking two tackles would do the rest tiptoeing down the sideline for a 25-yard score knotting up the ball game.

A dazed Holy Cross squad gathered themselves, refocused and Ottbridge answered the bell by running a maze of Eagles for a 44-yard touchdown run of his

own. The points-after kick was again true making the difference, 16-8, with just less than seven minutes to go.

The Crusader boxed in the potent offense of the Eagles and played keep away courtesy of another Farrisee head down and followed an affective offensive line to burn all but one second of the clock making the distance too great for even the most explosive of teams to come back.

"Wow, what a good football game," exclaimed longtime Crusader Coach John Krzyzewski. "We knew they were fast, and we knew they could score. We really had to focus on not letting Gaston get out in space."

"Having Farrisee run up the middle was a throwback from the Coach Teegarden School — when something is working, run it until they stop ya," quipped Krzyzewski. "This is a good way to finish up. This should develop into a pretty solid group at the next level."

"This was a tough game and a little disappointing for us. They did a great job of slowing our offense down," explained Eagle Coach Andre Goodwell. "Throughout the season, this team has faced adversity and has come together as one unit."

"I think it showed in how we played the entire game how these kids believed in each other," lamented Goodwell. "We aren't happy with the final result, but I couldn't be more pleased with our effort and persistence."

ICCL Panthers, Saints take league divisional championships

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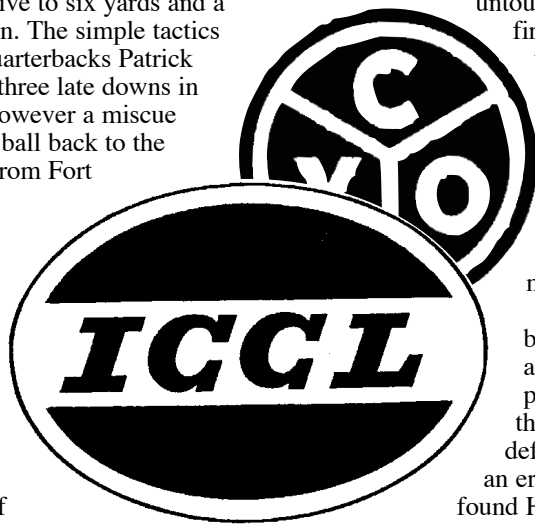
MISHAWAKA — The mighty mites of the Inter-City Catholic League faced each other in the B-League Championships held at Marian High School's Otolski Field Oct. 26.

The A Division saw the St. Anthony Panthers avenge an early season loss by upending the Crusaders of Holy Cross, 7-0. Collin Suth had the lone touchdown and Thomas Kurowski scooted in for the extra point for the champion Panthers.

The B Division pitted two teams that played to a tie during the regular season as the Mishawaka Catholic Saints and the Blazers of St. Matthew squared off in a classic battle.

The purple-and-gold-clad Saints would leave no doubt that they were to wear the crown as they posted an impressive, 15-0, route over the Blazers.

Anthony Maxwell of the Saints did most of the damage as he found paydirt on runs of 10 and 15 yards. Michael Murphy teamed up with Dylan Morton on the extra point tally.



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St. Vincent de Paul announces new store opening

South Bend — The St. Vincent de Paul Society announces the opening of a new store, Vinnie's Community Store, a resale store in partnership with the Center for the Homeless. Located at 4644 W. Western Ave., store hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The new store will carry upscale men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes and accessories. Volunteers are needed. Contact Mary Eme at 574-234-6000, ext. 12126, or at mary.eme@svdpsb.org.

CRAFT SHOWS

Holiday Art Fair

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, 1702 E. Wallen Rd., will have a holiday art fair Friday, Nov. 14, from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kris Kringle craft show

South Bend — St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, 54191 N. Ironwood Dr., will have a Kris Kringle craft show Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sixty juried crafters with a bake sale and lunch available. A cash or non-perishable food donation would be greatly appreciated.

Craft and arts bazaar planned

Bluffton — The St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women will have a craft and arts bazaar Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church. Call Tammara Horn at 260-413-3801 for information.

March for Life plans being made now

All high school teens are invited to join the diocesan March for Life youth pilgrimage traveling to Washington, D.C., in January. Space is limited. Learn more and register at www.fwsbYM.com.

Ham and turkey dinner time

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon Parish will have a ham and turkey dinner Sunday, Nov. 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A raffle for quilts and turkeys, a country craft store and a silent auction are planned. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, and children under 5 eat for free.

Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Nov. 13, from

4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

Music to honor Father Sorin

Notre Dame — The University of Notre Dame Office of Campus Ministry will host a bicentennial musical celebration in honor of Notre Dame founder, Father Edward Sorin, CSC, on Friday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Music by the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, the Notre Dame Glee Club, the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, the Notre Dame Women's Liturgical Choir, the Celebration Choir and pianist John Blacklow will be performed. Tickets are available at PerformingArts.nd.edu.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Angels in Scripture." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by Nov. 14 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

Turkey Bingo time again

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist Parish will hold Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 23, in the school gym/PAC from noon to 4 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the St. John Youth Activities Committee.

Knights plan fish fry

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

Fall events at Bishop Dwenger

Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger High School will have an open house Thursday, Nov. 6, from 6:30-8 p.m. to explore all facets of the school. All prospective students are invited. The music boosters will host a craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with over 150 crafters. Lunch will be available. Purse Bingo hosted by the faculty will be Saturday, Nov. 8, in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$20 or \$200 for a table of eight. Beverages and light refreshments will be available for purchase with proceeds from these sales benefiting the dance team. Only 300 tickets will be sold and are available in the main office, by phone 260-496-4775 or email rsvp@bishopdwenger.com. Must be 21 or older to attend. License No. 134719.

Bingo for cash and turkeys

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have Turkey Bingo Sunday, Nov. 16, in the hall. Doors open at 2 p.m. with games starting at 2:30 p.m. Must be 18 to play for cash prizes and turkeys. Bring a canned food item for the food bank and receive a raffle ticket for a gas card. Concessions available. For

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information call Maria Parsenow 260-447-0591. Sponsored by the St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Booster Club.

Ladies night out planned

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish is sponsoring an evening viewing of the movie "Mary of Nazareth" on Saturday, Nov.

22, to prepare for the season of Advent. Hospitality will begin at the Msgr. John Kuzmich Life Center immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass with light snacks and beverages. The movie will start at 7 p.m. and end by 10 p.m. All women are welcome. Contact Ann Gray at 260-341-8953 for information.

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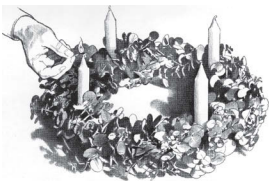
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As a servant of the Lord, said Augustine, he has tweaked the image to develop the Holy Hot Boy. He considers himself an ambassador for Christ and spreads His message wherever he goes. He handles his business in a Christian manner.

"I am a child of God," he told the crowd.

Augustine regaled his listeners with many stories about growing up in New Orleans, each one exemplifying a Christian attitude in doing God's work. He frequently exhorted the students to "make some noise for the Lord," to which they responded with a loud cheer.

He reminded them that the sacrament of Confirmation is powerful and will help them live a life centered in Christ.

"We are called to be saints, to be a witness of God's love to the world," he said.

"You know who you are and Whose you are," said Augustine. When returning to his native New Orleans after the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, the speaker said he noticed water lines from the flooding on each of the ruined and abandoned buildings. The higher the water line, the greater the damage. Likewise, we have



Ansel Augustine, a native of New Orleans and a "holy hot boy" was the keynote speaker at the Nov. 1 Confirmation Rally for youths preparing for Confirmation. The rally included breakout sessions with Tracy Rau and Jason Garrett.

our own individual "water lines," which represent challenges in our lives, he noted.

He urged his listeners to emulate the saints by giving those issues to God, to touch the cross

and lift up those trials to Him. "Do not be afraid. ... Live the life of Christ," he concluded. He echoed the theme for the day's rally, "Do not be afraid to be saints."



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass on Nov. 1 at the diocesan Confirmation Rally, which was coordinated by the Office of Catechesis. The rally drew those preparing for Confirmation from parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne.

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