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# Faithful demonstrate joy, prayerful witness at National March for Life

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

WASHINGTON — With enthusiasm and hope, individuals from throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend united their voices and footsteps on Jan. 22 with hundreds of thousands in support of the protection of life from conception to natural death. Five hundred students from the diocese joined nearly 700 more from the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College, and endured the more than 12-hour journey to the nation's capital with a combined 25 buses to stand in solidarity in defense of life.

On the morning of the march, Masses sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington were offered at both the Verizon Center and the D.C. Armory. At the armory, where Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades served as concelebrant, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston exclaimed, "How beautiful it is to see so many young people saying 'yes' to life!"

These young pilgrims then ventured to the National Mall, joining with an estimated 500,000 supporters to hear words of encouragement from various pro-life leaders on keeping the energy and spirit of life alive beyond the march. Speakers included Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the USCCB, Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Congressional members from both parties and Rev. Sammy Rodriguez of



CHRIS LUSHIS

Between 500 and 700 diocesan participants from the National March for Life gathered Jan. 23 at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., for Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Other dioceses joined the Mass and nearly 5,000 were in attendance.

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## TODAY'S CATHOLIC OFFERING ENVELOPE IN THIS ISSUE



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## Parishes find websites offer welcome to their communities

BY TIM JOHNSON

HUNTINGTON — In this age of New Evangelization, many parishes find that their website might be just the tool to welcome current parishioners, visitors and anyone who wants to learn more about the parish.

Our Sunday Visitor's Faith in Action Websites offers just the tool that has been deployed to help 13 Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan churches or schools. And nationally, over 450 websites, including parishes, Catholic schools and other nonprofit organizations, use the Faith in Action Websites platform — and even some small businesses.

Eileen Pecoraro is the marketing and communications manager at Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) for the websites. She said, "Parishes like the system because it is easy to use, update, we have training and support, the content provides a sound understanding of what it means to be Catholic and the ability to provide parishioners a place to get up-to-date information about their home parish."

She added, "The updating content provides parishioners inspiration and spiritual growth without added work for the webmaster or volunteers."

"The websites are a CMS system (Content Management System) that are designed for someone who does not have any computer expertise," she told *Today's Catholic*. "The webmasters can be parish staff, volunteers in the parish or even 'Father.'"

Pecoraro said a parish can choose to start from a template or they can opt for a custom design, "whatever they feel they need to represent their parish community," she noted.

"Each site is personalized by a designer, with their images and logos to match the parish colors," Pecoraro added. "The parish is always in control of the content on the pages of the site and can update it anytime."

She noted, "The Faith in Action Parish Websites come preloaded with 30-plus pages about the Catholic faith — and was reviewed by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and

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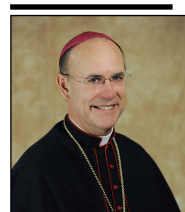
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# Communities of faith, knowledge, and service



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

*Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades delivered this talk at the Light of Learning Award luncheons in Fort Wayne and South Bend last week:*

Thanks to the generosity of Quality Dining and the Fitzpatrick family, we celebrate each year this luncheon during Catholic Schools Week in which we honor and thank our teachers, principals, and benefactors. It is an event that reminds us of the gift of our Catholic schools and their important mission in the Church. That mission would not be fulfilled without the exemplary service of the outstanding educators whom we honor today. That mission would not be fulfilled without the generosity of so many who financially support our schools. And that mission would not be fulfilled without the commitment of our pastors who make Catholic education a priority in our parishes. I thank all of you.

The theme of Catholic Schools Week this year is: *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*. I'd like to speak about each of these three aspects of Catholic education.

First: faith. Of course, faith is at the very heart of the mission of our schools. That's why they exist in the first place: to form children and young people for a personal and living encounter with Jesus Christ. The identity of our schools is rooted in the Gospel. Catechesis in the Catholic faith is not only a fundamental part of the academic curriculum. It is infused in the whole environment of the school where the faith is integrated into the culture and life of the community. Every winter, I spent a day at each of our four Catholic high schools. Two weeks ago, I visited Saint Joseph High School. There one of the teachers shared with me the results of a survey she had given her students asking them how their lives had changed since they first became students at Saint Joe's. Here are some of the responses:

+ *Since I started at Saint Joe's, I have learned so much about my faith, which has helped me learn more about myself. I have been able to surrender to God and let His love change my life.*

+ *I have learned so much about Catholicism and discovered its beauty, and I have made some of the best friends I've ever had.*

+ *My faith in God has become ten times stronger than when I began at St. Joe's. I have also come to appreciate life a thousand times more.*

+ *My faith life has matured and grown since I began here at Saint Joe.*

+ *I have been brought closer to God through the Saint Joe community.*

+ *My faith has grown since I became a student here. I am now comfortable sharing my faith with other people my age.*

So many other responses reflect the same sentiments. Many write that they have become



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, on a pastoral visit at Saint Joseph High School, greets student James Kiai, Senior Community award winner for January.**

stronger in their faith and many describe their experience as "life-changing." I'm sure that a survey at our other high schools would reveal similar results. It is clear that formation in the faith is a hallmark of our Catholic schools, one that is bearing fruit in the lives of our young people.

The second aspect of our Catholic schools highlighted this year is knowledge. We have a responsibility to provide our young people with an academically rigorous program of education. This is not separate from their formation in the faith since our academic curriculum seeks to integrate faith, culture, and life. Catholic values are an integral part of every subject that is taught. This shows that we are about the education of the whole child, the formation of the whole person: spiritual, intellectual, psychological, social, moral, and physical. Catholic education aims at the integral formation of the human person. The pursuit of knowledge is not just about learning facts and figures, as important as they may be. It is about the pursuit of wisdom and truth, an education for life and not just for a career. Success in measurement of accomplishing this goal is not always easy. But we can point to many outcomes that illustrate the success of our Catholic schools: test scores, high school graduation rates and attendance at colleges. All the sociological data illustrate the academic excellence of the 6,568 Catholic schools in the United States. We can be proud of this. However, what gives me the greatest pride is our formation of young people as missionary disciples of Jesus. I wish to point out as well that we must never be satisfied to rest on our laurels. We must never be self-satisfied, but strive for greater academic excellence and stronger faith formation.

The third aspect of this year's Catholic Schools Week theme is service. Why is this so important? Because what our students learn is not meant to remain in their heads. It is to be lived. We don't just want our young people to hear the Gospel. We teach them to respond to the Gospel. If our students are truly evangelized, they become witnesses to Christ in their lives. They go forth to serve others, especially the poor, the marginalized, the sick and the suffering, and the vulnerable. Several hundred of our Catholic school students were with me last week at the March for Life in Washington. This is just one sign of how our young people are taught to bear witness. They learn to respect life and to love and serve the most vulnerable in our human family, the unborn. On the other end of the spectrum of life, I see many of our Catholic school students reaching out to the elderly and helping them, visiting nursing homes, bringing the joy of their faith to those who may be lonely or neglected. I could give many other examples of the service our students do in their local communities. Service is indeed a hallmark of Catholic school education.

Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service. That's what we strive to be. The connection between all three is necessary. Thanks to our educators, our students see the essential connection between faith and reason, between knowledge and goodness, between truth and beauty, between justice and charity, between intellect and virtue.

Thanks again to all of you. We are all partners in this noble endeavor of Catholic education. May God bless you and may God bless our Catholic school communities!

# Nuncio to Ireland speaks at Notre Dame

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The Vatican's apostolic nuncio to Ireland returned to the University of Notre Dame, his alma mater, to deliver a Jan. 15 lecture on "The Catholic Church in Ireland and Pope Francis: Legacy and Transformation."

Archbishop Charles J. Brown received his bachelor's degree from Notre Dame before entering the seminary and being ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of New York in 1989. While studying for his doctorate in sacramental theology in Rome, he was recruited by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger to join the staff of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF). He served that office for over a decade before being appointed apostolic nuncio to Ireland in late 2011 by his former boss at the CDF, Pope Benedict XVI.

Archbishop Brown told the audience that he approached his topic with "trepidation," for the Church's role in Irish society and history — and the evolution of that role — is "a question of daunting complexity."

The nuncio said that since arriving in Ireland in January 2012, his priority was to be open and accessible to people so he could learn about the country and the needs of the Church there.

Ireland had a uniquely Catholic culture, and had been a largely rural society for a thousand years, Archbishop Brown explained. Until the 1970s, the Irish people practiced the faith in great numbers, a phenomenon he called "a living tradition of Christendom in our own time." Some 90 percent of the people attended Mass on Sundays and holy days, many made pilgrimages to holy places, and large numbers of young people entered the seminaries and the convents.

One of the factors that preserved Catholicism into the second half of 20th century, he said, was that during the long centuries of British rule, keeping the Catholic faith of the indigenous people was seen as an act of resistance to the foreign power. This sense of solidarity and resistance, along with the martyrdom of some Church leaders, had built up "enormous good will among the Irish people," and social legislation tended to follow Catholic principles.

Then modernity came to Ireland. A gradual economic improvement in Irish life attracted immigrants back to their home country, and those returning citizens brought with them their experience of secular societies, the archbishop said.

Contributing to the change in Irish culture was the spread of electricity to rural Ireland. Prior to the 1950s, hundreds of thousands of Irish homes lacked electricity. However, with electricity came radio and televi-



PHOTO BY BARBARA JOHNSTON/UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

**Archbishop Charles Brown, the apostolic nuncio to Ireland and a University of Notre Dame graduate, delivers a Jan. 15 lecture on "The Catholic Church in Ireland and Pope Francis: Legacy and Transformation."**

sion, which not only spread the values of the media industry, but also transformed the ancient rhythms of Irish life that had included a devout practice of the Catholic faith, Archbishop Brown explained.

The esteem of the Irish people for the Catholic Church also was tremendously affected by the clergy sex abuse scandals, the nuncio observed. As the culture secularized, the Irish bishops had continued to speak out strongly about moral issues in society. So, the revelation of the crimes of clergy and the negligence of some bishops was met by outrage and hostility toward the Church, Archbishop Brown said, for people questioned how bishops could dare to speak about morality when some of them had been so negligent.

"So it's clear that from what I've seen is that the Church of Ireland faces unique challenges in society today. But having said that, we must also say that the Church in Ireland possesses unique resources," the nuncio continued.

Among those resources he enumerated were Mass attendance, which is lower than previously, but still significantly higher than any other European country; the "spiritual geography" of Ireland, with its hundreds of ancient Christian sites; the "unseen world of saints and angels" that remains a part of the Irish consciousness; and an awareness of the faith still present among the Irish people.

"There is a palpable desire in the Irish people for an understanding of life which goes beyond the merely material and visible," he said. "There is a hunger and thirst to encounter the truth of our existence."

Archbishop Brown said that Pope Francis provides a way forward to help the Irish rediscover the spiritual basis of human life, for the pope's reflections on freedom in his apostolic exhortation

"Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel") are quite relevant to the contemporary situation in Ireland.

He quoted the "heart of the Christian message" from that exhortation: "Jesus Christ loves you; He gave His life to save you; and now He is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."

The archbishop explained that Pope Francis insists that those who want to communicate the good news of Christianity must express God's saving love with a joy that shows that the Catholic faith is freeing, and freedom cannot be imposed. Certainly Christians have religious and moral obligations, the nuncio continued, but they are the consequence of that faith, not the prerequisite for faith.

"This message of Pope Francis ... has been extremely well received in Ireland where ... the truth of Catholic teaching has been associated, at least in the minds of many, with control and perhaps at times even with coercion."

Archbishop Brown explained that the disappearance of Irish societal support for being a member of the Catholic Church may usher in a new period in Ireland in which Catholics see themselves not just as part of the ambient, homogenous Catholic culture, but rather as people who have freely accepted the liberating gift of faith in Jesus Christ and in His Church.

Archbishop Brown's talk was the 10th lecture in the Terrence R. Keeley Vatican Lecture series that is sponsored by Notre Dame's Nanovic Institute for European Studies and is dedicated to giving students and faculty the opportunity to explore questions about Notre Dame's Catholic mission with representatives from the Holy See. Archbishop Brown also had given the inaugural lecture in 2005, when he was on the staff of the CDF.



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Feb. 1, 9:15 a.m. — Mass at Saint Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Nix Settlement
- Monday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center
- Monday, Feb. 2 — Vespers with Investiture of Novices, Franciscan Sisters Minor, Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Feb. 4, 8:15 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Saint John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Feb. 6, 6 p.m. — Mass and Dinner at Our Lady of the Road Chapel, South Bend
- Saturday, Feb. 7, 4 p.m. — Mass at Rekindle the Fire Conference, Century Center, South Bend

## Report abuse



It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) under "Safe Environment."

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: [mraatz@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@diocesefwsb.org). The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

Permanece importante para nuestra Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficis del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, pólizas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Esto se puede observar en la página cibernética de la Diócesis, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro "Safe Environment."

Si usted tiene razón para creer que un niño puede ser víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven por un adulto, lo animamos a que notifique las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el alegado abusador es o fue un sacerdote o diacono de la Iglesia Católica, lo animamos contactar a Mary Glowaski, Coordinadora de Asistencia de Víctimas, (260)-399-1458, correo electrónico: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), o al Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicario General de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne - South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, o al (260) 399-1419, correo electrónico: [mraatz@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@diocesefwsb.org). La Diócesis esta comprometida en ayudar a prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar asistencia a aquellos quienes reclaman haber sufrido daño como resultado de tal abuso.

# First International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — The feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, Feb. 8, has been designated as the first International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. Last year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration designated such date as an annual day of prayer for survivors and victims of human trafficking. Later that year, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General at the Vatican, that the 2015 event will also be observed internationally.

St. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and taken to Italy. Once Josephine demanded her freedom, she entered the religious life with the Canossian Sisters and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering.

The day is intended to raise awareness and to encourage reflection on the violence and injustice

that affect the numerous victims of trafficking. The observance is being promoted for all dioceses, parishes and church groups.

Pope Francis highlights in "Evangelii Gaudium" that human trafficking affects everyone. "How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: 'Where is your brother?' (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labour? Let us not look the other way. There is greater complicity than we think. The issue involves everyone!" Pope Francis wrote.

"We couldn't be more thrilled that the focus will now be international. Our brothers and sisters around the world want to prevent human trafficking as much as we do. It's awe-inspiring to think that Catholics from so many different countries will gather together on the same day to pray for the same cause," said Ambassador

Johnny Young, executive director of USCCB Migration and Refugee Services.

Bishop Martin Holley, auxiliary bishop of Washington, will hold a special Mass on Sunday, Feb. 8, at noon, for the victims and survivors of human trafficking at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Catholics who do not live near Washington are encouraged to host or attend prayer services or awareness-raising events in their own communities and parishes. More information is available at [www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/day-of-prayer.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/day-of-prayer.cfm)

USCCB's Anti-Trafficking Program advocates for better protection for victims of human trafficking, provides training and technical assistance to service providers and educates the public on the prevalence of human trafficking. In 2013, USCCB launched the Amistad Movement to empower immigrants and local leaders to prevent human trafficking in their communities.

# U.S. House passes measure to restrict taxpayer funding of abortion

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After members of the U.S. House scuttled plans Jan. 22 to vote on a measure to prohibit abortion after 20 weeks, they passed a bill to restrict taxpayer funding of abortion.

Called the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, or H.R. 7, it applies the principles of the Hyde Amendment to federal health programs, including the Affordable Care Act.

Since 1976, the amendment has prohibited the use of taxpayer dollars to fund federal subsidies of any part of a benefits package that includes elective abortions.

H.R. 7 passed by a vote of 242 to 179. The action came as tens of thousands of people from around the country gathered on the National Mall for the annual March for Life marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion virtually on demand.

Speaking in favor of the bill before the vote, U.S. Rep. Diane Black, R-Tennessee, called it "common sense, compassionate legislation" that will protect Americans' "conscience rights by ensuring their hard-earned tax dollars are not used to fund the destruction of innocent life."

"Today is a somber occasion," she said, referring to the anniversary of the "court's tragic decision" on abortion.

"Our hearts ache for the 56 million unborn lives lost to the shameful practice of abortion," Black added.

Passage of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, Black and others, brought an immediate threat of a veto from the

Obama administration, which said in a statement the bill "would intrude on women's reproductive freedom and access to health care" and "increase the financial burden on many Americans."

Originally, pro-life members of the House planned to mark the Roe anniversary by voting on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would prohibit abortion after 20 weeks — when an unborn baby can feel pain — unless the life of the mother is in danger.

But *The Washington Post* and other media outlets reported that more than 20 House members raised concerns about the measure, also known as H.R. 36, and by late Jan. 21, GOP leaders determined they would fall short of the needed votes to pass it and postponed consideration of that measure.

A day before the House dropped consideration of the measure, U.S. Rep. Daniel Lipinski, D-Illinois, who is a Catholic, told Catholic News Service in an interview he thinks that with the new Republican majority in the House and Senate, "we are in a better position now than we have been in a number of years" to pass a significant federal pro-life measure.

Lipinski, a co-sponsor of H.R. 36, was the only Democrat in the March for Life congressional delegation.

Asked if it is difficult to be pro-life in a party that does not share those views, he said: "It definitely is difficult; it would be much easier if I were surrounded by people who were supportive of life."

"I also think it is very important for the pro-life movement to have people in both parties; it would be very harmful to the movement if the

Democratic Party were completely without anyone who is pro-life," he continued.

"I hope there will be an awakening and a realization that the Democratic Party used to be open to people who were pro-life and it needs to be open to people who are pro-life," Lipinski added.

As for those who argue that the pro-life movement is "anti-science," he said, "I think that science shows us that life begins at conception. We know that, at conception, that all the DNA is there and the whole blueprint for a unique human life is there. So I think that those who claim otherwise are not looking at what the scientific evidence is."

Lipinski said seeing so many young people get behind the pro-life movement is encouraging.

"It shows that the pro-life movement is continuing to grow and that more people in younger generations are looking at and understanding the issue," he said. "I think this shows that the pro-life movement is growing and that we are about to see a change in our nation."

Results of a new poll show that nearly seven in 10 Americans — including millennials (ages 18-32) and women — are opposed to taxpayer funding of abortion. The findings were detailed in this year's Knights of Columbus-Marist poll released in advance of the Roe anniversary.

Respondents said they oppose such funding by a margin of 68 percent to 28 percent, with millennials opposing it by 71 percent to 28 percent. There was no difference in opinions on the issue between women and men.

## WEBSITES

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given a 'nihil obstat' and the structure of the sites are built on best practices for websites including the most common information needed for a parish."

All the parish needs to do is add their personal updates such as Mass times, calendar events, staff contacts, parish photo galleries and other information. The parishes can share website content on social media, and the public can share their favorite pages and events broadening the reach of the parish beyond just their parishioners.

There is also a form builder in the system so a parish can build as many forms as they need for registrations, religious education, volunteers and forms can also be built to accept payment with the registration. "OSV's Online Giving system is the perfect connector for accepting these payments," Pecoraro said.

"Our Sunday Visitor takes content one step further," she added, "with content from our Publishing Division automatically updating with topics like 'Pope Francis Daily' reflection, daily Mass readings, Faith in Action stories of people living the faith, family life and Catholic News and Prospective articles."

And OSV offers technical support. Pecoraro said, "The parish will have training in the system from one of our digital specialists, access to a designer for personalization of the site then unlimited access to

our technical support team when they need help. There is a built-in user guide but we have such a great relationship with our customers they like to call for the one-on-one experience."

Scot Landry, who wrote the book "Transforming Parish Communications" and is the Secretary of Catholic Media for the Boston Archdiocese, lead a research study on best practices of parish websites. "We adopted those finding as the basis of our Faith in Action Websites," Pecoraro said.

Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn utilizes the Faith in Action Website. Tim Speer, the IT manager at the parish, said, "From a tech perspective, I liked the flexibility and power the template tools provided, along with their ease of use that allows parish staff to do regular content updates themselves."

"The layout of the website is much more intuitive and attractive than anything we had used previously," Speer said. "People who visit our website can find the information they are looking for quickly — easy access to bulletins, a calendar of parish events, the basic teachings of our Church, Mass times, online giving. It's our hope that all these tools draw them closer to our community of faith and to Christ."

"We liked how well the templates were designed," he noted. "Putting our site together was really easy and looks great. Being able to easily overhaul our website without investing huge amounts of money, time and energy was a motivator for us to take the plunge."

Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn is one of the diocesan parishes incorporating Faith in Action Websites. Debi Schoedel, administrative assistant at Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne, told Today's Catholic, "Visitors like the content available on our site especially the homilies archive."

# Curbing state expansion of IVF, sale of human eggs, embryos

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill to expand the sale of human eggs and embryos across state lines moves forward as lawmakers considered the bill's merits during a Jan. 14 meeting of the Senate Health and Provider Services Committee.

The measure, Senate Bill 208, would legalize the transfer of a human organism including human eggs or human embryos from Indiana to other states, which current law prohibits.

Participation in in vitro fertilization is a morally grave sin according to Catholic teaching. Yet some ask, why the Church would oppose technology when the end result, or goal in many cases, is to bring life to an infertile, married couple? The answer involves several morally grave issues. Outlined in a document by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) called "Begotten: Not Made: A Catholic View of Reproductive Technology," IVF separates the marital act from conception.

Secondly, it creates a moral and ethical dilemma of creating more fertilized eggs than will be used placing these preborn humans in a sort of frozen, and possibly indefinite limbo, or worse to be sold, or used for experimentation. According to the USCCB document, over 90

percent of embryos created perish during IVF process.

For decades, the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), has opposed IVF and issues like it including surrogacy, and embryonic stem cell research because they all involve endangering or killing a preborn child. It also opens the floodgates to commercialization of preborn human beings, and pushes the envelope of "creating" the perfect child, through genetic selection via egg donor profiles. It also puts the child or children potentially at risk for selective reduction when the number, characteristics or gender of a child is deemed undesirable.

The purpose of Senate Bill 208 is to allow Indiana fertility clinics to participate in multi-state egg banks, according to Philip Sicuso, attorney and partner at Indianapolis law firm Bingham Greenebaum Doll, who testified in support of the bill representing Dr. Bradford Bopp, of the Midwest Fertility Clinic.

Sicuso told the panel the benefits of passing the legislation included increasing the selection options for the couples looking for specific genetic characteristics. Another benefit would be the sharing of technology between clinics across the country. With a larger pool from which to draw, Sicuso also estimates costs

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would decrease and the number of donor eggs to decrease.

Current law allows Indiana fertility clinics to collect and store unfertilized eggs for the purpose of fertility treatment. Fertility clinics cannot offer use of their eggs to a fertility clinic in another state, nor can they receive eggs from another clinic in another state.

Dr. Bopp told the panel that as technology improves it will reduce the ethical and moral dilemma of creating more embryos. He asserted that if passed this legislation would reduce the need to create extra eggs and reduce the moral dilemma faced by the couples of what to do with their unused fertilized embryos.

Glenn Tebbe, who serves as the executive director for the ICC testified in opposition to the bill.

"While I appreciate the stated purpose to reduce the number of embryos that this bill helps

to achieve, the Indiana Catholic Conference, however, does not support SB 208 because the Catholic Church considers in vitro fertilization immoral and cannot support any attempt to promote or expand its use."

He added, "Rather we would hope this bill would be changed in order that this industry is regulated to limit its harm. We are grateful that this bill maintains current law of a prohibition on embryonic stem cell use and the use of embryos for other purposes. Yet, this legislation provides no limit on the amount a fertility clinic can charge for transferring ovum from one place to another, and has the effect of further sanctioning the commercialization of the human gametes."

Noting other countries' lead in regulating reproductive technologies, Tebbe said, "We believe this industry needs further regulation including limiting the number of

embryos that can be created at one time."

The American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) lists the average cost of an IVF cycle in the United States to be \$12,400 per attempt. Midwest Fertility Clinic advertises financing packages upwards of \$40,000 on their Web page to potential clients. The ASRM reports the sale price for eggs paid to the egg "donor" for the purchase of eggs by a fertility clinic ranges between \$3,500- \$10,000, per cycle.

Senate Bill 208 awaits a vote as the panel considers further analysis.

As the ICC tracks bills, the ICC posts legislative updates on its Web page. To receive legislative updates via email pushes, join the Indiana Catholic Action Network (ICAN). These and other public policy resources are available at [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org).

## Pope signs decrees in sainthood causes, including U.S.-born priest

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz, a U.S.-born priest who ministered in South Korea, heroically lived the Christian virtues, according to a decree signed by Pope Francis; the decree is an initial Vatican step in the sainthood process for the priest, who founded the Sisters of Mary of Bannew and the Brothers of Christ.

Pope Francis signed the decree for Msgr. Schwartz's cause and 10 other sainthood causes Jan. 22, the Vatican announced the next day.

Born in Washington, D.C., Sept. 18, 1930, he studied at the now closed St. Charles Minor Seminary in Catonsville, Maryland, before joining first the Maryknoll Missionaries and then a Belgian missionary society. In 1957, he was ordained to the Priesthood and began his work in the Diocese of Busan, South Korea, dedicating himself to serving the poor. He died March 16, 1992, in Manila, Philippines.

Among the other decrees, the pope recognized the martyrdom of 21 religious men and women who died during the Spanish Civil War, the martyrdom of a South African layman and a miracle attributed to the intercession of Mother Maria Teresa Casini, the Italian founder of the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The declarations of martyrdom and the recognition of a miracle clear the way for beatification ceremonies for the sainthood candidates.



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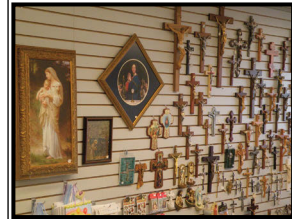
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## Just as Mary gave the world Jesus, women hand on faith, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Why is it that mostly women are the ones who hand down the faith generation after generation, Pope Francis asked. “Quite simply because it was a woman who brought us Jesus. It’s the path Jesus chose. He wanted to have a mother” and chose to come to the world through Mary, the pope said Jan. 26 during Mass in the chapel of his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae. The pope’s homily focused on the day’s reading from St. Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy (1:1-8) in which the apostle highlights Timothy’s “sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice. It’s one thing to hand down the faith and another thing to teach things about the faith. Faith is a gift. Faith cannot be studied,” he said. “Yes, you study the contents of the faith to understand it better, but you never come to faith by studying. Faith is a gift from the Holy Spirit, it is a present that goes beyond any kind of training,” he said, according to Vatican Radio. Handing on the faith is “the beautiful work of mothers and grandmothers,” or sometimes it comes from an aunt or a domestic helper, the pope said. “We need to reflect on whether women today are aware of this obligation to transmit the faith.”

## Polls reveal declining U.S. support for abortion

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Jan. 21 report from the National Right to Life Committee and new poll results show that abortion is increasingly unpopular in the United States, but also that the number of abortions performed in the United States is at its lowest point since 1975. The day after the State of the Union Address, the right-to-life organization held a news conference on its second annual “The State of Abortion in the United States” report. The report showed that the number of abortions in the United States, currently at 1.06 million per year, is at its lowest point since 1975, when the number was 1.03 million and is also down from the 1.6 million high seen in 1990. A new Knights of Columbus-Marist poll shows 84 percent of Americans want significant restrictions on abortion and would limit it to, at most, the first three months of pregnancy. At the National Right to Life news conference, Carol Tobias, the organization’s president, was asked about President Barack Obama’s claim in the State of the Union address that the drop is a result of actions taken by his administration. Tobias believes that the decline in the abortion rate is rather the result of pro-life activism in public discourse and popular culture because “yes, the numbers are going down, but the rates and ratios are also going down, and that’s due to the pro-life movement keeping this issue alive in the public debate.”

## YOUNG PEOPLE OBSERVE DURING NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE AT NATIONAL SHRINE IN WASHINGTON



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Young people sit on the floor during the opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Jan. 21. The all-night vigil is held before the annual March for Life, which this year marked the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion across the nation.

## Increase in sex trafficking expected during gridiron, golf tournaments

PHOENIX (CNS) — Catholic Charities of Arizona is preparing to serve an increased number of sex-trafficking victims arrested by local police in the days surrounding Super Bowl Sunday. “People who are controlling sex-trafficked women are opportunistic,” said Jon McCaine, a clinical psychologist and consultant for Catholic Charities’ Dignity program for victims of sex trafficking. “The Super Bowl is a perfect time for these people to make money by selling sex,” he said in a January statement from the Catholic agency. The Phoenix metro area was bracing for a surge in visitors as it got ready to host a triad of large sporting events within an eight-day period. The NFL’s Pro Bowl and Super Bowl XLIX and the Waste Management Phoenix Open golf tournament were all set to take place there Jan. 25 through Feb. 1. McCaine, who has been working with victims of sex trafficking for more than 20 years, said he believes sex transactions around the Super Bowl would occur in quiet neighborhoods in homes leased to visitors. “We live in a culture of excess, and the supply and demand for sex will be high,” he said.

## Pope says marriage annulment process should be free of charge

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Addressing the Vatican tribunal primarily responsible for hearing requests for marriage annulments, Pope Francis said all annulment processes should be free of charge. “The sacraments are free. The sacraments give us grace. And a matrimonial process pertains to the sacrament of Matrimony. How I wish that all processes were free,” the pope said Jan. 24, at a meeting to inaugurate the Roman Rota’s judicial year. Pope Francis also said that, because contemporary culture portrays marriage as a “mere form of emotional gratification,” people often marry without a true understanding of the sacrament, meaning many such marriages might actually be invalid. “The judge, in pondering the validity of the consent expressed, must take into account the context of values and of faith — or their presence or absence — in which the intent to marry was formed. In fact, ignorance of the contents of the faith could lead to what the code (of canon law) calls an error conditioning the will. This eventuality is not to be consid-

ered rare as in the past, precisely because worldly thinking often prevails over the magisterium of the Church,” the pope said.

## Confession is time to encounter God, it’s not a dry cleaners, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While people must be honest and specific about their sins when they go to Confession, they will miss the sacrament’s key grace if they are “completely mechanical” about listing their sins, Pope Francis said. Confession is not a time for judgment, but for an encounter with the merciful God who is always ready to forgive those who seek pardon, the pope said Jan. 23 during Mass in the chapel of his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae. “So many times, confessions seem like routine, a formality,” he said. “Blah, blah, blah. Completely mechanical! Where is the encounter” in that kind of confession, the pope asked, “the encounter with the Lord who reconciles, embraces you and celebrates? That is our good God.” According to Vatican Radio, Pope Francis said parents, priests and catechists need to teach people how to “confess well, because

going to Confession is not like going to the dry cleaners to have a stain removed. No! It is going to meet the Father, who reconciles, forgives and celebrates” the return of the sinner. When considering the sacrament, he said, the first thing to remember is that “God always forgives. He never tires of forgiving. We are the ones who tire of asking forgiveness, but He never tires of forgiving us.”

## Court OKs prisoner’s beard, declines case about confessional seal

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court Jan. 20 ruled unanimously that the Arkansas prison system may not prohibit an inmate from growing a half-inch beard as a part of what he considers his religious obligation as a Muslim. The court also declined to hear another religious rights case involving the seal of Confession. In the beard case, Gregory Holt, also known as Abdul Maalik Muhammad, sued the Arkansas Department of Corrections for permission to grow a half-inch beard, which is prohibited under the agency’s regulations. Holt/Muhammad believes he is called to wear an untrimmed beard, but agreed to wear only a short one. The case drew attention when it was granted last year because the prisoner acted without an attorney, writing up his own petition by hand. He has been represented by lawyers since the case was granted. Writing for the court, Justice Samuel Alito said the policy violates the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, or RLUIPA, which is a 2000 law intended to limit how much a government can restrict religious activities. Alito said the regulation fails to use the least restrictive means of furthering its interests in controlling inmate behavior. In the other case involving religious rights, the court declined to hear a Louisiana case involving a sacramental Confession and whether a priest can be compelled to disclose what transpired if the person who made the confession waives confidentiality.

## Father Richard McBrien, ND theologian and essayist, dies at 78

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Father Richard P. McBrien, a retired professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame and who was chair of the university’s theology department for 11 years, died Jan. 25 at age 78 in his native Connecticut. A Jan. 25 announcement by the university said Father McBrien had died after a long illness, but did not specify the cause of death. Funeral arrangements were incomplete. Notre Dame said a memorial Mass would be celebrated on its campus in the coming weeks. In addition to his teaching, Father McBrien wrote 25 books as well as a weekly syndicated column, “Essays in Theology,” for the Catholic press for nearly 50 years.

## Sisters' open house celebrates Year of Consecrated Life

NOTRE DAME — The Sisters of the Holy Cross will host an open house at Saint Mary's on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 2-4 p.m., for families and friends in the South Bend community as they begin the celebration for the Year of Consecrated Life. The purpose of this yearlong observance, as proclaimed by Pope Francis, is for religious to look to the past with gratitude, to live the present with passion and to embrace the future with hope.

The sisters' open house will include tours of the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, the Heritage Room and the Via Loretto walkway. Docents will give presentations at various stops along the tour. The day will conclude in the Lillie O'Grady Center with a reception and informal conversation with the sisters.

The tour begins at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto (follow signs on campus, which is located on Indiana SR 933 (US 31/33)). For more information, contact Holy Cross Sister Mary Alice Bowler at mbowler@cscsisters.org or 574-284-5560.

## USF to offer lecture on St. John XXIII

FORT WAYNE — The Department of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Saint Francis invites you to the free public lecture, "St. John XXIII: Beloved Revolutionary" on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. on the campus of the University of Saint Francis, North Campus Auditorium, 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne. The lecture is the fourth in a series to be offered by university faculty members throughout the academic year.

Angelo Roncalli, "Good Pope John," was canonized a saint last April 27. Elected pope less than five years before his death, his calling of the Second Vatican Council is seen as his least expected and greatest achievement. Franciscan Sister Jacinta Krecek, assistant professor of theology, will discuss events in the life of Angelo Roncalli, his vision and character, and ways in which his life continues to touch and inspire today.

For more information, contact Angie Springer at 260-399-8066 or aspringer@sf.edu.

## St. Teresa of Avila subject of lecture series

NOTRE DAME — The Center for Spirituality (CFS) at Saint Mary's College has announced the endowed Spring 2015 Lecture Series. The series, which includes two talks and one panel discussion, is titled "St. Teresa of Avila: Carmelite Mystic and Doctor of the Church." It marks the 500th anniversary of St. Teresa's birth.

The lectures are free and open to the public. The Saint Mary's College Annual Endowed Lecture Series Fund sponsors the lectures. For information on the series, call

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS SING NATIONAL ANTHEM



BILL PANZICA

South Bend area Catholic school students were invited to sing the National Anthem before the Notre Dame women's basketball game against Georgia Tech on Thursday, Jan. 22. Marian High School choir director Colleen Pingle directed the group, which was comprised of students from Christ the King, Corpus Christi, Mishawaka Catholic, Queen of Peace, St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Matthew Cathedral, St. Pius X, Saint Joseph High School and Marian High School.

574-284-4636.

Topics discussed include the following:

- "Teresa of Avila: Prayer is an Adventure in Love," will be the topic Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vander Vennet Theatre, Student Center. The speaker will be Keith J. Egan, Aquinas Chair of Catholic Theology Emeritus, Saint Mary's College.

- "Teresa the Theologian on the Human Person as Capax Dei" will be the topic Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vander Vennet Theatre, Student Center. The speaker will be Elizabeth Dreyer, professor of religious studies, Fairfield University.

- "Teresa and Us: The Significance of Teresa of Avila for Young Catholic Women Today" will be the topic on Thursday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vander Vennet Theatre, Student Center. Panelists will include Kaleigh Ellis '17, Saint Mary's College, Katie Bugyis, doctoral candidate in Medieval Studies, University of Notre Dame, Maria Surat, M.Div. student, University of Notre Dame and Julia Feder, PhD, theology, post-doctorate, University of Notre Dame.

## Save the date for Sankofa

SOUTH BEND — Sankofa Black Catholic Day of Reflection for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

will take place Saturday, March 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Augustine Parish.

The day will include a keynote speaker, breakout sessions, lunch, a youth track and a town hall group discussion. One main topic of discussion will be the unveiling of Black Catholic Advisory Board's "Strategic Plan for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of Blacks in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend." The day will conclude with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades with a Gospel choir singing at 4 p.m. Cost for the Day of Reflection is \$15.

Registration details will be forthcoming.

## USF hosting math competition

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 10/12B for students in grades 9-12 on Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education, rooms 156 A and B.

Activities will begin at 6 p.m. with food and refreshments, and the 75-minute test will follow. A program will be available to parents during the test, and the event will wrap up with awards.

An optional 90-minute preparatory session will be offered in the Doermer Center on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. For additional practice materials visit [amc.maa.org](http://amc.maa.org). To register for the competition, contact Carolyn Exner at [cexner@sf.edu](mailto:cexner@sf.edu) or 260-399-8067.

First administered in 1950, the AMC's purpose is increasing interest in mathematics and developing problem-solving ability through a series of friendly mathematics competitions for junior (grades 8 and below) and senior (grades 9-12) high school students.

"We are excited to host this mathematics competition for the fifth consecutive year, and welcome this opportunity to provide an academic challenge in a university setting for young mathematicians," said Dr. Victor Kutsenok, chair of the USF Department of Mathematics.

## Office of Catechesis to offer classes for Education for Ministry program

Three classes will be offered by the Office of Catechesis for the Education for Ministry Program. John Cavadini, PhD, will teach "Introduction to the Creed" on Saturdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the St. John

Paul II Center in Mishawaka.

Jennifer Carrier will teach "Introduction to Ecclesiology" on Thursdays, Feb. 12, 19, 26 and March 5 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend.

In Fort Wayne Marilyn Fech will teach "Introduction to Ecclesiology" on Thursdays, Feb. 12, 19, 26 and March 5 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Bishop Luers High School.

For more information call 260-399-1411 or email [jmartin@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:jmartin@diocesefwsb.org). Registration is required.

## Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference to be held Feb. 7

SOUTH BEND — Men of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are encouraged to attend The Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference, which will be held Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Century Center in South Bend. New this year will be a young adult session.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with a welcome. With the theme, "Encouragement, Strength, Fellowship," this year's conference will include international Catholic speakers — Steve Ray, Dr. John Wood and Ruben Quezada — opportunities for Confession and concludes with a 4 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Cost for the Saturday men's conference is \$35 and includes lunch. Registration is available online at [rekindlethefire.net](http://rekindlethefire.net).

Visit the website [rekindlethefire.net](http://rekindlethefire.net) for information or call Joe Witulski at 260-452-6875.

## USF to present lecture on Pope Francis and Leadership

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis School of Liberal Arts and Sciences is welcoming author and speaker Chris Lowney to present "Leadership Lessons of Pope Francis" as part of USF's Servus Omnium lecture series. This event will be held at the USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry Street, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, from 7-9 a.m.

A former Jesuit seminarian, Chris Lowney later served as a managing director of JP Morgan & Co. on three continents. He currently chairs the board of Catholic Health Initiatives, one of America's largest healthcare/hospital companies, which comprises approximately 90 hospitals in 18 states. He is the author of four books, including the best-selling, "Heroic Leadership," and most recently, "Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads."

The event will begin at 7 a.m. with a blessing and opening prayer from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. This will be followed by a Mardi Gras Breakfast Buffet and Chris Lowney's presentation will begin at approximately 7:45 a.m.

For additional information, contact Dr. Lance Richey, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, at 260-399-8112 or [lrichey@sf.edu](mailto:lrichey@sf.edu).

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tables can also be reserved in advance for \$80 per table. Corporate sponsorships are available as well. Visit [sf.edu/servusomnium](http://sf.edu/servusomnium) for more information.

# MARCH

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the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, who offered the concluding prayer for the rally.

Pro-life defenders of all ages then began the walk to the United States Supreme Court building, where in 1973, the Court decision on *Roe v. Wade* declaring abortion legal has since led to the death of over 50 million unborn children. These supporters marched together triumphantly, demonstrating their advocacy for those without a voice of their own.

Some spoke of their amazement at the response of so many committed participants. Kathy Heckber, a parishioner of St. Aloysius, Yoder, shared her thoughts on the event. "Thousands of people marched with signs defending life. Many were praying, singing and chanting as they walked," she said. "I was really impressed to see so many young adults. Seeing them gives me hope that one day this will end."

Many students spoke of their excitement and gratitude for having been able to take part in the march.

Emma Rotkis, a junior at Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, on her third March for Life shared, "It is inspiring to see so many people giving voices to those who have none. It is even more moving when you realize that some of the loudest voices come from the hearts of our young generation."

Hannah Toepp, a freshman at Marian High School in Mishawaka, revealed, "My experience on the March for Life was extremely prayerful and spiritually involved. We were elbow to elbow singing and praying the rosary along the way to show the world our support for life."

Emma Gettinger, a Marian senior, added, "It was awesome to have the experience to see so many others excited about their faith."

Clare, a parishioner from Immaculate Conception, Auburn, said, "The thing that stood out to me the most was the joy of everyone. It was a totally somber occasion, but at the same time it is like a big Catholic family reunion; everyone just has so much joy and hope that we can end this terrible problem."

Young parishioners of St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City, added their thoughts as well.

"It was pretty cool how everyone came together in a peaceful protest, essentially taking over the whole street but in a very friendly way, uniting with people across the country for such a great cause. It was also interesting to see former rape victims and those who shared that they regretted their abortions," Stacey Quinn said. "It's just so powerful, it brings tears to my eyes, seeing everyone bravely stand and talk about how they are against this huge issue and how much we just need it to stop."

Afterwards, students from the diocese returned to their temporary parish accommodations for an evening of community and reflection as they shared pizza and gath-



PROVIDED BY MARYANN HINORA, MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Students and members of the Marian High School Right to Life Club stand in front of the diocesan banner at the National March For Life in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 22.



PROVIDED BY SAINT JOSEPH JUNIOR EMMA ROTKIS

Saint Joseph High School students participate in the march with Chaplain Father Terry Coonan.



PROVIDED BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is shown with students from Bishop Luers High School at the march.



CHRIS LUSHIS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades leads opening prayer at a diocesan Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 23.

ered in the churches of St. James and St. Ann to hear speeches on forgiveness, mercy and renewal. Reconciliation services accompanied by praise and worship music were offered during Eucharistic Adoration for both diocesan groups. Father Andrew Budzinski, vocation



Approximately 700 University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College students group together outside St. Agnes Church in Arlington, Virginia, before heading to the National Mall.

director, led those from Fort Wayne, and Franciscan Father David Mary Engo spoke to those from South Bend.

Towards the end of the prayers, Father Engo invited all those present who were open to discerning a vocation to the religious life or Priesthood to come up and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Fifteen young men and women

bravely knelt before Christ in the Eucharist as Father Engo led the group in praying for them, emphasizing the importance of showing support for those who are open to following God's will in their lives.

Brianna Strong, a parishioner of St. Gaspar, Rome City, was one who responded to this invitation.

She shared, "I always have the thought in the back of my mind of

Jesus calling me to join the religious life, but sometimes as a teenager, we have the struggles to want to plan and control our life, which can get in the way of what God wants us to do."

Strong, who has been discerning throughout the last year, further shared that she has received "great support and advice from the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (Mishawaka) and Franciscan Friars Minor in discerning what God is asking. I keep praying to discover where He will lead me."

On Jan. 23, Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. While this Mass had originally been scheduled primarily for those who had traveled from his diocese, it instead became another example of Catholic unity and shared participation in the life of the Church as diocesan groups from New Orleans, Louisiana, Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee, Jackson, Mississippi, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Ogdensburg, New York, attended as well.

The amount of participation surprised even Bishop Rhoades, who exclaimed, "I was planning to celebrate Mass for 500 people, not 5,000!" He expressed his gratefulness for their attendance and his joy that so many were able to partake in the Mass together.

Diocesan priests Father Chris Lapp, Father Jason Freiberger, Father Terry Coonan, Father David Mary Engo, Father Andrew Budzinski and Father Drew Curry were concelebrants with Bishop Rhoades. Students from Marian High School, senior David Schena II, the president of the Pro-Life Club, and junior Abbey Zielinski, proclaimed the readings and intercessions.

Afterwards, students from the diocese shared their joy at being able to participate in such a unique event.

David Kelty, a junior at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, who carried the processional cross as altar server, exclaimed, "How often do you get to serve at the national shrine with Bishop Kevin Rhoades? It was a privilege I will never forget. Serving Mass is a humbling experience on its own. When you add the beautiful basilica with our bishop in the context of the pro-life mission, it was exhilarating!"

Karena Parish, also a senior at Bishop Dwenger, enthusiastically remarked, "Seeing all those priests and people at Mass just fills me with joy. It makes me feel like our faith is so much bigger and more incredible than ever before. It was also hard not to get distracted by the Church's beauty. Then after Mass, seeing men and women in religious orders, some of which I didn't even know existed until today — these are the most joyful people I've ever met. They are such a witness of holiness!"

Before returning to Indiana, students also were able to travel to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, to visit those from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who are studying for the Priesthood.



# ON THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

## How has a religious impacted your faith?

### Franciscan priest brings God to His people

Conventual Franciscan Father Paul Faroh served at St. Joseph's in LaGrange. He is a vivacious man and his enthusiasm is contagious. He is not afraid to show his emotions. He usually starts his homily with a joke and is an engaging speaker. He can interpret the readings to make sense in our day and apply them to our personal lives. He is a people person who has touched my life with his caring, concern and compassionate ways. His mantra is "God is Love." I appreciate his presence in my life. Keep playing those bongos! God Bless You Father Paul!

**Tena Jakubowicz  
Middlebury**

### Sister Volk: a constant touchstone

The person that has touched my life in a significantly profound manner for the last 15 years since the day I met her is Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Sister Linda Volk. She embodies all that is authentic. She is open to the Spirit in all things, and true to the vows she professed living her life daily in the service of the Lord and others selflessly. I turn to her when I am in need of prayer, advice, support and she lifts me up. She cries with me, rejoices with me, she prays with me, she heals me. She is my constant touchstone.

**Susie Black  
Donaldson**

### Sister Holzmer shares spirited wisdom

In honor of the Year of Consecrated Life we recall how Sister Anita Holzmer's life has blessed ours. By following Bishop (Kevin C.) Rhoades to this wonderful diocese, we encountered our beloved Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Sister Anita graciously gave her time to teach our Franciscan Brothers Minor and us about our common heritage ... that bore great fruit. Through her generous sharing of her vast knowledge and devotion to St. Francis and St. Clare, I became convinced of my own charism. After trying to be a "good daughter of St. Francis" for years, sister allowed me to look to St. Clare as my mother and thus embrace her form of life. This meant I had the gift of enclosure — to be a cloistered nun!

On behalf of all the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, thank you dear Sister Anita. Our prayers and love unite us to you, all the way to heaven.

**Mother Celeste Marie of St. Joseph, PSC  
Fort Wayne**

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## What is Consecrated Life?

Consecrated life is defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as "a permanent state of life recognized by the Church, entered freely in response to the call of Christ to perfection, and characterized by the profession of evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience (914)." It is, the catechism goes on to say, the profession of these three counsels that characterize the life consecrated to God. And according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website [www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org), forms of consecrated life include monastic life, the Orders of Virgins, hermits and institutes completely devoted to contemplation, apostolic religious life, secular institutes, societies of apostolic life and new or renewed forms of the consecrated life (cf. "Vita Consecrata," 6-12). Each form is described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

# Consecrating our whole lives...

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Pope Francis has declared Nov. 30, 2014 to Feb. 2, 2016 as a year to celebrate consecrated life. On Feb. 8, 2015, many orders will host open houses with religious throughout the nation. Many Catholics, especially our children, are not even sure what consecrated life is. One of the goals of this year is to educate Catholics about religious life.

I had the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for most of my grade school years and every day we said the Morning Offering and consecrated ourselves to Jesus through Mary. As a child, I am not sure I fully understood what I was doing, but I did know that I offered all I did that day to God. Little did I know that I would later give my whole life to Jesus as a Sister of the Holy Cross.

It seems there is a lack of awareness currently about religious life, especially among the young. Fewer young men and women are answering the call to live a consecrated life as a sister, brother or priest. I think one of the major reasons for this is a lack of understanding of Priesthood and religious life. Worse yet, the possibility of living the Christian call we receive at baptism doesn't even cross their minds. It is logical to say that a person cannot choose a way of life he or she knows little or nothing about.

What is religious or consecrated life? In my early years I thought being a religious was chiefly about ministry and serving others, but Jesus calls all Christians to serve His people.

Religious life is a call to make Jesus the center of one's life. It is to consecrate or give one's whole self to God. It is truly about loving God above all. One important way to show this love is through ministry or service, but that is not what makes one a religious.

Men and women religious consecrate themselves to God by professing the three vows or promises of chastity, poverty and obedience. It is a lifetime commitment.

All Christians are called to be chaste and to respect their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit, but religious priests, brothers and sisters vow to give all of themselves, body and soul, to God and to God's people. This is where the service comes in.

Christians are also called to live the virtue of poverty and to live simply. Those in consecrated life strive to live in radical dependence on God and try not to be weighed down by material goods and other attachments.

The baptized are also called to follow God and obey God's Word. Consecrated religious strive to do God's will in conjunction with the mission of their particular community, as a husband and wife give themselves to each other and to their children. Family is their primary focus. Those who commit themselves as religious give their entire lives to Christ and to the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

I believe God still calls some to this radical and challenging way of life. Let us pray that those to whom God is calling will respond with a generous "yes."

Let us also do our part to invite the young to consider this option when they are discerning life choices. Sometimes it only takes the question, "Did you ever think God might be calling you to be a priest, brother or sister?"

Your question just might plant the seed of a religious vocation. Just as the Church needs good marriages, it also needs sisters, brothers and priests to extend the reign of God in our world.

During this special year, may people learn more about those who have consecrated their lives to Christ and to His Kingdom and support their ministries in the Church and in the world.

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## Poor Handmaid offers friendship and guidance

I would like to thank Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Sister Joetta Huelsmann and her immeasurable help to me 18 years ago when we arrived in Fort Wayne without friends or family. Sister Joetta served as a pastoral associate at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Fort Wayne. She welcomed me by offering friendship and spiritual guidance. She helped me gain insights into my faith journey thus far. She offered healing and peace in a difficult transition and she continues to do so to many others as the director of John XXIII Retreat Center in Hartford City.

**Marianne Dunne**  
Fort Wayne

## Student blooms under attentive care of sister

Words cannot express the love and gratitude that overflows in my heart for all the wonderful sisters who taught me from grade 1 through college. These wonderful women were Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. I am 83 years old and I can still name every teacher that I ever had. Their love and devotion to God and teaching has always been an inspiration to me. Each of them contributed a piece of the puzzle in my life that has made me the person I am today. From the bud of a low self image person, I have bloomed into being an author, a lecturer, an artist and the executive director of a world-wide ministry. My gratitude goes to God and these loving prayerful women.

But the one sister to whom I shall always be indebted is Sister Thelma who taught me in the seventh grade at St. Andrew in Fort Wayne in 1944. Up to that point I had little interest in school, just felt like I would never succeed in anything. I dreaded to go to school every day. But one afternoon, my course in life changed dramatically. Would you like to know why? It was because Sister Thelma asked me to stay after class.

When the classroom was finally cleared, she pulled up one of the student desk and sat next to me. Then she gave me a motherly talk. She told me I had "a lot of potential," that I was really not using my gifts and thought I could do "much better." Just because this kind but strict young nun took the time out of her busy schedule to talk to me personally in such a kind, loving way was all I needed. It was all the incentive I needed to become a better student. She made me feel so important, that I wasn't just another one of her students, but an individual that she really cared about. The end of that school year passed only too quickly, but all through high school she kept in contact with me, encouraging me to be all that God wanted me to be!

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## The public relations of death

A campaign to legalize assisted suicide is moving forward in New Jersey, with similar proposals to be introduced in California, Maryland and other states. The former Hemlock Society (now under the more appealing name “Compassion & Choices”) hopes to pass such bills in a dozen states this year, although its efforts produced new laws in only three states, Oregon, Washington and Vermont, in the past 25 years.

What makes Compassion & Choices (C&C) so optimistic? After all, its agenda is the same as always: Protecting doctors who want to prescribe a barbiturate overdose so their patients can kill themselves.

The change is in the public relations of the issue, due to an attractive 29-year-old cancer patient named Brittany Maynard. Ms. Maynard, a California resident, announced last fall that

she was unwilling to face the expected suffering of her illness, and would move to Oregon so she could take her life on Nov. 1 using its assisted suicide law. She appeared on the cover of *People* magazine and became a spokesperson for C&C, her interviews and video appearances carefully vetted by its media relations staff. Just before the announced date she said she didn’t feel too bad and may live longer — then went through with her suicide anyway. What encouragement she received from C&C to “get with the program” we may never know.

Ms. Maynard’s “reality TV” show provided an appealing human face for C&C’s agenda. The voices of others — including patients with similar conditions, who urged her to see meaning in her life and promote hope rather than despair — were drowned out. Now C&C wants to save others the inconvenience

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of traveling to another state to obtain a lethal overdose from a doctor.

This raises basic questions. Is it the government’s job to make suicide “convenient” for some people? Shouldn’t it value everyone’s life and prevent suicide without discrimination, not select which people receive a helping hand to jump off the ledge?

Moreover, the grim reality

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## Courage and conviction: How one young Catholic saved 2,500 kids

Irena Sendler was 29-years-old when Nazi tanks slithered into Warsaw, casting a shadow of fear over the town and slicing it apart with a walled-off ghetto for the Jewish residents.

There was no way she could sit back and watch. The social worker with the shy eyes and round baby face stood 4-feet, 11-inches and possessed an unblinking courage. She had two guiding stars in life: her Catholic faith and her late father, a physician who had died of typhus contracted from low-income patients.

So Irena took action, pretending to be a nurse in order to gain access into the Warsaw ghetto and deliver food and medicine. The grimness of their fate became clearer with every passing day, as clusters were rounded up, marched to the freight yard and shipped an hour away to Treblinka death camp. The sight of the youngest among them, toddlers carrying their dolls, haunted Irena.

She enlisted her closest friends and colleagues, mostly young women, to form a secret network for the imprisoned Jews, sneaking aide in and smuggling children out. Irena bundled babies in garbage wagons and gave them sleeping potions to keep them quiet on the way out. Kids were directed through secret passageways into sewers, following whispers and flashlights.

Parents were forced to make “heart-rending” calculations, and Irena who could not guarantee that their children would survive if they fled through her network. “I still have nightmares about it,” she said in a 2011 PBS documentary, tapping her left index finger to her temple.

“You’re going on a wonderful adventure,” one Jewish mother explained to her son, with whom she was later reunited. “You’re going to be a good boy.”

“You’re a big girl now,” a father, who would later die, told his 10-year-old. “Tomorrow you must escape from the ghetto. I can no longer protect you.”

Irena embraced the wartime orphans as she routed them to safe houses and then permanent homes. “We had to give them a lot of love and attention to help them adapt to their new lives.”

Beyond the sheer bravery required of the endeavor — perhaps a byproduct of Irena’s youth — it was an act of organizational might. She coordinated each stop with pinpoint precision.

The greatest help came from Irena’s Catholic connections. She called on priests, who created fake baptismal certificates for the Jewish children. They were



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taught Catholic prayers so they could demonstrate non-Jewish heritage under possible Nazi interrogation.

Despite the grave risk, some 200 Polish convents opened their doors to the kids.

The sights, sounds and smells of Mass comforted Piotr Zettinger, who was 4 when he left his parents in the ghetto. “For this hungry, bedraggled boy,” he told PBS, “taking part in these beautiful and uplifting ceremonies was quite wonderful.”

The nuns were always on guard for German inspections. Given their cue, Piotr would run to the attic and hide in a cupboard.

Miraculously, the system worked. All the Jewish kids placed in convents through Irena’s network survived the war. In total, Irena saved the lives of about 2,500 children.

She lived to be 98 and never considered herself a hero. “It was simple,” she said. “I remember what my father had taught me: ‘When someone is drowning, give him your hand.’”

The Holy Father issues the same challenge again and again, beginning with his inaugural homily when he called us to be “protectors of one another.” We can do so, Pope Francis said, by being “constantly attentive to God.”

This month would mark Irena’s 105th birthday. Our worlds may be vastly different, but we can honor her memory by treating our neighbors with the same compassion.

It is simple.

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## God strengthens our resolve against sin



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 1:21-28

The Book of Deuteronomy furnishes the first reading for this weekend.

Deuteronomy appears in modern Bibles as the fifth book in sequence in the Old Testament. It is one of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament, all of them attributed to Moses.

In this reading, Moses addresses the chosen people, whom he has led, with God’s help, from Egypt where they were enslaved. He promises that God will send prophets, with whom the people can relate. If anyone presumes to take the role of prophet upon himself or herself, without having been called by God, then this imposter will die.

God will take care of His people.

St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians is the source of the second reading. From the earliest days of Christianity, virginity has been treasured. Christians have never been forbidden to marry, although all Christians are bound to be chaste, according to their state in life. However, over the centuries, Christians have chosen lifelong virginity for religious reasons.

Corinth in the first century A.D. was a city notorious for its outrageous immorality. It was a

busy commercial center. Visitors often availed themselves of the pleasures of the flesh provided in Corinth. Indeed, Aphrodite, the goddess of love and carnal desire, was the city’s special deity.

Paul sees virginity as a powerful Christian witness, and from a more pragmatic point of view, he thinks that Christians not obligated by marriage and parenthood can devote their whole time to God’s service.

St. Mark’s Gospel is the source of the third reading. Luke’s Gospel contains an almost exact parallel story. Matthew treats this event only glancingly.

Judaism has never required weekly attendance by Jews at synagogue services. However, going to synagogue to pray together, and to learn the teachings of the Torah, is definitely a high value for Jews during the time of Jesus, as indeed it is even among Jews today. That Jesus went to the synagogue, and on the Sabbath at that, reveals how seriously the Lord took the Law of Moses.

As Jesus speaks, the people spellbound at the knowledge of things relating to God spoken by Jesus, a man “with an unclean spirit” appears. It is important to note here that this man recognizes Jesus as the “Holy One of God.” Furthermore, the man believes that Jesus has the power to do anything. The climax of the story is when Jesus orders the unclean spirit to leave the man, and the unclean spirit obeys.

Again, the people are amazed. The message, however, is not in their amazement, but that Jesus could command this unclean spirit and be obeyed, and that the man, albeit harboring this evil spirit, recognizes Jesus as the Son of God. No devil can overcome the power of God.

### Reflection

Thanks be to God, few people today would say that they, or great numbers of people, are “possessed by the devil,” although the Church still teaches that such possessions occur. All people have “unclean spirits” within them, since all sin, and sin is the mark of the devil’s involvement to some extent at least in any person’s spiritual life.

People can be aware of their sins, and indeed usually they are aware of how and when they turn away from God and harm themselves or others. For many, this realization produces a sense of guilt, or the cynical hunch that virtue is impossible for them to attain. For them, these readings are especially comforting and encouraging. God will never leave us. Such was the promise of Moses. This promise was perfectly fulfilled in Jesus, with God’s own power to put away any unclean spirit. He can strengthen our resolve to be holy, even to be holy in the most radical way.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32 Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14 17-18a Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-4, 9-11 Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34

# When the lives we save become our own

I read Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" the summer before ninth grade. I was too young for it: Huxley's dystopia frightened me so much that, to this day, I have not been able to re-read it. However, its lessons still haunt me, especially as we observe the 42nd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, and as the movement for abortion takes a new and troubling turn.

"Brave New World" describes a seemingly perfect world. No member of it has ever seen another grow old. Death, deformity and illness are hidden behind closed doors. Much of what we ourselves have feared for centuries — crippling illness, aging and emotional suffering — has been banished, if not from the earth, than at least from the sight of the public. The terror of Huxley's dystopia lies in the ignorance and indignity of its inhabitants. Paradoxically, while the "brave new world" gives its people a pass on experiencing physical suffering, it robs them of the abilities that make them truly human: to grow in virtue, to love deeply and to learn strength through weakness.

Of course, suffering can never disappear altogether; therein lies Huxley's genius. People *do* die in "Brave New World," but they do so alone, placed in sanitized compartments and saturated with drugs so no one will have to watch their pain. Although the world Huxley describes will probably never be universal, I still see shadows of it in our own day — especially within the pro-choice movement, which has become coupled with the wonders of modern-day science to give parents an unprecedented power. A child with Down syndrome, physical deformity or even a sex not preferred by the parents can be aborted with shocking expediency. Thus, the next generation may well be one of "designer children."

I think about this as I watch one of my cousins grow up. A

year younger than I, she was born with a health condition that has kept her in and out of the hospital since she was a newborn. She celebrated her 16th birthday in a hospital bed. Some — perhaps an increasing number — might look at her and say, either out of pity or out of the hardness of their hearts, "What a waste." To this I can only give two answers.

First, in contemporary bioethics, the connection between pity and utilitarianism has become drawn disturbingly close. Just as in Huxley's "Brave New World," "I don't want you to suffer" becomes "I don't want to see you suffer" — a normal and understandable human reaction. However, because of the high availability of abortion, "I don't want to see you suffer" becomes "I don't want to see you at all."

Pundits chime in, making a horrible decision just a little easier: "And you really don't want to pay for that suffering, do you?"

Finally, nihilism finishes the argument, "How is such a person worth anything, anyway?"

If a culture of widespread abortion — especially abortion as a result of medical conditions discovered before birth — ended, perhaps such an argument could be reversed. Until then, we must raise high a second truth. Before having any kind of debate about the use and morality of abortion we should agree on the following overused but critical fact.

*Each human being is different.* Indeed, we are each a hodgepodge of miracles in so many different senses. Even the most physically afflicted of us possesses a body "fearful and wonderful" in its complexity — cells dividing constantly, information flowing effortlessly from our brain to our limbs, a mass of reflexes and movement and growth. What's more, each of us has a completely different mind. Our memories, loves and dislikes, fears, failures and triumphs combine to form an



TEEN  
TABLET

CAROLINE PETERSON

uncopiable lens through which we perceive the world.

My cousin is not an abstracted "patient"; nor is she merely a drain on the American health care system. She likes small children, enjoys apocalyptic fiction, is addicted to GoodReads and appreciates a good old-fashioned plastic spider prank now and then. I know she's a good deal more than that, but I'm content that I won't ever be able to understand her or anyone in her complexity. That is part of being human.

Once we agree on this one essential truth I think the fight for life will have nearly been won. It might seem hard — after all, caring for a child with Down syndrome or other limitations is an exhausting, difficult vocation, one that calls for a love that I cannot comprehend at my age. But I do wonder if the gap between the weak and the strong is as wide as it seems. Each of us will someday become "limited" — whether in our infancy, old age, illnesses or all three. Indeed, to paraphrase Flannery O'Connor, in the battle against abortion, the lives we save become our own.

Caroline Peterson is a teen writer from St. Pius X Parish, Granger.

want so they can live longer. Most took their lives not because of untreated pain or even fear of pain, but because they felt they were losing their autonomy or dignity and becoming a "burden" — a feeling no doubt encouraged by others, including the government itself. Many had chronic conditions, not imminently fatal diseases like late-stage cancer. All reporting on the circumstances of their deaths was done by the doctor prescribing the lethal dose; state officials have said the doctor's account could be "a cock and bull story" for all they know.

In short, this campaign uses a ploy known to marketers as the "bait and switch." People are moved by unscrupulous ads to visit a store promising a bargain on a popular item, only to find something far less attractive when

they arrive. Rip the mask off this campaign, and we find grandma and grandpa being nudged toward death by individuals and governments who don't want to be bothered with "burdensome" people. Will lawmakers see through the mask?

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for February 1, 2015

Mark 1:21-28

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: events when Jesus preaches in Capernaum. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CAPERNAUM	JESUS	SYNAGOGUE
PEOPLE	TEACHING	TAUGHT
AS ONE	AUTHORITY	A MAN
SPIRIT	CRIED OUT	WITH US
NAZARETH	DESTROY US	I KNOW
HOLY (one)	AMAZED	OBEY
FAME	SPREAD	REGION

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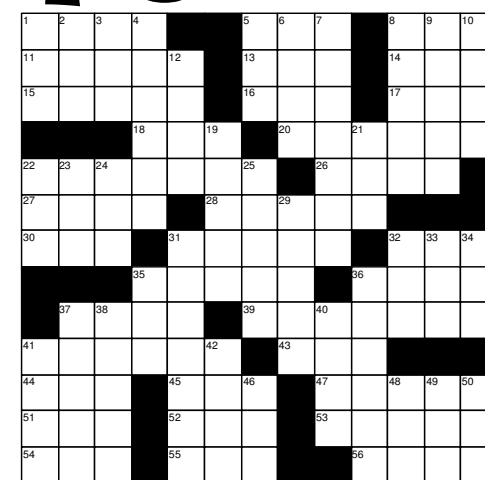
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## The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Deut 18:15-20 and Mk 1:21-28 and 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 and Mk 1:29-39

#### ACROSS

- 1 Flightless birds
- 5 Ship initials
- 8 Limited (abbr.)
- 11 Jewish scripture
- 13 Pocket
- 14 Epoch
- 15 Oakley's first name
- 16 Atmosphere
- 17 Not Old Testament
- 18 Young woman
- 20 Hark
- 22 Ancient Hebrew judge
- 26 Life histories
- 27 Prayer ending
- 28 Small sharks

- 30 Leave pod
- 31 Fathers
- 32 Affirmative
- 35 Impressionist painter
- 36 Wrote to Corinthians
- 37 Among
- 39 Made wet
- 41 Drapes
- 43 Brazil city
- 44 Cause of sickness
- 45 Stretch to make do
- 47 Prophets do
- 51 BB association
- 52 Turn down
- 53 The end
- 54 One of your own people

#### DOWN

- 1 Terminal abbr.
- 2 Follows Sunday
- 3 Remains pot
- 4 Vietnamese city
- 5 United States of America
- 6 Ride the waves
- 7 Jewish leaders
- 8 Musical "slow"
- 9 Eden had many
- 10 Jesus rose very early, at \_\_\_\_
- 12 People gathered to do
- 19 Church language
- 21 Sister (slang)
- 22 Blot at
- 23 Flightless bird
- 24 Peter's mother-in-law lay here
- 25 The Mountain of God
- 29 Christ's disciple
- 31 Depresses
- 32 Animal foot
- 33 Regret
- 34 Not New Testament
- 35 Least amount
- 36 Hebrews became God's
- 37 Defense
- 38 Paul Vi was Archbishop of \_\_\_\_
- 40 Old computer storage
- 41 Money depository
- 42 John Paul used when young
- 46 Extension (abbr.)
- 48 Aurora
- 49 Poisonous snake
- 50 Single of what St. Peter has two of

Answer Key can be found on page 15

## LIFE

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of legalized assisted suicide has little to do with self-assured young women facing intractable pain who demand control over their last days.

In Oregon, the state health department tells a different story. Of the 752 people taking their lives under its law from 1998 through 2013, only six were under 35 years old; the median age is 71. In 2013, less than 3 percent had any evaluation to check for treatable depression. Most had no health insurance, or had it only from the government — which has told cancer patients it will fund assisted suicide but not some treatments the patients

# Sports

**KNIGHTS TO SPONSOR BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST** The Knights of Columbus invites all boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of Jan. 1) to participate in their annual Basketball Free Throw contest, which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31, at the St. Aloysius, Yoder, gym starting at 12:30 p.m. until approximately 2 p.m. All respective age category winners will continue to move on to regional and state competitions. Participants should bring a copy of their birth certificate for proof of age. Any questions, call Don Wyss at 260-740-2290. Students from other churches and schools are invited.

## ICCL basketball teams press forward

BY JOE KOZINSKI

**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY** — With only four weeks to go in the Inter-City Catholic League's boys basketball regular season, teams jockeyed, pressed and elbowed their way to the top of the pack searching for some championship magic.

Currently the top of the mountain is occupied by the Eagles of St. Joseph as they firmly hold on to the only unblemished record in the league; but they were up for a challenge last weekend as the Panthers of St. Anthony tried to hone in on the target on their backs.

Though the game was close early, the aggressive pressure by the Eagles eventually wore down the pesky Panthers as St. Joseph prevailed, 54-28, behind the offensive outpouring of the trio of Brennan Horvath, Chris Smith and Conner Ratigan.

The Crusaders of Holy Cross were desperately trying to keep pace in the St. John Bosco Division and accomplished their mission by dispatching Holy Family, 60-26. Crusaders Miguel Zyniewicz, Jaden Ivy and Charles Black dropped in 16, 14 and an even 10 respectively to tip the scales for Holy Cross.

The Corpus Christi Cougars laid claim to their first divisional victory as they outpaced St. Adalbert, 47-13, led by the dynamic duo of Austin Lee and Ashton Ruszkowski.

St. Pius X's John Brach tossed in 11 as the Lions stayed atop the St. Martin De Porres Division by knocking off Christ the King in a hotly-contested battle, 42-31.

The Falcons of St. Jude fell to Surf Sadowey and his Spartans of St. Thomas, 26-11.

The mighty Mishawaka Catholic Saints set up a Super Bowl showdown with St. Pius X by remaining one game back

heading their upcoming clash by slaying the Pumas of Queen of Peace, 47-37.

Puma Luni Sete scorched the nets for 21 points, but a fearsome foursome of Saints — Zach Whitfield, Hunter Renner, Zack and Thad Horvath — all scored in double digits in the victory.

The Blazers of St. Matthew also had designs on staying a game out of the St. Martin De Porres Division, as they too took care of business by denying the Bulldogs of Our Lady of Hungary, 36-22. Blazer teammates Paul Cline and Coley Quinn did the bulk of the damage as the baker's dozen of Jalan Hill fell short for the dogs.

A complete list of schedules and highlights can be found at [www.icclsports.org](http://www.icclsports.org).

## ST. JOSEPH-HESSEN CASSEL BOYS PLACE IN TOURNAMENT



ROSE WORMAN

The fifth- and sixth-grade boys' basketball team of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel competed in the Heritage Feeder School Tournament over the Christmas break and came away with the championship trophy. Team members include, front row, Caleb Naatz, Justin Girardot and Connor Nichter; back row, Logan Peden, Danny Bauer, Dylan Wamsley and Nelson Knapke.



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## St. John takes on challenges of CYO Gold

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

**FORT WAYNE** — Clancy Shank and the St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, girls' basketball team have been challenged this season playing in the large-school division (Gold League) against all eighth-grade teams with their combined seventh-and-eighth grade squad.

"We have just two eighth graders, but my girls have battled to the last whistle all year long," Shank explained.

The Eagles are 1-2 in league play. They got their first win on Saturday, Jan. 17, against St. Jude and have lost to St. Vincent and St. Joseph, Decatur. In the 36-25 loss to the Commodores, the Eagles got off to a slow start, but battled back to get within

four. Dori Jarvis led her team in scoring with 11 points, while Libby Bierbaum added five points and five assists. Taylor Bransfield had four points and a number of blocked shots. Shank reported that Caroline Sturm, Morgan Zimmerman and Audrey Vasell also played a great game.

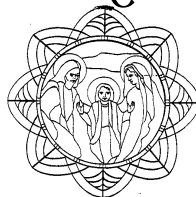
"We were very short handed with our starting point guard Maddie Pape injured and shooting guard Leah Hall out with the flu," he explained.

"I am very proud of the way our girls and assistant coaches (Becky Pape and Kathy Novak) have represented our school and our parish and hope our solid play will continue the last few weeks of the season," Shank concluded.

In other girls' action, St. Rose/St. Louis picked up another conference win over Queen of Angels on Saturday, Jan. 24. The Twins won, 22-12, and were paced by nine points from Nevaeh Feasby and seven points from Maggie Castleman. Jenna Osborne led Queen of Angels with nine. The Twins also beat Most Precious Blood on Sunday to move to 4-1 in the Blue League.

In junior varsity boys' play, the St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Squires reported a feeder tournament championship at Heritage High School over the Christmas Break.

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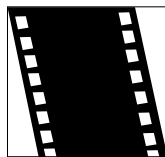
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## MOVIE CAPSULES

**NEW YORK (CNS)** – Following are capsule reviews by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

### "Selma" (Paramount)

A crucial battle in the long struggle for African-American equality is compellingly recreated in director Ava DuVernay fact-based drama. With the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act behind him, President Lyndon Johnson (Tom Wilkinson) is anxious to concentrate on promoting the economic measures of his Great Society program. But Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. (David Oyelowo) is equally determined to secure long-overdue access to the ballot for minority voters in the

South. With Alabama, under its implacably segregationist governor, George Wallace (Tim Roth), continuing to resist such reform, King agrees to lead a long protest march from Selma to the state capital of Montgomery. Screenwriter Paul Webb intersperses the inspiring rhetoric of the time with behind-the-scenes insights into heated debates over strategy among King and his associates, the constant threat of violence under which they were forced to live as well as the emotional burden placed on King's wife Coretta (Carmen Ejogo) by her spouse's numerous infidelities. Given its historical value, the film is possibly acceptable for mature adolescents. Some harsh violence, an adultery theme, about a half-dozen uses of profanity, a couple of rough terms, occasional crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned.

### "American Sniper" (Warner Bros.)

Sober war drama based on Chris Kyle's 2012 memoir (written with Scott McEwen and Jim DeFelice) about his service as a Navy SEAL during the conflict in Iraq. As Kyle, played by Bradley Cooper, gains a reputation as an expert sharpshooter, he wins the respect of his comrades, but also becomes a prime enemy target with a price on his head. The Texas native's insistence on returning to combat through four grueling tours of duty, moreover, predictably exacts a psychological toll and strains his relationship with his wife (Sienna Miller). Working from a script by Jason Hall, director Clint Eastwood successfully conveys the heroic personal commitment that motivated Kyle to protect his fellow fighters. Yet the film avoids any big-picture moral assessment of the specific struggle in which he participated or of armed clashes in general. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## A CENTURY AGO CELEBRATION AT ST. LOUIS ACADEMY



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Students and staff dressed for a school day in 1915 as they kicked off National Catholic Schools Week and the 100-year birthday celebration of St. Louis Academy. Quill pens were used in McGuffey eclectic primers, students wrote on the chalkboard in cursive only, marble games were played and snow ice cream was made as they re-enacted the one room school house.

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**'St. John Passion' makes U.S. premier**  
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**Hungarian Goulash and Langalo dinner**  
South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert St., will have a dinner Saturday Feb. 7, from 4-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per dinner, children 6-12 \$4.50 and children under 6 free. Additional Goulash \$7, additional Langalo \$2. Carry-outs available. For information call 574-287-1700.

**Actors from the London stage to perform 'MacBeth' at Notre Dame**  
Notre Dame — A self-directed ensemble of five professional British actors, will present William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" at Washington Hall on the University of Notre Dame campus Feb. 11, 12 and 13, at 7:30 p.m., as part of a national tour. Individual tickets are \$22, student tickets are \$12

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**Cursillo meeting place changed**  
Fort Wayne — The monthly Cursillo Ultreya will be Thursday Feb. 12, at St. Vincent de Paul's Spiritual Center from 7-8:30 p.m. Ultreyas are opportunities for people to gather, pray and share personal stories about living a life in God's grace. Ultreyas are open to all adults, even if they have not made a Cursillo weekend. For information call Brant or Christy Howe at 260-619-3650.

**Knights plan fish fry**  
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 6, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children 5-12 \$3.50. Shrimp for \$9 and chicken strips for \$8.50 will be available.

**Spaghetti supper**  
Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent Knights of Columbus Council 11353 will sponsor a spaghetti supper on Saturday, Jan. 31 from

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**Catholic Business Network Group**  
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Feb. 6, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed by guest speaker Dr. Lance Richey on "Lessons for Business Leaders from Dorothy Day."

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