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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Ave Maria Press celebrates 150 years of spreading the Gospel

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

NOTRE DAME — Since its founding in 1865, Ave Maria Press has provided spiritual nourishment and education for the Catholic faithful through its publication of countless books, magazines and other resources to help readers on their journey to better know, love and serve God.

On May 1, exactly 150 years after the first issue of its weekly magazine *The Ave Maria* was published, leaders and contributors within the organization joined to commemorate all that has been accomplished in the name of Our Lady.

Following Mass at Moreau Seminary celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Ave Maria Press CEO and Publisher Thomas Grady led members of the staff in recounting many of the company's historically significant moments.

The tribute began by highlighting Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin's efforts to create *The Ave Maria*, which served as one of the first American Catholic publications for a predominately immigrant Church. Despite obstacles, it became the country's most popular Catholic magazine during its 105-year run.

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PHOTO BY MATT CASHORE/UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Holy Cross Father Anthony Szakaly, chair of the Ave Maria Press board of directors, reads the Gospel at the Ave Maria Press 150th anniversary Mass at Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame on May 1. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the celebrant.

## Hope beyond infertility

BY KAY COZAD

ARCOLA — Four faith-filled women in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have faced the heartbreaking and oftentimes lonely struggle with infertility, but have found hope in camaraderie and methods of conception approved by the Catholic Church. The four have met monthly for spiritual and emotional support since 2010 and have found their way to parenthood.

Beth Ann Spisak, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, parishioner, Nicki Lenhof of St. Joseph, Roanoke, Holli Strack, St. Patrick, Arcola, member, and Michelle Alles of St. Paul of the Cross in Columbia City, are an unlikely foursome save they have each experienced the sorrow of miscarriage, expensive treatments or surgery, and much more, in their attempts to have a family of their own. And though each woman, along with her husband, has experienced her own circumstances surrounding her infertility issues, all four have been relentless in seeking God's will in their desire to have children.

"Infertility is one of those silent crosses,"



JERRY KESSENS

From left, Michelle Alles, Beth Ann Spisak, Holli Strack and Nicole Lenhof organized a Catholic retreat for those dealing with infertility issues. The four continue to meet for encouragement and support.

says Alles. "It's a personal and lonely cross."

As she watched friends and family members bearing children, her infertility had her questioning her life purpose. "It was a profound struggle to watch others' blessings. I struggled for my role," she says.

But meeting with Holli Strack, Alles' cousin, who had struggled with her own infertility issues, soon began a friendship that would undergird the hope they clung to in their search for answers. Strack says, "After talking with my cousin Michelle Alles, we were both seeking out other Catholic options for treating infertility and getting together with other women like us."

Both invested in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, a natural fertility tracking system, with the help of Theresa Schortgen, FertilityCare Specialist of Northeast Indiana and Dr. Thomas Hilgers, in Omaha, Nebraska, the founder of the Creighton System, and local physicians like Dr. Patrick Holly, a specialist in Creighton Model and NaPro Technologies, a women's health science that monitors and maintains a woman's reproductive and gynecological health.

At the same time Alles and Strack were meeting, Spisak, who had returned to the Catholic faith of her childhood during her infertility trials, was meeting with Lenhof at the invitation of Theresa Schortgen and soon

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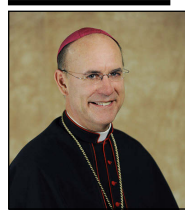
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## 150th anniversary Mass — Ave Maria Press



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

*The following is the homily given by Bishop Rhoades at the Mass celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ave Maria Press on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame:*

Early in the existence of the community of Holy Cross, Blessed Basil Moreau told his religious that *the work of Holy Cross is not the work of human beings but the work of God*. The anniversary we celebrate today can be counted among those works: the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ave Maria Press.

On this day, May 1<sup>st</sup>, in the year 1865, the first edition of the family magazine, *The Ave Maria*, a weekly periodical devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, was published. That was before May 1<sup>st</sup> was designated by the Church as the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. But it seems appropriate that today we celebrate the Mass of Saint Joseph the Worker as we celebrate the holy work of Ave Maria Press, 150 years of work for the Church, the work of evangelization and catechesis, the work of promoting devotion to the Blessed Mother, the work of providing good Catholic reading, a work that continues today. As we celebrate this publishing work that is under the title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it seems appropriate that we do so on this feast of her spouse, Saint Joseph, the patron of workers. We ask Jesus, the one known as the carpenter's son, as we heard in today's Gospel, to continue to bless the work of Ave Maria Press.

Saint Paul wrote to the Colossians: *Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him*. These words are good for all of us to ponder as we consider our daily work. Certainly, these words express the attitude Father Edward Sorin had in founding the *Ave Maria* as well as Notre Dame.

With the spirit of *parrhesia* (boldness) typical of him, Father Sorin began the venture of the *Ave Maria* magazine despite many naysayers who thought the project would fail. But Father Sorin was determined to honor the Blessed Virgin through this periodical. He wanted to encourage Marian devotion. He was resolute in moving forward because he felt that there was a great need to provide this publication for the Catholic faithful, mostly immigrant and poor, living in a dominant Protestant culture. He wanted them to have the spiritual sustenance that the Blessed Mother provides. A few months before the first publication, Father Sorin wrote to Neal Gillespie the following: *I may be deceived, disappointed, laughed to scorn, but with all that I will still retain my conviction that the Ave Maria will be the source of most abundant blessings, one of the best things ever done in the Congregation, and ultimately a glorious work for our Blessed Mother*.

I don't think the rather quick and early success of the *Ave Maria* endeavor would have happened without the support and



PHOTO BY MATT CASHORE/UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gives the homily at the Ave Maria Press 150th anniversary Mass at Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame.**

work of the Holy Cross brothers and sisters, especially Mother Angela Gillespie at Saint Mary's. This strong, well educated, cultured and faith-filled woman, having just completed her great service of the wounded and dying in the Civil War, did so much to make the *Ave Maria* a success. Mother Angela was the actual director of the new magazine in those early years. She solicited the essays and articles and discerned what should be published in each issue.

Mother Angela Gillespie also oversaw the sisters who did the typesetting and layout of the magazine. She worked hard to assist Father Sorin, the editor, in making the *Ave Maria* the most popular and most read Catholic periodical in the country. Father Sorin once said that *Mother Angela is a person whom heaven blesses in everything she touches*. And she certainly touched the *Ave Maria* enterprise. I recently learned that my predecessor, the first bishop of Fort Wayne, John Henry Luers, whose native language was German, sent an article or essay to be inserted into the *Ave Maria*. In doing so, he said to Father Sorin, *if my English is not correct, let Mother Angela rectify it*.

Though I am focusing on the early years of Ave Maria Press, we should also remember today all those who continued the work of Father Sorin and Mother Angela through the past century and a half. I think, for example, of Mother Angela's younger brother, Father Neal Gillespie, who succeeded her as the behind-the-scenes editor of the *Ave Maria*, and all the Holy Cross priests, brothers, and sisters through the years, as well as all the devoted lay people who continue this Holy Cross apostolate.

We remember all who have worked, and continue to work, with Ave Maria Press as its publishing has expanded since the weekly magazine ended in 1970. The form of the

mission has changed, but not its substance. It continues as a Catholic enterprise, a ministry of the Congregation of Holy Cross. It continues in the mission of Holy Cross in helping people know, love, and serve God and in spreading the Gospel of Jesus. It continues to spread Father Sorin's deep devotion to the Mother of God. It continues to serve the spiritual, catechetical, and pastoral ministries of the Church.

On this memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker, when the Church reflects on the value and meaning of human work, it is good for us to remember that work honors the gifts of God our Creator and the talents we receive from Him. All of you who work for Ave Maria Press and support its work are collaborators with Jesus in His redemptive work. As disciples of Jesus, we are all called to holiness by doing the work He calls us to accomplish, by doing our work with dedication and love. The Church teaches that *work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ* (CCC 2427). This happens by being industrious, using our talents for the glory of God and the good of others.

On this anniversary and as we look to the future, we ask the Lord's blessing on the work of Ave Maria Press. We move forward with the counsel of Saint Paul in our minds and hearts: *Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him*. And we move forward, asking the intercession of Saint Joseph the Worker and his most-holy spouse, our Blessed Mother. With the angel Gabriel, we say *Hail Mary, Ave Maria*. Like Father Sorin, we entrust this work to Jesus through Mary; we entrust Ave Maria Press to Our Lady. May the mother of the carpenter's son who is the Son of God pray for us!



# High court considers place of same-sex marriage in states that bar it

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The questions raised by Supreme Court justices as they considered April 28 whether they should rule that same-sex marriage should be made legal nationwide covered a gamut of rights concerns — religious, equal protection, states' ability to enact their own laws.

In two and a half hours of oral arguments, the line of questions and the answers by attorneys representing both sides made clear that all concerned recognize the potential for the court's ruling to be history-making.

Even the justices who sounded inclined to allow states to continue to ban same-sex marriage and refuse to recognize such marriages from other states seemed to recognize that it is no longer a question of "if" but "when" and "who decides" that same-sex marriages are allowed.

"The issue is not whether there should be same-sex marriage, but who should decide," said Justice Antonin Scalia in an exchange with Mary Bonauto, attorney for James Obergefell and other petitioners seeking the right to have same-sex marriage allowed or recognized in their states.

"And you're asking us to decide it for this society when no other society until 2001 ever had it," Scalia added.

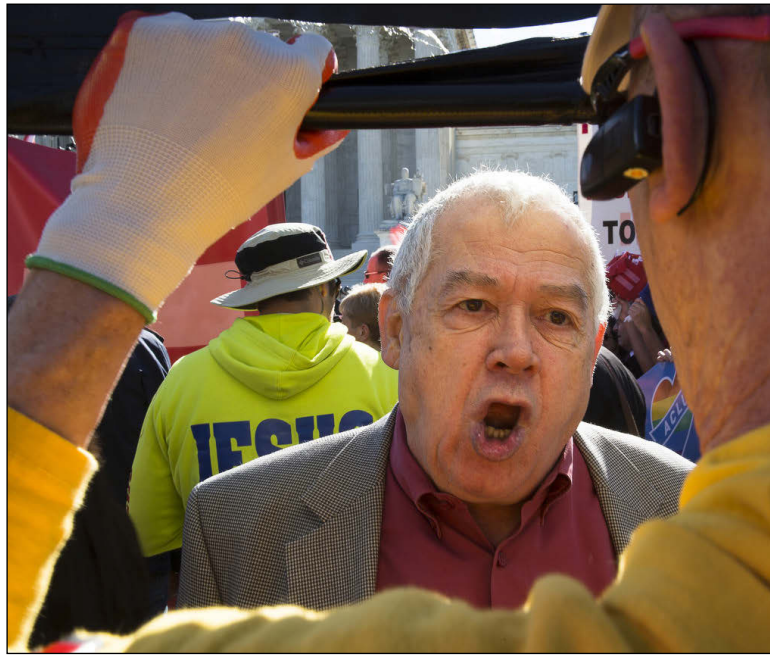
Chief Justice John Roberts observed that the country has moved quickly from firm opposition to such marriages — and a nationwide prohibition on them — to the current status of broad acceptance and a majority of states allowing same-sex marriage. Numerous legal observers have drawn a connection between the marriage cases and the speed with which the nation had to accept the legality of abortion when the court ruled in 1973 that it is constitutionally protected. They suggest that a constitutional finding in favor of same-sex marriage would similarly preempt voters' rights to decide such a complex moral issue.

"If you prevail," he told Bonauto, the nationwide legal debate about the issue will be over, but the people who are still making up their minds how they feel about same-sex marriage will be deprived of the chance to weigh in about how their states act.

"People feel very differently about something if they have a chance to vote on it than if it's imposed on them by the courts," Roberts said.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, who often is a swing vote in cases that divide along liberal/conservative lines, and Justice Samuel Alito also raised several questions about the speed with which same-sex marriage has become accepted and whether the court should be wading in to find a constitutional right at this time.

Kennedy said the 10-year period over which U.S. states have begun to allow same-sex marriage is a short amount of time on which to



CNS PHOTO/TYLER ORSBURN

**A man supporting same-sex marriage argues with a supporter for traditional marriage outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington April 28. The high court began hearing arguments in cases involving four states that bar same-sex marriage.**

base a ruling to change that.

"This definition has been with us for millennia," he said. "And it's very difficult for the court to say, oh, well, we know better."

Alito observed that, "until the end of the 20th century, there never was a nation or culture that recognized marriage between two people of the same sex. Now, can we infer from that that those nations and those cultures all thought that there was some rational, practical purpose for defining marriage in that way, or is it your argument that they were all operating independently, based solely on irrational stereotypes and prejudice?"

Bonauto said in response that "times can blind." For example, discrimination on the basis of sex was assumed to be constitutionally protected, she said, and it took more than 100 years for the court to find otherwise.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg pointed out that the cases seeking reversal of rulings that upheld state bans on same-sex marriage wouldn't be up for the court's consideration "if marriage was what it was a millennium ago." She gave the example of another change in how marriage is understood, citing times when a woman's role in a marriage was subservient to the man's decisions. "There was a change in marriage to make it egalitarian when it wasn't egalitarian."

Bonauto expanded on that, saying that for centuries the U.S. and Europe had a system "where a woman's legal identity was absorbed into that of her husband and men and women had different prescribed legal roles. And again, because of equality and changing social circumstances all of those gender differences in the rights and responsibilities of the married pair have been eliminated. And that, of course, is a system in which committed same-sex couples fit quite well."

Scalia also raised questions about

whether clergy would be required to participate in same-sex marriages that violate their religious beliefs. "You could have ministers who conduct real marriages that are civilly enforceable at the National Cathedral (run by the Episcopal Church) but not at St. Matthew's (Catholic) downtown because that minister refuses to marry two men and therefore cannot be given the state power to make a real state marriage. I don't see any answer to that. I really don't."

No ministers in states with same-sex marriage have been forced to preside at marriages they don't wish to perform, Bonauto said. But Scalia persisted, saying that if such marriages are constitutionally protected, they will have to do so.

Justices Elena Kagan and Stephen Breyer stepped into the issue.

"There are many rabbis that will not conduct marriages between Jews and non-Jews, notwithstanding that we have a constitutional prohibition against religious discrimination," she said. "And those rabbis get all the powers and privileges of the state."

Breyer quoted the First Amendment: "It's called Congress shall make no law respecting the freedom of religion."

The attorney representing the states that want to keep their bans on same-sex marriage, Michigan's special assistant attorney general John J. Bursch, argued that if the court finds a constitutional right to such marriages, it would lead to fewer marriages between heterosexual couples and therefore fewer children being raised in two-parent households.

"There's harm if you change the definition because, in people's minds, if marriage and creating children don't have anything to do with each other, then what do you expect? You expect more children outside of marriage." That's why, he



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, May 10, 5 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Patrick Church, Ligonier
- Tuesday, May 12, 3 p.m. — Meeting of Indiana Bishops, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, May 13, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Indiana Catholic Conference, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, May 13, 4:30 p.m. — Mass opening Dorothy Day Conference, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, May 14, 4 p.m. — Mass for Dorothy Day Conference, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Friday, May 15, 4 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
- Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Saturday, May 16, 5 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass, University of Notre Dame



## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR AID TO NEPAL

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal on April 25, toppling buildings and homes, causing widespread panic, and claiming thousands of lives. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters affected by this disaster. Please join with the Catholic community across the United States in responding to our suffering brothers and sisters through the special collection at Masses on the weekend of May 16-17 for the work of our Catholic Relief Services in Nepal. CRS, the official humanitarian agency of the U.S. Bishops, is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water and food in Nepal and will also be responding to the long-term needs to rebuild the communities in the regions affected by the widespread destruction. For more information, you may go to [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

I realize that we have important second collections on the weekends before and after the weekend of this special collection. Of course, it cannot be foreseen when emergencies such as the Nepal earthquake arise. I thank you for your understanding. May the Risen Lord continue to bless you and your ministry! May God give the people of Nepal strength and fortitude in the midst of their suffering!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Kevin C. Rhoades*

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades



# Canonizing Blessed Serra is call to new evangelization, speakers say

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — Defining Blessed Junipero Serra as a “working-class missionary,” Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez said the 18th-century Franciscan deserves to be made a saint and to have his record as a defender of native peoples made known.

Pope Francis’ announcement that he will canonize Blessed Serra in September “has opened old wounds and revived bitter memories about the treatment of Native Americans during the colonial and missionary period of America’s history,” the archbishop said.

Speaking May 2 at Rome’s Pontifical North American College, Archbishop Gomez said the legacy of Blessed Serra, who founded nine California missions, has been “distorted” by “anti-Spanish and anti-Catholic propaganda.”

“Sometimes it seems like scholars and activists have made Father Serra a symbol for everything they believe was wrong with the mission era,” he said, and it prevents people from appreciating “America’s religious beginnings.”

“It is clear that Pope Francis — the first pope from the New World — understands the Christian roots of the Americas and the continent’s importance for the Church’s mission in the 21st century,” the archbishop said at the symposium organized by the U.S. seminary in Rome, the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Knights of Columbus.

Archbishop Gomez said Blessed Serra “will be the first American saint to be canonized on American soil. And of course, he is being canonized by the first Hispanic pope,” the first pope to “speak the Spanish language as his native tongue, and a pope who himself is an immigrant’s son.”

At a time when the people of United States are “caught up in a divisive political and cultural debate over immigration and the future of its historic identity as a multicultural nation of immigrants,” he said, the canonization is a “prophetic response to the sign of the times.”

“I believe Father Serra would have us working to build an America that promotes the encounter of cultures and seeks to protect the sanctity and dignity of the human person,” the archbishop said.

By canonizing Blessed Serra in Washington, the nation’s capital, Archbishop Gomez said, Pope Francis will be sending a message, “a call for America to return to its deep religious and intercultural roots — as a nation born from the universal mission of the Catholic Church and the encounter of the Gospel with the first nations, cultures and peoples found in this land.”

The canonization also should be an encouragement for every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed — with all his heart — that the Gospel was true. And out of love, he was willing to give up everything — family and home, security and fortune, even his very life — to bring the truth of



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

**Pope Francis accepts a relic of Blessed Junipero Serra from Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles at the conclusion of Mass celebrated at the Pontifical North American College in Rome May 2. It was the first papal visit to the U.S. seminary since 1980.**

this salvation to people living on the other side of the world, people he did not know, people who did not share his language or customs.”

Despite what people may have read in the newspapers recently, the archbishop said, Blessed Serra’s own writings and documents recounting his activities in California in the late 1700s prove his efforts to defend the native peoples, particularly against the cruelty of the Spanish soldiers and governors.

Carl A. Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, also spoke at the symposium. Afterward, he told Catholic News Service, “It’s very important that we set the record straight about Junipero

Serra because he is a model of Catholic missionary activity in North America.”

As U.S. Catholics discuss their identity and their future, he said, they need to understand their past, which includes “so many great missionaries — religious men, religious women — who built so many of the Catholic institutions of our country. Junipero Serra is really at the head of that list.”

Anderson’s presentation at the symposium focused on Blessed Serra and Our Lady of Guadalupe and included the fact that the ship that brought Blessed Serra to the New World was named Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Before Mary appeared to St.

Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531, Anderson told CNS, “the missionary activity in the New World just did not get off the ground. But with her apparition, things changed dramatically because there on the tilma (St. Juan Diego’s cloak) is her image as a native person.”

The apparition, he said, “brought a respect for native people and native culture,” and Blessed Serra’s missionary activity reflected that. He understood that “evangelization isn’t domination, it’s not substitution of one culture for another culture, but it is recognizing the dignity and value of every culture and calling it to the Gospel.”

As Catholics take seriously their own missionary obligation, it is important to set the record straight about Blessed Serra and to imitate him, Anderson said.

“Pope Francis understands this better than almost anyone else because coming from Latin America he understands this great tradition, he understands how history has treated it sometimes very unfairly and he’s trying to preserve the record because what is past is prologue in terms of our identity,” he said.

“Our Lady of Guadalupe comes to unify, she comes to promote respect for minorities, she comes to build a new world, bringing people together, not dominating anyone,” he said. “The Holy Father understands that if we are going to evangelize in a time of globalization we must have an inculturated evangelization that respects diversity, different people, different cultures.”

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said, the state must follow through with its obligation to protect children by keeping marriage defined in the way that lends itself to parents raising their own biological children.

“We’re talking about something that’s going to change the meaning of the institution over generations,” Bursch said. “You have things like no-fault divorce where we tweaked what marriage means and it had consequences over the long term that some people didn’t expect.”

In the second question the court took up, whether states that don’t permit same-sex marriages are obligated to recognize such unions performed in other states, attorney Douglas Hallward-Driemeier repeatedly referred to his clients’ marriages being dissolved by the states where they live.

“These petitioners have built their lives around their marriages, including bringing children into their families, just as opposite-sex couples have done,” Hallward-Driemeier said. “But the non-recognition laws undermine the stability of these families.”

He and attorney Joseph F. Whalen, associate solicitor general of Tennessee, who was defending several states’ rights to not recognize same-sex marriages, both

agreed that if the court rules in the first question that there is a constitutional right to such unions, their cases become moot.

Whalen said before the question of same-sex marriages came up the last time Tennessee had refused to recognize another state’s marriage was in 1970, in a case involving a marriage of a stepfather and stepdaughter.

The court was weighing four cases from Tennessee, Michigan, Kentucky and Ohio.

All four cases under review are all from the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled in November that laws prohibiting same-sex marriage are constitutional. That 2-1 ruling came in the case of a lesbian couple in Michigan who sought to jointly adopt the special needs children they are raising together. The state will not allow adoption by couples that are not married and it prohibits same-sex marriage.

The opinion said that although it is inevitable that same-sex marriage will be allowed nationwide, it is better to make that change through a political process, rather than a court ruling. The 6th Circuit was the first federal appeals court to find in favor of such bans. Four other federal appellate courts have found same-sex marriage prohibitions to be unconstitutional.

The court bundled the appeals under the title of the Ohio case, Obergefell v. Hodges. That case arose after the October 2013 death

of John Arthur of Cincinnati. He and his longtime partner, Obergefell, had married earlier that year in Maryland. When the local Ohio registrar agreed to list Obergefell as the surviving spouse on Arthur’s death certificate — which is key to a range of survivor’s benefits — the state attorney general challenged the status because Ohio law bars same-sex marriages.

The other cases under consideration include: *Tanco v. Haslam*, the Tennessee case, and *Bourke v. Beshear*, the Kentucky case, which similarly challenge those states’ refusal to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions, and *DeBoer v. Snyder*, the Michigan adoption case.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops was among Catholic organizations that filed “amicus” or friend-of-the-court briefs urging the justices to maintain the definition of marriage as applying just to one man and one woman.

The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is only a union of one man and one woman. The Church teaches that homosexual attraction itself is not sinful, but homosexual actions are. Any sexual activity outside of marriage is considered sinful.

As of late April, 37 states and the District of Columbia allow same-sex marriages, most due to federal and state court rulings.

The court’s ruling is expected before it adjourns for the term in late June.



# In solidarity with Armenian victims, students remember first genocide of the 20th century

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

**NOTRE DAME** — With heartfelt sorrow, tempered by the hope of new life in the Resurrection and trust in God's loving mercy, members of the University of Notre Dame family gathered throughout campus recently to recall the 1.5 million lives lost in the Armenian genocide 100 years ago.

Beginning on April 24, 1915, and lasting through 1923, the Ottoman Turkish government acted to ethnically cleanse its territory of the indigenous Armenian population, killing two thirds of the Armenians living within its borders and destroying hundreds of Armenian churches, monasteries, schools and cultural centers in the process.

During his recent Mass on the feast of Divine Mercy, Pope Francis welcomed the president, patriarchs and bishops of Armenia, passionately speaking out against this terrible violence. "Dear Armenian Christians, today, with hearts filled with pain, but at the same time with great hope in the risen Lord, we recall the centenary of that tragic event, that immense and senseless slaughter whose cruelty your forebears had to endure. It is necessary, and indeed a duty, to honor their memory; for whenever memory fades, it means that evil allows wounds to fester. Concealing or denying evil is like allowing a wound to keep bleeding without bandaging it!"

Throughout the third week of April, Notre Dame students, faculty and staff chose to honor this memory through several events commemorating the lives of those who suffered so greatly 100 years ago. The tribute began with a showing of the film "The Lark Farm," about an aristocratic Armenian family unexpectedly swept into the ravages of genocide.

The following day, Theology Professor Maxwell Johnson spoke on the importance of martyrdom in both the early Church and today, specifically referring to those killed in the Armenian genocide. He emphasized that "those who have given their lives for Christ participate in an inherently Eucharistic ritual, offering themselves as sacrifice in place of the bread and cup; becoming transformed into Him through their deaths."

He also shared the decision of the synod of bishops of the Armenian Apostolic Church, which for the first time in hundreds of years, on April 23, 2015, officially added saints to their register of holy men and women, canonizing the martyrs who gave their lives for their faith and their



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homeland during the Armenian genocide. While no specific names were mentioned nor were a fixed number of martyrs defined, the Armenian Church acknowledged that "even without knowing the names or precise circumstances of each one, God knows who they are, and for us that is sufficient." This act of canonization allows these martyrs to finally officially be recognized as members of the Church triumphant and celebrated within the Divine Liturgy. It serves as a reminder for the faithful to perpetuate the Christian witness of the Armenian people to inspire their own mission and evangelism in this world.

In remembrance, a prayer service and candlelit vigil was held on campus on April 22, providing the opportunity for students to share testimonies and unite in solidarity with these heroic victims. Graduate students and organizers of the event, Shant Mahserejian, Alan Grigorian and Armenian Deacon Jesse Arlen each spoke about how the genocide touched their lives. These brave men revealed how their respective great-grandparents were killed, orphaned or forced into hiding during the genocide. Each affirmed the importance of keeping their heritage alive, working for peace, and leading other young men and women to become the generation that ends the cycle of genocide.

Further emphasizing the need for systematic change towards peace, Mahserejian stated, "Upon his invasion of Poland, Hitler was confronted and asked, 'What makes you think you can get away with this?' His response was simple, 'Whom, after all, remembers the annihilation of the Armenians?' Throughout history you see repeated cycles of ethnic cleansing, including the Holocaust, Rwanda, Darfur and

many, many others throughout the last century. Current activities taking place in the Middle East at the hands of ISIS are included as part of this. It will be through education, sharing of stories, taking political action and upholding a commitment to justice, which will ultimately allow us to overcome these evil powers."

With hopeful remembrance, Grigorian also shared, "Even while being persecuted, the Armenians never abandoned their belief in their faith and their culture. In the Armenian community there is a saying, especially in regards to genocide, which is 'you may cut my branches and burn my leaves, but you will never touch my roots.'"

Following these passionate testimonies, those in attendance processed from Alumni Hall Chapel to the reflecting pool outside Hesburgh Library. Led by 15 students, in memory of the 100 years, each took 1,000 steps, combining to signify the 1.5 million lives lost in the genocide. Each placed a candle of remembrance in front of the library, praying together for those who have been lost, but shall soon be honored throughout the Church.

The weeklong tribute culminated with a screening on April 27 of the film, "1915: The Movie," about a present day theatre director seeking to bring the memory of this forgotten genocide back to life.

The Armenian students and professors of Notre Dame encourage all people of conscience to take a moment to remember the victims of this genocide, as well as all those around the world who have or presently suffer from crimes against humanity. Those interested in learning more about the Armenian genocide or taking action in response are encouraged to visit [www.armenian-genocide.org](http://www.armenian-genocide.org) and [www.marchtojustice.org](http://www.marchtojustice.org).

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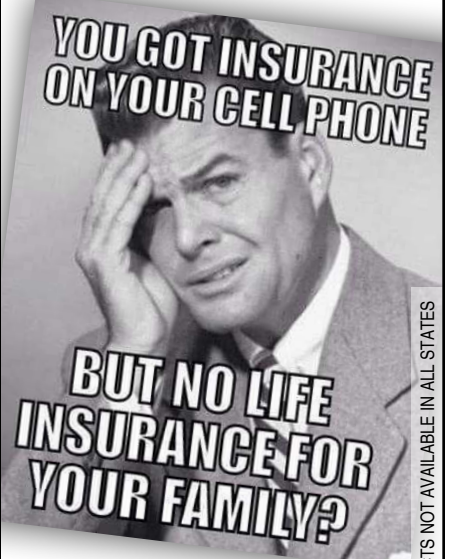
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## Pope says 'scandal' of inequality, fear of marriage must be addressed

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Two millennia after the "Gospel of the family" defeated an abusive social practice that humiliated women, the "radical equality" of spouses in Christian marriage must now bear "new fruit" in society, including "the right to equal pay for equal work," said Pope Francis. This "disparity" between men and women in the workplace is "a pure scandal," Pope Francis said April 29 during his weekly general audience. Continuing a series of audience talks about marriage, the pope began by saying Jesus demonstrated His great fondness and solicitude for marriage and family when he changed water into wine at the wedding at Cana. The love between man and woman in marriage is "God's masterpiece," the pope said, straying from his prepared remarks. Though Jesus' message to married couples is always the same, "many things have changed" since then, he said. Today there are fewer marriages, more marriage breakups, and fewer children, the pope noted. Family and marital bonds are broken with "always greater frequency and speed," and children are always "the biggest victims," he said.

## Supreme Court takes close, contested look at lethal injection drug

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Exactly one year after a botched execution in Oklahoma, the Supreme Court took a close look at the effectiveness of a specific drug used in the state's lethal injections to determine whether it constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. The April 29 oral arguments were at times bogged down by medical details and at other times were argumentative about the drug in question and the death penalty in general. The case, *Glossip v. Gross*, was presented by lawyers for three Oklahoma death-row inmates claiming the drug midazolam, the first drug administered in the state's three-part lethal injection process, does not effectively put inmates into a coma-like state that prevents them from feeling pain. It was the first time the justices re-examined lethal injections since 2008, when they ruled in *Baze v. Rees* that a three-drug protocol used in Kentucky executions did not violate the Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. In that protocol, the first drug causes unconsciousness, the second brings about paralysis and the third stops the heart. The difference now is that in recent years a shortage of drugs — due in part to a European-led boycott — has caused states to try a variety of drug combinations, not the specific ones the court considered and upheld in 2008. When Oklahoma prison authorities could no longer obtain a drug previously used, they began using midazolam, which was a factor in three problematic executions last year.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## MEMBERS OF CURSILLO MOVEMENT ATTEND AUDIENCE WITH POPE FRANCIS AT VATICAN



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Members of the Cursillo movement attend an audience with Pope Francis in Paul VI audience hall at the Vatican April 30. Spending more than an hour with Cursillo members in the Vatican audience hall, the pope thanked them "for all you do in the Church, which is so beautiful; helping people encounter Jesus, helping them understand that living in the grace of God is beautiful."

## Catholics join efforts to heal, clean up, move forward in Baltimore

BALTIMORE (CNS) — As the city cleaned up after a night of riots, looting and fires following the funeral of Freddie Gray, Archbishop William E. Lori said the Church's place is to pray, be a voice for peace and participate in a wider community dialogue to solve the systemic issues that led to the unrest. Gray, 25, died April 19, one week after being arrested on a weapons charge and sustaining a severe spinal cord injury in West Baltimore while in police custody. After his funeral April 27, peaceful protests turned into unrest later in the day, leading to damage of buildings and cars, and looting and fires seen nonstop on national TV news networks. The next morning, as Archbishop Lori, Auxiliary Bishop Denis J. Madden and other archdiocesan leaders toured the West Baltimore neighborhoods affected, adults and children with brooms and trash bags were as numerous as the rioters the night before. Ray Kelly stopped outside of St. Peter Claver Church to talk with the archbishop's group and Josephite Father Ray P. Bomberger, pastor. "We're going to do a cleanup and bring Sandtown leaders together. We want to make sure that residents are part of this effort," Kelly, who said he has lived in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood "forever — 44 years," said, "They've got to start restructuring. Right now. Today."

## Pope prays for quake victims, sends donation, urges solidarity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis offered his prayers to all of those affected by a deadly earthquake in Nepal, encouraged rescue and emergency workers in their efforts and sent an initial donation of \$100,000. More than 4,300 people were known to have been killed and an estimated 1 million people were left homeless after a magnitude-7.8 earthquake hit a mountainous region near Kathmandu April 25. The devastation included not just buildings collapsing from the tremors, but also people and villages being buried by landslides and avalanches triggered by the quake and aftershocks. The number of casualties was expected to be much higher as rescue teams tried to make their way into more remote areas. "I pray for the victims, those wounded and for all those who suffer because of this calamity," Pope Francis said after reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer with visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square April 26. Before leading people in praying the Hail Mary together, he expressed his hope that those affected by the disaster would "have the support of fraternal solidarity." The Pontifical Council Cor Unum, which promotes and coordinates charitable giving, announced April 28 that Pope Francis had sent "a first contribution of \$100,000" to assist the victims.

## Protect the earth, feed the hungry, pope says at Expo 2015 opening

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — People need to stop destroying the planet and instead find ways to safeguard it and share its resources, particularly to feed the hungry, Pope Francis told officials from around the world. In a live video address to the opening ceremony of Expo 2015 in Milan, the pope urged fair-goers and organizers to show real concern for the poor and to undertake concrete efforts to promote solidarity. Otherwise, he said, the world's fair could be part of the "paradox of abundance" that St. John Paul II denounced when he noted how a small percentage of the world's people had much more than they needed to live while so many people are starving. Expo 2015 opened May 1, bringing together more than 140 nations with pavilions and exhibits connected to the theme, "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life." Running through Oct. 31, the exhibits — including a Vatican pavilion — focus on guaranteeing healthy, safe and sufficient food for everyone, while respecting the planet. Pope Francis said that to ensure the motto "does not remain just a theme," people attending Expo 2015 should make a real effort to keep in mind "the faces of the men and women who are hungry and who become sick or even die because of poor and bad nutrition."

## Pope tells Portuguese bishop he hopes to visit Fatima in 2017

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis already is looking ahead to 2017 and particularly to marking important Marian feasts that year. Portuguese Bishop Antonio dos Santos Marto of Leiria-Fatima issued a statement April 25 saying that Pope Francis authorized him to share publicly the pope's hope to go to Fatima in 2017 for the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. "Pope Francis confirmed to Bishop Antonio Marto that, 'if God gives me life and health' he wants to go to Cova da Iria to celebrate the centenary of the apparitions of Fatima," said a statement posted on the website of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Cova da Iria was the place near Fatima where three shepherd children reported seeing Mary between May 13 and Oct. 13, 1917. The Fatima anniversary is not the only Marian anniversary Pope Francis has said he wants to celebrate in 2017. When he was in Brazil in 2013 for the celebration of World Youth Day, he spent a day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida. After Mass at the shrine, he took a copy of the statue of Mary outside with him to bless the thousands of people who could not be accommodated in the Church. He asked the crowd to pray for him, especially that he would be able to return to Aparecida in 2017 to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the statue's discovery.

## Pope defends Blessed Serra, prays for missionary zeal in Americas

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — People seem to enjoy finding the shortcomings of candidates for sainthood like Blessed Junipero Serra, but they should ask themselves if they would have his generosity and courage to leave everything behind to care for the poor and bring them the Gospel, Pope Francis said. Visiting the Pontifical North American College, the U.S. seminary in Rome, Pope Francis insisted Blessed Serra fits into a host of saints who shaped the history and culture of the Americas, particularly by spreading Christianity, caring for the poor and defending the oppressed. The pope's Mass May 2 with 250 seminarians from more than 100 U.S. dioceses, as well as Australia and Canada, came at the end of a symposium on Blessed Serra organized by the seminary, the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Knights of Columbus. Although the college is on the Janiculum Hill overlooking the Vatican, Pope Francis' was the first papal visit to the campus since 1980, when St. John Paul II went. Pope Francis is scheduled to canonize Blessed Serra, the 18th-century Spanish missionary to California, during his September trip to the United States. "This meeting at your college and around the Eucharistic table is a beautiful and meaningful introduction to my apostolic trip to the United States of America," he told the students, staff, bishops and cardinals at the Mass.



## Mass at Father Bly Field to celebrate South Bend's 150th

SOUTH BEND — An outdoor Mass at Father Bly Field at Saint Joseph High School will celebrate the 150th birthday of the City of South Bend. All area Catholics are invited to attend.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invites all area Catholics to join him in celebrating a special SB150 Mass in commemoration of the 150th birthday of the city of South Bend.

The Mass will be held outdoors at Father Bly Field at Saint Joseph High School, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 31. The Mass is for all area Catholics and is open to the public.

No ticket is required. Bleacher seating will be available. Overflow seating will be on the field. In the case of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Saint Joseph High School gymnasium.

## Cathedral Museum receives 2015 Best of Fort Wayne Award

FORT WAYNE — Cathedral Museum has been selected for the 2015 Best of Fort Wayne Award in the "Museums" category by the Fort Wayne Award Program.

Each year, the Fort Wayne Award Program identifies companies that it believes have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and the community. These exceptional companies help make the Fort Wayne area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2015 Fort Wayne Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Fort Wayne Award Program and data provided by third parties.

The Fort Wayne Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Fort Wayne area.

## Saint John's Bible to be displayed in Ancilla Domini Chapel

DONALDSON — The Saint John's Bible will be on display in the Ancilla Domini Chapel at The Center at Donaldson from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 31.

The Gospels and Acts as well as The Books of Wisdom from The Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition are the full-size fine art reproduction of the original. Measuring two feet tall by three feet wide when open, it is the exact size of the original manuscript.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## DCCW CELEBRATES 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



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The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women met and celebrated the 95th anniversary of the National Council of Catholic Women, which has been supported by the bishops since its beginning. They also held a baby shower for the Women's Care Center after praying for nine months Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's prayer to end abortions. All Catholic women are invited to be members. The council is in need of representatives from every parish in the diocese and those willing to take leadership roles. For more information visit [nccw.org](http://nccw.org) or contact Betty L. Howard at 260-348-9656.

The Saint John's Bible, the world's newest handwritten, hand-illuminated Bible, was commissioned in 1998 by the monks of Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota, and produced under the leadership of artistic director Donald Jackson, scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ invite the public to The Center at Donaldson on Sunday, May 31, to view these beautiful books from the Heritage Edition and to learn more about the creation of The Saint John's Bible. Refreshments will be available in Cana Hall between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. All are welcome.

## Bishop Dwenger announces Class of 2015 academic successes

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High has recognized senior students for their academic success.

• The Class of 2015 Top 10 — Recognized for their academic success, these 10 students will be the first to receive their diploma during graduation May 22, at the Embassy Theatre: Valedictorian, Lucie Ly; salutatorian, Mary

Richter; third, Erica Evans; fourth, Donald Luc; fifth (tie), Thomas Roesler; fifth (tie), Madelyn Donovan; seventh, Anthony Luc; eighth, Holly Heddens; ninth, Grant Voirol; and tenth, Audrey Sanfrey.

• Students with perfect ACT scores include Riley Delaney, ACT, reading and math; Emily Miller, ACT, reading (twice) and SAT, critical reading; and Thomas Roesler, ACT, English and reading.

• Chick Evans Caddie Scholars are: Lauren Diffendarfer, Indiana University; Chandler Fairfield, Purdue University; and Samantha McLeish, Purdue University.

## USF Jesters accepting registrations for summer

FORT WAYNE — The Jesters of the University of Saint Francis is accepting registrations now from people with developmental disabilities for its five-week summer 2015 arts program in Fort Wayne.

The program will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays: Aug. 11, 18 and 25 and Sept. 1 and 8. Each session, except that of Aug. 18, will meet in the dance studio at the USF North Campus, 2702 Spring St., across from the main campus. The Aug. 18 ses-

sion will be held in the Rolland Art Building off Leesburg Road.

Activities will include dance/movement, theatre, storytelling, puppetry, percussion and music (instrumental and voice) and visual arts. Registration fees are \$30 per person and scholarships are available. The summer program is offered to anyone with a disability regardless of his/her involvement with the traditional Jesters program that is held annually, September to March.

To request registration forms, contact Molly McGowan in the School of Creative Arts at [mmcgowan@sf.edu](mailto:mmcgowan@sf.edu) or (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001. Registrations will be accepted through July 24, 2015. Capacity is limited to the first 30 participants who register.

For more information, contact director Allison Ballard at [allis2b@yahoo.com](mailto:allis2b@yahoo.com) or 260-745-3107.

## Brain works presentation at the Center At Donaldson

DONALDSON — Maria Center is hosting the presentation, "The Story That Changed How We Think About Aging Gracefully," May 21 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

at The Center at Donaldson in the Hardesty Room in Ancilla College. This presentation is free and open to the public.

The presentation, given by Dory Lawrence, will address the efforts that are underway to help people understand what makes their brain work at its best, today and through the years ahead. Hear the fascinating research based story that was at the foundation of this growing field of brain health, and learn how you can put this important knowledge to use in your own life.

Still considered one of the most complex structures in the universe, it is only recently that science has started sharing some details of how the brain works and the strong connection to the overall health and the ability to handle almost every part of day-to-day activities.

Register by Thursday, May 14, by calling Jennifer Weinert, Maria Center Resident Services Coordinator, at 574-936-9936 ext. 140. Registration can also be done on-line through BrainWorks at <https://qualityoflife.org/brain-works/upcoming-events/>

Maria Center, a part of Catherine Kasper Life Center, is a ministry sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and is located at The Center at Donaldson.

## OLVM Sisters honored by Diocese of San Bernardino

HUNTINGTON — Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters were recognized for their service in the Diocese of San Bernardino as they were presented with the "Amare Entregarse" award by Bishop Gerald R. Barnes at the 16th Annual Bishop's Dinner April 11 at Indian Wells, California.

OLVM was honored along with the Congregation of the Religious Sisters of Mercy and Auxiliary Bishop Rutilio del Riego.

Each honoree was presented with a medallion featuring an image of Jesus washing the feet of His apostles, representing Bishop Barnes' Episcopal Motto: Amare Entregarse, "Love is the Total Giving of One's Self" and emphasizing the roots of his ministry to the people of God, taken from the Gospel of John, "As I have done, so you must do."

The Victory Noll Sisters were one of the earliest religious communities to make an impact in the San Bernardino area when they arrived in Redlands in 1932, with the primary ministry of religious education of youth. They began to reach out to surrounding towns, and by 1938 they were serving more than a dozen communities in the area.

## Correction

In the May 3, 2015 issue of *Today's Catholic*, on page 7, the caption beneath the seminarians from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who were instituted as acolytes should have identified seminarian Nathan Maskal. He was shown second from left. We apologize for the error.



# Ave Maria Press remains committed to publishing ministry after 150 of service

BY STEPHANIE A. SIBAL

*"I may be deceived, disappointed, laughed to scorn, but with all that I will still retain my conviction that The Ave Maria will be the source of most abundant blessings, one of the best things ever done in the congregation, and ultimately a glorious work for our Blessed Mother."*

— Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin

NOTRE DAME — Even after 150 years, Ave Maria Press remains committed to the core mission set by Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin in 1865 as he established the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States.

Ave was the third apostolate of Holy Cross founded in the United States by the missionary priest, following the University of Notre Dame and St. Joseph Parish in South Bend. Father Sorin started *The Ave Maria* magazine to honor Mary, focus on Catholic families and showcase the best American Catholic writing. Many had doubts about whether the publication would survive because of the fate of other Catholic periodicals, as well as the mainly poor, immigrant makeup of the American Church. But *The Ave Maria* did thrive for more than 100 years and at one time was the most popular Catholic magazine in the country.

Father Sorin would be proud of his legacy. "Planning for our anniversary has given all of us at Ave Maria Press a welcome opportunity to step back from our day-to-day work and reflect on the history and legacy of the wonderful publishing ministry that Father Sorin founded 150 years ago during a very different era," said Thomas Grady, Ave's publisher. "Father Sorin might be mystified by the way we create and distribute our work in a digital era (as I frequently am!), but I hope he would recognize that we have remained faithful to our mission to proclaim the Gospel, serve the spiritual needs of the Church and join the Congregation of Holy Cross as 'educators in the faith.'"

Ave Maria Press has evolved as a leader in publishing Catholic high school religion textbooks, parish resources and books on prayer and spirituality. In the tradition of Holy Cross, Ave strives to make God known, loved and served through the spiritual, pastoral and catechetical books that are at the core of its publishing mission. "Father Sorin's vision of deepening the faith remains the basis for everything that Ave Maria Press does today," said Holy Cross Father Anthony Szakaly, chairman of Ave's board of directors.

Under the leadership of Holy Cross Father Daniel E. Hudson, who served as the third editor from 1875 to 1930, the magazine grew from 10,000 subscribers to 35,000. Throughout its life, the magazine boasted contributions from every important Catholic writer of the time, including Dorothy Day, Orestes A. Brownson and Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson.

During Father Hudson's tenure, Ave began publishing hardcover books of inspirational Catholic stories. During the first five months of 1930, the serialization of "Patch: Memories of an Irish Lad" by Holy Cross Father Patrick J. Carroll, later the editor of *The Ave Maria*, appeared in the magazine. The complete work was published as a hardcover book in the same year.

Eight Holy Cross priests served as editors and publishers between 1865 and 1994, but Holy Cross brothers and sisters also have been an important part of Ave Maria



Holy Cross Brother Raymond Trottman who now lives at Columba Hall. He was a typesetter.

Press as well. Holy Cross Brother Stanislaus, (John A. Clarke), was the first printer, pressman and proofreader for *The Ave Maria*. He trained Holy Cross sisters to set type, proof, fold and stitch sheets by hand. Mother Angela Gillespie did much of the editorial work for the magazine. About 1873, the sisters assumed more of the work at the magazine and served in a variety of roles, including writers and proofreaders, which continued until the 1950s. Holy Cross brothers served with zeal as typesetters and pressmen for more than 100 years. Traveling by foot, train, trolley, buggy and car, the brothers also acted as canvassers to get the magazine into Catholic homes and parishes in the United States, Canada and Australia.

Father John L. Reedy, editor and publisher from 1955 to 1983, oversaw the last issue of *The Ave Maria* in 1970. He wrote in that issue, "The identity of *Ave Maria* magazine submerges itself in a new effort to serve the religious needs to today's audience."

Ann Garrido, author of "Redeeming Administration," praised Ave's adaptability. "Even as the field of Catholic communications continues to undergo tremendous change in terms of available media, technology and demographics, Ave Maria continues to adapt without losing sight of its founding purpose. With an ear close to the ground, the Ave Maria team excels at what St. John XXIII called "reading the signs of the times."

The publishing ministry continues in earnest. Ave Maria Press remains one of the oldest, continually operating Catholic publishing houses in the country.

"As the magazine evolved into Ave Maria Press, this ministry has touched the lives of countless individuals throughout the world who have been privileged to be inspired by the words of some of the best spiritual writers of our time," said Holy Cross Father Thomas J. O'Hara, provincial superior of the U.S. Province. "In a world where so many search for guidance in their lives or grasp for spiritual insights, Ave Maria Press has become a leader in providing such guidance."

Among Ave's highly acclaimed titles are: Lisa Hendey's "The Handbook for Catholic Moms"; "The Artist's Rule" by Christine Valters Paintner; "Rebuilt" by Michael White and Tom Corcoran; and "A Book of Hours" by Thomas Merton.



Holy Cross sisters and brothers working on the magazine.



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Ave Maria Press staff members Kristen Hornyak Bonelli, Michael Amodei, Karey Circosta, Thomas Grady, Robert Chukinas, Eileen Ponder and Robert Hamma share details of the company's historical highlights and triumphs at a dinner commemorating the 150th anniversary held May 1 at Moreau Seminary.

## MARIA

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Sorin implored at its foundation that "*The Ave Maria* is a family newspaper, and it wishes to speak to hearts that love the Blessed Virgin." During this time, *The Ave Maria* covered many significant moments of American and Church history, before the company shifted its primary focus in 1970 to the publications of books and pamphlets. Since then, Ave Maria Press has continued to highlight the writings of many prominent Catholic authors covering a diverse array of spiritual issues, while also adapting to changes within the culture.

Even in uncertain times, Ave Maria Press has continued to remain focused on preserving devotion to Our Lady and leading Catholics to grow in faith. One day earlier, at an open house at the main facility, board member and Holy Cross Father David Guffy touched upon the company's success in transition.

"It has been great to see Ave grow and

thrive. Publishing and printing has changed so dramatically in recent years, with the next frontier being advancements in digital media," Father Guffy said. "While Catholic publishing companies are shrinking, Ave is looking far enough ahead and adapting, looking for how to reach audiences; they are well poised to continue for 150 years. The biggest challenge is how to encourage Catholics to read, watch and absorb spiritually enriching material. It isn't just about producing solid products, but also about marketing it in such a way that it becomes appealing to consumers who might be harder to reach."

Karey Circosta, vice president and director of sales and marketing, further emphasized this point. As a Catholic raised in South Bend and educated by men and women from the Congregation of Holy Cross, Circosta shared, "It has been exciting to be part of a non-profit organization, which promotes the mission of Holy Cross that is also celebrating 150 years. A large part of our success has been through our commitment to diversity. Our challenge now is to withstand like we have throughout our history, to continue enhancing and





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A dinner honors Ave Maria Press' 150th anniversary at Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame.



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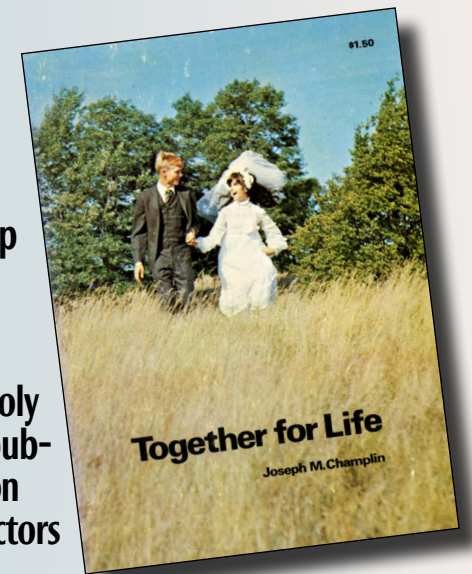
Holy Cross Father Anthony Szakaly speaks at the dinner in honor of Ave Maria Press' 150th anniversary at Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame. Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Illinois, is seated at the table in front of the podium.

## Ave Maria facts

- The Ave Maria magazine was published for 105 years, ending in 1970.
- Spiritual Book Associates, Ave's book club, began as a project of Jesuit Father Francis X. Talbot of America magazine in 1934. It became part of Ave Maria Press in 1963.
- Henri Nouwen published one of his first books, "With Open Hands," with Ave in 1972. Ave also published his last book, "Can You Drink the Cup?"
- A long association with author and teacher Michael Pennock began in 1976 with the publication of "Christian Morality & You," Ave's first high school religion textbook. He continued to write and revise Ave's textbooks until his death in 2009.



- In 1985, Ave published Joyce Rupp's first book, "Fresh Bread"; 2015 marks 30 years of partnership with Rupp and the release of her 16th book.

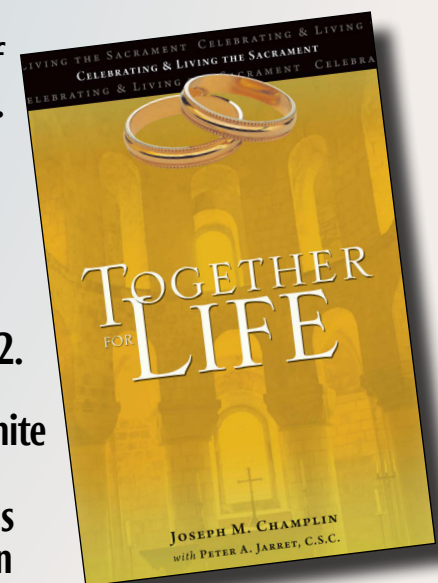


- Priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross (CSC) served as editors and publishers until 1994. CSCs still serve on the Ave Maria Press Board of Directors and Ave publishes books by CSCs.

- Ave's current home at 1865 Moreau Dr. was dedicated on Sept. 14, 1998.

- The Sorin Books imprint launched in 1999 to reach spiritual seekers.

- In 2003, Ave acquired the Forest of Peace and Christian Classics imprints.



- Ave published its first digital book (for the Kindle) in 2009 and its first digital textbook in 2010.

- Ave's printing facility closed in 2012.

- Bestseller "Rebuilt," by Michael White and Tom Corcoran, was published in 2013. "Rebuilt" and its sequel, "Tools for Rebuilding," have sold more than 100,000 copies.

diversifying what we do. We cannot take success for granted, but must keep working to ensure continued growth for the future."

In gratitude, Thomas Grady expressed his appreciation to the entire staff, members of the Congregation of Holy Cross, members of the board of directors, former and retired employees, authors who have come from near and far, and all those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help shape the successes of Ave Maria Press. He also shared three new features of the company, which highlight its historical vision and upcoming hopes.

"In January," he said, "we unveiled a new logo, which simultaneously looks to both the past and the future. It recalls and celebrates the ongoing importance of our Marian heritage, while looking ahead with a sheaf of unbound pages, a nod to our digital present and future."

Secondly, he praised the idea of Karey Circosta and Kristen Hornyak Bonelli to display quotations throughout the building. "These quotes will serve to remind us of our mission — that we are 'educators in

the faith' and that we should continue to pray that Ave remains, in Father Sorin's words, a 'source of most abundant blessings, for the Church and for the congregation.'"

Thirdly, he directed attention to the visual timeline, which runs along the wall of the main hallway, citing the efforts of many people to research Ave's extensive history and display it in elaborate fashion. This timeline can also be viewed in full detail at [www.avemariapress.com/anniversary](http://www.avemariapress.com/anniversary).

Grady further emphasized, "What I'm most proud of is that through the years Ave has tried to serve the needs of the whole Church, not just one segment of it. While staying true to our mission we strive to be flexible and adaptable. Our attention to the diverse needs of Catholic schools, Catholic parishes and individual believers and seekers has been the foundation of a publishing program that — we pray — continues to give glory to God, serve God's people and honor Holy Cross."



# HOPE

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after several phone calls the four women gathered together at Spisak's home. These faith-filled women formed a circle of friendship in which they found the spiritual and emotional support that they sought as they shared their harrowing journeys, prayer and devotions to special saints with each other. And hope is what they found.

Spisak says, "We had so much in common and I felt such a sense of joy and peace knowing I was not alone in this struggle. I knew God had brought each of us together at that specific time for a reason. ... We each found comfort in our pain, a voice that expressed what we couldn't wrap our heads around and hope in our suffering."

Strack adds, "We decided to call ourselves the HOPE Group. We came up with a few words that inspired us that had the letters H.O.P.E. in them. Handmaid (Mary said, 'Be it done to me according to Your will'), jOy (Seek out joy even under the heaviest of burdens), Perseverance ('Well done my good and faithful servant') and stEadfastness (Staying true to our Catholic faith)."

As the four met monthly, Spisak began to feel the need to assist others in their search for Catholic methods of conception. She says, "I



JERRY KESSENS

**Nine couples from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend met five years ago at St. Patrick, Arcola, for a retreat for couples dealing with infertility. Eight of the couples and their children reunited April 24 for a Mass celebrated by Msgr. Thadeum Balinda, pastor of St. Patrick, Arcola, and fellowship.**

felt called to do something for other couples who were in our shoes, struggling with no one to reach out to. I presented the idea of a retreat for couples with infertility to the HOPE girls and we quickly got to work on planning this event. With the help of our Creighton Model coach, we were able to organize, advertise and obtain speakers, a Mass and dinner for the event. We were happy with our turnout of nine couples from around the diocese, some coming from as far as South Bend."

Now five years later, on April 24, eight of the original couples

attending the retreat in 2010 gathered at St. Patrick Parish in Arcola for a Mass of thanksgiving and reunion of sorts, bringing with them a total of 15 children, some biological and others adopted.

The HOPE ladies extend a message of hope to anyone who is experiencing infertility issues. "Through great tragedy comes great triumph," says Alles. With prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe and perseverance, she and her husband Jacob gave birth to their daughter Clare Guadalupe in 2010 and adopted Henry Michael in 2014. Spisak and her husband Scott, who came into the Church in

2005, are the proud parents of their adopted daughter, Sophia Marie. Holli and Nathaniel Strack now have two biological children, Lydia Rose and Levi Nathaniel. And Nicki and Eric Lenhof have two biological sons, Augustus and Elijah.

Now walking the joyous path of parenthood, the HOPE Group continues to meet monthly for encouragement and support. Lenhof is grateful for the fellowship the HOPE group offers and says, "The comfort I received from these meetings was incredible. These were three other women with their own individual infertility experi-

ences from which I could learn. It was even more meaningful to me because they too were Catholic. We talked and prayed during our meetings. They were included in my prayers often and I knew that they were praying for me. I didn't feel alone anymore."

Strack says of her faithful group, "The HOPE Group truly helped me to grow deeper in my faith. I drew strength from the other girls' strength and they always showed such love and support no matter where we all were on our journeys. The love and appreciation I have for my HOPE Group goes beyond words."

Alles agrees and says, "We offer hope. If you're open to the Spirit, God will provide. ... He is always providing in the suffering. The support of the HOPE women kept me in faith." Husband Jacob declares, "We are a people of great hope!"

Infertility has become an increasingly prevalent issue for over 6 million women in the U.S. today. For those seeking help with infertility visit [www.infertilitycross.com](http://www.infertilitycross.com), a diocesan website sponsored by the Office of Family Life. The site offers stories and videos of other couples struggling with infertility, provides answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about treatments, the Church's teachings and the struggle involved in bearing this cross. Suggestions for friends and family, resources for further reading, and other websites or organizations are also available.

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# Eighth Annual Respect Life Prayer Dinner held

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph County Right to Life held its eighth annual Respect Life Prayer Dinner on Tuesday, April 21, at the Kroc Center in downtown South Bend. Over 200 attended, and three local ministers, including Father Glenn Kohrman of Holy Family Parish, South Bend, led the gathering in prayer and reflection on the sanctity of every human life.

Winners of Right to Life's annual teen essay contest were recognized: Thomas Garcia, seventh grade homeschooled; Mary Gibson, eighth grade, St. Pius X School, Granger; Eoin Lyon, a sophomore from Trinity High School; and Melanie Garcia, a homeschooled senior, who was the highest scoring essayist. Garcia read her submission aloud and received a standing ovation for her words on how the pro-life movement would change should abortion be made illegal, calling for "an army of love" to rally around every woman facing unplanned pregnancy, children facing abuse and trafficking, and the elderly often forgotten by society.

Another standing ovation came after Josh Comeau received the Hero of Life award. Comeau is a local firefighter and parishioner at Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka, who is battling the same aggressive brain cancer that faced Brittany Maynard last year. He and his wife Rosary have five young children. Comeau spoke on the power of prayer and the reality that his life belongs to God. He closed by reading Psalm 23.



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Father Glenn Kohrman of Holy Family Parish in South Bend urged the ecumenical audience to unite in the work of God to protect all innocent life.



Josh and Rosary Comeau are witnesses to life as Josh battles brain cancer with grace and courage. Josh received the Hero of Life award for his faithful stance on the sanctity of every life even in the face of suffering.

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## Jeanette Burdell becomes executive director of St. Joseph County Right to Life

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph County Right to Life announced the promotion of Jeanette Burdell to executive director. She will be responsible for the implementation of the organization's mission, policies and programs on a day-to-day basis.



JEANETTE BURDELL

Board President Tom Gill said, "Since joining the staff as program director in 2013, Jeanette has moved every aspect of the organization forward. Her energy, creativity, dedication and grasp of our mission has made her a tremendous asset, not just to St. Joseph County Right to Life, but to the pro-life cause. We look forward to the continued contributions she will make to the growth of the organization and the fulfillment of our mission to educate and advocate for the protection of all innocent human life."

Burdell was program director at SJCRL for a year and a half, and a counselor at the Women's Care Center before she was brought on at SJCRL. She and her husband Marc Burdell have three children, the youngest of whom is graduating from the University of Notre Dame in a few weeks.

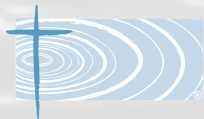


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We Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sisters thank everyone who made our April 10-12 PHJC Coming Home to Mishawaka – South Bend – Granger – Elkhart area events a blessing.

Your prayers and support in the many different ways you joined us during the event and over the years are appreciated.

The hospitality, care, generosity, and love we experienced touched us all. It was a delight to renew acquaintances and share stories.

We hope to continue that connection into the future and look forward to journeying together in the work of the Spirit.

Gratefully,  
The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ



## A migrant crisis over abortion

Last year a crisis unfolded as thousands of children, some as young as 6, made their way alone from their Central American home countries and attempted a dangerous crossing into the United States. Many little ones died lonely deaths in the desert. Thousands were fortunately rescued by federal authorities and now fall under our government's care.

It's an open question whether — or how many — of these children should stay, but they are children. The federal government cannot simply house them in prisons. It must find ways to occupy them constructively — to educate them, even — while they await final disposition of their court cases.

Uncle Sam outsourced this work, as he often does, to the U.S. bishops' Migration and Refugee Services and other experienced refugee organizations, some of which are faith-based.

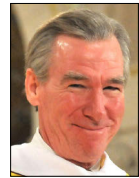
That made sense.

But on Christmas Eve (presumably to avoid attention), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published an interim final rule that could disrupt this arrangement. It is designed to guarantee abortion access for minors in this precarious position, on the off chance that any of them might have become pregnant as a result of having been sexually abused.

Abortion does not heal abuse, and there is no law requiring it in these cases. This is merely a proposed regulatory change by HHS that would be finalized later this year, and perhaps another gratuitous shot at Christian agencies that have long been involved in this kind of humanitarian work.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and other Christian aid groups have strongly objected in an official comment.

Their comment notes that



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the Catholic bishops have been assisting the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement for many years, yet "there have been no reported problems in terms of services to clients. The final rule therefore does not seem to remedy an actual problem or to address any actual past adverse impact on clients served."

The sad thing here is that the victims are the ones most likely to suffer as a result of this puzzling abortion power play. There is ample precedent for making a

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## Truly loving God means to love others



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### 6th Sunday of Easter Jn 15:9-17

The Acts of the Apostles once again provides the first reading for a weekend in the Easter season.

In this reading, the Apostle Peter enters the house of Cornelius, who falls to his knees to give homage to the leader of the followers of Jesus. Graciously, Peter lifts Cornelius to his feet. Then, Peter insists that he has no partiality among persons of various ethnic and national backgrounds, because God has no such partiality.

At the moment of this testimony of faith, and of true discipleship, the Holy Spirit descends into the group present, including the Gentiles. Peter says that anyone so prompted by the Spirit cannot be denied baptism by water.

To set the stage for this reading, Cornelius was not Jewish. He was a Gentile. Moreover, he was a Roman, representative of the detested occupying pagan power. His associates were Gentiles. Despite all this, Peter entered the home of Cornelius, unbelievable for a devout Jew, and Peter was a Jew. Peter went, insisting that all should have access to God, and God welcomes all. Finally, God, in the Holy Spirit, comes into the hearts of all. The Spirit is with Peter. At last, Peter brings all into the company of faith by baptizing

them with water.

The First Epistle of John is the source of the next reading. This reading is a moving, and especially descriptive, message about God's love. God is love. God is in Jesus. Love is in God. Marvelously, God shares this divine love with the faithful.

God's love, and living according to God's love, brings joy, indeed a joy unequalled by anything on earth.

The test of loving God is in obeying the commandments. God revealed the commandments, and God perfectly revealed the divine plan for salvation through and in Jesus.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading. As did the second reading, this proclamation of the Gospel centers upon the love of God.

In this reading, God's love is celebrated. God's love was proven by the Lord's willing, sacrificial death on Calvary. "There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Because of uniting with Jesus in faith and love, disciples are friends of God. For the ancient Jews, as well as others in the Mediterranean world, friend was much more powerful in its meaning than it is today. It meant an intense bond, a loyalty.

Truly loving God means to love others. The image of the vine occurs again. Disciples are the branches. Christ is the great, main vine. If true to Christ, disciples produce much fruit. The reading closes with the wonderful admonition, and command, of Jesus to "love one another."

### Reflection

Carefully and deliberately the Church is leading us forward to

the feast of the Ascension. It is as if we Christians had been standing beside the Apostles in the days following the Resurrection, hearing with them the words of the risen Jesus, seeing as they saw the wonder of life victorious over death.

Now, the mood slightly shifts. The Church is preparing us for the Ascension, telling us that the presence of Jesus on earth changed. Discipleship did not change.

Jesus calls us "to love one another." He is the model. Considering the depth of the divine love displayed in the Crucifixion, it is a challenge for mere mortals. Yet it is possible. It is possible because strength and insight come to any true believer from the Holy Spirit. It is insight that brings peace and joy. It is outreach and great in its compassion and service.

And, it comes to anyone who earnestly seeks God, even if they are tempted by sin. In God's love is strength. We are called as disciples to bear this love to others.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
Ps 98:1-4 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

### Keeping score and winning big:

## A '30 Under 30' honoree reflects

On Sunday night the email landed in Mike Foss' inbox: He had been named to *Forbes'* "30 Under 30," the business magazine's annual list of rising stars younger than 30.

Mike Foss, the soccer player from Springfield, Virginia, the kid who had been homeschooled through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This sent Facebook abuzz: boldfaced evidence that homeschooling actually works.

Once the announcement was made on the first Monday of January, inquiring minds began lobbing questions at Mike's mom, Elizabeth. How did she do it? What curriculum had she used? What colleges did she recommend? What was the exact formula of devotions, multivitamins and Mozart?

"Y'all," she wrote on her blog that Friday, "I have no idea!"

But when pressed, the mother of nine reflected on her news-making firstborn, a 26-year-old Catholic. "Michael learned his most important lessons at the dinner table. All I really did was cook the meal. His daily repartee on Twitter? Totally sounds like banter among my boys. His brothers are as much behind that award as I am," Elizabeth wrote. "Iron sharpens iron."

She credited her husband, a sports broadcaster and mentor, and mused about "the effect of having nursed (Mike) in nearly every college sports venue up and down the East Coast," elaborating: "We hung together. The lot of us. Every day. All the time. That's being educated by his real life."

Mike's first post-college job brought him to *USA Today*. He was working as a senior social media editor when he began developing a new sports website intended to be an entry point to the paper's main website. During a coffee-fueled period of eight months he hired 10 people, reserved some 20 web domains and got married.

"It was insane," Mike told me. "I don't remember sleeping."

The vision was to create a site with a delicate mix of original sports features and aggregated articles — journalistic standards plus blogging agility — chronicled in a more earnest voice than the average sports story and aimed at a broader audience.

"For The Win" launched on April 22, 2013, and became one of the fastest growing mobile websites in history.

"We won," Mike said, "big time."

He believes his entrepreneurial spirit was fostered by the counter-cultural decision to homeschool — why do things like everyone else? — and the freedom to customize his education.

He's now a sought-after tech



## TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

star and, for better or worse, a serious contender in the frenetic pursuit of online popularity. "There's always a score, in terms of performance," he said. "I'm competitive."

That results in long workdays perched behind a 30-inch computer monitor with an iPad and iPhone at his side and a flat-screen TV mounted above alternating between CNN and ESPN.

The blinking, linking 24/7 digital world can render the mind a hamster wheel. Mike tries to counteract it by unplugging every evening. He loves comic books and C.S. Lewis, just finished his fifth read of "Mere Christianity."

The twin pillars of his life, faith and family, keep his ego in check. "I don't get absorbed in any of it. That plays into family unit. You sit around a table at a Foss family dinner and it doesn't matter who you are: We roast each other."

Attending Mass, he said, quiets any pressure to continue on a headline-making career path. "You listen to a homily or look up at the cross and it puts things in perspective. It makes it easier to be present in the faith and to be present in your life."

And if you ask his mom, who became a grandma one year ago when Mike's daughter, Lucy, was born, her son's over-30 work will be even more significant. "He's only just begun to answer God's call in his life."

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# 'Wolf Hall' and upmarket anti-Catholicism

"Wolf Hall," the BBC adaptation of Hillary Mantel's novel about early Tudor England, began airing on PBS's "Masterpiece Theater" Easter Sunday night. It's brilliant television. It's also a serious distortion of history. And it proves, yet again, that anti-Catholicism is the last acceptable bigotry in elite circles in the Anglosphere.

The distortions and bias are not surprising, considering the source. Hillary Mantel is a very talented, very bitter ex-Catholic who's said that the Church today is "not an institution for respectable people" (so much for the English hierarchy's decades-long wheedling for social acceptance). As she freely concedes, Mantel's aim in her novel was to take down the Thomas More of "A Man for All Seasons" — the Thomas More the Catholic Church canonized — and her instrument for doing so is More's rival in the court of Henry VIII, Thomas Cromwell.

Hillary Mantel does not lack for chutzpah, for Cromwell has long been considered a loathsome character and More a man of singular nobility. In the novel "Wolf Hall," however, the More of Robert Bolt's play is transformed into a heresy-hunting, scrupulous prig, while Cromwell is the sensible, pragmatic man of affairs who gets things done, even if a few heads get cracked (or detached) in the process. All of which is rubbish, as historians with no Catholic interests at stake have made clear.

Thus the president of the U.K.'s National Secular Society,

historian David Starkey, finds "not a scrap of evidence" for Mantel's retelling of the More-Cromwell tale; Mantel's plot, he claimed, was "total fiction." And as Gregory Wolfe pointed out in a fine essay on "Wolf Hall" in the *Washington Post*, historian Simon Schama has written that the documentary evidence he examined "shouted to high heaven that Thomas Cromwell was, in fact, a detestably self-serving, bullying monster who perfected state terror in England, cooked the evidence and extracted confessions by torture."

So why did Hillary Mantel win Britain's most prestigious award for fiction, the Man Booker Prize, not once, but twice, for "Wolf Hall" and its sequel, "Bring Up the Bodies?" Because the books are terrific novels. Because well-crafted novels that make a hash of history for the sake of defaming the Catholic Church and one of its English icons are, in today's literary culture, quite all right, thank you very much.

And because Britain's literary high culture is still in thrall to the Whig view of British history, and seems oblivious to the deep transformation that's taken place in English Reformation studies since Eamon Duffy's extraordinary book, "The Stripping of the

Altars," was first published in 1992. There, Duffy demonstrated beyond cavil what Simon Schama alluded to in his *Financial Times* article on the BBC version of "Wolf Hall": that Henry VIII was a proto-totalitarian who, with his Protestant heirs, imposed his version of Christianity on



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England against the will of the great majority of plain folk, who stubbornly clung to the old faith until the overwhelming power of the state extinguished most of English Catholic life, and "anti-popery" got set in cultural concrete as modern nation-building went forward in Britain — often funded by expropriated Catholic properties.

Protestant anti-Catholicism in the U.K. has long since been superseded by secular anti-Catholicism, but the cultural afterburn remains virtually identical: to the Hillary Mantels of 21st-century Britain, Catholicism is retrograde, priggish, obsessive, fanatical, and, well, un-English. Where all this could lead was made clear in the run-up to Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Great Britain in 2010, when just about every hoary anti-Catholic bromide in the playbook was dusted off and deployed in the media — and with a few notable exceptions, the British Catholic hierarchy proved itself incapable of rising to the defense of the Church and the pope, a task that was left, in the main, to laity. Which is fine, but was unhappily reminiscent of the English bishops' performance under Henry VIII, when all but John Fisher truckled to the spirit of the age and joined in declaring Henry "Supreme Head of the Church in England."

Thus "Wolf Hall," while bad history, is also a cautionary tale for today.

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minor children for abortions elsewhere — something they cannot do in good conscience.

Alternatively, organizations (like the USCCB) with pro-life views can serve as auxiliaries for groups that are willing to pitch young migrant girls on having abortions.

"This," the coalition of Christian groups wrote, "will have the effect of disqualifying our organizations from being primary grantees, the very organizations that have the most experience in providing services to unaccompanied minors and are best qualified to serve as grantees. Such a discriminatory effect would immediately work to the

detriment of the children who are the intended beneficiaries of the program."

And herein lies the real question. Does this program and the migrant children it aims to help take precedence? Do victims of human trafficking take precedence? Or is precedence given to an ideology that holds abortion so critical to society's well-being that we are willing to make victims suffer more in order to make abortions happen more often?

Unfortunately, this is a real question in 2015 America.

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conscience exception regarding abortion and health care.

For example, health care providers and hospitals that see Medicaid patients are not required to perform or refer for abortions. Were it not for this arrangement, the Medicaid program would likely collapse in some places for lack of providers.

Sadly, the Christmas Eve rule eschews any such good-faith compromise. It proposes allowing Christian aid groups to refer

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 10, 2015

John 15: 9-17

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle B: Christ reveals a change in the relationship. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

FATHER	LOVED	MY LOVE
IF YOU	KEEP	COMPLETE
ANOTHER	NO ONE	LAY DOWN
LIFE	FRIENDS	LONGER
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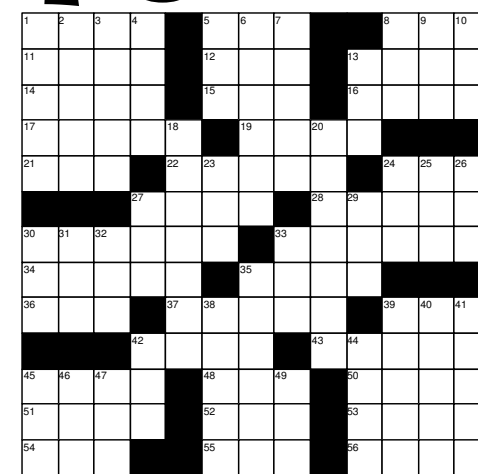
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## The Cross Word

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8 and Acts 10: 25-28, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15: 9-17

### ACROSS

- 1 Affectionate for the Holy Father
- 5 American sign language
- 8 Easter symbol
- 11 Palm part used on Palm Sunday
- 12 Carnival hot spot
- 13 Volcano
- 14 Former Soviet Union
- 15 USSR's secret police
- 16 Paul's former name
- 17 Hot chocolate
- 19 Northeast by east
- 21 Kilometers per hour
- 22 "I \_\_\_ you to go and bear fruit"

- 24 Talk incessantly
- 27 "Go and \_\_\_ much fruit"
- 28 God the Father does in Heaven
- 30 Disciples were of one \_\_\_
- 33 Type of snowman
- 34 "St. John's bread"
- 35 Economics abbr.
- 36 Wily
- 37 Jacob's father
- 39 Dynamic \_\_\_
- 42 First book after Gospels
- 43 Cornelius did before Peter
- 45 St. Bartholomew died this way
- 48 Southwestern Indian

- 50 Pituitary hormone
- 51 Tongues as of \_\_\_
- 52 Kitten's cry
- 53 Challenge
- 54 High naval rank (abbr.)
- 55 Before (prefix)
- 56 Winged

### DOWN

- 1 Pick
- 2 Fable writer
- 3 Passover
- 4 Curly hairdo
- 5 Noah's boat
- 6 Masculine title in Italian
- 7 Ear parts
- 8 Airport abbr.
- 9 African antelope
- 10 Girl
- 13 East southeast
- 18 Sour tasting
- 20 Foundation stone
- 23 Held
- 24 Aye
- 25 Alternative (abbr.)
- 26 Practice a trade
- 27 Ghost's greeting
- 29 Jesus \_\_\_ the victory
- 30 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 31 Calorie
- 32 The Lord hears this of the poor
- 33 Farm credit admin.
- 35 Resurrection feast
- 38 \_\_\_ of Jesse
- 39 Decorative picture stuck to glass
- 40 Extreme
- 41 Remaining one
- 42 Sailor's yes
- 44 Nothing (Portuguese)
- 45 Farming club (abbr.)
- 46 Top
- 47 Extremity
- 49 Lamb's mom

Answer Key can be found on page 15



# Sports

**SAINTS OPEN GOLF OUTING JUNE 19** The Bishop Dwenger High School annual Saints Open Golf Outing will be Friday, June 19, at Cherry Hill Golf Club. Registration begins at noon and shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Participants may put together a foursome or be placed on a team. Sponsors are being accepted. To register or to sponsor visit [www.bishopdwenger.com](http://www.bishopdwenger.com) and click on "Saints Open Golf Outing."

## St. Jude cruising through undefeated CYO soccer season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In boys' Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) soccer action, St. Jude, the defending champs, is cruising through the 2015 season with a 6-0 start. The Eagles have beaten all of their opponents thus far and allowed just one goal. St. Jude had a good game against St. Elizabeth and a close one with Queen of Angels, but managed to remain undefeated.

With one regular season game left, the Eagles have their sights set on the CYO tourney, which starts the week of May 11. During their

four years together, the eighth-grade group has won three championships and lost just a single game, to St. Vincent, who they later beat in the championship their seventh-grade year.

Coached by Thom Obergfell, along with Ron Harkenrider and Jerry Eke, St. Jude lists 15 eighth graders and seven seventh graders on their roster.

Obergfell, who has been with the eighth graders since their fifth-grade season, explains the team's simple concept, "We keep our spacing and we pass the ball creating opportunities for the offense to score, and keeping the ball away from the

other team."

Obergfell, whose son Sam is an eighth grader this season, started playing the game in 1972 as a

sixth grader at St. Jude. The former Bishop Dwenger and University of Saint Francis standout feels the best thing about his team is they

are a great bunch of boys who are very coachable. "They really know what the 'C' stands for in CYO," he summarized.

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## Fundraiser yard sale planned

Fort Wayne — The Silence of Mary yard sale will be Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9 at 2607 Sandpoint Rd., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [www.thesilenceof-mary.org](http://www.thesilenceof-mary.org) or contact [silenceof-marykim@pa.net](mailto:silenceof-marykim@pa.net) or by phone 260-267-8371 for information.

## Bishop Luers Performing Arts plans spring concert

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Performing Arts Department will have a spring concert on Friday, May 15, in the gymnasium beginning at 6:30 p.m. The concert is free and will feature the show choirs, concert band, jazz band, concert choir and chamber ensemble.

## Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 15, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children (5-12) \$3.50.

## Rummage sale planned

Pierceton — St. Francis Xavier Parish, 408 W. Catholic St., will have a rummage sale Friday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

## Central Catholic plans all alumni reunion

Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic High School Alumni Association will have an all alumni reunion Saturday, June 20, from 4 p.m. to ? at the Classic Catering and Event Center, 4832 Hilligas Rd. Contact Leanne at 260-485-0290 for reservation form due by June 12. Tickets are \$22 per person.

## Haven for Healing ministry begins

South Bend — A Haven for Healing is a local Catholic ministry offering hope and healing to women who have undergone an abortion. Women of all faiths are welcome. An ongoing support group for those who have completed a spiritual recovery program after an abortion will be offered on the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For location and information call the confidential phone line 574-514-7471.

## Harvest House announces spring festival

New Haven — A spring harvest house festival will be Wednesday, May 13, at St. Louis Besancon Church at 10 a.m. Rosary at 10:30 a.m., Mass and lunch will follow. Tickets are \$10 by reservation to Bev Kline at 260-623-3979 by May 1. No tickets sold at the door.

## Youth group to sponsor rummage sale

South Bend — A rummage sale will be Saturday, May 16, in the Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Donation drop-off day is Friday, May 15, from 2-8 p.m. To arrange another drop-off time, call 574-387-9496. Proceeds benefit the OLH youth group.

## Mass Mob gathering announced

South Bend — Be part of a group bringing "flash mob"-style solidarity and support, plus a love of local Catholic history and the enthusiasm of the New Evangelization, to great churches in the Michiana Area. The monthly Mass Mob will gather at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 16, at St. Adalbert, 501 S. Olive St. Visit [southbendmassmob.com](http://southbendmassmob.com) for information.

## Cinco de Mayo celebration planned

Plymouth — St. Michael Parish will have a Cinco de Mayo celebration Saturday, May 9, from noon to 4 p.m. at the church, 611 N. Center St.

## Allen County Right to Life seeks volunteers

Fort Wayne — Volunteers are needed prior to and on Mother's Day offering carnations for a suggested donation of \$2 at local churches. Proceeds go to Allen County Right to Life. To volunteer contact Mollie at 260-471-1849 or [mollie.miriovsky@ichooselife.org](mailto:mollie.miriovsky@ichooselife.org).

## Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, May 20, from 5-6:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Special Olympics.

## Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, May 14, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

## Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be raffled

Fort Wayne — St. Henry Church will raffle off a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe with proceeds to benefit the building fund. The statue is of marble dust, coated in silver and approximately 19 inches tall. The value of the statue from Italy is over \$2,000. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. For information call the rectory at 260-447-4100.

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## Interested in helping at World Meeting of Families? Volunteer

BY MATTHEW GAMBINO

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — For the past year, the question most often heard by Donna Crilley Farrell, executive director of the World Meeting of Families, was "How can I help?"

Now there is an answer and a way anyone can lend a hand to the four-day conference and events surrounding the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia in September.

Registration for volunteers is now open at the World Meeting of Families 2015 website: [www.worldmeeting2015.org/](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/).

The meeting runs Sept. 22-25 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

The papal events following the congress are expected to include a visit from Pope Francis to the Festival of Families Sept. 26 and the large outdoor Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway that he is expected to celebrate for up to 1.5 million people Sept. 27.

Some 10,000 volunteers will be needed at the congress and to welcome Pope Francis to the city, Farrell said. Tasks include giving directions to visitors, welcoming them to Philadelphia International Airport or 30th Street Station and even acting as "digital diplomats," volunteers posting all manner of information on social media platforms.

"Whatever your talent, whatever your passion, there is a role for you," Farrell said during a news conference April 27

announcing the call for volunteers.

She encouraged people to bring "all the pride and hospitality that we know exist here" to support September's events that will be remembered for years to come, "just as we talk of the visit of Pope John Paul II — now saint — 36 years ago in Philadelphia."

Security is a major concern for event organizers, so volunteers will be screened through a criminal background check. After visitors register their personal information initially on the website, they will receive a confirmation email. Farrell emphasized the importance of waiting for a second email message, after 24 to 48 hours, for confirmation that they have been accepted for volunteer duty.

Volunteers will also be invited to indicate specific preferences for service or talents that would be better served in one role over another. For instance, a person with the skills to translate a foreign language or a person with artistic abilities may be assigned to serve in those roles.

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