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Dorothy Day: a beautiful legacy

Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles provides keynote at Dorothy Day Conference

BY VINCE LABARBERA



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles following the May 14 Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The archbishop was the celebrant of the Mass that was a part of the conference, "Dorothy Day and the Church: Past, Present and Future Dorothy," sponsored by the University of Saint Francis and Our Sunday Visitor. Following the Mass and dinner, Archbishop Gomez delivered a talk on the impact of Dorothy Day's life. At left is Bishop John Michael Botean from the Romanian Catholic Diocese of St. George in Canton, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles discussed the remarkable life and achievements of Servant of God Dorothy Day and her impact on the 20th century and today at an address he delivered May 14 at the USF's Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center. The address was part of the May 13-15 conference "Dorothy Day and the Church: Past, Present and Future" and one of the celebrations marking the 125th anniversary of the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. The conference was co-sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington.

"I don't know if she is a saint," said Archbishop Gomez in his opening remarks in his address titled, "A Time for Saints: Dorothy Day and the 20th Century."

"That's for the Church to decide," he said, "but I do know she makes me want to be a saint. She makes us want to be better. She makes us want to be holy."

Dorothy Day (1897-1980), an American journalist, social activist and devout Catholic convert, became known for her social justice campaigns in defense of the poor, forsaken, hungry and homeless. In the 1930s, Day worked closely with fellow activist Peter Maurin to establish the Catholic Worker Movement, a pacifist movement that

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Faith is expressed in charity, unity, pope says at canonization Mass

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Declaring four 19th-century women religious saints, Pope Francis said they are models for all Christians of how faith, nourished in prayer, is expressed concretely in acts of charity and the promotion of unity.

The new saints, proclaimed during a Mass May 17 in St. Peter's Square, included two Palestinians — Sts. Marie-Alphonsine, founder of the Rosary Sisters, and Mary of Jesus Crucified, a Melkite Carmelite — as well as French St. Jeanne Emilie de Villeneuve and Italian St. Maria Cristina Brando.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was present at the Mass, as were Melkite Patriarch Gregoire III Laham and Latin Patriarch Fouad Twal of Jerusalem.

Abbas had a 40-minute private meeting with Pope Francis the day before the canonization Mass. The Vatican said the two expressed pleasure that their representatives had finalized the text of

an agreement on "essential aspects of the life and the activity of the Catholic Church in Palestine, to be signed in the near future."

They also spoke about the need for a resumption of direct talks in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, the Vatican said. "Finally, with reference to the conflicts that afflict the Middle East, and in reaffirming the importance of combating terrorism, the need for interreligious dialogue was underlined."

Pope Francis gave Abbas a medallion depicting the "Angel of Peace" and said he hoped Abbas would be that angel of peace for his people.

Peace and understanding were also key elements in Pope Francis' homily during the canonization Mass the next morning.

Speaking about St. Mary of Jesus Crucified, the pope said, "Her docility to the Holy Spirit made her a means of encounter and fellowship with the Muslim world. So, too, Sister Marie-Alphonsine Danil Ghattas came to understand clearly what it means to radiate the love of God in the apostolate, and to be a witness to meekness and unity. She

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All are cordially invited to join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for the celebration of Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Sunday, May 31, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, at 4:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame. This will be a celebration of prayer and thanksgiving for the over 700 consecrated men and women in the diocese.

Confession will be available in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on May 31 from 3:30 p.m. until the start of Vespers.

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In family relations, good manners are no joke, pope says at audience

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The closer two people are to each other, the more care is required in respecting the other's freedom and feelings, Pope Francis said.

Even Jesus knocks at the door of a person's heart awaiting permission to enter, he said May 13 at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

"Intimacy does not authorize you to take everything for granted," he said, starting a series of audience talks he said would look at the "real life" of families today.

The audience was held on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The pope began the gathering by praying silently before a statue of Mary and, after a Portuguese aide summarized his talk, the pope asked him to lead the Hail Mary in Portuguese. The aide complied, his voice breaking with emotion at the surprise request.

Pope Francis' main talk focused on the three phrases he often recommends families use frequently: May I? Thank you. Forgive me.

The words are simple, he said, and hearing the pope advise their frequent use could make someone smile at first. "But when we forget them, it's no laughing matter, right?"

The three phrases, he said, "open the

path to living well in a family, living in peace." Without them, he said, the family's foundation develops "cracks that can even make it collapse."

"Sometimes it seems that we are becoming a civilization of bad manners and dirty words as if they were a sign of emancipation. We hear them so often, even publicly," he said. "Kindness and an ability to say 'thank you' are almost seen as a sign of weakness."

Families must work hard to counter that tendency, he said.

"We must be uncompromising in educating people in gratitude and thanksgiving," the pope said. "If family life ignores this, our social life will lose as well."

In addition, he said, "for believers, gratitude is at the very heart of faith. A Christian who does not know how to give thanks is one who has forgotten God's language."

"Listen up, eh," he told the estimated 25,000 people in the square, and repeated the sentence.

Pope Francis said a "very wise" woman once told him, "gratitude is a plant that grows only in the soil of noble souls." The nobility of soul, the grace of God, pushes one to give thanks. Gratitude is the flower of a noble soul."

Asking permission, even to do something that one thinks one has a right to do as a

husband, wife, parent, son or daughter is a sign of respect, the pope said, and one that builds trust.

"The more intimate and profound love is," he said, "the more it requires respect for the other's freedom and an ability to wait for the other to open the door of his or her heart."

The most difficult and most important phrase of all, he said, is "forgive me."

"It's not for nothing that in the prayer Jesus taught us, the Our Father, which summarizes all the things essential for our life, we find this expression: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,'" the pope said.

With God and with loved ones, "recognizing one has failed and wanting to restore what was lacking — respect, sincerity, love — makes one worthy of forgiveness," he said. "That's how you stop the infection."

"So many wounds in the family, so many breakups begin with the loss of these precious words: 'Forgive me,'" he said.

As he has done on many occasions, the pope said that while fights are never a good thing, they are normal, and even if "plates fly" in the heat of the moment, a sincere apology and request for forgiveness — sometimes even just a caress — can restore the peace.

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shows us the importance of becoming responsible for one another, of living lives of service one to another."

The faith of Christians today, the pope said, is firmly linked to the testimony of the Apostles who witnessed the resurrection and to those who have passed on the faith through the centuries.

"Like the Apostles," he said, "each one of Christ's followers is called to become a witness to His resurrection, above all in those human settings where forgetfulness of God and human disorientation are most evident."

Pope Francis held a special audience May 18 with dozens of Rosary Sisters and Carmelites from the Holy Land, who had come to Rome for the canonization.

"Pray to the two new saints for peace in your land so that this interminable war would end and there would be peace among nations," the pope told them. "And pray for the persecuted Christians, those chased from their homes and land," as well as for victims of "white-glove persecution," those discriminated against because of their faith.

After reciting a Hail Mary for peace with the sisters, the pope remarked on their loud and lively exuberance.

"I'm very happy about this pilgrimage of sisters for the canonization of the new saints," he



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

A devotee kisses the relic of new Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified during the canonization Mass for four new saints celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican May 17. The pope canonized four 19th-century nuns. The new saints are: Marie-Alphonsine and Mary of Jesus Crucified, both from historic Palestine; Jeanne Emilie De Villeneuve from France; and Maria Cristina Brando from Italy.



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Banners showing Blessed Marie-Alphonsine, Jeanne Emilie De Villeneuve, Maria Cristina Brando and Mary of Jesus Crucified hang from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican May 15. The four were canonized May 17 by Pope Francis.

said. "The president of the State of Palestine told me that he left from Jordan with a plane full of sisters. The poor pilot!"

The four women saints, the pope said in his homily at the canonization Mass, were shining links in the chain of witnesses to Christ's resurrection, offering their testimony not primarily through their words, but through their actions of love.

"This love shines forth in the testimony of Sister Jeanne Emilie de Villeneuve, who consecrated her life to God and to the poor, the sick, the imprisoned and the exploited, becoming for them and for all a concrete sign of the Lord's merciful love," he said.

St. Maria Cristina Brando, he said, "was completely given over to ardent love for the Lord. From prayer and her intimate encounter with the risen Jesus present in the Eucharist, she received strength to endure suffering and to give herself, as bread which is broken, to many people who had wandered far from God and yet hungered for authentic love."

The witness of the four women, Pope Francis said, should prompt all Christians to examine the strength of their own witness to Christ. "How do I abide in Him? How do I dwell in His love? Am I capable of 'sowing' in my family, in my workplace and in my community, the seed of that unity which He has bestowed on us by giving us a share in the life of the Trinity?"

Scholars and Catholic Workers gather for conference on Dorothy Day

BY CORINE B. ERLANDSON

FORT WAYNE — A daughter of the Church. A saint for our time. A counter-cultural saint. The face of Catholic social justice. An icon of mercy. These were just a few of the ways that Dorothy Day was described at the recent conference “Dorothy Day and the Church: Past, Present and Future” offered by the University of Saint Francis May 13-15 in Fort Wayne and co-sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor.

There were four plenary session talks given by Brandon Vogt, Robert Ellsberg and Kathryn Jean Lopez, writers and editors who have studied Dorothy Day. An additional plenary talk was given by Martha Hennessy, the granddaughter of Dorothy Day. Forty papers were presented in break-out sessions by university professors and scholars who have studied Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement, as well as talks given by Catholic Workers, themselves deeply involved in the work of Catholic Worker houses and farms. There were approximately 120 attendees at the conference.

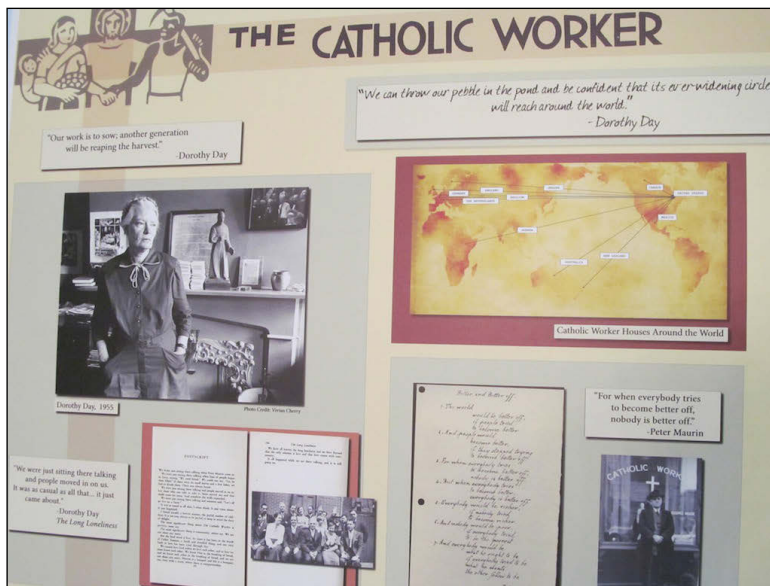
Author and blogger Brandon Vogt spoke of Dorothy Day as a faithful Catholic and activist. “Dorothy Day was a true daughter of the Church,” Vogt said. “She puts a face on Catholic social justice.” Yet, Vogt said, she was not merely a social worker. “For Dorothy, an encounter with the poor was an encounter with Christ,” Vogt said.

Writer and editor Robert Ellsberg was another of the conference plenary session speakers. He worked at the New York Catholic Worker house from 1975 to 1980 and worked closely with Dorothy Day. Ellsberg’s career has been deeply influenced by Dorothy Day, as he has edited her writings and letters.

Ellsberg spoke of Dorothy Day praying at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. in 1932. Her prayer was that God help her to use her talents to alleviate the sufferings of the poor. She returned to her New York apartment to find Peter Maurin, a French intellectual who gave her a Catholic framework for the Catholic Worker movement.

Dorothy Day was a pacifist during World War II and the Vietnam War, which caused scandal for her. She and her fellow Catholic Workers protested against institutions they believed contributed to poverty. In the 1970s, Dorothy Day protested on behalf of Cesar Chavez and the California farm workers, for which she was arrested and jailed.

The Incarnation of Jesus Christ was pivotal for Dorothy Day, said Ellsberg. He quoted her writing: “The mystery of the poor is Jesus. What we do for them, we do for



PHOTOS BY CORINE ERLANDSON

In the University of Saint Francis North Campus building lobby, posters were displayed with images from Dorothy Day’s papers from the Archives of the Marquette University Library.



Martha Hennessy, Dorothy Day’s granddaughter, gives a plenary session talk at the University of Saint Francis on May 14.

Jesus.” As her vocation to work for the poor became clearer and more defined with the Houses of Hospitality, sacrifices followed. Dorothy Day experienced some of the dark night of the soul of St. John of the Cross. She felt at times that she deeply let her fellow Catholic Workers down when she had been brusque to them or refused their requests.

Still, her abiding love for the poor carried her through: “Where there is no love, put love, and there will be love.” Ultimately, Ellsberg believes that Dorothy Day’s example of holiness is not just for the few or only for Catholic Workers, but that her call to holiness is for everyone.

Kathryn Jean Lopez was another plenary session speaker and the editor-at-large for the

National Review Online. “I’m a fellow New Yorker who loves Dorothy Day and is inspired by her witness,” she said.

Lopez sees a strong connection between Dorothy Day and Pope Francis, and a Church that reaches out to the marginalized. Lopez is impressed with Dorothy Day’s hospitality in the Catholic Worker houses: “Give them good coffee, and they may stay for the Gospel,” she said.

Before Dorothy Day’s conversion to the Catholic Church in 1927, she had an abortion, the result of an unhappy love affair with Lionel Moise, an older man strongly opposed to marriage and children. When he learned that Dorothy Day was pregnant with his child, he pressured her to get an abortion and told her



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, May 24, 11 a.m. — Adult Confirmation Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Wednesday, May 27, 11 a.m. — Mass at Good Shepherd Chapel, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, May 28, 10:30 a.m. — Presbyteral Council Meeting, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
- Thursday, May 28, 7 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass of Marian High School, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Friday, May 29, 10 a.m. — Baccalaureate Mass of Bishop Luers High School, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, May 30, 5 p.m. — Adult Confirmation Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne



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 on Sunday, May 31, at 1 p.m.

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.

A multi-parish choir led by local music minister Jeremy Hoy will provide music.

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. Our Sunday Visitor Institute and Notre Dame Federal Credit Union are sponsors of the Mass.

he was leaving the country and her. The abortion would haunt Dorothy Day the rest of her life. Dorothy Day was wounded by her abortion, Lopez said, but after her conversion to the Catholic Church, she found consolation about her abortion in the confessional and clung to the mercy of Jesus Christ. “What an icon of mercy she is,” said Lopez. “So many woman have been wounded by abortion and don’t know that they can be forgiven in Confession.”

“Dorothy Day is a holy woman who has been gifted to us,” said Lopez. “We need to let the fullness of Dorothy Day’s life be known.” She believes that Dorothy Day belongs in a litany of saints of the Americas.

Martha Hennessy, another of the plenary session speakers, is Dorothy Day’s granddaughter. She remembers Dorothy Day — she called her “Granny” — as serious but also warm. Dorothy Day would travel to the farm where her only child Tamar lived with her husband and nine children. Martha married and raised her family and returned to the Catholic Church in 2004. Her work at Maryhouse, the Catholic Worker house in New York, has

deeply affected her. The simple act of cooking soup and handing it out to poor people, she said, is such a simple act that helps the poor, “but really, it changes ourselves.”

Lance Richey is the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Saint Francis and one of the conference organizers. “Dorothy Day is really a model for everyone who wants to embrace what is best about America, while at the same time critiquing our culture in light of the Gospel demands of voluntary poverty and non-violence,” Richey said. “She defied our usual political categories, and tried to define her life solely in terms of the Gospel. At a time when the Church in our country is divided between left and right, Republican and Democrat, liberal and conservative, she showed a way to follow Jesus, which transcended these categories.”

Richey said Dorothy Day “called us to a radical discipleship which embodied the fullness of our Catholic faith. Our conference was an attempt to let her example point the Church in America towards a more faithful and vibrant future.”

Archbishop Romero: Symbol of Church leaders' efforts to protect flocks

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, who will be beatified in San Salvador May 23, has become a symbol of Latin American Church leaders' efforts to protect their flocks from the abuses of military dictatorships.

However, his life and the 35 years it took the Vatican to recognize him as a martyr also reflect decades of theological and pastoral discussion over the line dividing pastoral action from political activism under repressive regimes.

Archbishop Romero was assassinated March 24, 1980, while celebrating Mass in the chapel of Divine Providence Hospital in San Salvador, the city he served as archbishop for three years.

The intense turmoil in El Salvador coincided with a period of intense questioning within the Church as pastors in countries under military dictatorships, civil war or communist oppression tried to find the best ways to be faithful to their mission of ministering to their flocks while defending their rights.

The Vatican made frequent calls in those years for priests and bishops, especially in Latin America and in Africa, to stay out of partisan politics. But repressive regimes easily decided churchmen who denounced widespread human rights abuses were meddling in politics.

Jesuit Father James R. Brockman, author of a biography of the archbishop, like many historians and supporters of Archbishop Romero's beatification, said that when Bishop Romero was chosen as archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, he was known as a "conservative" and there was a widespread assumption that he would not directly challenge the country's rulers. His background was not that of a political activist.

Oscar Romero was born Aug. 15, 1917, in Ciudad Barrios, the second of seven children. Although not considered poor, the family did not have electricity or running water in their home, and the children slept on the floor. Oscar began working as a carpenter's apprentice when he was 12 years old, but then decided to enter the minor seminary and continue his formal education.



CNS PHOTO/ROBERTO ESCOBAR, EPA

People carry large portraits of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero during a rally in late March in San Salvador to pay tribute to the late archbishop, who was assassinated 35 years ago. Archbishop Romero, who will be beatified in San Salvador May 23, has become a symbol of Latin American Church leaders' efforts to protect their flocks from the abuses of military dictatorships.

Once he finished his studies at the San Miguel minor seminary, he transferred to the major seminary in San Salvador and was sent to Rome where he studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained to the Priesthood April 4, 1942, in the chapel of the Latin American College.

Returning to El Salvador in 1944, he worked as a parish priest in the Diocese of San Miguel, later becoming secretary of the diocese, a position he held for 23 years. During that time — long before becoming archbishop of San Salvador and famous for the radio broadcasts of his homilies — he convinced local radio stations to broadcast his Sunday Masses and sermons so that Catholics in more rural areas could listen and grow in their faith.

He served as rector of the interdiocesan seminary in San Salvador, executive secretary of the bishop's council of Central America and Panama and as editor of the archdiocesan newspaper, *Orientacion*.

In 1970, when the priest was 52, Pope Paul VI named him an auxiliary bishop of San Salvador. Four years later, he became bishop of Santiago de Maria, the diocese that included his hometown of Ciudad Barrios. Social and political tensions in El Salvador were growing worse; when five farmworkers were hacked to death in June 1975 by members of the Salvadoran National Guard, then-Bishop Romero consoled the families and wrote a letter of protest to the government.

"Before Romero was archbishop for a month, his deeply admired friend, the Jesuit Rutilio Grande, was killed," wrote Thomas Quigley, a former official at the U.S. bishops' conference, in the foreword to the English translation of Archbishop Romero's audio diary.

Father Grande's strong advocacy for the poor as he ministered in rural communities in northern San Salvador strongly influenced Archbishop Romero, say many of those who knew him. The Jesuit used his pulpit to denounce actions of the government and of the death squads in his country, as well as the violence used by some opponents of the government.

After consultation with the priests' council, Archbishop Romero "ordered only one public Mass celebrated in the archdiocese on the Sunday following Grande's funeral," Father Brockman wrote in the introduction to the diary. "It turned out to be the largest religious demonstration in the nation's history and for many a profound religious experience. But it also led to a serious clash with the Vatican's ambassador, the papal nuncio, who had pressured Romero not to hold the single Mass lest the government think it provocative. It was the beginning of an enduring lack of understanding and support on the part of the nuncio."

Archbishop Romero continued having his Sunday Masses and homilies broadcast by radio and, increasingly, he used them as opportunities to explain to Salvadoran citizens what was going on in their country and what their response as Christian should be. He always condemned violence and he urged conversion, particularly on the part of members of the government death squads.

Quigley wrote that Archbishop Romero's homilies "rarely lasted less than an hour and a half" and included his account of "the events of the week," both good and bad, "proclaiming the good news of the liberating Gospel and, with the prophets of old, denouncing the evils of the day."

His homilies and his letters to government officials made him a frequent target of death threats and often put him at odds with several of the other Salvadoran bishops and even with Vatican officials who believed he had crossed the line into politics and was placing the Church's pastoral work in jeopardy.

He lived in a small residence on the grounds of the Divine Providence Hospital in San Salvador and frequently celebrated Mass, vespers and Benediction there with the sisters who ran the hospital. He was shot and killed in the chapel, a day after he challenged army soldiers for killing their fellow citizens.

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Fortnight 2015: Freedom to Bear Witness

WASHINGTON (USCCB)

— The Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness will take place from June 21 to July 4, a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power — St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, Sts. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. The theme of this year's Fortnight will focus on the "freedom to bear witness" to the truth of the Gospel.

Why we need a Health Care Conscience Rights Act

The right of religious liberty, the First Freedom guaranteed by our Constitution, includes a right to provide and receive health care without being required to violate our most fundamental beliefs. Especially since 1973, when abortion became legal nationwide, federal lawmakers have worked in a bipartisan way to ensure that Americans can fully participate in our health care system without being forced to take part in abortion or other procedures that violate their conscience.

But the need to improve current laws is clear, because the right of conscience is still under attack:

- Dedicated health care professionals, especially nurses, still face pressure to assist in abortions under threat of losing their jobs or their eligibility for training programs.

The state of California recently started forcing all health insurers in the state to include elective abortions in the health plans they sell.

- A Catholic agency that for years had provided excellent service lost its federal grant to serve the victims of human trafficking, because it could not, in conscience, comply with a new requirement to facilitate abortions and other morally objectionable procedures for its clients.

Under the new health care reform law, the federal government demands that almost all health plans fully cover female sterilization and drugs and devices that prevent pregnancy, including those that can cause an early abortion. Even individuals and organizations with a religious objection to abortion, sterilization or other procedures are forced to take part.

In some states, government officials are seeking to force even Catholic hospitals to allow abortions.

This is why members of Congress of both parties are sponsoring the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940). The act would improve federal law in three ways:

- Correcting loopholes and other deficiencies in the major federal law preventing governmental discrimination against health care providers that do not help provide or pay for abortions.

- Inserting a conscience clause into the health care reform law, so its mandates for particular "benefits" in private health plans will not be used to force insurers, employers and individuals to violate their



consciences or give up their health insurance.

- Add a "private right of action" to existing federal conscience laws, so those whose consciences are being violated can go to court to defend their rights. (Current enforcement is chiefly at the discretion of the Department of Health and Human Services, which is itself sponsoring some attacks on conscience rights.)

All House and Senate members should be urged to support and co-sponsor the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, so our First Freedom can regain its proper place as a fundamental right protected in our health care system. For more details, see www.usccb.org/conscience.

More reforms needed in Myanmar to counter religious violence

Change has come to Myanmar as the previously authoritarian government has allowed elections and some political, economic and social reforms. Many political prisoners have been released, including Nobel Peace Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi. Some investment is flowing in. But underneath this apparent progress there is uncertainty about the future as hardliners, especially the military, resist those who would push for more reforms. President Obama, in his second visit to Myanmar in November 2014, urged President Thein Sein to continue political and constitutional reforms and to end the persecution of ethnic minorities.

The conflict between Muslims and Buddhists from the Rakhine ethnic group in the west has garnered the most international attention. The Muslims, who call themselves Rohingya and want to be considered another of the 135 ethnic groups that make up the country, claim to have come to Myanmar centuries ago. On the other hand, Rakhine Buddhists view Muslims solely as recent Bengali migrants, who compete for scarce resources, and would like to expel them. The government has denied citizenship to the Rohingya so they are "stateless." They face restrictions on marriage, number of children, residence and the right to own property. Rohingya Muslims numbering 180,000 are internally displaced, confined to squalid refugee camps where their food rations and access to essential services like health care are limited. Catholic groups offering humanitarian assistance to Rohingya internally displaced persons (IDPs) are only allowed to do so through the government. Militant Buddhists

have boycotted Muslim businesses.

The worst outbreak of anti-Muslim violence occurred in 2012 following the rape of a Buddhist woman and the killing of 10 Muslims. Violence against the Rohingya minority quickly spread to other communities. Many incidents of anti-Muslim communal violence were sparked by accusations against one individual, but followed by vigilante justice enacted against entire communities. Since 2012, more than 1,000 people have died and over 250,000 people have been displaced. The state's response in holding perpetrators accountable and protecting these vulnerable communities is widely viewed as inadequate at best, complicit at worst. Many Rohingya have fled on overcrowded boats seeking refuge, only to drown.

In addition to the conflict between Buddhists and Muslims, there are other long-standing tensions that erupt into armed conflict between ethnic/tribal minorities, who generally live along the borders, and the Burmese majority who occupy the central plain. Some of these struggles have taken on religious overtones. The Kachin in the north, who are 95 percent Christian, have been fighting with the government for years over their right to land and resources (timbers, gems) found in the region. In 2011, about 100,000 fled their homes, many to China, only to be eventually forced back across the border to live in camps. Other ethnic groups, e.g. Kayah, Shan and Chin (many of whom are also Christian), live in buffer zones where they have often been persecuted and forced into labor for the military. They have been struggling for equality, justice and freedom since 1948, resisting the loss of their language and culture by "Burmanization." In this time of transition, marginalized groups are finding it difficult to make their voice heard.

To further complicate the situation, the government has been promoting new laws that threaten religious freedom. Parliament began 2015 by debating bills that would require permission from local authorities before converting to a new religion, limit interfaith marriage and allow governments in ethnic minority areas to set their own population controls.

Many religious leaders voiced concern that despite the current religious overtones, the violence is motivated by forces that want to slow the pace of reforms. The Catholic Church has been very active in advocating for dialogue.

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Reaction to Tsarnaev death sentence in Boston Marathon bombing mixed

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Reaction was mixed on the May 15 jury sentencing of death for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev for his role in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. Tsarnaev had been convicted April 8 of all 30 counts lodged against him in the bombing, which killed three people and injured hundreds. Of those 30 counts, 17 carried the death penalty, and jurors imposed the death sentence on six of those — all in connection with placing a bomb on Boylston Street along the marathon route. “Catholic Mobilizing Network prays for the victims of the Boston marathon bombing, their families, and all those whose lives have been touched by violence,” said a May 15 statement by the Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Use of the Death Penalty. “We believe in the dignity of all human life. Our faith calls us to be hopeful for the salvation of all. We stand with our Church and with Pope Francis, who reminds us that ‘God is in everyone’s life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster.’ We should never deny the opportunity for God to transform the lives of even those who have committed heinous acts. We cannot teach that killing is wrong by killing.” The death sentence levied against Tsarnaev “perpetuates the use of an unfair, unjust practice that is disproportionately used on poor people and people of color,” said a May 15 statement from Diann Rust-Tierney, executive director of the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty. “We had held out hope for a different punishment, given that the majority of people in Massachusetts, including many of the victims’ family members, oppose the death penalty and have outlawed it in their state. We express our sincerest condolences for the victims of the attack and their families.”

Nebraska archbishop, other religious leaders back death penalty repeal

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) — Noting all life is sacred, Archbishop George J. Lucas of Omaha joined about 15 religious leaders, priests and nuns at a news conference in Omaha May 13 in calling for an end to the death penalty. As the Nebraska Legislature debates the issue, Archbishop Lucas said he was pleased and privileged “to join friends from other faith communities at this important moment.” The archbishop also noted he was representing the Nebraska Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state’s three Catholic bishops. Catholic teaching recognizes the state has recourse to the death penalty if it is the only available means to protect society from a grave threat to human life, Archbishop Lucas said at the Omaha Press Club. But because of improvements in the penal system, such cases are rare, if not practically nonexistent, he said. The death penalty does not provide rehabilitation and there is no clear evidence that executions deter crime,

NEWS BRIEFS

DOMINICAN SISTER FROM IRAQ TESTIFIES AT HEARING



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

Sister Diana Momeka, a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena in Mosul, Iraq, testifies at a May 13 hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington titled “Ancient Communities Under Attack: ISIS’s War on Religious Minorities.” Speaking quietly and deliberately, Dominican Sister Diana urged a congressional committee hearing to help the displaced Christian refugees in Iraq to “go back home. We want nothing more than to go back to our lives; we want nothing more than to go home,” said Sister Diana. She was one of four women who spoke of the urgent need to not only help and protect religious minorities but also to preserve and save religious sites.

the archbishop said. At the same time, some criminals will never be fit for reintegration into society and just sentences are needed to keep Nebraskans safe, he said.

Church needs women’s voices, input, experiences, pope tells religious

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Women can be appointed heads of some offices of the Roman Curia, Pope Francis said, but that will not be enough to “recover the role” women should have in the Catholic Church. “Women should be promoted,” he said May 16 during an audience with an international group of men and women religious working in the Diocese of Rome. But assigning a certain number of women to leadership positions is “simply functionalism,” he said. What is important is to ensure that women have a voice and are listened to, he said, because the Church needs their specific contributions. “When we men are dealing with a problem, we arrive at a conclusion, but if we deal with the same problem along with women, the conclusion could be different. It could lead along the same path, but would

be richer, stronger, more intuitive,” he said. “Women in the Church must have this role,” because the Church needs “the feminine genius.” During the pope’s long meeting with the religious, he responded off the cuff to questions posed by two women and two men. But he also highlighted the stories and ministries of religious he has met during his two years as bishop of Rome and experiences he had previously as archbishop of Buenos Aires.

Fresh quake rattles confidence of people, relief workers in Nepal

KATHMANDU, Nepal (CNS) — The second major earthquake in less than three weeks spread renewed fears and dented the confidence of people, said Church and charity workers. “The death and devastation may be less, but the psychological impact is very high,” Bishop Paul Simick of Nepal told Catholic News Service May 13. “They were slowly recovering from the shock and the trauma and (were) trying to restart (their lives). Now they have been stunned by this unprecedented quake.” More than 60 people, most

of them trying to recover valuables from the debris of collapsed houses and buildings, died and more than 1,200 were injured when the magnitude-7.3 quake hit at 12:50 p.m. “The fear is back and everyone is worried about the future. Many are sleeping in the open,” said Bishop Simick. Josh Niraula, former coordinator of Caritas Asia, told CNS, “The massive quake has shattered more Nepalese minds and hearts and has generated more fear and worry for the future. Those who were brave enough to come back to normal life are now hesitant, and fear of further quakes has dented their confidence,” Niraula said.

Scathing report calls for dismantling immigrant detention system

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A scathing new report on the conditions under which immigrants are detained concludes with the U.S. bishops’ recommendation that the current system be dismantled and replaced with less drastic approaches for keeping track of people whose immigration cases are pending. Drawing on international law, analyses of who is

detained, how the mostly for-profit prison industry manages detention and bishops’ personal experiences with people in detention, the report called instead for more supervised release, better case management and community support programs to ensure that people show up for court appearances or deportation orders. The report released May 11, “Unlocking Human Dignity: A Plan to Transform the U.S. Immigrant Detention System,” was a joint project of the Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Center for Migration Studies, a Catholic migration policy think tank. In a teleconference about the report that same day, two bishops said they expect Pope Francis will address the topic when he visits the United States in September. Among the events on the pope’s agenda are speeches to a joint meeting of Congress and the United Nations. “The pope will certainly address this issue,” said Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio L. Elizondo of Seattle, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration. The pope has spoken several times about immigrants who are drowning as they try to cross the Mediterranean to reach Italy and Greece, he noted. The pope is also concerned about the situations people are forced to live in after they flee famine or war in their own countries, he said.

Archbishop urges prayers for victims of ‘tragic train derailment’

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput May 13 urged prayers for all affected by the Amtrak train derailment in the city’s Port Richmond neighborhood that left at least six people dead and injured more than 200 others. “I urge all people of goodwill to join me in extending prayerful condolences to those mourning the sudden loss of a loved one and in asking the Lord to bring healing to all those suffering physical and emotional anguish in the wake of this incident,” he said in a statement. “Let us also pray for all of the first responders, emergency personnel and medical professionals who have been working to assist those affected by the derailment,” he added. “May God bless and protect them.” Amtrak’s Northeast Regional Train 188 heading from Washington to New York derailed around 9:30 p.m. May 12. Aboard were 238 passengers and five crew members. According to an AP story, the train derailed as it was going around a curve in the Port Richmond area, leaving the engine and two cars standing upright. Three other cars fell on their sides, and a sixth car was flipped over almost on its roof. A team from the National Transportation Safety Board was on the scene by early morning May 13 to lead an investigation into the cause of the accident. U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said his agency would work with the NTSB “to conduct a thorough investigation into the cause of this devastating event.”

Holy Cross College President elected to ACCU Board

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Brother John R. Paige, president of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, was recently elected to the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) Board of Directors. Brother Paige, along with four others elected, immediately joined the 18-member board, with terms that will conclude in 2018.

ACCU's Board oversees the work of the association to encourage and facilitate the sharing of ideas and cooperative efforts among its member institutions, and to promote the positive work being done at its member colleges and universities.

"The ACCU plays a vital role in keeping Catholic higher education strong and vibrant," said Brother Paige. "I am honored to do my part by serving on the board, and continuing to learn from my board colleagues."

Saint Joseph Fiber Arts Club gives back

SOUTH BEND — The Saint Joseph High School Fiber Arts Club, a group that works with various methods of fiber arts including crochet, weaving, sewing and knitting, recently donated over 75 blankets and 94 scarves to Catholic Charities of South Bend. Students spent over 150 hours donating their time and talent to help those in need.

"Some of the items will be distributed to clients in need through the Education Creates Hope and Opportunity Program or ECHO; Christmas Assistance Program; Refugee Resettlement; and through our Resource and Referral Program. However, most of the items are distributed through the Food Pantry during the winter months. We have a lot of families who come to the pantry without hats or scarves. Many of our Food Pantry clients walk or take the bus routinely so having hats, scarves and gloves helps to keep them warm," said Claire M. Coleman, West Region director of Catholic Charities in South Bend.

Donations of fleece are being accepted. To make a donation, contact club moderator Alynn Eggert at aeggert@saintjoehigh.com.

Bishop Luers Academic Super Bowl teams achieve local, state success

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Luers Academic Super Bowl teams have recently achieved local and state honors. The math, English, social studies and fine arts teams placed first at area competition. The science and interdisciplinary teams placed second. Bishop Luers was named first in Class C.

Team members include Julia Andorfer, Jon Baum, Gabrielle Bearman, Eileen Bond, Margaret Cicchiello, Grace Everett, Isaiah Fisher, Carolina Garcia, Jon Gladding, Chris Heiny, Katie Justice, Isaiah Klotz, Jacob Schall, Luke Scheer, Andrew Schenkel, Sebastian Skordos, James Slocum,

AROUND THE DIOCESE

INDIANA BISHOPS MEET IN FORT WAYNE



KAY COZAD

The bishops of Indiana gathered in Fort Wayne on May 12-13 for their annual spring meeting. In the photo, front row, from left, are Bishop Emeritus Dale J. Melczek of the Diocese of Gary, Bishop Charles C. Thompson of the Diocese of Evansville, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana; back row, Bishop Donald J. Hying of the Diocese of Gary, Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, Bishop Emeritus Andrew Gettelfinger of the Diocese of Evansville and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Jimmy Sturm, Erik Woehner and Makenna Zwick.

Bishop Luers High School Academic Super Bowl was recognized as one of the Top 10 teams among Indiana Academic Super Bowls.

Erik Woehner, Luke Scheer, Sebastian Skordos and Gabrielle Bearman placed fourth at state competition, which was held at Purdue University on May 9.

Registrations being taken for Life Defenders Boot Camp

NOTRE DAME — High school and college students will gather Saturday, June 6, for the second annual training of young pro-life warriors for the defense of life. The four-hour interactive workshops will be foundational (101) or for returning students to go deeper (201) with expert speakers from the Life Training Institute. Participants will leave equipped and confident to serve as a powerful voice for the unborn.

The boot camp will be held Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Geddes Hall, University of Notre Dame, and offered to rising high school through college-age students.

Cost is \$15 and includes T-shirt and lunch. Scholarships are avail-

CENTRAL CATHOLIC ALUMNI PLAN MEMORIAL



MARY LOU MORRIS

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has approved the Central Catholic Alumni Association's plan to memorialize the original school site as "Central Catholic Memorial Place" at the corner of Lewis and Clinton streets in Fort Wayne. A large granite monument will be enhanced by a path of 2,000 bricks, shown above, leading to the Christ of Lewis Street statue. The estimated cost of \$80,000 is being sought through donations to the project. One may buy a brick for \$50, a tree for \$300, a bench for \$1,000 and/or make an additional donation. Checks should be made to the CCHS Alumni Association and sent to George Haggengos, 211 S. Eagle Glen Trail, Columbia City, IN 46725. For questions and information, call Mary Lou Thieme Morris at 260-485-6164.

able and discounts are available for family multiples.

Register by May 29 via Facebook, prolifemichiana.org, or 574-232-LIFE (5433).

The camp is sponsored by the Kloska Family and hosted by St. Joseph County Right to Life.

Saint Joseph Health System unites regional health ministry

MISHAWAKA — Continuing the healing legacy of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, the formation of Saint Joseph Health System was announced May 15.

In addition to acute hospital care, Saint Joseph Health System will provide community wellness, physical rehabilitation, physician clinics, home care, skilled nursing care, outpatient services, independent and assisted senior living, memory care and affordable senior apartments.

Saint Joseph Health System will unite all of the Trinity Health regional ministries in Michiana into one coordinated health system.

After the unification, Saint Joseph Health System will provide healthcare at every stage of a patient's life. The members of the Saint Joseph Health System family will provide exceptional faith-based care to every man, woman and child who needs it, said Albert Gutierrez, Saint Joseph Health System president and CEO.

To learn more about Saint Joseph Health System, visit sjmed.com.

BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

Ellen Robbins named co-valedictorian

FORT WAYNE — Ellen Robbins has been named co-valedictorian of Bishop Luers High School class of 2015. Daughter of Mark and Janice Robbins, this academic scholar resides in Zulu and attends St. Louis Besancon Parish, where she is a server and lector.



ELLEN ROBBINS

Robbins has found her academic career at Bishop Luers High School to be one of logic and inspiration. She says, "In my four years at Luers, I have learned to defend my Catholic faith with logical arguments and explain it in simple terms."

Her faith has led her to sponsor her best friend in the RCIA program recently. "It was an amazing experience, and we are now both extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion for the school Masses as well as peer ministers. It was an opportunity that I would never have had at a public school, and I will cherish the memories forever," she says.

Extracurricular activities for this co-valedictorian include peer ministry, drama and Future Business Leaders of America, in which she competed both on a team and as an individual at the state conference.

"It taught me that both teamwork and individuality are important in the

business world," she says, adding of her role as stage manager of the 10 plays performed at Bishop Luers during her four years of high school, "Drama was also a teamwork exercise, an extracurricular that required working together with and depending on at least 20 other people in the cast and crew. . . . It made me realize how much interdependence is necessary in a large group."

Because Robbins lives in the country she considers herself an outdoor woman and her hobbies revolve around her animals, "a Paso Fino named Venus, two dogs, a cat, four goats and enough birds to fill an aviary."

She enjoys riding and spending time with her horse as well as reading and writing. "I am currently working on a novel of my own. I write poems randomly throughout the day, whenever I think of a few lines and am not in the middle of an assignment or lecture," she says.

Other interests include visual arts, making jewelry and model horse tack and cooking. "I like making food from scratch," she says enthusiastically.

Robbins plans to attend the University of Saint Francis this fall with the intention of studying biology with a focus on pre-veterinary studies. Robbins' goal is to work in an animal shelter, zoo or state park upon graduation.

Erik Woehnker earns co-valedictorian rank

FORT WAYNE — Erik Woehnker ranks as co-valedictorian of the class of 2015 at Bishop Luers High School.



ERIK WOEHNKER

This parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and Roanoke resident feels his Catholic education at Bishop Luers has deepened his faith and strengthened his ability to share it with others. "My high school experience has allowed me to learn about my faith every day of the school year. It has given me more opportunities to experience the faith and share the experience with others," he says.

The academic star values his Catholic education that has garnered him the ability to defend and live his faith well. "I feel that the biggest value to a Catholic education is the opportunity to learn enough about your faith to be able to defend it and live it. It also helps to introduce you to a faithful group of people who can have a great influence on your life," he says.

Woehnker not only takes his academic challenges seriously, but he also dives in to extracurricular activities as well. Playing four years

of varsity tennis has been a joy for Woehnker, who was team captain for two of those years. He also has been involved as Math Academic Super Bowl team member with two years as team captain, four years of Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society member, four-year Key Club member, two-year Knights for Life member and a peer tutor.

To add to his already busy schedule this scholar-athlete currently works as part-time tennis staff at the Fort Wayne Country Club. "Having a job throughout high school has helped me learn the importance of time management," he says.

Interests outside the academic venue include tennis, of course, with ping pong and biking closely following. He also enjoys listening to music.

As for making treasured memories, Woehnker says, "A couple of my favorite memories from high school include participating in the 2013 March for Life in Washington, D.C. and attending the 2014 Future Business Leaders of America National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee."

Woehnker will attend Purdue University in West Lafayette this fall with a major in mechanical engineering.

BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

Lucie Ly named valedictorian

FORT WAYNE — Lucie Ly has been named Bishop Dwenger High School's valedictorian for the class of 2015. A native of Fort Wayne and parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Ly feels her Catholic education has been the one of the most influential aspect on her life.



LUCIE LY

"I believe that even those outside the faith can benefit from the Catholic morals and ideals that are instilled into each student at schools such as Dwenger. Especially today in a society so absorbed in a 'culture of death,' our young people may profit from the message of life and love that their peers and teachers bring in a Catholic school environment," she says.

Ly is grateful to have had the opportunity to have the intellectual stimulation of Bishop Dwenger's theology classes and says, "I've learned that my faith doesn't have to be some abstract concept that I just have to accept. There's a scholarly way to logically and tangibly understand the mystery we know as Catholicism, and the more I learn about it, the more beautiful it becomes, and the more I want to do everything I can to glorify God with my life," she says, adding that she values the service opportunities that afforded her the chance to put her faith in action during high school.

"Dwenger has also provided me with a myriad of opportunities

to become actively involved in my faith such as religious clubs, weekly Confession and Adoration, which is my favorite." Ly has also served in many other areas of religious activity throughout her Catholic academic career including altar serving, Decade Club, Apologetics, the Dead Theologians' Society, Young Disciple and even Life Teen Retreats.

Extracurricular activities involved the math, science, social studies and interdisciplinary academic teams, and Ly was captain of the math and social studies team.

This academic scholar has a passion for music as well, which has led her to some exciting opportunities. After taking summer classes Ly has been able to participate in Advanced Choir and show choir and says of the experience, "(It) has been a challenge, comfort and blessing." Ly also enjoys being part of Bishop Dwenger's Liturgical Choir where she had the privilege of leading the school in worship through song.

Inside the classroom Ly enjoys discussing theology and other topics of philosophy, but her favorite activity outside the classroom is playing the piano. "I have been playing for nearly 13 years, and I don't know how I would be able to function in my day to day life without it." She's also taught herself to play the guitar and hopes to learn to play other instruments in the future.

Ly plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall with a major in pre-professional studies to become a pathologist.

Mary Richter earns salutatorian rank

FORT WAYNE — Mary Richter has earned the rank of salutatorian for Bishop Dwenger's class of 2015.



MARY RICHTER

Parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne Richter says of her exemplary Catholic education at Bishop Dwenger, "Being in the midst of so many other faithful Catholics everyday has strengthened my own faith, and I definitely think that Bishop Dwenger has prepared me to go out into the world and spread the love of God to others."

This salutatorian has appreciated the encouragement Bishop Dwenger High School extends their students to become involved in faith-based activities. "Much of the service work that I have done has been connected with my school in some way," she says, adding that the school also stresses the importance of prayer. "All of my teachers start class with prayer and intentions and we do the same at the beginning and end of the day over announcements."

Extracurricular activities for this scholar involves participation

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in four years of Key Club, blanket making for Linus Blankets for three years, a year in the Apologetics Club and for the past two years the National Honor Society. In addition to academics and extracurriculars, Richter has a busy fall and spring schedule of horseback riding, a passion that has led her to participate in 4-H for the past seven years. And Richter recently has taken a job as receptionist at Park Place Senior Living as well.

In addition to horseback riding, this academic star enjoys running and reading when she has time. She also finds great pleasure in listening to music and collecting small horse figurines.

Richter has benefited both academically and spiritually during her tenure at Bishop Dwenger and will cherish the many memories she has made, including the formal dances, participating in Saints Alive and playing cards every day in calculus after the AP exam. An important memory of Richter's involves Father Jacob Meyer, chaplain of the school. "I will also never forget learning about time management from Father Jacob during the senior girls' retreat. A planner is now number one on my shopping list!" she says.

Richter will attend Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Florida, where she will study biology with a biomedical and health sciences focus. She hopes to pursue medical school with her sights set on a career as a radiologist.

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Merisa Middlestadt ranks as valedictorian

MISHAWAKA

— Merisa Middlestadt has been named as the valedictorian of Marian High School's Class of 2015. She and her family reside in Mishawaka and are members of Queen of Peace Parish.

Middlestadt has found great growth in her Catholic education and says, "The value of a Catholic education lies in its dedication to excellence in both faith and academics. The high level of academic and religious knowledge has defined my personal experience in Catholic education. Moreover, a Catholic education never places academics and faith in opposition to one another. They are instead complementary and growth in one area helps to nourish growth in the other as well."

Middlestadt feels her faith has been deepened by the many opportunities she has to live it through action. She says, "My experience at Marian has allowed me to actively participate in my faith. I have been able to participate in the March for



MERISA MIDDLESTADT

Life in Washington, D.C., volunteer for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and serve as a leader in Marian's Campus Ministry Team."

In addition to her stringent academic life Marian's valedictorian is an athlete and volunteer as well as servant. "I have been involved in Campus Ministry, Right to Life, Latin Club, National Honor Society, Vincentians Service Club and the student newspaper," she says, adding, "I was a member of the volleyball team for two years and I am a three-year letter winner on the girls' track and field team."

She has also worked with the MRSA Research Center at the University of Chicago for the past two years, where research has focused on categorizing the presence of staph and MRSA among various populations of interest. Middlestadt also volunteered for the Chiara Home during her four years at Marian.

Middlestadt's interests include reading, throwing the shot-put and discus, babysitting, dog sitting and watching college sports. She also works a summer job at the Blueberry Ranch.

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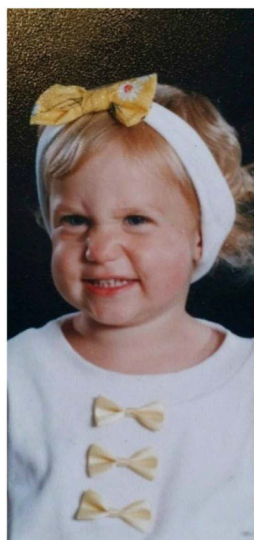
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MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Lauren Jankowski named co-salutatorian

MISHAWAKA

— Lauren Jankowski has been named co-salutatorian of the class of 2015 at Marian High School. The daughter of Craig and Juliann Jankowski, this co-salutatorian resides with her family in Granger. Jankowski feels her stellar Catholic education at Marian High School has challenged her to become a well-rounded student. She says, "As a Catholic high school, Marian strives to challenge students both academically and spiritually. I believe that this holistic approach helps to develop well-rounded students who want to continue growing in their education and faith long after high school."

Service to others has helped this bright student put her faith into action. "I have always been taught that the best way to show one's faith is through one's actions. Marian's Junior Civitans/Vincetians Club encourages students to be generous in giving of their time and efforts for the betterment of others. For the past three years, I have volunteered



**LAUREN
JANKOWSKI**

as a second- and third-grade boys' basketball coach through Upward, a Christian-based league that not only allows me to help kids to improve their basketball skills, but also to grow in their faith life."

Additionally, Jankowski has volunteered for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hannah's House, Chiara Home, Near Northwest Neighborhood, the Samantha Hickey Memorial Foundation, Busy Hands and the Center for the Homeless.

She says, "The Junior Civitans/Vincetians Club has helped me to discover the many opportunities in my community to serve others, and my faith life has undoubtedly been strengthened as a result."

As a varsity golf team member for the past three years Jankowski was recently a golf captain and named to the Academic All-State Team. She is the chairperson of the tutoring program for National Honor Society and a captain for the Science Olympiad team. Jankowski is also a member of Latin Club and was Consul (president) her junior year.

Adding to her challenging schedule Jankowski has been researching at bioengineering labs at the University of Notre Dame for the

past two years, experimenting most recently with gold nanoparticles and their potential to increase the detectability of microcalcifications in breast tissue.

This enthusiastic senior even fits a job into her busy schedule. She says, "I work at Juday Creek Golf Course as a golf camp coach and banquet server. Though it can sometimes be difficult to fit into my schedule, I truly enjoy my job. Being surrounded by lots of energetic little kids is easily my favorite part!"

In her spare time, Jankowski enjoys playing golf, reading, baking and spending time with her friends and family.

Jankowski will cherish her memories of classwork and extra school activities, but will forever hold her golf family in her heart. "My fondest memories come from the time I spent with my golf teammates. We have gone through the best and worst of times together, and I will think of them forever as family," she says.

Jankowski plans to attend Purdue University as a Trustees' Scholar with a major in biomedical engineering. She hopes to continue her work in biomedical engineering in graduate school.

Claire Doyle named co-salutatorian

MISHAWAKA

— Claire Doyle has been named the co-salutatorian of Marian High School's class of 2015. She and her family live in Granger and are members of St. Pius X Parish. Doyle feels her Catholic education has impacted her as a whole person. "My Catholic education has added a perspective and tied my education together. Every subject has had the common bond of Catholicism, allowing students to look at what they are learning in a new light. My Catholic education has emphasized becoming a well-rounded individual," she says.

"Due to my participation in the National Honor Society and other service organizations, my high school experience has given me amazing opportunities to serve my community. To me, the definition of service is to put faith into action and Marian has been a great place to do so."



CLAIRE DOYLE

In addition to Doyle's sterling academic performance she has merit in her extracurricular sports activities as well, including playing two years of soccer and four years of varsity lacrosse. She earned the Rising Star Award and the Most Improved Award during her sophomore year, and was a member of All Region Team. Doyle, who was captain of the team in her senior year, also earned the U.S. Lacrosse All Academic Award and the Mental Attitude Award, junior year.

Club memberships include four years in the French Club, Junior Civitans/Young Vincetians and Science Olympiad. Doyle was also a two-year member of National Honor Society and the Marian Science Research class.

Outside of high school Doyle finds time to enjoy her work at Rocco's Restaurant. She says of her job, "It is difficult to work into my school schedule, but I make sure that I do because I love my job! My coworkers are like family to me, plus I get good pizza. Between school, lacrosse practice and spend-

ing time with friends, I do not have any free time. If I have any extra time, I text whomever is working to see if I can sub for them."

Special interests involve lacrosse, reading, skiing, travelling and Notre Dame football.

Doyle will treasure the memories she has made along her high school journey and says, "I will especially remember the friends I have made over the past four years." Her favorite memory, she says, is of carpooling. "During my freshman year, I was happy to carpool with my cool senior sister. During my sophomore and junior years, I rode to school with friends, and now as a senior, I drive my own carpool."

Doyle will be attending the University of Notre Dame where her intended major is biology with a minor in global health. She is also considering law school and hopes to go into research or patent law.

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This academic star will treasure the times she had with her friends at Marian High School and says, "The memories I treasure most are the small, day-to-day ones, like laughing with my friends at our lockers and surviving brutally cold track meets with my teammates."

Middlestadt will be attending the University of Chicago with a major in biological science and pre-med. She hopes to attend medical school and become a medical researcher.



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Nolan Liu named valedictorian

SOUTH BEND

— Nolan Liu will lead Saint Joseph High School's class of 2015 as valedictorian this year. As a South Bend native Liu is a parishioner of St. Matthew Cathedral where he is a steadfast server and prizes his Catholic education saying, "In the context of a Catholic education, the mere acquisition of facts and data is augmented and transcended by the constant presence of a deeper spiritual Truth — and that in turn lends relevance, meaning and context to the physical realities of the facts themselves."

Liu has made use of the various opportunities Saint Joseph has offered to put his faith in action, such as serving at all-school Masses, attending retreats with friends and events such as the March for Life. He says, "Over these past four years, I know that I have become a person who can both stand up for my beliefs and practice them with pride in whatever circumstances I



NOLAN LIU

encounter."

Beyond his academic prowess, Liu has been involved in the school's varsity Quiz Bowl team for four years and captained the team his junior and senior years, winning 12 state championships for Saint Joseph. He has also run varsity cross-country and has participated in two economics competitions: Fed Challenge and Euro Challenge. "In the latter two, I've participated on teams that won three Midwest Championships and also on my school's Euro Challenge team that won second place in the nation in 2013," he reports.

Other extracurricular activities include Creative Writing Club and Right to Life Club as well as Boy Scouts, in which he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. During the summers, Liu also volunteered for the mayor's office and interned at the City of South Bend, writing speeches and proclamations for the mayor.

In addition to Liu's other activities he holds a job at the Sanctuary of St. Paul's and this summer will be working for the ACE Program at the University of Notre Dame. "Holding a job

helps me to focus and structure my day in a more orderly fashion; I've learned how to prioritize different types of schoolwork and gotten much better at avoiding procrastination as a result of my experiences at balancing my job with an academic schedule," says the scholar.

In his spare time Liu enjoys reading, and can often be found thumbing through some British or 20th century American literature. He also relishes writing and frequently composes short stories, screenplays and poetry.

Liu's treasured memories from high school include hanging out with his friends and "adventuring" around town, attending the March for Life all four years with his classmates, road tripping with the Quiz Bowl team to Atlanta and Chicago for national competitions, going to New York and Washington, D.C., with Euro Challenge, and lazy summer morning runs with the cross country team.

Liu will attend Princeton University with the intended major of economics with hope to work with an investment or consulting firm.

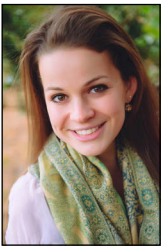
Sofia Carozza named salutatorian

SOUTH BEND

— Sofia Carozza has been named salutatorian of Saint Joseph High School for 2015. Residing in South Bend where she attends St. Joseph Church, Carozza values the freedom her Catholic education has afforded her. "Only at Catholic institutions is there true freedom in the classroom; students are not only able to but encouraged to pursue and explore their deepest questions in the context of any subject matter or extracurricular activity. Catholic schools approach young people not simply as students but as individuals with infinite value, and dedicate time and energy to the formation of both their minds and their hearts," she says.

This academic star has risen to the challenge of living her faith throughout her high school career and says, "The high school atmosphere has allowed me to explore my faith in the context of my studies, extracurricular activities and friendships. I have been surrounded by adults who lead exemplary Catholic lives, and the many opportunities of service and worship at St. Joe have challenged me to practice my faith more actively."

During her years at Saint Joseph, Carozza has been involved in much more than just academic life there. She was lead in school theater productions, both plays and musicals, participated in EuroChallenge and is currently president of Saint Joseph's French Club. She is also a member



SOFIA CAROZZA

of both the French and National Honor Societies. Carozza is a physics tutor at her school and a volunteer at Our Lady of the Road.

Carozza enjoyed her internship in the office of Mayor Pete Buttigieg and currently is manager of Oh Mamma's Italian Deli. She says of her busy schedule, "I have been working there for three years now, so I learned how to manage my time effectively in order to balance the long hours of work with everything else."

When asked about her special interests, Carozza simply says, "I love running!"

In addition to her challenging four-year tenure at Saint Joseph,

Carozza broadened her horizons with a study abroad. She recalls, "I spent my junior year of high school abroad in Milan, Italy. I lived with an Italian family and attended Istituto Sacro Cuore. It was an incredible experience. I met some of my best friends, discovered new passions and was challenged every day. I was immersed in such a rich culture and history, I realized how much of the world I still have to discover."

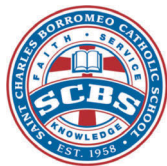
Carozza will attend the University of Notre Dame as a Hesburgh-Yusko Scholar with the intended major and eventual career of neuroscience.

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- Proverbs 16:3*

St. Jude Eagles crowned CYO softball champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Jude Eagles were crowned the CYO softball champs for the 2015 season on Friday night, May 15. In the first round of the tournament, St. Jude drew the defending champs, Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood.

A pleased Eagles Coach Colleen Pflueger explained, "Our girls stepped up and everyone did their part to pull it off for the win."

In the semi-finals, St. Jude battled from behind to tie the game in the fifth inning. It then took an extra inning for the Eagles to beat St. Rose/St. Louis to advance to the championship game against St. Vincent.

Pflueger detailed, "In the final game, the girls once again stepped up and got their bats moving — putting the ball in play. They ended the game in



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The St. Jude Eagles were crowned the CYO softball champs for 2015.

the final inning with an exciting double play between twin sisters at catcher and first base."

The final score was 5-3.

Pflueger summarized, "We are so proud of our girls. They are a

great group of kids and we knew they could take it to the end this year from their very first practice together. Throughout the whole season, they all had a great attitude whether we won or lost."



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A home for the wounded heart: The family fully alive

Good news for those worried about getting tickets for the Festival for Families with Pope Francis or the papal Mass. Both of these events that will be in downtown Philadelphia will be free and open to the public. The bad news, of course, is that they will be free and open to the public. Those interested in attending will have to get there several hours before the event. While the times of these events have not been made public, the festival on Sept. 26 is likely to begin late afternoon, while the Mass on Sunday, Sept. 27, is likely to begin mid-afternoon. Interested families can find more information on the WMF official website (www.worldmeeting2015.org). This includes a new page on setting up a stay with a host family in the Philadelphia area.

Catechesis: Part Eight

Greeting the Holy Family in the Temple, Simeon declares that the child Jesus is destined "to be a sign that will be contradicted." The Gospels prove the truth of these words in the reaction to Jesus' ministry by His contemporaries. Jesus offends even many of His own followers. One reason is the "hard sayings" found in His words.

Some of Christ's hardest sayings deal with marriage, sexual desire and the family. Jesus' teaching about the indissolubility of marriage shocks not only the Pharisees but His own followers: "If that is the case ... it is better not to marry," murmur the disciples. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus not only deepens the teaching of the Decalogue, but, as the New Moses, He calls His followers to a radical transformation of their hearts: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit



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adultery.' But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman in lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

The Lord's disciples form a new messianic family that transcends and takes priority over traditional family relations. For followers of the Christ, the water of Baptism is thicker than blood. The Lord's covenant gives a new context for understanding our bodies and our relations. The Church continues

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Feast of Pentecost Jn 20:19-23

In the Church's liturgical year, only Easter and Christmas eclipse Pentecost. The importance, and grandeur, of these feasts of course derive from the events being commemorated, but the Church also records the lessons taught by the feasts, and through the readings for these feasts, instructs us in how to follow the Lord as faithful and worthy disciples.

Pentecost also is an ancient Jewish feast. The first Christians very often were of Jewish origins. The Apostles were Jews. So, they observed the Jewish Pentecost.

In the Jewish context, this feast celebrated the identity, unity and vocation of the Hebrew people. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, and in the overall context of salvation in Christ Jesus, Pentecost took on a greater meaning for Christians, a meaning centered in Christianity.

Pentecost became a great Christian holy day, recalling the moment when God the Holy Spirit vivified the Apostles and, through the Apostles, formed the reality of the Church as the bearer of salvation in Christ to future generations everywhere.

This first reading recalls the first Pentecost and its aftermath. Under the leadership of Peter, the Apostles were united. They were emboldened, never relenting in their mission of declaring Jesus as Lord and Savior.

According to tradition, all but one of these Apostles, St. John, died as a martyr, and John was persecuted.

An important lesson is in the fact that the Christians very clearly were in a community, gathered around the Apostles, with Peter undeniably at their head.

For the second reading, the Church presents a passage from First Corinthians. Absolute faith in Christ, as God, and as Savior, is key. It also is vital. Without grace, humans are confused and liable to even fatal misstep.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading, a Resurrection Narrative. The Risen Lord appears before the Apostles. The reading is profoundly relevant for Catholics. As God, possessing the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives the Apostles the power to forgive sins, extraordinary because only God can forgive sins.

This reading makes abundantly clear the Lord's conferral of divine authority and power upon the Apostles.

Reflection

For weeks, the Church has rejoiced in the Resurrection, excitedly proclaiming that Jesus is, not was, Lord. He lives!

Throughout the Easter season, the Church, in the readings at Mass, has called us to realize what effect the Resurrection had upon humanity. It has been a wondrously good effect.

Future generations, including our own, share in this effect. How? Christ lives again, and encounters us, in and through the Church.

While true conversion requires a completely free and uncompromised individual decision, Christians are bound together in the Church, because they share their identity with Christ, their bond with Christ, and their life in Christ.

The pope's vision for women in the Church

With International Women's Day in the recent past, I turn my thoughts to the important conversation about the role of women in the Church. Since Pope Francis has talked about including the perspective of women in decision-making, this discussion has taken on more significance.

While Pope Francis has said that the issue of ordination of women in the Catholic Church is "closed," he noted that the engagement of women needs to go beyond "altar girls or the president of a charity; there must be more."

As a woman president of a charity, I have been pondering this comment. Putting aside the ordination of women, what is the "more" that Pope Francis suggests? Is it a move beyond women's leadership of pastoral and social ministries to the consideration of where and how women can appropriately share in the governance of the Church?

Is it an acknowledgement that for all the "doing" that women undertake to evangelize as parents and neighbors, serve as volunteers to sustain the vitality of the Church, or work in and lead Catholic organizations; is it time for women to have a "place at the table" where the Church does her thinking, teaching and policy-making?

As a woman who made a career in a traditional male sector (business school deanship), I have seen progress made in professional enclaves of Western countries. Most people have moved beyond the question of whether women are as competent as men.

Society has spoken to the inherent prejudice and injustice when access to roles of authority and influence is denied. Actions to ensure equality include mandatory inclusion of women candidates in searches, established pools of qualified women, metrics to monitor progress, as well as efforts to move women into pipelines for development and onto platforms that offer visibility.

These efforts that pivot on opportunities, rights and remediation, important as they are, lack an integral dimension that must undergird the conversation about women in the Church.

As the Church is the body of Christ, a family, a community, the foundation of the conversation is first and foremost about



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relationship. How do the leaders of the institutional Church wish to engage women as cherished members of the family? Loved like sisters, daughters, mothers and friends? Welcomed as colleagues? Sought out for their gifts? Invited as partners for the mission?

My parents had a traditional Chinese marriage: My father delegated to my mother the duties for running a household and raising six children. He never took her advice on investments (even though that advice turned out to be quite good), nor solicited her thoughts when he held court on global affairs, even though she read the newspapers daily.

He shared the stress of his problems, but not the problem-solving part. I knew that was not enough for my flourishing nor for a joyful and lasting marriage. I wanted to be a partner, not a subcontractor.

Catholic Relief Services runs the "Faithful House" program in Africa for couples. It centers on communication: learning to listen and talk to each other. From the ensuing attention, understanding and engagement, the couples come to cherish each other, open up to each other on important issues of children and finances, take better care of each other, share dreams and fears and turn to the other as partners with hope for a future and a sense of common purpose.

Is this what Pope Francis meant by "more"? Could collaboration, mutuality and shared responsibility happen more in the Church? Could women contribute more to the governance of the Church and the realization of the Church's mission?

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READINGS

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 10:17-21

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9 Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33

The difference Cardinal George made

On Sept. 2, 1939, the House of Commons debated the British government's response to the German invasion of Poland the previous day. The ruling Conservative Party was badly divided between those demanding that Britain fulfill its obligations to Poland and those addicted to the habits of appeasement. "Party loyalty" was being invoked to drown out Conservative opposition to Conservative prime minister Neville Chamberlain when the deputy leader of the opposition Labour Party, Arthur Greenwood, rose to speak. Then, from the Tory back benches, came the voice of an anti-appeasement Conservative, Leo Amery, who cried, "Speak for England, Arthur!"

Who speaks for country and principle, not just for faction or party? It's a perennial question. I was reminded of it, and of Leo Amery, when my friend, Senator Henry M. Jackson, died in 1983, and one of his aides said, "We've just lost the last adult in the Senate." When I asked what that meant, he replied, "There was only one man here who, when a crisis was at hand and the country was at risk, had the personal authority to say, in effect, 'Close the door; let's get serious and get this settled.'" That's what the death of Scoop Jackson meant: the last reference point had left the scene. (And if you want a sense of that aide's prescience, look at the U.S. Senate today.)

Legislative bodies with contending factions and ideas need that kind of leadership: they need someone — or, preferably, several someones — with the authority to speak for

the common good and get others to think outside the narrow confines of their own concerns and interests. And so (if I may stretch an analogy just a bit) do bishops conferences.

The death of Cardinal Francis George on April 17 opened a breach in the life and work of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Since Cardinal John O'Connor's death in 2000, Cardinal George played the role championed by Leo Amery and embodied by Scoop Jackson in another sphere of action: Cardinal George was the man with the authority, in this case, to "speak for the Church," and to get his brother bishops to bracket their differences and act as one for the good of the Church. He did it quietly, but he also did it effectively. And he could do it because of who he was: his character and insight made him the reference point when things were very serious.

When Francis George was appointed archbishop of Chicago, an auxiliary bishop who will remain nameless said, "Oh no, he's the one who gets up at the meetings and uses those words the bishops don't understand." Well, His Nameless (and now deceased) Excellency may not have understood, but others did. And those who didn't necessarily have the same breadth of learning and culture as Francis George nonetheless followed his lead because they knew him as a man of erudition and humility who thought things through, who had the courage to follow his convictions, and who could be trusted to speak for the Church, not just for his point of view or his "party."

It was immensely important that



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GEORGE WEIGEL

the bishops elected Cardinal George their conference president in 2007. For it was his leadership that created the broad consensus about the Catholic future in America that led to the election of Cardinal Timothy Dolan as conference president in 2010 — and that made possible the bishops' stalwart defense of religious freedom in the face of an administration determined to bend the Church and its work of healing, educating and empowering the poor to the government's will.

That contest is by no means over, for the modern state — whoever is in charge — seems to have an irresistible urge to expand its reach, shrinking the sphere of civil society in the process. This tendency is a direct challenge to the core Catholic social doctrine principle of subsidiarity. And it must be resisted, even as the Church works to marry subsidiarity to solidarity with the weakest among us.

So: who will now "speak for the Church"?

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mitment created by an increasingly anti-marriage culture. Because the family so deeply shapes its members — comprising a "genealogy of the person" biologically, socially and relationally — broken relationships within the family leave bitterly painful injuries.

Pope Francis helps us to see the Church's "hard sayings" as words for our healing. But we need to engage in a kind of triage, treating the wounds according to their severity.

The Gospels are full of accounts of Jesus' healings. Christ the physician is a frequent image in the work of St. Augustine. In an Easter homily he writes: "The Lord like an experienced doctor knew better what was going on in the sick man, than the sick man himself. Doctors do for the indispositions of bodies what the Lord can also do for the indisposition of souls." Drawing on the parable of the Good Samaritan, Augustine sees the Church as the inn where the wounded traveler is taken to recover: "Let us, the wounded, entreat the physician, let us be carried to the inn to be healed ... therefore brothers, in this time the Church too, in which the wounded man is healed, is the inn of the traveler."

In the Church, the first priority is to bring people to an encounter with the Divine Physician. Any

encounter with Christ brings healing to fallen humanity, and the Holy Spirit can always be invited into our hearts to enable repentance and conversion. In the words of Pope Francis: "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.'"

When Pope Francis emphasized a personal encounter with Jesus, he reaffirmed the work of his predecessors. Pope Benedict XVI said: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." And Pope John Paul II stressed that: "In order to make this 'encounter' with Christ possible, God willed His Church. Indeed, the Church 'wishes to serve this single end: that each person may be able to find Christ, in order that Christ may walk with each person the path of life.'"

Fred and Lisa Everett are co-directors of the Office of Family Life.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Reading for May 24, 2015

Acts 2:1-11

Following is a word search based on the First Reading for Pentecost Sunday: the appearance of the Holy Spirit. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PENTECOST	SUDDENLY	WIND
ENTIRE	HOUSE	TONGUES
HOLY	TO SPEAK	DEVOUT
JEWS	NATION	HEAVEN
SOUND	LANGUAGE	GALILEANS
NATIVE	MEDES	EGYPT
LIBYA	ARABS	WE HEAR

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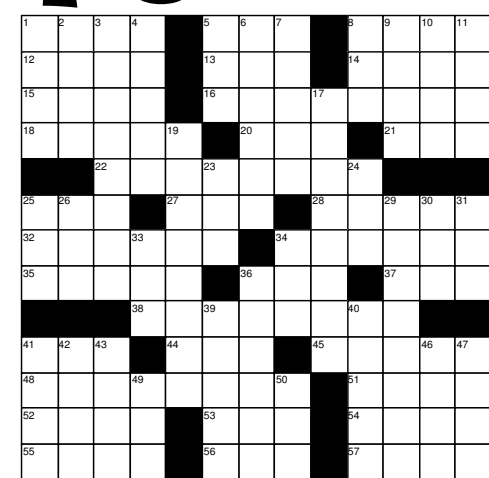
the mission of Jesus in the world. "Whoever listens to you, listens to Me," Jesus tells the disciples whom He sends out in His name. The bishops, in communion with the Holy Father, succeed the apostles in their ministry. Thus it should surprise no one that some Church teachings are also perceived as "hard sayings," out of step with current culture, especially on marriage, sexual expression and the family.

To grasp the Church's ministry of teaching correctly, we also need to consider her pastoral nature. Pope Francis once famously likened the Church to "a field hospital after battle." He said: "It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up."

Sexuality is uniquely vulnerable to such wounds. Men, women and children can be wounded by promiscuous sexual behavior (their own and that of others), pornography and other forms of objectification, rape, prostitution, human trafficking, divorce and the fear of com-

The CrossWord

Ascension, May 24 and 31, 2015



Based on these Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16: 15-20 & Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15: 26-27; 16:12-15 & Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rm 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

ACROSS

- 1 Distort
- 5 Not downs
- 8 Winged
- 12 Cure the sick
- 13 Floor covering
- 14 Trigonometric function
- 15 Opera solo
- 16 Apostles, _____, evangelists
- 18 _____ Cassino
- 20 "Please, _____"
- 21 Morse code dot
- 22 Christmas drink (two wds.)
- 25 Expression of surprise
- 27 Charged particle

DOWN

- 28 Cover
- 32 Chicken _____ Bleu
- 34 49th state
- 35 Move bike wheels
- 36 United States _____ of America
- 37 The poor often do
- 38 Scottish dance
- 41 Young lady
- 44 Gossip
- 45 Elite intellectuals' _____ society
- 48 Specialized altar _____ server
- 51 Jewish calendar month
- 52 Italian currency
- 53 Deer relative

- 54 Widow's mite "worth about a _____"
- 55 Whirl
- 56 Eye infection
- 57 Jittery

DOWN

- 1 Strike forcibly
- 2 Air (prefix)
- 3 Pelt (2 wd.)
- 4 Philosopher
- 5 Sports official
- 6 Minister in charge
- 7 Tough
- 8 Lent Wednesday
- 9 Bore false witness
- 10 Negative (prefix)
- 11 The Spirit came to _____ on them
- 17 Apostles sent to _____ the Gospel
- 19 Science of causes
- 23 Swindle
- 24 Wing
- 25 American College of Physicians (abbr.)
- 26 Garden tool
- 29 Jesus went up _____ to heaven
- 30 Danish krone (abbr.)
- 31 Go on: Have your _____
- 33 Telegraphic signal
- 34 Poisonous snake
- 36 Take off sword
- 39 Prices
- 40 Jesus gave to Apostles
- 41 Wind of the Spirit
- 42 Harmful rain
- 43 Risen Christ
- 46 Angels did at Nativity
- 47 Decorative
- 49 Not ordained
- 50 Disciples stood _____ looking at

Answer Key can be found on page 15

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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Alumni memorial Mass planned

South Bend — Saint Joseph High School will hold an alumni memorial Mass on Monday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Saint Joseph. The Mass will remember deceased members of the Saint Joseph High School community. For information contact Henry Chandler at hchandler@saintjoehigh.com.

Saint Joseph High School annual golf outing

South Bend — St. Joseph High School will have a golf outing Friday, June 5, at Blackthorn Golf Course at noon. Tee time is 1 p.m.

Cost is \$100 per person, which includes golf, a gift bag, on-course snacks, dinner and two drink tickets. For information contact Bret Bajdek at bbajdek@saintjoehigh.com.

Christian-Muslim relations explored

Roanoke — Christian-Muslim relations will be explored with Dr. Adam DeVille, University of Saint Francis professor, who will speak on the past, present and future of Christian-Muslim relations in the Middle East

at St. Joseph Parish on Monday, June 1, at 7 p.m. For information contact Kay at 260-396-2552.

Vivaldi 'Gloria' performance

Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish will host a choral concert on Sunday, May 31, at 5 p.m. Four choirs from the church and school will perform, including a full performance of the Vivaldi "Gloria" with orchestra and guest soloists. Admission is free.



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Sharon Ann Nagy, 70, St. Anthony de Padua

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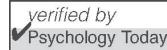
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DAY

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continues to combine direct aid for the poor and homeless with non-violent direct action on their behalf. She served as editor of the *Catholic Worker* newspaper from 1933 until her death.

In the late 1990s steps were taken with the Vatican to begin her canonization process. The Archdiocese of New York was granted permission to open her cause in March 2000. She therefore is referred to as Servant of God.

Archbishop Gomez indicated that the journal of her life reads like a saint. Her reason for writing was to bring news to others of an inner war. In her newspaper articles and speeches she was writing the spiritual diary of the 20th century.

Admitting he was not an authority on Day, Archbishop Gomez said he came to the study of her life from the perspective of a pastor.

"She walked with the great saints of the Church," he continued, "like Francis of Assisi, John of the Cross, Catherine of Siena and many others. These were her constant companions. She once said she spent her days in conversation with Jesus and the saints of the Church," the archbishop noted.

"I want to think and live like a saint," he said. "I believe that what she has left us is a saint's vision of our times and our society."



JOE ROMIE

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles leads the Our Father during the Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on May 14. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, left, was the homilist at the Mass and spoke of St. Mathias, whose feast day was May 14, and the life of Dorothy Day — how she challenged all to live the Gospel. Bishop Rhoades said, "In her typically incisive way, Dorothy Day wrote that 'those who cannot see Christ in the poor are atheists indeed.'" Joining them at the altar, right, is Bishop John Michael Botean from the Romanian Catholic Diocese of St. George in Canton, Ohio.

"Her conversion story is the story of a soul," he continued. "It was Dorothy's experience of love and goodness that brought her to conversion. ... In the glory of childbirth she came to see that God made us in His image. ... She wanted to show us ... the consequences of trying to live without God."

Archbishop Gomez asked, "How do we continue to live as Christians

in a society that has no room for Christ and for God? How do we live, work and raise our families? How do we carry out our mission?"

"Dorothy Day gives us a powerful vision of how to live in a secularized society," he emphasized.

Archbishop Gomez noted, "The greatest danger of our age, I believe, is secularism."

This is a time when men and

women must rise up to be messengers and disciples and practice heroic charity, he related.

In order to live in this society, "the secularized society which we are, we need to strive to live in a close relationship with Jesus Christ," Archbishop Gomez said.

The archbishop recalled a recent annual youth conference held in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles where

16,000 young people attended separate Masses in two large groups of 8,000 each. The theme of the liturgy was a rap song titled, "Talk Jesus with Me." He said the catchy phrase obviously involves talking to Jesus and Jesus talking back.

Dorothy Day said all are called personally (by Jesus) to care for the poor. She helps show that the meaning of each life will be judged on the mercy shown to others. Each one is to strive for holiness. Dorothy Day said this is a time when there is more room for saints.

"God expects something from each one of us that no one else can do," said Archbishop Gomez. "Keep following Jesus. 'Talk Jesus with Me!'"

"I don't know if Dorothy Day is a saint. That's for the Church to decide," the archbishop again remarked. "But she left us a beautiful legacy."

Earlier in the afternoon, Archbishop Gomez celebrated Mass for those attending the conference and the faithful at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, concelebrant, was the homilist.

Archbishop Gomez is the first Hispanic and fifth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the largest diocese in the United States with some 5 million Catholics. Archbishop Gomez is the highest-ranking Hispanic bishop in the U.S. Before his installation in 2011, he served as coadjutor in Los Angeles, archbishop of San Antonio and an auxiliary bishop in Denver.

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