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Three men ordained as deacons

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — Three diocesan seminarians — Craig Borchard and David Violi of St. Pius X Parish in Granger, and Robert Garrow of St. Matthew Cathedral — were ordained to the diaconate Saturday, May 23, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

It was the first time in many years that an ordination has taken place in South Bend, as ordinations normally are celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. However, since the three men being ordained are from the South Bend area, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades granted their request to have the ordination at St. Matthew, and their friends and families nearly filled the pews for the colorful ceremony.

Area Knights of Columbus formed an honor guard along the center aisle as the celebrant, Bishop Rhoades, concelebrating diocesan and visiting priests, diocesan deacons and seminarians, and other dignitaries processed into the cathedral. Also attending were members of several religious orders.

Bishop Rhoades opened the celebration by welcoming the parents, families and friends of the candidates before beginning the Rite of Ordination, which is rich with meaning and symbolism. The glory of the ceremony was enhanced by the voices and music of the Diocesan Choir and Cantus Cathedralis.



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

With the elect kneeling and with hands outstretched, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades solemnly recites the Prayer of Ordination at the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate on Saturday, May 23, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. From left kneeling are Deacons David Violi, Craig Borchard and Bob Garrow.

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Blessed Romero 'another brilliant star' belonging to Church of Americas

BY RHINA GUIDOS

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (CNS) — Some thought this day would never arrive. Others hoped and some always knew it would.

On May 23, the Catholic Church, beatified Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdamez, of El Salvador, who was assassinated in 1980 while celebrating Mass, just a day after pleading and ordering soldiers to stop killing innocent civilians.

"Blessed Romero is another brilliant star that belongs to the sanctity of the Church of the Americas," said Cardinal Angelo Amato, head of the Vatican's Congregation for Saints' Causes, during the ceremony in San Salvador. "And thanks be to God, there are many."

While those who persecuted him have died or are in obscurity, "the memory of Romero continues to live in the poor and the marginalized," Cardinal Amato said.

His homilies often pleaded for better conditions for the poor, for a stop to the escalating violence

in the country and for brotherhood among those whose divisions ultimately led to a 12-year conflict.

He's not a symbol of division but one of peace, Cardinal Amato said.

In a message sent Saturday on the occasion of the beatification, Pope Francis said that Archbishop Romero "built the peace with the power of love, gave testimony of the faith with his life."

Proof of that is the shirt he died in, soaked in blood, after an assassin's single bullet took his life. Eight deacons carried the blood-stained shirt, now a relic, to the altar in a glass case. Others decorated it with flowers and candles during the Saturday ceremony. Several priests reached out to touch the case and later made the sign of the cross.

In a time of difficulty in El Salvador, Archbishop Romero knew "how to guide, defend and protect his flock, remaining faithful to the Gospel and in communion with the whole Church," the pope said in his message. "His ministry was distinguished by a particular attention to the poor and marginalized. And at the time of his death, while

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'YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE' CELEBRATION

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.

A Plenary Indulgence is to be offered at the Vespers for Year of Consecrated Life. For information visit www.diocesefwsb.org.

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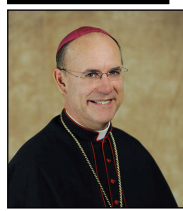
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God's innermost mystery



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This coming Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. In the Gospel, we will hear Jesus' instruction to the apostles to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." With this Baptism in the name of the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity, we became adopted sons and daughters of God the Father, members of Christ and His Body, the Church, and temples of the Holy Spirit. We entered into God's life, the life of the Most Holy Trinity.

The Holy Trinity is the center of our Christian faith and life. We carry within us the life of the triune God. God has welcomed us into His life, into His own eternal life of love, the eternal communion of Him who, though Three, is One.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity, God's innermost life, would be unknown to us if God had not revealed Himself to us. It would not be possible through the mere means of human reason to know this mystery that transcends our human understanding. We accept this truth in faith. Jesus revealed this mystery to us, though the revelation of the Trinity was foreshadowed in the Old Testament. The glory of the Trinity became present in time and space and was manifested in Jesus. The truth of one God in three equal and distinct Persons became known to us in the Incarnation, when God the Father sent His Son into the world through the action of the Holy Spirit who overshadowed the Virgin Mary. The glory of the Trinity was revealed when "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). The Incarnation was not only a revelation of the Trinity, but also a revelation of the Trinity's love for us. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16).

When we think about the Trinity, we recognize that the love of God the Father is the first origin of everything. Everything springs from His unending love, above all His eternal Son and the Holy Spirit. The Son is eternally begotten of the Father, not as a creature, but as "light from light" and "true God from true God." The Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from both and is "one and equal" with the Father and the Son. The Father and the Son are one in the communion of the Holy Spirit. We who have been touched by Christ's grace are included in this communion. Here is what we read in the Catechism:

Grace is a participation in the life of God. It introduces us into the intimacy of Trinitarian life: by Baptism the Christian participates in the grace of Christ, the Head of His Body. As an 'adopted son' he can henceforth call God 'Father,' in union with the only Son. He receives the life of the Spirit who breathes charity into him and who forms the Church (CCC 1997).

The Trinity is an amazing mystery to contemplate. Since it is so beyond our



"Holy Trinity," a fresco by Luca Rossetti da Orta, 1738-1739, is shown from St. Gaudenzio Church at Ivrea in northwestern Italy.

human understanding, we can be tempted to consider the mystery too abstract, like the philosopher Immanuel Kant who regarded it as a sort of "heavenly mathematical theorem" with no implications for human life. But nothing could be further from the truth. God is not an abstraction. God is love. As Pope Francis has said: "God is not a sentimental, emotional kind of love but the love of the Father who is the origin of all life, the love of the Son who dies on the Cross and is raised, the love of the Spirit who renews human beings and the world. Thinking that God is love does us so much good, because it teaches us to love, to give ourselves to others as Jesus gave Himself to us and walks with us. Jesus walks beside us on the road through life."

The mystery of God in Himself has the greatest implications for our life since we are blessed to share in His life, the life of the Trinity, the loving communion of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our life even now is open to eternal life because our life shares in the life of God. This truth should always fill us with wonder, awe, and thanksgiving. God calls us into the embrace of His communion which is eternal life.

I will never forget the evening of July 19, 2008, participating in the Vigil of World

Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI in Sydney, Australia. I was there with young pilgrims from the Diocese of Harrisburg. It was a beautiful clear night under the constellation of the Southern Cross. The Holy Father gave a profound reflection on the Holy Spirit as the *Giver of life* who leads us into the very heart of God, into the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Pope Benedict shared with the young people deep insights from Saint Augustine on the Holy Spirit as unity, abiding love, and gift. Inspired by these insights, Pope Benedict said to the young people: "let unifying love be your measure; abiding love your challenge; self-giving love your mission!" The Pope said: *What constitutes our faith is not primarily what we do but what we receive.* And then he posed to the young people two great and penetrating questions, questions which are good for all of us to ponder: *Friends, do you accept being drawn into God's Trinitarian life? Do you accept being drawn into His communion of love?*

God has shown us His face and His face is Love. To be truly alive is to live in the love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May we say *Yes* like Mary to the gift of sharing in God's eternal life of love!

Holy Spirit leads to truth, renews the earth, emboldens, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The power of the Holy Spirit transforms people into bold witnesses of the Gospel, who reach out to others, exercise charity and live in harmony with creation, Pope Francis said.

Celebrating Pentecost Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer with tens of thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square May 24, the pope spoke of Pentecost as the day the Church was born universal but united.

When the Spirit came upon the disciples, Pope Francis told people in the square, "they were completely transformed: fear was replaced by courage, closure gave way to proclamation and every doubt was driven away by faith full of love."

The day's first reading, Acts 2:1-11, recounts how people from every land heard the disciples speaking in their own languages, the pope said. "The Church was not born isolated, it was born universal — one, catholic — with a precise identity, but open to all."

The good news of salvation proclaimed by the disciples was meant for the whole world, he said.

"Mother Church does not close the door in anyone's face," he said. "Not even the biggest sinners."

The tongue of fire resting on the head of each disciple as a sign of the Holy Spirit was "the flame of love that burns away all harshness; it was the language of the Gospel that crosses every border humans make and touches the hearts of the multitude without distinction of language, race or nationality."

Today, just as on Pentecost, the pope said, the Holy Spirit is poured out on the Church and on every follower of Jesus "so that we would leave behind our mediocrity and being closed off, and rather communicate to the whole world the merci-



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis arrives to celebrate Pentecost Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican May 24.

ful love of the Lord."

Pope Francis urged Christians to model their lives on the two people beatified May 23: Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador and Italian Consolata Sister Irene Stefani, who worked and died in Kenya.

Referring to Blessed Romero as a "zealous pastor," Pope Francis said that "following Jesus' example, he chose to be in the midst of his people, especially the poor and oppressed, even at the cost of his life."

Blessed Stefani, he said, "served the Kenyan people with joy, mercy and tender compassion."

"May the heroic example of these blessed ones give rise in each of us to the deep desire to witness to the Gospel with courage and self-sacrifice."

In his homily at the Pentecost Mass that morning, Pope Francis said the Scriptures assure Christians that the Holy Spirit continues to be at work in the Church and in the world doing what Jesus promised the Spirit would do: "He guides us into all the truth, He renews the face of the earth,

and He gives us His fruits."

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples went from being confused about Jesus' death and afraid to speak and afraid of being arrested, to being bold announcers of salvation in Jesus, the pope said.

The Spirit made them understand that "the death of Jesus was not His defeat, but rather the ultimate expression of God's love, a love that, in the Resurrection, conquers death and exalts Jesus as the living one, the Lord, the redeemer of mankind, the Lord of history and of the world."

At the same time, the pope said, the Spirit is the one who renews the earth and can renew people's relationship with it. "The Holy Spirit whom Christ sent from the Father, and the creator Spirit who gives life to all things, are one and the same," he said. "Respect for creation, then, is a requirement of our faith: the 'garden' in which we live is not entrusted to us to be exploited, but rather to be cultivated and tended with respect."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, May 31, 1 p.m. — Mass celebrating 150th Anniversary of City of South Bend, Father Bly Field, Saint Joseph High School, South Bend
- Sunday, May 31, 4:30 p.m. — Vespers celebrating Year of Consecrated Life, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Monday, June 1, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Monday, June 1, 7 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Saint Joseph High School, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Thursday, June 4, 8:30 p.m. — Benefit dinner for Women's Care Center, Morris Park Country Club, South Bend
- Friday, June 5, 3 p.m. — Graduation Mass for Northeastern Indiana Catholic Home Educators, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m. — Priesthood Ordination Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne



Priest assignments

The Most Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following priest appointments, effective June 23, 2015:

- **Reverend Andrew Budzinski** to Pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne. Father Budzinski will continue as Diocesan Director of Vocations.
- **Reverend Stephen E. Colchin** to Pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Huntington.
- **Reverend Terrence Coonan, Jr.** to Pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, South Bend. Father Coonan continues as Chaplain of Saint Joseph High School, South Bend.
- **Reverend Benjamin Muhlenkamp** to Pastor of Saint Louis, Besancon Parish, New Haven. Father Muhlenkamp continues as Chaplain of Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne.
- **Reverend Vincent Joseph Rathappillil, V.C.**, to Pastor of Saint Bavo Parish, Mishawaka.
- **Reverend Christopher Smith** to Pastor of Saint Peter Parish, Fort Wayne. Father Smith continues as Chaplain for Catholic students at Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne.

Bishop Rhoades has appointed **Father Joachim Oforchukwu, C.S.Sp.**, as Catholic Chaplain to Memorial Hospital, South Bend, with residence at Corpus Christi Parish, South Bend, effective June 1, 2015.

Bishop Rhoades has accepted the following priest retirements, effective June 23, 2015:

- **Reverend Barry England** from Pastor of Saint Bavo Parish, Mishawaka, to retirement at Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame.
- **Reverend John Pfister** from Pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Huntington, to retirement at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Fort Wayne.



Deacon assignments

The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following summer assignments of the newly ordained deacons:

- **Rev. Mr. Craig Borchard** to Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart
- **Rev. Mr. Robert Garrow** to Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish, Bristol
- **Rev. Mr. David Violi** to Saint Matthew Cathedral Parish, South Bend

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

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 the 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.



DONNA QUINN

In conjunction with the SB150 celebration, special 150-year birthday cupcakes were distributed to Saint Joseph High School students during the lunch periods on May 22. Pictured, from left, are Meg Murphy and Jessica Hall.

Father Barry England retiring in June

BY ANN CAREY

MISHAWAKA — On a recent Sunday morning Father Barry England, pastor of St. Bavo Parish in Mishawaka, stood on the sidewalk in front of the church, greeting parishioners after Mass, as he usually does. That day, however, the greeting was bittersweet as parishioners stopped to express their sadness that Father England will be leaving St. Bavo to retire on June 23.

"We just adore him, and we'll miss him greatly," said Sue Alwine, who has been St. Bavo Parish secretary for 20 years. "But we're so happy for him. He deserves this more than anyone I know: He's a wonderful pastor and a wonderful boss and has done a great job here. It's nice to know he'll enjoy his retirement. We're happy for him but sad for us."

Father England has served the diocese in priestly ministry for 37 years, the last 15 as pastor of St. Bavo Parish. Now he's looking forward to some quiet time to rest, pray, read and brush up on his golf game with a lesson or two.

"I'm really appreciative of Bishop Rhoades allowing me to retire while I'm still in relatively good health," Father England told *Today's Catholic*, and he noted



Father Barry England stands in front of the main doors to St. Bavo Church, built in 1904 to serve the Belgian people of Mishawaka.

with satisfaction that a significant number of young men are studying for the Priesthood in this diocese who will follow in the footsteps of the retiring priests.

Father England has chosen the perfect venue for all the retirement activities he anticipates: an apartment at Holy Cross Village on the campus of Holy Cross College, with easy access to the college chapel and library, as well as the University of Notre Dame Burke Golf Course right across the street. He also hopes to attend some of the programs and lectures at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, as well as Holy Cross College.

In addition to those nearby assets, his apartment in the Riverside building at Holy Cross Village has an especially good vibe, for it had been the retirement apartment of another diocesan priest, the late Father Leonard Chrobot.

While Father England is retiring as full-time pastor of a parish, he still will be exercising his priestly ministry when local priests need a helping hand, doing what he loves most about being a priest: ministering to the people and celebrating the sacraments.

"Being a parish priest is where the action is," he said, pointing out that a priest ministers to the people from birth to death and tries to be present to the people through bad times as well as good times.

"Your presence means more than anything" in difficult situations, Father England explained,

saying that advice applies to laity as well: "Even if you don't know what to say, that's okay; just be there."

Seminary training at Our Lady of the Lake in Wawasee and Mount St. Mary's in Ohio helped prepare the young man for his priestly career, including five summers of being a counselor for the CYO summer camp at Our Lady of the Lake.

After his ordination in 1968, Father England was assigned as associate pastor at St. Mary Parish, Huntington, where he also was named master of ceremonies for the Huntington Deanery and area chaplain of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.

He then served as associate pastor at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne from July of 1971 to January of 1979, when he was named pastor of St. Joseph Parish at Roanoke and St. Catherine Parish, Nix Settlement. During his time there, Father England led a study for the diocese to determine the feasibility of establishing a new parish in Aboite Township, which was experiencing a population boom. The result of that study is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, established in 1988 and now one of the largest parishes in the diocese.

While leading St. Joseph and St. Catherine parishes, Father

England was appointed chaplain for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and was made a judge on the diocesan marriage tribunal, where he served for four years.

In 1982, Father England was appointed pastor of Queen of Angels Parish in Fort Wayne, where the bishop also appointed him to the board of directors of United Way of Allen County. From 1988 to 2000, he was pastor of St. Anthony Parish in South Bend before moving on to his last assignment at St. Bavo, where he also took on the role of chaplain of the Mishawaka Knights of Columbus Council 1878.

One of the greatest joys of the Priesthood for Father England has been seeing the gift of faith in people who live their Christianity every day, he said, and he added that he also has appreciated the support of parish staff and parishioners and seeing them take ownership in different aspects of the parish.

With his duties as a parish priest as well as his outside appointments, Father England kept very busy, he said, but he learned something new every day.

"As a pastor you wear many hats, and I loved the ministry part," Father England said. "I won't miss attending meetings, though," he quipped.

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Father John Pfister to retire

BY MARK WEBER

HUNTINGTON — "... And the wise man's heart knows times and judgments; for there is a time and a judgment for everything." — Eccl 3:5.

As Father John Pfister at age 75 senses that time's toil on his body makes retirement a sensible judgment, he recalls an event far back in time when he was 9 and a highway accident claimed the life of his father, his hero, when he made the judgment to become a priest.

From that early age to the time of ordination is quite a stretch; when asked what his thoughts on May 28, 1966, were as Bishop Leo A. Pursley placed the oils of Holy Orders on his hands, Father Pfister replied, "I was a 'lifer'... having spent six years at Our Lady of the Lake Seminary at Lake Wawasee and seven years at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., so for a long time I had looked forward to 'getting out' and living life as a priest. So as I lay prostrate on the floor of the cathedral in Fort Wayne and heard the choir singing the litany of the saints I thought — 'Golly ... here I am ... we made it!'"

Ordained with Father Pfister were Fathers Edward Erpelding and Andrew Kopcsa.

Life as a priest found Father Pfister helping out at St. Charles Borromeo and living with three other priests at Bishop Dwenger High School where he taught English and religion to seniors, the first graduating class of Bishop Dwenger High School.

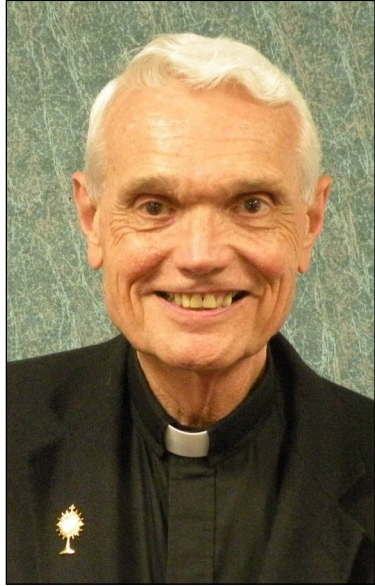
He was chaplain of the athletic department and after five years, became guidance director at Bishop Dwenger.

On July 1, 1969, Father Pfister was appointed diocesan director of religious vocations, an office he would hold for a number of years and a cause which he continues to hold close to his heart.

The phone rang. A cultured voice combining authority and kindness said that "Bishop (William E.) McManus would like to see you ... etc." Such calls launch a squadron of belly butterflies in full flight at high speed ... making one wonder, what have I done, or what am I going to do? The answer in this case meant that Father John Pfister was to receive his first pastorate at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne.

Although he had always pictured himself involved in parochial life, this summons came at a time when he deeply enjoyed teaching, his vocational work and the involvement with the sporting activities at Bishop Dwenger. However, once installed as a shepherd, he fully savored the phrase, "I know mine and mine know me."

This love of parish life and of the families there became a comfortable arrangement for



FATHER JOHN PFISTER

eight years and seemed like it could go on and on. But then the phone rang again and this time it was Bishop John M. D'Arcy who "wanted to see him" and the message was "John, I need you at St. Mary Church of the Assumption in South Bend."

It was bittersweet to leave "his first parish," but once again, he found more loving families and friends in South Bend and served there for six years when his next

assignment brought him back to Fort Wayne as pastor of Queen of Angels. After 11 years at Queen of Angels, life there was so good that he thought, "This is where I'll end my days," when once again a visit to the chancery meant another new assignment and this time he was going home to Huntington.

It was nearly full circle for Father Pfister. He was in his hometown but not his home parish. Huntington has two parishes — Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Mary — and between the two of them they have served the faithful for nearly 300 years and blend harmoniously with a combined school system.

So after 49 years of active Priesthood, Father John Pfister will retire from St. Mary's and looking back, he considers himself richly blessed. As a priest, his favorite ministries were saying Mass and hearing Confessions. Through the Mass, he brought Jesus to people and people to Jesus. As a confessor he shared the joy of a person being absolved of sins and getting a new start. Looking back at his footsteps, he sees those of Christ. Quietly he says, "I feel good about giving my life in this way."

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May Procession marks St. Mary's 175th anniversary

DECATUR — Parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, held a May Procession through downtown Decatur following the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 17.

The faithful were led by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Msgr. J. J. Siemetz Assembly No. 257 Color Guard, St. Mary Choir, Father David Voors, pastor, and Deacon Jerry Kohrman. Vincent Faurote and Ben Spann carried a portrait of the parish patron saint, Blessed Virgin Mary.

The group held a May Crowning by Sharlene Bauman with the restored statue of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the 1874 brick church in the parish hall. Then parishioners visited the sites of the Fetick home, Closs tavern and frame Court House. At each stop, Father Voors or Deacon Kohrman offered a prayer of Thanksgiving for the first families who struggled and sacrificed to establish Decatur Catholic Mission and St. Mary Catholic Church. Max Miller, local historian and parishio-

ner, shared the history of each place where Mass was offered from 1838 until 1847.

The first stop was the Century Link building where the Fetick log home stood and where Father Louis Mueller celebrated the first Mass in the spring of 1838. The Fetick family included Nicholas, 39, Anna Maria, 34, Johann, 12, Nicholas, 8, Ann Marie, 8, Leon, 5, and George 3. The second stop was Niblick's Downtown Bistro, formerly the Closs Tavern. John Closs and Anthony Kohne walked to Cincinnati, Ohio, to raise \$200 to build the first frame church. Finally the procession stopped at the Collier Insurance Building. On this corner stood the frame Adams County Court House from October 1839 until 1873, and Mass was offered every other week sharing the building with the Protestant churches until 1847.

Upon return to St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Father Voors led a decade of the rosary to honor Mary.



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Parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption Church held a May Procession through downtown Decatur following the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 17, led by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Msgr. J. J. Siemetz Assembly No. 257 Color Guard, St. Mary Choir, Father David Voors, pastor, and Deacon Jerry Kohrman.

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Dublin archbishop: Church needs 'reality check' after marriage vote

BY MICHAEL KELLY

DUBLIN (CNS) — Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin has said the Church needs a “reality check” after Irish voters overwhelmingly supported same-sex marriage.

Ireland was the first country in the world to put same-sex marriage to a popular vote and the May 22 poll was backed by 62 percent of the population. Same-sex marriage is now a constitutional right in Ireland.

“I think really that the Church needs to do a reality check, a reality check right across the board, to look at the things it’s doing well, to look at the areas where we really have to start and say, ‘Look, have we drifted away completely from young people?’” he told state broadcaster RTE as the result became clear.

He said the referendum result was “an overwhelming vote in one direction,” and he appreciated how gay men and lesbians felt after the endorsement of same-sex marriage — “that they feel this is something which is enriching the way they live,” he said.

The archbishop described the result as a “social revolution.”

“It’s a social revolution that didn’t begin today,” he said. “It’s a social revolution that’s been going on, and perhaps in the Church people have not been as clear in understanding what that involved.”

“It’s very clear that if this referendum is an affirmation of the

views of young people, then the Church has a huge task in front of it to find the language to be able to talk to and to get its message across to young people, not just on this issue, but in general.”

Archbishop Martin said it was important that the Church must not move into denial of the realities.

“We won’t begin again with a sense of renewal by simply denying,” he said.

Referring to the high turnout of younger voters, the archbishop said “most of these young people who voted ‘yes’ are products of our Catholic schools for 12 years ... there’s a big challenge there to see how we get across the message of the Church. ... We need to sit down and say ‘Are we reaching out at all to young people?’ ... We’re becoming a Church of the like-minded, and a sort of a safe space for the like-minded,” he warned.

However, he insisted, “that doesn’t mean that we renounce our teaching on fundamental values on marriage and the family. Nor does it mean that we dig into the trenches.”

“We need to find ... a new language which is fundamentally ours, that speaks to, is understood and becomes appreciated by others,” the archbishop said.

Bishop Kevin Doran of Elphin, who had been a leading voice in the “no” campaign, described the outcome as “clear and decisive.”

“While I am personally disappointed by the result, I very much welcome the fact that so many

people voted,” Bishop Doran said.

“It seems that many people voted ‘yes’ as a way of showing their acceptance and their love for friends and family members who are gay. Large numbers obviously believed that they could vote ‘yes’ without in any way undermining marriage. While I do not share their belief, I understand their reason for celebrating, and I do respect their spirit of solidarity,” Bishop Doran said.

He also paid tribute to the “no” campaign.

“I want to acknowledge the generosity of so many people who worked so hard to ensure that the minority point of view was heard,” he said. “They have every reason to be proud of what they achieved with such limited resources.”

David Quinn, who as director of the pro-marriage think-tank the Iona Institute was the de facto leader of the “no” campaign, pointed to the fact that one in three citizens decided to vote “no” despite the fact that all political parties were calling for a “yes” vote.

Turnout was significantly higher than previous referendums, and most commentators highlight the large number of young voters as a key reason why the referendum passed.

The government plans to have legislation prepared by this summer, with the first same-sex marriages expected to take place in September.



Fortnight 2015:

Freedom to Bear Witness

The Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness will take place from June 21 to July 4, a time when the 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.

Religious liberty under attack: Providing pastoral care to immigrants

National and local Catholic charitable agencies around the country have long provided services to people in need, regardless of immigration status. However, several states have recently passed laws that forbid what state legislatures consider “harboring” of undocumented immigrants — and what the Church considers Christian charity and pastoral care to those immigrants.

In Alabama, for example, the Catholic bishops, in cooperation with the Episcopal and Methodist bishops of Alabama, filed suit against a law prohibiting “harboring” of undocumented immigrants. Together, they explained that the “law makes illegal the exercise of our Christian religion which we, as citizens of Alabama, have a right to follow.” They expressed concern that legally prohibited “harboring” (when there is knowledge or reckless disregard of the fact that persons are undocumented immigrants) would substantially burden their churches in their mission to serve undocumented immigrants in Alabama.

The law would have a chilling effect on their ministries —

among other things, these Church leaders feared that the prohibition on “harboring” would extend to activities like “(encouraging immigrants) to attend Mass or (giving) them a ride to Mass”; “(counseling) them in times of difficulty or in preparation for marriage”; and inviting “them to come to Alcoholic Anonymous meetings or other recovery groups at our churches.”

Other states have adopted similar laws that threaten the Church’s ministry to undocumented immigrants. In 2012, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and several other Christian denominations filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Arizona v. United States*. The brief discussed how the Arizona law and many state immigration laws like it threaten the Catholic mission to provide food, shelter and other care to all. Later in 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision and found that several of the provisions of the Arizona law were pre-empted by federal immigration law, so these provisions were struck down.

Aside from Alabama and Arizona, Georgia, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Utah have enacted laws that generally make criminal the “harboring” of undocumented immigrants.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Among many current challenges, these state immigration laws affect the religious liberty of the Church because they have criminalized certain acts of Christian charity and pastoral care. Religious liberty is more than freedom of worship; it includes our ability to make our contribution to the common good of all Americans without having to compromise our faith. Without religious liberty properly understood, all of us suffer, including those who seek a better life here in the United States.



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Mornings of reflection slated for June 13

The diocesan Office of Worship will be hosting "Mornings of Reflection" on Saturday, June 13, at the following times and locations:

- Fort Wayne area — Saturday, June 13, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at St. Therese Church (2304 Lower Huntington Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46819).

- South Bend area — Saturday, June 13, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at St. Pius X Church (52553 Fir Rd., Granger, IN 46530).

Led by diocesan seminarians, these events can serve as an annual retreat for diocesan extraordinary ministers and lectors, although anybody is welcome to attend. However, pre-registration is necessary. The registration form can be downloaded at www.diocesefwsb.org/Trainings-And-Retreats.

40 hours devotion offered at Sacred Heart

WARSAW — Forty Hours Devotion Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw June 12-14. The devotion will begin with Holy Hour Friday, June 12, at 9 p.m. Weekend Mass preacher is Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick. A Corpus Christi procession follows the Sunday, June 14, 11 a.m. Mass. The devotion will conclude with a carry-in meal in the gym. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering space of the church with half hour slots for Eucharistic Adoration and for the carry in meal. For more information call 574-267-5842.

Ancilla College Triathlon sign up online

DONALDSON — Ancilla College will be holding its seventh annual TriAncilla sprint triathlon on June 6. The USA Triathlon-sanctioned race will start at 9 a.m. on the grounds of The Center at Donaldson, home of Ancilla College.

Proceeds from TriAncilla serve to fund scholarships for Ancilla College. Todd Zeltwanger, race chairperson states that the event does more than just that. "We are excited about the seventh annual Tri Ancilla sprint triathlon that not only raises much-needed financial aid for our students, but also showcases our scenic campus grounds here at The Center at Donaldson."

The race begins with a 3.1 mile run through natural Indiana prairie and beautifully restored wetlands. A 500-yard swim through scenic Lake Galbraith comes next, followed by an 11-mile bike ride around the 1200 rural acres of the grounds of The Center at Donaldson, American Province home of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Both individual and team registrations are available online at <https://www.ancilla.edu/events/tri-ancilla/>.

For more information contact Todd Zeltwanger at 574-936-8898, ext. 345, or todd.zeltwanger@ancilla.edu. Information is also available on the Ancilla College website, ancilla.edu.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

FRANCISCAN BROTHERS MINOR PROFESS PERPETUAL VOWS



JOE ROMIE

Brother Fidelis Maria of Our Mother of Fairest Love and Brother Isaac Mary of Our Mother of Perfect Love of the Franciscan Brothers Minor made their solemn religious profession of perpetual vows at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on May 18 at St. Andrew Church in Fort Wayne. In the same Mass, four other brothers made their professions of simple (temporary) vows. Brother Isaac Mary, left, and Brother Fidelis Maria stand outside St. Andrew Church with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Franciscan Father David Mary Engo, minister general, after the Mass of Solemn Religious Profession of Perpetual Vows for the Franciscan Brothers Minor.

Passion is what makes sharathon successful

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio celebrated its Spring Sharathon at both Fort Wayne and South Bend Studios on Tuesday, April 28, through Friday, May 1, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The event raises funds to help cover the operating expenses of the listener-supported radio network.

The 19th semi-annual sharathon featured many firsts. It was the first time that listeners in the greater Michiana area hosted sharathon hours on 95.7 FM as well as the first time that sharathon covered four days. The contribution total made it the most successful Spring Sharathon to date.

Sharathon brings together over 600 volunteers and guests, consisting of priests, school principals, students, religious and lay ministers, providing 48 hours of on-air fundraising, phone bank operation, food donation and pledge maintenance. The theme for this sharathon was "Casting Our Nets." It was derived

from Pope Francis' call to the New Evangelization, and Redeemer Radio's response to that call.

Executive Director Dave Stevens, said of the fundraiser, "Sharathon brings together the local and area Catholic communities. It gathers guests and volunteers outside of their parish community, and into the global Church. The four-day sharathon shows that it is the passion behind our guests and volunteers that make Redeemer Radio possible."

Donations are still being accepted for sharathon. Anyone can pledge securely online at RedeemerRadio.com/donate, by phone 888-436-1450 or in person. The Fall Sharathon for Redeemer Radio will be held Oct. 20-23.

Father Cyprian Davis, OSB, dies

SAINT MEINRAD — Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis, monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, died on May 18. He was 84. Born in 1930 in Washington, D.C. to Clarence W. and Evelyn (Jackson) Davis, he studied at Saint Meinrad Seminary

from 1949 to 1956. Invested as a novice monk on July 31, 1950, he professed his simple vows Aug. 1, 1951, and was ordained to the Priesthood on May 3, 1956. Father Davis received a licentiate in sacred theology from The Catholic University of America in 1957, and the license and the doctorate in historical sciences from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, in 1963 and 1977, respectively.

He was professor emeritus of Church history at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, where he had begun teaching in 1963. He also served as an archivist of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, of the Swiss-American Benedictine Congregation, and of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, of which in 1968 he was a founding member. In addition to dozens of articles, book chapters, and encyclopedia and dictionary entries, Father Davis wrote six books, including the award winning "The History of Black Catholics in the United States," a 350-page study of the American Black Catholic experience from the early Spanish explorations to 1970.

Surviving are a cousin and a niece.

Funeral Mass was May 21 at Archabbey Church with burial in the Archabbey Cemetery.

Correction

The May 24, 2015 issue of *Today's Catholic*, the photo on page 7 of the Indiana bishops should have identified Bishop Emeritus Gerald A. Gettelfinger of the Diocese of Evansville. He was identified at Bishop Andrew Gettelfinger. We apologize for the error.

DISTRICT COMMUNION GATHERING



ED WALDSCHMIDT

Knights of Columbus from across District 14 recently gathered at St. Vincent de Paul Parish for a district Communion. The Knights are from St. Charles Borromeo, Our Lady of Good Hope, St. Jude and St. Vincent de Paul parishes in Fort Wayne and St. John the Baptist, New Haven. Approximately 60 Knights were in attendance.

'Positio' for Father Peyton's cause now with Vatican congregation

EASTON, Mass. (CNS) — Presentation of the "positio," or official position paper, on the life and holiness of Father Patrick Peyton to a Vatican congregation is the latest step in the sainthood cause of the Holy Cross priest.

A May 18 statement issued by Holy Cross Family Ministries in Easton said the document was four years in the making and is the synthesis of a 6,000-page report completed by tribunals in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and 34 other dioceses around the world.

"We are very pleased to see progress in Father Peyton's cause," said Holy Cross Father Wilfred Raymond. "Many people regularly tell me we need a 'saint for families' and that Father Peyton is the appropriate candidate."

Father Peyton came to the United States from Ireland in 1928 when he was 19. Ordained in 1941, he was the founder of Holy Cross Family Ministries, which includes Family Rosary,

Family Theater Productions, Father Peyton Family Institute and Family Rosary International.

His ministry produced more than 600 radio and television programs and 10,000 broadcasts. The priest also conducted rosary crusades for millions of people in dozens of countries.

Father Raymond, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries, delivered the "positio" to the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes April 21. Joining him were Andrea Ambrosi of Rome and Holy Cross Father David S. Marcham of North Easton, who are, respectively, postulator and vice postulator of Father Peyton's cause. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila, Philippines, was there as well.

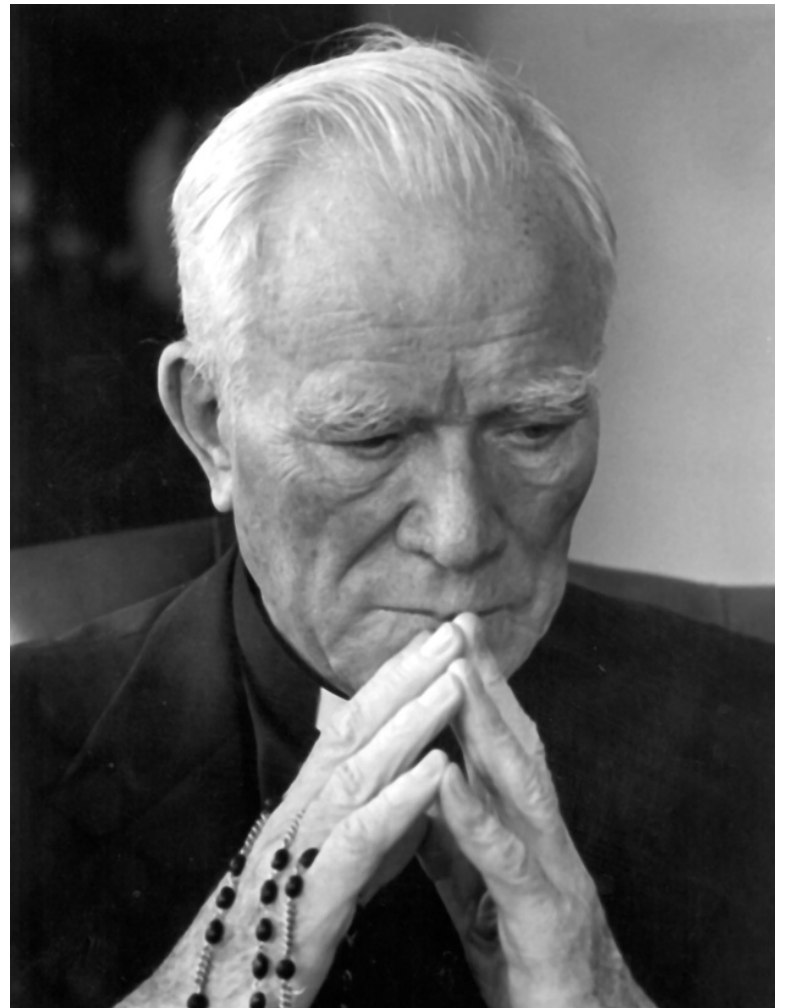
"We honor Father Peyton's memory by bringing families together to pray, especially the rosary," Father Raymond added in his statement. "We continue to fulfill his vision by sharing his strong belief with families around the world that the family that

prays together stays together."

Father Peyton died in 1992 and is buried in Easton. His sainthood cause was opened in June 2001 in the Diocese of Fall River. It was moved from that diocese to the Baltimore Archdiocese by the Vatican, citing the archdiocese's experience with other sainthood causes.

Father Peyton was known worldwide as "The Rosary Priest." He had two especially famous mottos: "The family that prays together stays together" and "A world at prayer is a world at peace."

A "positio," or position paper on the life and holiness of Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton, has been presented to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. Father Peyton is pictured in an undated photo.



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Seeing with the heart:

Saint Mary's students help South Bend woman leave legacy

BY AMY H. SMESSAERT

SOUTH BEND — Who knew that "a last wish before I die" request would forge a bond of love among two Saint Mary's College students, a Sister of the Holy Cross and a South Bend woman living with AIDS.

It all started with Sheila Muhammad's desire to leave a written legacy for her family about her challenges and triumphs since she was first diagnosed with AIDS 25 years ago. "I wanted to leave something for my kids about my life and help others who have the virus and are dealing with the struggles I went through," said Muhammad, a widow who has three children and six grandchildren. She also is blind, having lost her eyesight in 1995 due to cytomegalovirus (CMV), which she may have contracted because of her compromised immune system.

"I try to keep positive. I put one foot in front of the other. My motto: 'Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something.' I try everything. I am a fighter," said Muhammad. "I've been employed (by Sodexo) at Holy Cross College for 12 years — I wash dishes. I try to be as normal as I can be. Losing my sight does not mean I lose my ability to work."

When Muhammad expressed her wish to share her life's story, her longtime friend Holy Cross Sister Linda Bellemore "got into gear" to find someone to help Muhammad. That someone turned out to be the team of Morgan Carroll of Fort Wayne, who graduated from Saint



PHOTOS BY SISTER ELLEN MARY (TAYLOR), CSC

South Bend resident Sheila Muhammad, left, and Morgan Carroll, a 2015 graduate of Saint Mary's College, share a laugh. The two became good friends through a six-month service project during which Carroll and classmate Faye Kennedy recorded and transcribed Muhammad's story about living with AIDS. Carroll is a Bishop Luers High School graduate and parishioner of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne.

Mary's in May with a degree in communication studies, and Faye Kennedy of Stillwater, Minnesota, who graduated in 2014 with a degree in business administration. Both were students of Marne Austin, assistant professor of communication studies. The two learned about chronicling oral histories in one of her courses. When Austin alerted her class that a sister of the Holy Cross had a service project for someone to document Muhammad's story, Carroll and Kennedy promptly volunteered.

"The students' immediate,

positive response to this invitation was indicative of women who know and believe that life, learning, growing, faith and service are their personal values and why they are at Saint Mary's College," said Sister Bellemore, who first met Muhammad through AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assist in South Bend.

Carroll wanted to help Muhammad for another compelling reason: She was born with a condition that could have left her blind, if not for surgeries at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

"This experience has put my personal situation into perspective and helped me appreciate the vision I have been blessed with. Sheila is truly a role model in the way she lives her life despite the many challenges she faces," Carroll said. "I deeply appreciate all that she has done for me."

The six-month-long service project for Muhammad began shortly after Carroll and Kennedy volunteered. "Sheila would talk and we would record her on our phones. Then we transcribed the conversations and compiled her story,"

Carroll explained. "It was important for the three of us to get to know one another."

"I really loved meeting the girls and telling them my story. I love them for not judging me. I know I have them as friends for life," said Muhammad. "If my story gets published in a book, they will get special mention in the credits."

Carroll described the impact the project — and Muhammad — have had on her life. "Each time we left Sheila's house, we got a deeper understanding of how amazing she is. Her inspiring attitude and outlook lifted my spirits. She is one of the biggest inspirations in my time at Saint Mary's."

"Sheila has always kept me grounded," echoed Sister Bellemore. "She sees obstacles and asks, 'How do I get around it?' She has such a positive outlook on life — she lives it."

Sister Bellemore recalled the moment when Carroll and Kennedy presented Muhammad with the finished product. "Witnessing Sheila's excitement that her greatest wish for her anticipated short life was fulfilled, and hearing her expressed gratitude for a task that she had been unable to accomplish herself, confirmed for me that the mission of Saint Mary's College is alive and impacting our world. Indeed, these women were prepared to make a difference in the world and they already are."

Amy H. Smessaert is the communication director for Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Cardinal Tauran:

Christians, Muslims 'still don't know each other well enough'

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — “Despite 50 years of ‘Nostra Aetate,’” the Second Vatican Council’s document on inter-religious relations, “we still don’t know each other well enough,” said French Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

Speaking May 19 about Catholic-Muslim relations, Cardinal Tauran added, “Most of the problems we face are problems of ignorance.”

Cardinal Tauran made his remarks in a keynote address at the conference “Nostra Aetate’: Celebrating Fifty Years of the Catholic Church’s Dialogue With Jews and Muslims,” held at The Catholic University of America, Washington, and co-sponsored by the university’s School of Theology and Religious Studies and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

The conference was being held to mark the 50th anniversary of the document’s promulgation Oct. 28, 1965.

For Christians entering into dialogue with Muslims, Cardinal Tauran said, they need to understand that Islam is at the same time a religion, a political system and a civili-

zation. “It’s a very complex reality,” he added.

He gave a glimpse into how “Nostra Aetate” came about.

It had been a wish of St. John XXIII that some sort of document along the lines of “Nostra Aetate” be issued during Vatican II, but he died in 1963, before the council could consider it, Cardinal Tauran said. Some delegates to the council did not want to have such a document come up for discussion, he added.

When discussion finally took place, “some bishops from the Middle East were concerned about this problem” that the draft of the document spoke only about the relationship between Catholics and Jews, and that this would not sit well with Muslim civic and religious leaders in the region.

“It soon became clear that ‘Nostra Aetate’ had nothing to do with (the state of) Israel,” Cardinal Tauran said, and the document was modified to include Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and other faith systems.

“Nostra Aetate’ recognizes that there are elements of truth in other religions,” Cardinal Tauran said, echoing the passage in “Nostra Aetate” that declares, “The Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in these religions. She regards with sincere reverence those ways of acting and of living,

those precepts and teachings which, through differing in many aspects from the one she holds and sets forth, nonetheless often reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all.”

The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue coordinates and collaborates with other Vatican agencies for interreligious gatherings, according to Cardinal Tauran, such as the day of prayer for peace in Assisi, Italy.

It also takes the lead in organizing dialogues with Muslim bodies worldwide, although one Muslim group unilaterally withdrew its participation in dialogue in 2011, saying that Pope Benedict XVI’s comments about Islam during a controversial speech in 2006 in Regensburg, Germany, was “an insult to Islam.”

The pope had cited a medieval description of the teachings of Islam’s prophet Muhammad as “evil and inhuman,” prompting a wave of Muslim indignation. Later, Pope Benedict offered his regret, saying he was “unfortunately misunderstood,” because he was not agreeing with the polemical criticism of Islam.

“We remain open to dialogue,” Cardinal Tauran said in his talk.

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, a professor of Islamic studies at George Washington University in Washington, responding to the cardinal’s remarks, said his own first



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Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, president of the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, speaks May 19 at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

encounter with Christian-Muslim dialogue took place in 1957, but that many Muslims initially regarded “Nostra Aetate” with suspicion after it was issued. “Why do those people want to dialogue?” was the common question asked, he said.

It took about a generation for most Muslims to consider entering into dialogue with Catholics, said

the 82-year-old Nasr, who emigrated from his native Iran to the United States in 1979.

Still, inequities exist in the Christian-Muslim relationship, according to Nasr. “About 80 to 90 percent of the wealthy Muslims in countries like Egypt and Pakistan send their children to Christian schools,” he said, yet “not even 0.0001 percent of the Christian families send their children to Muslim schools.”

Muslims also have their own issues to sort out, the ongoing Middle East violence among them, said Nasr, who considers himself a “traditionalist” rather than a fundamentalist or a modernist. When Islam goes too far into the realm of fundamentalism or modernism, it “must return” to its traditionalist roots, he added.

While Cardinal Tauran and Nasr engaged in a question-and-answer session after their remarks, it was the question that didn’t receive an answer that drew the most attention.

A Muslim woman who said she had been in the United States for 30 years asked when Christian-Muslim dialogue was going to move from the province of “cardinals, imams, bishops and clergy” and get to the level of “the people.” While Nasr and Cardinal Tauran stayed silent, the audience answered her question with applause.

Cardinal Dolan:

Catholics, Jews find common concerns in dialogue

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Through dialogue, Catholics and Jews find common cause in the concerns that vex leaders of both religions, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York said May 20 during a forum on the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council document “Nostra Aetate.”

Thanks to “Nostra Aetate,” “Jewish-Catholic friendship has never been stronger,” Cardinal Dolan said in his address, “The Catholic Church’s National Dialogue With Jews Since ‘Nostra Aetate.’” “The brave fathers of the (Second Vatican) Council, aided by Jewish ‘periti’ (experts), could never have envisioned such success five decades ago.”

The success and friendship have been maintained, according to Cardinal Dolan, despite such issues that have cropped up in the half-century since.

Those issues include the Catholic Church’s old Good Friday prayer about conversion of Jews; the 1987 visit to the Vatican by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, who reportedly had connections to the Third Reich; questions over Pope Pius XII’s role during the Second World War; Holocaust-denying clerics; furor over the Vatican’s 2000 document “Dominus Iesus”;

the content of the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany; diplomatic exchanges between Israel and the Vatican; and Pope Francis’ recent overtures to Palestine.

Cardinal Dolan also recalled “the bickering over Mel Gibson’s movie ‘The Passion of the Christ,’” and charges of anti-Semitism leveled at it. “We are family. We argue. That’s what family is all about,” he added. “We raise our voices when we get scared.”

There are five areas of common concern that could be addressed through further dialogue, suggested Cardinal Dolan, the Catholic co-chair of the Church’s dialogue with the National Council of Synagogues.

First on the cardinal’s list was an “intensification” of efforts to “reclaim the primacy of God in a world prepared to not take Him seriously.” This he said, was at the core of St. John Paul II’s post-“Nostra Aetate” efforts. But the Polish-born pope died seeing “not much progress” in this field, Cardinal Dolan said.

He proposed to leverage “the friendship inspired by ‘Nostra Aetate’ to explore the pastoral issues that befuddle both of us,” among them the reality of Jewish-Christian intermarriage, teaching children the faith, preserving the Sabbath and having “timely and relevant liturgies.”

Cardinal Dolan remembered commiserating with one rabbi who had performed a bar mitzvah and



CNS PHOTO / ED PFUELLER, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York speaks May 20 during “Nostra Aetate: Celebrating Fifty Years of the Catholic Church’s Dialogue with Jews and Muslims,” a three-day symposium of scholars at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

later told the prelate that he wasn’t likely to see the young man for 20 years until such time as he had a son of his own who needed a bar mitzvah. To laughter from the audience at the forum, held at The Catholic University of America in Washington, the cardinal said he told the rabbi, “We have the same problem. We call it the sacrament of Confirmation.”

Third on Cardinal Dolan’s list was confronting the loss of members, which he called “a juicy challenge,” adding, “The most towering

pastoral problem we face together is America itself, which stresses personal choice on everything.”

Religious persecution also made Cardinal Dolan’s checklist, saying that Jewish and Christian minorities throughout the world are “in the crosshairs of the rifle scope of extremists.”

His last item was “sin and redemption,” saying, “That’s the Christian and Jewish vocabulary. That’s what the saints and the prophets have proclaimed,” but that clergy fail to preach on it. Catholics,

the cardinal asserted, are “hearing at Mass a version of the discredited I’m-OK-you’re-OK theory of three decades ago.”

Rabbi Noam E. Marens, director of interreligious and intergroup relations for the American Jewish Committee, in a formal response to Cardinal Dolan’s remarks, noted how the AJC itself had a “notably restrained” reaction when “Nostra Aetate” was approved at Vatican II in mid-October 1965. Leaders at the time said they “regret keenly” changes and omissions in the final draft of the text that was approved.

However, after its official promulgation Oct. 28 that year, Jewish enthusiasm was “unhindered” by any previous disappointments that had been expressed, Rabbi Marens added, as the AJC hailed “Nostra Aetate” as a “turning point” and a “new era” in Catholic-Jewish relations.

While the AJC archives did not indicate what brought about this turnaround in less than a month’s time, Rabbi Marens said it may have come simply from “not making the perfect the enemy of the good.” Subsequent dialogues and papal teaching have further eased Jews’ concerns.

“We have come a long way in 50 years,” he added. “If there is any keen regret, it has certainly disappeared by now.”

DEACON

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After the chanting of the Gospel came the Election of the Candidates, whereby each candidate is formally chosen for ordination and becomes referred to as the "elect." Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, and diocesan vocation director, presented each candidate to Bishop Rhoades. Father Budzinski testified to the worthiness of each, after which Bishop Rhoades formally accepted the men to be ordained as deacon.

In his homily Bishop Rhoades noted that May 23 was the vigil of Pentecost: "Today we rejoice that the same Holy Spirit, who descended on the apostles on Pentecost, will descend upon three disciples of Jesus to strengthen them to serve the evangelizing mission of the Church as deacons."

Bishop Rhoades noted that the role of deacon is to assist the bishop and priests in divine worship, prepare the Eucharistic Sacrifice and distribute the Lord's Body and Blood to the faithful. Alluding to the second reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40) that described the evangelizing work of Phillip, one of the original seven deacons of the Church, the bishop said that the new deacons will proclaim Jesus to people, explain Scriptures and baptize, just as Phillip did.

The bishop reminded the three men that to fulfill this mission, they must immerse themselves in God's Word "to meet the living God and to be continually transformed by our encounter with Him in prayer." He also stressed the "tremendous responsibility" of proclaiming the Gospel and preparing meaningful homilies that "prepare the faithful well for the Eucharist . . . help them grow in faith, hope and charity and experience the joy and peace that the Gospel of Jesus brings to our lives."

The Gospel for the ordination Mass was Luke's (10:1-9) account of Jesus sending the 72 disciples forth to evangelize, and Bishop Rhoades compared that account to the present day.

"As it was 2,000 years ago, so it is today: The harvest is abundant, but laborers are few. I thank the Lord that He has heard the prayers of so many people of our diocese for more laborers for His harvest."

The bishop encouraged the men to be strong in the face of the secularizing culture: "The Lord is sending you also like lambs among wolves," the bishop reminded them. "We live in a culture that is increasingly hostile to the faith. Secularism is becoming ever more pervasive and sometimes even militant, especially against the Catholic Church."

"Be prepared, but the Holy Spirit will be with you with His gift of courage. We, all of us who are ordained, must be courageous in our ministry, especially when we feel like lambs among wolves. Yes, we must be ready ever to suffer for the Lord, to love our enemies, and to seek to bring God's peace, like the Lord instructed the 72 to bring peace to the households they visited. Like the 72, you are being sent to proclaim the kingdom of God, the kingdom of grace and peace."

Bishop Rhoades concluded by thanking the three men for their courage and generosity in answering the call to lifelong service of Christ's Church, and he entrusted them and their ministry to the Blessed Mother.

After the homily, the elect declared their intentions to assume the responsibility of the office of deacon, and promised celibacy, as well as obedience and respect to Bishop Rhoades and his successors. During the Litany of Supplication, the candidates lay prostrate on the sanctuary floor of the cathedral while the intercession of the saints and angels was invoked.

After the litany, Bishop Rhoades laid his hands on the head of each elect in accordance with the apostolic tradition and solemnly recited the Prayer of Ordination.

Each of the newly ordained was invested with the stole and dalmatic — the proper liturgical attire of the diaconate. Bishop Rhoades then handed each man the Book of the Gospels, symbolizing the task of the deacon to proclaim the Gospel in liturgical celebrations and to preach the faith of the Church in word and deed.

Bishop Rhoades then bestowed the traditional liturgical gesture known as the fraternal kiss of peace, and thereby welcomed the new deacons into their ministry. The other deacons present also welcomed the newly ordained, and the order of the Mass continued.

The joyous mood of the occasion continued after the Mass with a reception in St. Matthew School gym. There, seminarian Eric Burgener of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne told *Today's Catholic* he is very much looking forward to his own ordination as deacon next year.

Referring to the ordination of the three deacons, he observed: "God transforms these men; there is a huge gift God gives these men. You could almost see it in them; it's God's presence that changes them."

Brian Borchard of Chicago, the only brother of Deacon Craig Borchard, said his brother had been looking forward to his ordination for years, adding that that the entire family was pleased to see Deacon Borchard so happy.

For Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of Holy Family Parish in South Bend, the ceremony brought back memories of his own ordination and the idea of service. He also found it very hopeful to see the fine young men who were choosing to become priests.

"My favorite part of an ordination is when they get the Book of the Gospels (and the bishop says) 'Believe what you read; teach what you believe; and practice what you teach.' I just love that beautiful aspect," Father Kohrman said.

Franciscan Sister Marie Morgan, chair of the Theology Department at Marian High School in Mishawaka, had a special reason to celebrate the ordination, for Deacon David Violi was the first theology student of hers to be ordained a deacon for the diocese.

"I'm so proud," Sister Morgan said. "The day he graduated, he gave me a rosary that he had made for me. I told him I want him to bless it for me next year (when he is ordained a priest)."

Franciscan Sister Angela Mellady, superior of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Immaculate Heart of Mary Province in Mishawaka, told *Today's Catholic* that the sisters pray regularly for the seminarians, and the three deacon candidates had come to their convent during the week of their ordination to spend two days in prayer.

"It's such a gift for our sisters in formation to interact with them, and they are such a witness to us. I really think they appreciate the fact the sisters are praying, especially during our Adoration," Sister Mellady said. "It's such a gift to our diocese and to the Church to have these young men."

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The newly ordained deacons



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades stands with the newly-ordained deacons, from left, Deacon Bob Garrow, Deacon Craig Borchard, and, at right, Deacon David Violi. The ordination was celebrated Saturday, May 23, at St. Matthew Cathedral.



Each of the newly ordained is invested with the stole and dalmatic — the proper liturgical attire of the diaconate. Deacon Jim Tighe, right, vests newly-ordained Deacon Bob Garrow.

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ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will ordain to the Priesthood Deacons Royce Gregerson, Bill Meininger, Matt Soberlaski and Jonathan Norton at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Clinton St. in Fort Wayne, on June 6 at 11 a.m.

Deacon Royce Gregerson brings his deep relationship with Christ to Priesthood

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Deacon Royce Gregerson has been preparing for the day of his Ordination to the Priesthood by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on June 6 for many years with prayer and study, keeping his focus on the Priesthood of Christ.

“At the foundations of a priestly foundation has to be a profound relationship, a true friendship, with Christ,” he says.

A Marion native, Royce Vincent Gregerson is one of three children of Roy and Karen Gregerson, and is a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne. He received his elementary education at St. Paul School in Marion, finishing at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School after a move to Fort Wayne and graduated from Bishop Luers High School in 2005. He attended Wabash College where he earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish in 2009.

Growing up in a close-knit family, Deacon Gregerson credits his parents for his deep enduring faith. “My parents very conscientiously passed on the faith to us and made sure that the formation they were giving us in the faith was being complemented by the formation in the faith we received through Catholic schools,” he says.

His parents admit they were not surprised by his vocational call to the Priesthood. “When he was a small lad he would pretend to be a priest. As he grew older he held his Catholic values to be very important,” Roy says, adding that as he and his wife pray for their son and his fellow seminarians. They feel Deacon Gregerson will be, “a very sound priest, who is placing our Lord at the center of his life. A priest that is concerned with maintaining the tradition of the holy Catholic Church.”

Karen adds of her son's ordination, “I have a great sense of anticipation, filled with joy and feel incredibly blessed to have a priest in the family. ... I feel I have become closer to Jesus because of our son's vocation as a priest and that his Holy Priesthood will have a positive impact on many people, but especially our immediate family.”

Deacon Gregerson also found inspiration in his parish priests, especially Father



ROYCE GREGERSON

Duane Craycraft and Father Jim Shafer, and adds that his Catholic education and participation in his parish youth group were essential to responding to his vocation.

Though Deacon Gregerson has always been interested in the Priesthood, it was not until high school that he gave it great consideration. He says, “There was one particularly poignant moment while I was on a service trip with my youth group in which I realized that what made me most happy was serving others, which to me seemed to be embodied above all else in the Priesthood.”

Deacon Gregerson's seminary formation began at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 2011. He then studied in Rome where he was in residence at Pontifical North American College and in 2014 earned a Bachelor's of Sacred Theology. Deacon Gregerson is currently working to earn a License of Sacred Theology in moral theology from Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, with an expected completion in 2016.

Seminary life has been a lesson in forming his relationship with Christ and with himself. “The seminary experience has helped to prepare me for the Priesthood above all by forming my relationship with Christ. ... At the same time, seminary formation has forced me to confront myself, my own personality, limits and also strengths, and to conscientiously grow on

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Deacon Bill Meininger excited to share his love of God

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — For Deacon William Anthony Meininger, preparing for the upcoming June 6 Ordination to the Priesthood by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception has been a journey of prayer and trust.

“The past several months have included a lot of time on my knees in prayer. ... The only thing to do now is pray, and trust that it is by the Lord that this has been done, and it is by the Lord that it will be brought to completion,” he says confidently.

Deacon Meininger, who hails from Canton, Ohio, is the son Bruce and Margaret Meininger, and is a member of St. Pius X Parish in Granger. He has one sister. Educated at Prairie College Elementary in Ohio, Deacon Meininger graduated from Canton South High School in 2003 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in music education from The College of Wooster in 2007.

This soon-to-be priest first heard the call to a priestly vocation at the tender age of 13, much like his great uncle who entered seminary at that age. He credits his faith formation journey to the influence and inspiration of members of his family, especially his parents and grandparents. “My father has always been a wonderful example of strong Christian fatherhood and my mother and her late parents were and are always supportive of my pursuing my vocation to Holy Priesthood,” he says.

Mr. and Mrs. Meininger admit that they began praying for their son's vocation when he was 3 and have made pilgrimages and offered Mass intentions and prayers ever since. “We are very humbled that the Lord chose our son to be one of His holy priests. We couldn't be more pleased and happy that our son heard His call and answered it,” they say, adding, “Bill will make a fine priest, and we pray that he will be able to touch the most hardened of hearts and guide them to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the Lord promised St. Margaret.”

Before entering seminary he spent a year and a half of employment as a bank teller. He went on to earn a bachelor of philosophy from Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio in 2010, attended Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, Ohio, from 2010-2011, and earned a Master of Divinity and master's in theology and Church history from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, this year.

The deacon enjoys singing and playing various musical instruments, especially the piano, clarinet and accordion. During the sum-



BILL MEININGER

mer months he enjoys gardening, hiking and biking in his spare time.

During the years of his formation, Deacon Meininger found himself first studying in Ohio and then more recently felt called to transfer to Mount St. Mary's for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The process he says has been a blessing. “Because each seminary had different administration, different academic programs, different standards for the student, I have become well versed in adapting to new situations, very useful when moving from parish to parish. Furthermore, I have learned how to focus on the essentials, and not on externals, while at the same time observing many varied ways to present the same essential message: the love of Jesus Christ,” he says.

Summer parish assignments have been of great benefit to him in his formation. “By living and working everyday with the people of God, I have fallen in love with them and cannot wait to give my life for them,” he says joyfully.

Deacon Meininger was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on May 24, 2014. Now he looks forward to his life as a priest and celebrating Mass is at the top of the list along with being assigned to a parish where he will “really enter into the lives of the people.”

“The best thing I can bring to the Priesthood is my love of God, His Church and His people, of these I have plenty and am excited to share!” he says enthusiastically.

His advice for anyone considering a

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Deacon Matt Soberalski offers joy and desire to minister to the Priesthood

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Deacon Matthew Robert Soberalski offers joy and the desire to minister as he prepares for June 6, the day of his Ordination to the Priesthood by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He has spent time recently “praying and trying to keep my focus on what is really important,” he says.

A native of Michigan, Deacon Soberalski is the only son of the three children of Sue and Ed Soberalski. Residing in Fort Wayne, he is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Deacon Soberalski graduated from Carroll High School in 2006. He attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota where he earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he earned a Master of Divinity this year.

His faith formation, he says, has been greatly influenced by not only



MATT SOBERALSKI

parish priests, especially his former parish pastor, Msgr. John Kuzmich, but also his family members. “Family has likewise been great support, especially my parents and sisters and my since deceased grandparents,” he says.

Deacon Soberalski’s parents were a bit surprised by their son’s choice of vocations but know he is following the Lord’s call. “We are excited,

blessed and very proud,” Sue says, with Ed adding, “Humbled.” They say of his coming Priesthood, “Judging from his assignments, we feel he will keep busy doing all that is asked of him. He has gotten to know and love a lot of people at the various parishes. Families and Kids seem to be of high interest in his ministry.”

This soon-to-be-priest first heard the call the Priesthood while in high school, but not until after graduation and meeting with Msgr. Bernard Galic, who was vocations director at that time, did he consider seminary in earnest. Of his call he says, “... It was not until probably my second year in seminary that I really felt the call and began to personally respond to the call. Before seminary the call was a response to a longing in me for more and while in seminary it became a response to God the source of the call.”

Seminary life has been inspirational and nourishing for this humble seminarian. “It has provided the tools and environment to discern the call and respond to the call,” he says. “It is

a chance to grow and to be nourished spiritually, intellectually, humanly and pastorally. Seminary life provides a man an atmosphere to really meditate and listen for the voice of God speaking to him, a voice that is often very difficult to hear amidst the business and noise of society.”

During his discernment in seminary, Deacon Soberalski benefited from his summer parish assignments at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, St. Pius X in Granger and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne by learning parish life from seasoned priests.

He says, “It provides us a chance to encounter what we learn about from our professors and in books in an actual real life parish. The assignments give us the opportunity to learn at the feet of real men who have heard the call, responded to the call and who now assist us in doing likewise.”

He speaks highly of his priest mentors, saying, “They have been immensely helpful and inspirational. I have found the experiences of the various priests and the wisdom that they have offered to be as valuable if not more valuable than anything from

seminary.”

Ordained to the diaconate on May 24, 2014, by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, Deacon Soberalski has spent the past year “getting to know and serving the people of God as a servant of Christ.”

He now looks forward to living the holy life a diocesan priest and hopes to bring an open heart ready and willing to serve God and His people. He enjoys sports, especially golf and basketball, and the outdoors and looks forward to continuing to use activity and his active lifestyle in his ministry. And in his experience he has learned that God will provide “beyond anything I can think up.”

He hopes other young men will be open to the call to the Priesthood and advises them to talk with someone about it, especially a parish priest, “And pray about it,” he says confidently.

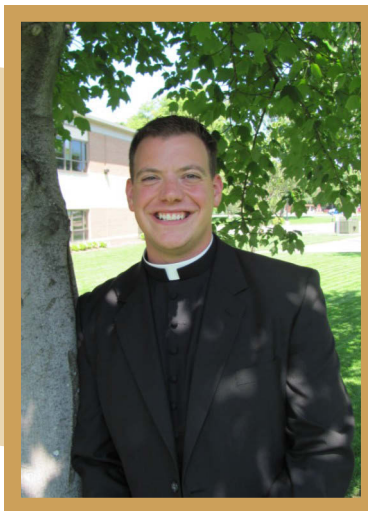
Father Soberalski will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne on Sunday, June 7, at 6 p.m.



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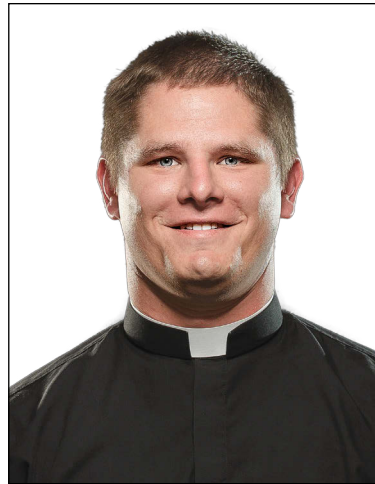
Deacon Jonathan Norton anticipates Priesthood with great joy

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Deacon Jonathan Blake Norton has been praying fervently in anticipation of his upcoming Ordination to the Priesthood by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on June 6. He not only prays for graces for himself and fellow seminarians but for the families of his next parish assignment. "I know that there will be people and families who invite me into their lives, sharing their hopes, joys, fears and struggles. I have faith in the Lord that He will use me to provide them with grace," he says.

Born in east Texas one of three children of Grant and Nola Norton, Deacon Norton calls Fort Wayne his home where he and his family attend Our Lady of Good Hope Parish. He attended both Radium Springs Elementary in Albany, Georgia, and Village Woods Middle in Fort Wayne for his elementary education and graduated in 2000 from Bishop Luers High School. He enjoys watching football and war-action movies and participating in basketball, football, ultimate frisbee, cycling and soccer.

Deacon Norton's deep faith was formed, he says, by the enduring faith example of his grandparents and his mother's



JONATHAN NORTON

persistence in his attending weekly Mass and religion education classes. He also had the opportunity at a young age to speak to a priest about a vocation.

He says, "I grew up attending Mass on the Marine base in Georgia. It was there that the chaplain, Father James O'Kielty, spoke to me about a vocation to the Priesthood."

And he adds that it was as he observed the life of this priest that he first heard God's call. "I first heard a call to the Priesthood while learning to serve at Mass on the base in Georgia. Father O'Kielty was a very fun priest to be around. He was very joyful and a great example of the Priesthood early on in my life," he says.

Following high school graduation, Deacon Norton attended Indiana Tech for a year, then transferred to Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne. He eventually took a break from higher education for a couple of years to work. It was during that time that he took an honest look at his life and the "nagging at his heart."

"After spending much time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, speaking to seminarians, priests and friends I finally found the courage to apply for seminary," he says.

His parents are not surprised that their son is weeks away from ordination. "We are very blessed to have our son being ordained to the Priesthood. He has always been a wonderful blessing to our family," they say. "We are so happy to be witnesses to our son carrying out his call to help guide people to Jesus Christ."

As they pray for their son and the other seminarians who will be ordained on June 6, the Nortons feel Jonathan will be a good and faithful servant of God. "Jonathan has always been able to connect to people of all ages. We pray the parish community he will be assigned to will care for him as if he was from their own family."

Deacon Norton entered Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minnesota, and earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Mary's

University of Minnesota in 2011. He recently acquired a Master of Divinity from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. His time in seminary has been one of great growth and challenge, he says, adding, "Above all, I believe that seminary has taught me to trust and depend more on the Lord in all things."

As he approaches the date when he will be called "Father," Deacon Norton found that his summer parish assignments have enhanced his formation in a variety of ways. He says, "My summer assignments have really helped me to develop fraternity with many priests in our diocese. They have been great mentors. Each in different ways has helped me to see all the many different aspects of priestly ministry. I also had the great joy of meeting so many truly amazing people within our diocese."

Deacon Norton was ordained to the diaconate on May 24, 2014, by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne and now looks forward to his religious life. As an ordained priest he feels he will be approachable and sympathetic, and anticipates with great joy becoming established within a parish and "getting to know the families and sharing in their lives."

Deacon Norton has been co-

sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services through seminary and was recently accepted as a Chaplain Candidate with the U.S. Navy. Following his ordination Father Norton will serve in the diocese for three years before leaving to begin active duty in the Navy. He says, "I'm excited for this opportunity to serve both my Church and my country. Every parish that I visit in our diocese has a board filled with brave young men and women who have left northeast Indiana to serve. I look forward to going to all corners of the globe in order to serve them."

As for those who may aspire to the Priesthood, Deacon Norton says, "Be not afraid! If you feel that you are being called, begin visiting the chapel every day, even for a few minutes, and keep asking our Lord to help you find the path of your vocation. But do not expect to know the whole plan right away. The Lord leads you each step of the way. If, with the help of others, you begin to feel called in a particular direction then pursue that path! ... It's a great adventure."

Father Norton will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne at 12:30 p.m. on June 7, with a Eucharistic Procession to follow. A reception with first blessings will be held in the parish hall.

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a human level in addition to my spiritual growth," he says.

Deacon Gregerson's summer assignment experiences have been invaluable to his future ministry as priest. "I have had the example of many different excellent priests of our diocese to learn from, who have also encouraged me in my discernment and formation. ... These experiences have made me even more excited to serve the people of this diocese as a priest," he says.

This soon-to-be ordained priest also has a great love for music and cooking. "I think that both food and music have unique abilities to reach people, to begin dialogues about the most important things in life, as bridges between physical

reality and the divine," he says.

Deacon Gregerson was ordained to the diaconate in the Papal Basilica of St. Peter at the Altar of the Chair in Rome on Oct. 2, 2014. Now, months later, as he waits the glorious day of Ordination to the Priesthood he feels he brings his theological background and love of Christ to the Priesthood.

"The most important thing that I will bring to the Priesthood is a knowledge of Christ and a relationship with Him, a loving dialogue in prayer into which I hope to be able to introduce others," he says, adding that his love of languages has him speaking not only English and Spanish but Italian and French as well, which will be helpful in his priestly ministry.

For those who may be discerning the Priesthood, Deacon Gregerson encourages prayer and reception of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and

Confession. Frequent conversations with a priest are also encouraged. "Above all, I would say that the most important thing is a total trust in God through prayer," he says.

Following ordination, Deacon Gregerson looks forward to celebrating the sacraments, especially the Holy Mass, for and with the faithful.

He adds, "I look forward also to being able to accompany people during the most important times of their lives, baptizing their children, preparing them for marriage, helping them to address difficulties in their lives and sharing their joys, helping them to pray and to trust in God, and even preparing them for death and ministering to them in times of crisis."

Father Gregerson will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 6.

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vocation? "First of all, developing a spiritual life is key to knowing God's will for you. Connect with a good priest or religious to help guide you along. Most of all trust in God and don't be afraid to enter the process. We can only discern these things so far on our own before we must enter into a more formal and intense time of discernment in the seminary

or religious house. If you place it in God's hands He will let you know His will beyond a doubt," he offers.

Father Meininger will celebrate his first Mass of thanksgiving at 12:15 p.m. on June 7, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, at St. Pius X in Granger, with a Eucharistic Procession to follow. He says humbly, "As I approach ordination, I am very much looking forward to celebrating my first Mass, using the chalice purchased for Father Bill by my great grandparents in 1950. I will be the third priest in the family to use the chalice."

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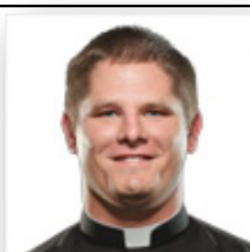
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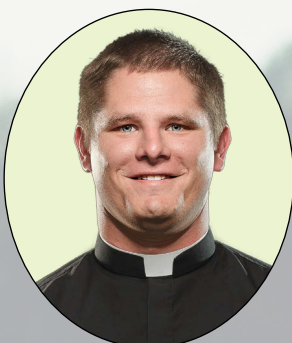


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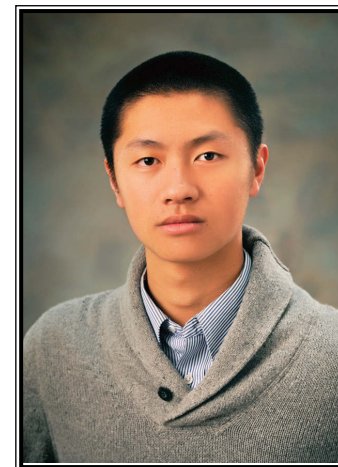


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The feast of the Visitation, which is celebrated most years on May 31, (this year, however it falls on a Sunday, the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity) has been one of the great Catholic feasts for the last 800 years. I think it should become a great Catholic pro-life feast as well.

One might ask why Catholics need a pro-life feast day. In this country, the pro-life movement marks its calendar every Jan. 22, the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision known as *Roe v. Wade*, which led to abortion-on-demand.

While the pro-life movement preceded that ruling — with abortion legal in New York and California — it was that court decision that gave it real momentum. What looked like the definitive triumph of those

who wanted to legalize abortion instead spawned one of the great social-justice movements of the last 50 years.

Now that may sound like an exaggerated claim, but one must remember that this movement sprang up with almost no institutional support of any kind save from the Catholic Church. Today, a majority of Americans — including young people — tell pollsters they consider themselves “pro-life.”

Politically, we have made significant incremental progress. While the body count of aborted children still tallies in the millions annually, successes have been significant, and a cultural tide is slowly shifting. It has been a strength of the pro-life movement that it has sought to be prayerful in its presence and consistent in its actions. Quiet, prayerful witness has a tremendous power, as Abby Johnson, an ex-abortion clinic operator



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who converted, has described in her book “Unplanned.” There is much outreach to mothers-to-be in need of support, such as the Women’s Care Centers that began in South Bend. There are also long-standing efforts to help women and men who have to live with the guilt of their own abortions, such as Project Rachel.

Much of this success also comes from the fact that extremism, by and large, has been avoided. This is not to say that

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Intimate details revealed in Trinity



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Feast of the Holy Trinity Mt 28:16-20

Book of Deuteronomy provides this feast’s first reading. Deuteronomy is among the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament. These books form for Jews the basic revelation by God.

This reading describes an instruction given by Moses to the Hebrew people as they wandered across the Sinai Peninsula, fleeing Egypt where they had been slaves, and in search of the prosperous land that God had promised them.

In this reading, Moses is quoted as having told the people that God created all. God had spoken to them. God is in heaven. Finally, Moses said that the people must obey God’s commandments. Each statement is powerful in its implications.

They revealed God. Moreover, they were God’s own revelation. Freely, God had revealed to humans the identity of their Creator, had related to them, and had set the standards for the people’s relationship with the Creator.

For the second reading this weekend, the Church presents a passage from the Epistle to the Romans. By the time St. Paul wrote this letter to the Christians of Rome, the reality of God, certainly as understood in the Jewish tradition

and in the Christian tradition beginning to form, was accepted.

The marvel in Paul’s message is that Christians share the divine life. They are more than creatures of God. They are God’s children. God is the father. Indeed, disciples are encouraged to address God as “Father,” indeed as “Abba,” an ancient term for fathers that was a particular gentle and loving endearment.

Paul continues. As children of God, the faithful are heirs to the eternal life of God. All this, of course, is accomplished in and through the individual Christian’s bond with the Lord Jesus.

St. Matthew’s Gospel supplies the last reading.

It is a Resurrection Narrative, clear and compelling. The Risen Lord appears before the eleven surviving Apostles on a mountain. He spoke to them in human words. They understood. He conferred upon them all authority on earth and in heaven. He then commissioned them to go into the entire world, bringing all whom they would meet into the one body, “in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Then, Jesus promised to be with them until the end of the world.

Reflection

Overall, the teaching in these lessons is that God lives, and that God unites with us. He communicates with us. He meets us in our world. He speaks our language.

We belong to God, because we are God’s children. We are much, much more than creatures or possessions. We are God’s children, heirs to God’s eternal life, and one with Jesus, the Son of God and Savior.

The Church makes these

reassuring points. It tells us about God. It tells us about ourselves.

It tells us that God loves us. How? By giving us the Lord Jesus as our Redeemer. God loves us by giving us bearers of the divine word, such as Moses and Paul.

God loves us by giving us the Apostles. They were more than humans who simply had the opportunity to meet Jesus and to learn from Jesus. Jesus prepared them to go into the world, to us, to give us the words of salvation, words by which to live.

Their tradition, indeed their presence, endures among us. It continues in their successors, the bishops, and in the Church guided by the bishops.

In these lessons, the Church is frank. God is everything. He alone gives life and peace. Nothing else is lasting, secure or real. God loves us. He reveals the most intimate detail of divinity to us, the Trinity, that we might truly know God. He reaches to us in Jesus. Jesus reaches to us, and meets us, in the Apostles.

READINGS

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8 Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6 Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2, 7-9 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Ps 25:2-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcd, 9-17; 8:4-9a Ps 128:1-5 Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10 Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7-8 Mk 12:38-44

The kindness diaries

Leon Logothetis was walking down Hollywood Boulevard when he saw a homeless man holding a sign that read, “Kindness is the best medicine.” It prompted a lot of memories for Logothetis, who had moved to the U.S. from England where he worked as a successful broker. Despite earning excellent money, he found himself miserable until he decided to abandon his comfortable life and walk across America with only \$5 in his pocket.

His journey became the basis for a book and television show called “The Amazing Adventures of a Nobody”—and enhanced his desire to make more friendly, human connections in his life.

The homeless man’s sign then triggered a new goal. Logothetis decided to travel around the world on a yellow motorcycle he dubbed “Kindness One” (like Air Force One) and literally live off the kindness of strangers. He wouldn’t spend any money on food, gas, or shelter himself. Everything would have to be provided by the people he met along the way. In turn, he would respond to other people’s generosity with special kindnesses of his own. He chronicled this journey in his book “The Kindness Diaries,” and we spoke about it recently on “Christopher Closeup.”

One of the people Logothetis met was Willy, who invited him to stay in his home. Originally from Scotland, Willy had moved to Colorado and dedicated his life to helping others after hearing Billy Graham speak in 1984. He and his wife Cheri were currently working at a retirement home where a resident named Kay was celebrating her 96th birthday. Willy said, “If we don’t bring (Kay) cake, no one else will.”

When Logothetis met Kay, she told him why she adores Willy: “He makes me feel like I’m part of the human race and not just some old leftover luggage.” Logothetis realized that this was the perfect opportunity to show



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TONY ROSSI, THE CHRISTOPHERS

kindness to a man who was helping others. When he discovered that Willy and Cheri were going to miss their son’s wedding in Scotland because they couldn’t afford the plane fare, he paid for their trip himself. Willy shed tears of gratitude and noted, “This is the answer to my prayers.”

Another memorable encounter occurred on the streets of Pittsburgh. Logothetis approached a man in a park, told him what he was doing, and asked if he could provide him with a place to stay. The man, named Tony, responded that he was homeless.

Logothetis said, “(Tony) offered to put me up for the night, which was basically to sleep next to him on the streets of Pittsburgh. He protected me, he fed me, he gave me some of his clothes. It was one of the most powerful, heart-opening experiences I’ve ever had. There I was, sleeping on the streets next to this man who had nothing, and basically gave me everything! The next morning, I felt in my heart that I needed to help him. I set him up in an apartment and sent him back to school because he wanted to become a chef. So now he’s learning to become a chef.”

Logothetis hopes readers take a lesson from his experiences: “We turn on the news and it’s all bad, yet there’s so much more goodness around than we get to see. Kindness doesn’t have to be a grand expedition. You have small acts and big acts. But it’s a way of life. It’s a smile when you check into a hotel, it’s a ‘good day’ to someone you see on the street. Little things like that go a long way.”

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VSED and why it should matter to us

More than 20 years ago, Dr. David Eddy, writing in the "Journal of the American Medical Association," described how his mother, though not suffering from a terminal illness, chose to end her life through VSED (voluntarily stopping eating and drinking). She was "very independent, very self-sufficient and very content." When she began to be afflicted by various ailments, including rectal prolapse, she talked with her physician-son about "how she could end her life gracefully."

When she asked him, "Can I stop eating?" he told her that if it was really her intention to end her life, she could also stop drinking since, "without water, no one, not even the healthiest, can live more than a few days." After a family bash, celebrating her 85th birthday, she "relished her last piece of chocolate, and then stopped eating and drinking." She died of dehydration six days later, with her son arranging for pain medications to be administered during her final days and hours.

Choosing not to eat or drink can be packaged as a noble and well-intentioned way to avoid intense pain and suffering, but VSED ultimately represents a flawed choice. It subtly draws us into the mistake of treating the objective good of our life as if it were an evil to be quelled or extinguished. We have a moral duty to preserve and protect our life, and to use ordinary means of doing so. Suicide, even by starvation and dehydration, is still suicide and is never morally acceptable.

For some critically ill patients, continued attempts to ingest food and liquids may cause significant complications, including severe nausea, vomiting or complex problems with elimination. Such patients may find themselves effectively incapable of eating or drinking. This is not VSED, but a direct manifestation of their advanced disease state, and does not raise any of the ethical concerns associated with VSED.

As disease or severe illness advances, and a patient draws near to death, various bodily systems may begin to fail, and a natural decrease in appetite can occur. This is also different from a voluntary decision to stop eating and drinking — VSED refers specifically to a conscious, elective decision on the part of a patient not to eat or drink when eating and drinking would be anticipated to provide benefit to them without undue burdens.

As people are dying, the real evil that often needs to be quelled or extinguished is pain, and severe pain is properly addressed by non-suicidal means, that is to say, through effective pain management and palliative care strategies.

Dr. M. Scott Peck in his book "Denial of the Soul" argues that the "failure to treat pain is medical malpractice. ... (and) one of the worst crimes in medicine today." We live in an age that possesses a remarkable arsenal of methods and pharmaceuticals to address physical pain, depression and death-related anxiety, leaving little excuse for individuals to fear undergoing agonizing and pain-racked deaths.

Some have sought to suggest that patients who choose VSED may feel less pain because the nervous system becomes dulled and the body may end up releasing chemicals which provide natural analgesia or pain relief: "What my patients have told me over the last 25 years is that when they stop eating and drinking, there's nothing unpleasant about it — in fact, it can be quite blissful and euphoric," said Dr. Perry G. Fine, vice president of medical affairs at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in Arlington, Virginia. "It's a very smooth, graceful and elegant way to go."

Such claims, however, remain highly controversial and strain credulity.

Dehydration and starvation constitute a form of assault against the integrity of the body



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

and the whole organism, and if the body reacts by releasing chemicals, this is a form of "shock" response to an escalating traumatic situation. As noted for Dr. Eddy's mother, pain medications were required to control the significant suffering and discomfort that would otherwise have ensued from her dehydration/starvation.

Even those who promote VSED advocate uniformly for concurrent pain control. In fact, Helga Kuhse, a well-known advocate of assisted suicide, once argued that when people see how painful a death by starvation and dehydration really is, then, "in the patient's best interest," they will soon come to accept active euthanasia through, for example, a lethal injection. Indeed, VSED is frequently promoted by right-to-die advocates as one method among others to carry out suicide or euthanasia.

By its nature, VSED appears to be defined by the intent to cause death by forgoing the most basic requirements to conserve human life. Intentionally engaging in such damaging and self-destructive behaviors, by foisting dehydration and starvation onto our mortal frames so as to shutter our earthly existence, can never represent an ordered kind of human choice.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, and serves at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

feast day, citing Luke 1:44, with the babe leaping in Elizabeth's womb at the approach of the pregnant Mary. The unborn John was the first person to recognize the Savior.

What makes this feast so attractive is that it focuses on women, the mothers-to-be. In the iconic embrace of Mary and Elizabeth, expectant mothers reaching out in mutual assistance, we are reminded that there are always two lives, two souls at stake: mother and child.

The Visitation is also the occasion for Mary's great prayer, the Magnificat. This prayer is treasured by a wide variety of Catholics because it is an eloquent articulation of the Catholic belief in the dignity of all people and the Gospel injunction to help

the weakest among us, uniting the pro-life and social-justice wings of our sometimes divided Church.

This May 31, pray for all women who are struggling with pregnancies. Pray that God gives them strength to protect the life they bear in their wombs. And while you are at it, make a donation to an aid organization that provides assistance to unwed mothers.

Greg Erlandson is OSV president and publisher.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Readings for May 31, 2015

Romans 8: 14-17 and Matthew 28:16-20

Following is a word search based on two readings for the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle B: what we have received from the Trinity. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Saint of the week:



Pancras

Died circa 304
Feast May 12

According to an early legend, the Roman martyr Pancras was a native of Syria or Phrygia (now Turkey) brought to Rome by an uncle after he was orphaned. They converted to Christianity there and were martyred during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Pancras reportedly was only 14, the likely reason for his being a patron saint of children. A strong cult of Pancras developed in Rome and in England from the time of St. Augustine of Canterbury, who dedicated a church to him around 600. Pancras is also mentioned in St. Bede's martyrology and in most medieval English calendars, and the famous north London train station takes its name from an ancient church there dedicated to St. Pancras.

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extremism is not a constant temptation. Purists who will brook no compromise — who consign all those who disagree with them to hell, or who seek to conjoin opposition to abortion with partisan political agendas like opposition to immigration — do more damage these days than the weak counter thrusts of abortion supporters.

Which is why a spiritual feast day could be so potent. In Huntington, parish priests and Secular Franciscans have been waging a campaign to make the feast of the Visitation a pro-life

Sports

SAINT JOSEPH CLAIMS SECTIONAL TITLES The Saint Joseph High School boys' track team claimed the sectional title. Final scores: Saint Joseph High School, 119 points, Penn High School, 94 points, and Mishawaka High School, 92 points. The Saint Joseph High School girls' tennis team is the South Bend sectional champions. This is the eighth-straight sectional title for the Lady Indians.

St. Jude teams win track and field city meet

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — At the always-exciting Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track and field city meet, St. Jude edged out St. Charles, 85-80, to be crowned the girls' team champions once again with St. Elizabeth coming in third and St. Vincent fourth. St. Jude also won the boys' meet slipping by St. Charles, 108-105. The team from St. Vincent de Paul came in third and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton finished fourth. Held at Bishop Luers High School on May 16, the meet was the final 2015 showdown between the best of the best from the CYO field.

In the girls' events, the winning Eagles had just one individual champion, but it was the third and fourth places and solid showings in nearly every event that added up to a team title. Seventh grader Rachel Landstoffer won the high jump clearing 4-08. She also placed third in the hurdles, fourth in the 400-meter dash and ran a leg on the runner-up 4x200 meter relay team.

Julia Broerman was a double winner for St. Charles finishing tops in both the mile and half mile. The Cardinal 4x100 meter relay team of Jada Tippmann, Jordyn Smith, Eliza Gustafson and Sophie Talarico also took home a blue medal. Two individuals from St. Vincent claimed top honors — Meg Howe (100) and Mackenzie Stroud (400). For St. Elizabeth, Lydia Reibold won the discus, Angela Bougher the hurdles and Sophie Vandergriff, Kennedy Glenn, Caroline Rahrig and Annie Thoma combined to win the 4x200 relay. Dori Javins was a double winner for St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, in the long jump and 200-meter dash while Leticia Johnson was the lone winner for St. John the Baptist, New Haven, heaving the shot put, 30-03.

For the boys' competition, St. Jude dominated in five events. Emmett Delaney claimed a triple crown and won the mile, half mile and anchored the 4x200 relay team. He also placed sixth in the high jump. Other individual Eagle champs were Gabe Hendricks (discus) and T.J. McGarry (long jump). McGarry's leap of 17-03 is a new St. Jude School record. Ron Record and Andrew Myers joined McGarry and Delaney on the winning relay. Their effort of 1:52 tied an all-time school best.

St. Jude Coach Mary Pohlman explained the key to the Eagles' success this season, "Our success rested on the leadership and work ethic of our eighth graders who were such positive role models for our whole team. We had a motto from the first



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St. Jude, Fort Wayne, took top honors in both boys' and girls' track and field at the city meet on May 16 at Bishop Luers High School.

practice: 'We make the team stronger by making each person on the team stronger.' Our eighth graders took this to heart setting the mood at practice to support, encourage and teach everyone on the team."

Pohlman continued, "I am proud not only how they used their athletic talent, but of the kind of young people they are."

Pohlman was impressed with the Bishop Luers High School coaches and track team, "They did a great job of running a smooth meet." The second key to her team's success was the instructing, encouragement and dedication of her assistants — Michael Barnes, Camille Brennan, Jennifer Bobay, Christine Hudson, Dan Delaney, Mike Brandel and Kathleen Crick.

For the runner ups, St. Charles, Patrick Finley won three events (high jump, 100, 400). The Cardinals also got a win from Charlie Howe in the shot put. Other top place finishers for the day included Paul Braun (St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne) hurdles; Anthony Ventruella (St. Elizabeth) 200; and St. Vincent's short relay team of Howard Steele, Griffin Eifert, Billy Kinder and James Black.

City meet top three winners results summary:

Girls' discus throw — 1.) Lydia Reibold, St. Elizabeth; 2.) Leticia Johnson, St. John, NH; 3.) Rachel McKinnon, St. John, FW

Boys' discus throw — 1.) Gabe Hendricks, St. Jude; 2.) James Black, St. Vincent; 3.) JD Woods, Queen of Angels

Girls' shot put — 1.) Leticia Johnson, St. John, NH; 2.) Kennedy Glenn, St. Elizabeth; 3.) Grace Merryman, St. Jude

Boys' shot put — Charlie Howe, St. Charles; 2.) Gabe Hendricks, St.



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St. Jude eighth-grader T.J. McGarry set a school record this season.

Jude; 3.) Derrick Will, St. John, FW

Girls' long jump — 1.) Dori Javins, St. John, FW; 2.) Annie Thoma, St. Elizabeth; 3.) Meg Howe, St. Vincent

Boys' long jump — 1.) T.J. McGarry, St. Jude; 2.) Drew Aguirre, St. Charles; 3.) Spencer Cater, St. Charles

Girls' high jump — 1.) Rachel Landstoffer, St. Jude; 2.) Meg Howe, St. Vincent; 3.) Jordyn Smith, St. Charles

Boys' high jump — 1.) Patrick Finley, St. Charles; 2.) Keaton Broerman, St. Charles; 3.) Rod Custard, St. John, FW

Girls' 100 meter hurdles — 1.) Angela Bougher, St. Elizabeth; 2.) Annie Thoma, St. Elizabeth; 3.) Rachel Landstoffer, St. Jude

Boys' 100 meter hurdles — 1.) Paul Braun, St. John, FW; 2.) T.J. McGarry, St. Jude; 3.) Griffin Eifert, St. Vincent

Girls' 100 meter dash — 1.) Meg Howe, St. Vincent; 2.) Dori Javins, St. John, FW; 3.) Katie Nix, St. Jude

Boys' 100 meter dash — 1.) Patrick Finley, St. Charles; 2.) Paul Braun, St. John, FW; 3.) Anthony Ventruella, St. Elizabeth

Girls' 800 meter run — 1.) Julia Broerman, St. Charles; 2.) Anna Morris, St. Charles; 3.) Caroline Miller, St. Jude

Boys' 800 meter run — 1.) Emmett Delaney, St. Jude; 2.) Keaton Broerman, St. Charles; 3.) Isaiah Wiseman, St. Jude

Girls' 4x100 meter relay — 1.) St. Charles; 2.) St. Vincent; 3.) St. John, Fort Wayne

Boys' 4x100 meter relay — 1.) St. Vincent; 2.) St. John, Fort Wayne; 3.) St. Jude

Girls' 400 meter dash — 1.) Mackenzie Stroud, St. Vincent; 2.) Maria Denning, St. Elizabeth; 3.) Anna Morris, St. Charles

Boys' 400 meter dash — 1.) Patrick Finley, St. Charles; 2.) Ben Miles, St. Elizabeth; 3.) Andrew Myers, St. Jude

Girls' 200 meter dash — 1.) Dori Javins, St. John, FW; 2.) Katie Nix, St. Jude; 3.) Sophie Talarico, St. Charles

Boys' 200 meter dash — 1.) Anthony Ventruella, St. Elizabeth; 2.) T.J. McGarry, St. Jude; 3.) Spencer Cater, St. Charles

Girls' 1,600 meter run — 1.) Julia Broerman, St. Charles; 2.) Caroline Miller, St. Jude; 3.) Aileen Delaney, St. Jude

Boys' 1,600 meter run — 1.) Emmett Delaney, St. Jude; 2.) Isaiah Wiseman, St. Jude; 3.) Keaton Broerman, St. Charles

Girls' 4x200 meter relay — 1.) St. Elizabeth; 2.) St. Jude; 3.) St. Vincent

Boys' 4x200 meter relay — 1.) St. Jude; 2.) St. Elizabeth; 3.) St. Charles

Women, team rankings, 12 events scored — 1.) St. Jude; 2.) St. Charles; 3.) St. Elizabeth

Men, team rankings, 12 events scored — 1.) St. Jude; 2.) St. Charles; 3.) St. Vincent

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Summer camps planned at Bishop Luers High School

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will host athletic and performing arts camps during the summer. Camps are being offered for: football lineman — June 22-25; dance — June 24-26; volleyball — July 6-7; girls' basketball — July 13-16; football — June 20-23; show choir — Aug. 4-7. All registration forms and camp details are available at www.bishopluers.org.

Knights plan fish fry

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

Knights plan fish fry

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

Central Catholic plans all alumni reunion

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

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.

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.

Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be raffled

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

Catholic School Summer Camps

South Bend — Summer day camps, combining fun and learn-

ing for students in grades 2 through high school, will again be offered in local Catholic schools. Faculty and staff parents can register now for a range of sessions — at only \$80 per three-week session in most cases — through the ACE website. For middle-school kids, choose from camps focusing on math, science, language arts or social studies. High school students have different summer school options. Select from June or July timeframes. Current Catholic schoolteachers will partner with teachers from the university's ACE program. Contact Patrick Kirkland at pkirkland@nd.edu or 574-631-9332 for more details.

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The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is seeking applications for Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry.

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Virginia M. Pulver, 90, St. Vincent de Paul

Mary Agnes Fox, 93, St. John Baptist

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Barbara Jean Horvath, 74, St. Pius X

Nancy J. Mangano, 67, St. Pius X

Mishawaka

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Monroeville

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celebrating the holy sacrifice, love and reconciliation, he received the grace to be fully identified with the one who gave His life for His sheep.”

The event, at the square of the Divine Savior of the World in the capital city of San Salvador, saw the attendance of four Latin American presidents and six cardinals including: Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga, of Honduras; Leopoldo Brenes, of Nicaragua; Jaime Ortega, of Cuba; Jose Luis Lacunza, of Panama; Roger Mahony, of the U.S.; and Italian Cardinal Amato, as well as Italian Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, postulator of Archbishop Romero's cause.

Their excitement couldn't have been greater than that of those like Father Estefan Turcios, pastor of El Salvador's St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Soyapango and national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in El Salvador. Before El Salvador's conflict, Father Turcios was imprisoned for defending the rights of the poor. Archbishop Romero helped free him.

“There have been people inspired by Romero for 35 years. How do you think they feel right now?” asked Father Turcios.

But just as he has devotees, Archbishop Romero has had detractors.

After his death, the Vatican received mounds of letters against Archbishop Romero, Archbishop Paglia, has said. And that affected his path toward sainthood, which includes beatification. But three decades after his assassination, Pope Benedict XVI cleared the archbishop's sainthood cause.

In February Pope Francis signed the decree recognizing Archbishop Romero as a martyr, a person killed “in hatred of the faith,” which meant there is no need to prove a miracle for beatification. In general two miracles are needed for sainthood — one for beatification and the second for canonization.

Father Turcios said by studying Blessed Romero's life, others will discover all the Gospel truths that led him to defend life, the poor and the Church, and do away with untruths surrounding his legacy.

During the country's civil war that lasted from 1979 until 1992, some Salvadorans hid, buried and sometimes burned photos they had taken with or of Archbishop Romero, because it could mean others would call them communists or rebel sympathizers and put their lives in danger.

Though he still has some detractors, Father Turcios said, the beatification can help others understand the reality and truth that others have known all along: Archbishop Romero “was loyal to God's will, was loyal to and loved his people and was loyal to and loved the Church,” he said.

One of the offertory gifts during the Mass May 23 was the book “De la locura a la esperanza” or “From Madness to Hope.” A document generated during the peace accords that ended the country's 12-year war.

It chronicles some of the greatest human rights atrocities committed in El Salvador during the conflict, including the killing and rape of four women religious from the U.S., the killing of priests, catechists, as well as massacres of unarmed civilians — more than 70,000 died in all.

Priests, bishops and cardinals wore some form of a red vestment, signifying martyrdom. Their stoles were emblazoned with Archbishop Romero's episcopal motto: “Sentir con la iglesia,” or “feel with the Church,” also translated as “to think with the Church.”

The ceremony culminated a week in San Salvador that saw pilgrims, mainly from Latin America, but also from as far away as Singapore and many from the United States, who wanted to celebrate the occasion. Flowers, music, tears and happiness flowed at San Salvador's Metropolitan Cathedral of the Holy Savior, where the archbishop is buried. He is officially Blessed Romero, but to others he already is and has been “San Romero,” or St. Romero of the Americas.

CNS staffer Rhina Guidos is in El Salvador for Archbishop Romero's beatification. You can follow her on Twitter: @CNS_Rhina.

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