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Holy Father urges the faithful to trust in Christ Pope gives message of hope

BY MATTHEW BUNSON

On July 10, for the final stop of his trip to Bolivia — part of his wider apostolic visit to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay from July 5-12 — Pope Francis met with prisoners at a rehabilitation center in Santa Cruz. For Pope Francis, it was an intense moment as he spoke to the thousands of inmates about the need to remember hope in Jesus Christ. “When Jesus becomes part of our lives,” he said, “we can no longer remain imprisoned by our past. Instead, we begin to look to the present, and we see it differently, with a different kind of hope. We begin to see ourselves and our lives in a different light. We are no longer stuck in the past, but capable of shedding tears and finding in them the strength to make a new start.”

It was a message for prisoners, but it was also one for the whole of South America. Pope Francis' visit to his native continent — the first since his brief 2013 trip to Brazil for World Youth Day — was more than a homecoming, emotional and raucous as it was. It was a visit by the first Latin American pontiff to a continent that now claims 40 percent of the global Catholic population and has a median age of 27 (Africa is 20 and Europe is 39).



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Pope Francis walks with Bolivian President Evo Morales and children in traditional dress as he arrives at El Alto International Airport in La Paz, Bolivia, July 8. The airport is at 13,325 feet above sea level.

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Responding to the call of discipleship

BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA

“Jesus’ disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards. ... Stewards of God’s gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others.” — “To Be a Christian Steward, A Summary of the U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship,” 1992.

There is a frequently quoted Scripture verse from Luke that says, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be required.” Practical examples of this can be found everywhere: You get a promotion and larger title at your job, the more work you have to do. You are blessed with additional children, the more people you are responsible for feeding, caring for and teaching the love of God. There is another word for this kind of responsibility — stewardship. Simply, stewardship is the way that you are aware of and take care of what gifts you are given.

This is such an important concept that God

even outlines it for us in the book of Genesis. Our awesome responsibility begins when God makes us in His own divine image and likeness. Then, He instructs all humankind to “have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and all living things that move on the earth.”

So, now it’s up to us to decide to answer God’s call to stewardship. In 1992, the bishops of the United States issued “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response,” a pastoral letter that address stewardship as a way of life. They made the case that there is an “essential link between being a Catholic and living a life of stewardship as an expression of the call to discipleship.”

The work of the *Today’s Catholic* newspaper is truly a response to the call of discipleship and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all. It is the goal of *Today’s Catholic* to bring you the messages of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades; to celebrate with our local parishes at special milestones; to promote the work of numerous ministries; and to keep you informed of important headlines throughout the world that have impact on the Catholic Church.

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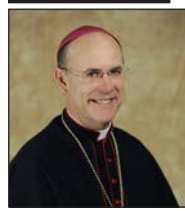
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IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches about the unity of the divine plan in the Old and New Testaments and how the Church has illuminated this unity through “typology.” “Typology discerns in God’s works of the Old Testament prefigurations of what he accomplished in the fullness of time in the person of his incarnate Son” (CCC 128). As Saint Augustine said: “The New Testament is hidden in the Old and the Old is made manifest in the New.” This is seen clearly in the Church’s selection of this Sunday’s first reading from the second book of Kings to be read along with the first part of chapter six of Saint John’s Gospel. We see the clear parallels. Both readings describe a crowd of hungry people. In both readings, someone brings forth barley loaves and in both accounts, someone objects that the bread is too little for the large crowd. In both accounts, all the people were able to eat their fill; there was a multiplication of the loaves and there was bread left over.

The Old Testament reading features Elisha as the prophet who performs the miracle. Of course, it is Jesus in the New Testament who multiplies the loaves and the fish. There are several other miracles performed by Elisha that are also akin to the later miracles of Jesus. Elisha the prophet is truly a *type*, a *figure* of Christ.

“The New Testament is hidden in the Old and the Old is made manifest in the New.” The crowd of 100 in the Old Testament and the crowd of 5000 in the New Testament are hungry. Their physical hunger is satisfied. But the New Testament account of the miracle is followed by a great discourse of Jesus in which he presents *Himself* as the Bread of Life. He is greater than Elisha the prophet and miracle worker. In fact, as we continue reading chapter six of John’s Gospel these next several Sundays, we will hear Jesus revealing Himself as greater even than Moses, the one through whom God fed the people with manna in the desert during the Exodus. It is no wonder that after the miracle, when the people saw the sign Jesus had done, said: “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.”

In the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John, Jesus identifies himself as the *bread of life* and says those words that Elisha and Moses would never dare to say: “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.” Jesus can do more than multiply bread and fish to feed the hungry. He manifests himself as the One who is capable of satisfying forever the hungers of our hearts.

Scripture scholars have identified in the Gospel miracle another level of meaning in the multiplication of the loaves and fish: a Eucharistic meaning. The early Christians definitely recognized the connection between the multiplication of the loaves and the Eucharist. In the catacombs, there



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This oil artwork of Lambert Lombard’s “The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes,” dates to the 16th century. It is displayed at Rockox House, Antwerp, Belgium.

are artistic representations from the second century of the miracle of the multiplication to symbolize the Eucharist. But already in the four Gospel accounts of this miracle, we see a strong Eucharistic motif. For example, in the passage this Sunday from John’s Gospel, we see the same verbs used describing Jesus’ action at the miracle that are used in the account of the Last Supper: He *took* the loaves, *gave thanks* (the very word the Christians then used for the Eucharist — *eucharistein*); and he *gave* or distributed the loaves.

When the people had their fill, Jesus told the disciples to gather the fragments that were left over so that nothing would be wasted. Scholars see a Eucharistic echo here since these words about gathering the fragments are very similar to the words of the eucharistic prayer in the second-century work, the *Didache*. And there was also in the early Church great care taken with the Eucharistic fragments left over. Interestingly also, the disciples filled twelve wicker baskets with the fragments, perhaps symbolizing the gathering of the Church with the twelve apostles, that it may not perish.

It is good for all of us to seek to grow in our knowledge and understanding of the Word of God and its riches. Five years ago, Pope Benedict XVI, in his beautiful apostolic exhortation *Verbum Domini* (*The Word of the Lord*), expressed his “heartfelt hope for the flowering of a new season of greater love for sacred Scripture on the part of every member of the People of God, so that their prayerful and faith-filled reading of the

Bible will, with time, deepen their personal relationship with Jesus.” I recommend reading and praying with the Scriptures every day. The Bible helps us to encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, in his word. As Pope Benedict has said, “the Church receives and gives to the faithful the bread of life from the two tables of the word of God and the Body of Christ.”

Reflecting on this Sunday’s readings, we can place ourselves, along with all our brothers and sisters, into the scene. Many people in the world today are indeed hungry for material food. All of us hunger for truth, justice, love, peace, and beauty. In a word, we are hungry for God. Saint Augustine once exclaimed: “We must hunger for God!” Jesus’ miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, prefigured in the Old Testament, teaches us that the bread we need is first and foremost Jesus Himself, the bread of life. The bread we need is His Word, the word of truth that illumines the path of life for us on our earthly pilgrimage, the teaching that helps us to lead good and holy lives. The bread we need is also his grace, the life-giving power and nourishment we receive in the sacraments, most especially in the Holy Eucharist. We need to be nourished with “the Bread of life: the Word of God accepted in faith and the Body of Christ received in the Eucharist” (CCC 2835). That is what we pray for each time we pray the Our Father when we ask God to *give us this day our daily bread*. May the Lord Jesus multiply his bread for us and all who are hungry in the world today!

Pope says he'll read critiques of his economic thought before U.S. trip

BY CINDY WOODEN

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM PARAGUAY (CNS) —

Before arriving in the United States in September, Pope Francis said, he will study American criticisms of his critiques of the global economy and finance.

"I have heard that some criticisms were made in the United States — I've heard that — but I have not read them and have not had time to study them well," the pope told reporters traveling with him from Paraguay back to Rome July 12.

"If I have not dialogued with the person who made the criticism," he said, "I don't have the right" to comment on what the person is saying.

Pope Francis said his assertion in Bolivia July 9 that "this economy kills" is something he believes and has explained in his exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel" and more recently in his encyclical on the environment.

In the Bolivia speech to grassroots activists, many of whom work with desperately poor people, the pope described the predominant global economic system as having "the mentality of profit at any price with no concern for social exclusion or the destruction of nature."

Asked if he planned to make similar comments in the United States despite the negative reaction his comments have drawn from some U.S. pundits, politicians and economists, Pope Francis said that now that his trip to South America has concluded, he must begin "studying" for his September trip to Cuba and the United States; the preparation, he said, will include careful reading of criticisms of his remarks about economic life.

Spending almost an hour answering questions from journalists who traveled with him July 5-12 to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay, Pope Francis also declared that he had not tried coca leaves — a traditional remedy — to deal with the high altitude in Bolivia, and he admitted that being asked to pose for selfies makes him feel "like a great-grandfather — it's such a different culture."

The pope's trip to Cuba and the United States Sept. 19-27 was mentioned frequently in questions during the onboard news conference. U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro publicly thanked Pope Francis and the Vatican last December for helping them reach an agreement to begin normalizing relations.

Pope Francis insisted his role was not "mediation." In January 2014, he said, he was asked if there was some way he could help. "To tell you the truth, I spent three months praying about it, thinking what can I do with these two after 50 years like this." He decided to send a cardinal — whom he did not name — to speak to both leaders.



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Pope Francis answers questions from journalists aboard his flight from Asuncion, Paraguay, to Rome July 12.

"I didn't hear any more," he said. "Months went by" and then one day, out of the blue, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, told him representatives of the two countries would be having their second meeting at the Vatican the next day, he said.

The new Cuba-U.S. relationship was the result of "the good will of both countries. It's their merit. We did almost nothing," the pope said.

Asked why he talks so much about the rich and the poor and so rarely about middle-class people who work and pay taxes, Pope Francis thanked the journalist for pointing out his omission and said, "I do need to delve further into this magisterium."

However, he said he speaks about the poor so often "because they are at the heart of the Gospel. And, I always speak from the Gospel on poverty — it's not that it's sociological."

Pope Francis was asked about his reaction to the crucifix on top of a hammer and sickle — the communist symbol — that Bolivian President Evo Morales gave him July 8. The crucifix was designed by Jesuit Father Luis Espinal, who was kidnapped, tortured and killed in Bolivia in 1980.

The pope said the crucifix surprised him. "I hadn't known that Father Espinal was a sculptor and a poet, too. I just learned that these past few days," he said.

Pope Francis said that he did know, however, that Father Espinal was among the Latin American theologians in the late 1970s who found Marxist political, social and economic analysis helpful for understanding their countries and their people's struggles and that the Jesuit also used Marxist theories in his theology. It was four years after the Jesuit's murder that the Congregation for the Doctrine of

the Faith said plainly that Marxist theory had no place in a Catholic theology, the pope pointed out.

Father Espinal, he said, "was a special man with a great deal of geniality."

The crucifix, the pope said, obviously fits into the category of "protest art," which some people may find offensive, although he said he did not.

"I'm taking it home with me," Pope Francis said.

In addition to the crucifix, Morales had given the pope two honors, one of which was making him part of the Order of Father Espinal, a designation that comes with a medal bearing a copy of the hammer-and-sickle crucifix.

Pope Francis said he's never accepted such honors; "it's just not for me," he said. But Morales had given them to the pope with "such goodwill" and such obvious pleasure at doing something he thought would please the pope that the pope said he could not refuse.

"I prayed about this," the pope told reporters. He said he did not want to offend Morales and he did not want the medals to end up in a Vatican museums storeroom. So he placed them at the feet of a statue of Mary and asked that they be transferred to the national shrine of Our Lady of Copacabana.

Pope Francis also was asked about his request in Guayaquil, Ecuador, that people pray for the October Synod of Bishops on the family "so that Christ can take even what might seem to us impure, scandalous or threatening, and turn it — by making it part of His 'hour' — into a miracle."

The pope told reporters, "I wasn't thinking of any point in particular," but rather the whole range of problems afflicting families around the world and the need for God's help for families.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, July 26, 9:15 a.m. — Mass at Saint Catherine of Alexandria Church, Nix Settlement
- Tuesday, Aug. 4, 5 p.m. — Vespers and Picnic with Priests of the Diocese, Saint Mary, Mother of God, Church, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Aug. 5, 11:30 a.m. — Mass with Catholic School Principals, Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw
- Thursday, Aug. 6, 5 p.m. — Mass and dinner with Seminarians of the Diocese, Saint Martin de Porres Church, Syracuse
- Saturday, Aug. 8, 4:30 p.m. — Mass at Catholic Scout Camporee, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne



Priest appointment

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has appointed **Rev. Evaristo Oliveras, C.M.**, as Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne, effective August 1, 2015.

Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty Holy Hours

• St. Joseph Church, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton, hosts prayer for vocations and religious freedom the first Thursday of each month beginning with Morning Prayer at 7:45 a.m., Mass at 8 a.m., Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m., Litany of the Eucharist and Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m. On the second Wednesday of the month, Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty takes place beginning at 5 p.m. and ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

• St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.

• Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) of Adoration and Exposition every Saturday prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.

• St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.

• Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AUG. 15

All are invited to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15 — the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the Mass, Jessica Hayes, a theology teacher at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, will be officially consecrated to a life of virginity.

A consecrated virgin is called to a spousal union with Christ lived in the midst of the world. She takes a lifelong vow of virginity for the purpose of giving herself more fully to Jesus through a life of prayer. She continues to live and work among the lay faithful, and discerns her specific service to the Church with her local bishop.

Please come to celebrate the Assumption and participate in this extraordinary rite.

Researcher says success rate in use of adult stem cells 'staggering'

BY BETH DONZE

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — Adult stem cells, easily harvested from human bone marrow, umbilical cord blood and fat tissue, have a successful track record in treatments for more than 90 medical conditions and diseases, including sickle cell anemia, multiple myeloma cancer and damaged heart tissue.

Stem cells can be retrieved and used in treatments while doing no harm to donor or recipient.

So why do so many Americans, including some physicians, continue to champion research involving embryonic stem cells when this type of intervention has no documented cases of improving health and also requires the destruction of human life in its youngest form?

That question was pondered by David Prentice July 10 at the National Right to Life Convention during his presentation "Adult Stem Cells: Saving Lives Now."

Prentice, vice president and research director for the Washington-based Charlotte Lozier Institute — the education and research arm of the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List — reported that more than 70,000 patients throughout the world are receiving adult stem-cell transplants annually, with an estimated 1 million total patients treated to date.

"How many people have been cured using embryonic stem cells?" Prentice asked his audience. "Zero," he answered, noting that misinformation in the media and the Internet continues to promote "fairy tales" about the promise of embryonic stem cells in curing disease and being the elusive "fountain of youth" for mankind.

"You've got to destroy that young human being to get the embryonic stem cells," Prentice said of the over-hyped technology.

Conversely, adult cells — undifferentiated cells that already exist among the differentiated cells that make up specific tissues or organs — can be isolated and deployed to various parts of the body to regenerate and repair diseased or damaged tissue.

There is more good news about adult stem cells besides its ethical supremacy, Prentice said. Unlike embryonic stem cells, adult stem cells are readily available to the majority of patients.

Many types of adult stem cells can be harvested in relatively painless, outpatient procedures. For example, adult stem cells from bone marrow, once accessible only by deep needle extraction, can now be collected in a process akin to giving blood. Another source of stem cells — fat tissue — can be tapped via liposuction.

Also, despite being tagged as "adult," children can receive the therapy as early as the in-utero stage, and the donors of adult stem cells do not have to be adult at all.

"Babies are born with (adult) stem cells throughout their body," said Prentice, an adjunct professor of molecular genetics at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America. "The umbilical cord that we cut off after the baby is born is rich in what we call adult stem cells."

Besides requiring the killing of human life, Prentice said, embryonic stem-cell research posed a major threat to women's health that went largely unpublicized during the height of the push for this technology in the first decade of the 21st century. Women between the ages of 21 and 35 were actively sought and handsomely paid for their eggs to keep pace with the demands of heavily funded research. To harvest a woman's eggs, the donor is given a regimen of hormones over a period of three to five days, Prentice said. Unforeseen side-effects included ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, kidney failure and infertility. "Some women have even died in the process," Prentice said.

Because of these and other ethical objections, France, Canada, Germany, Norway, Switzerland and about 25 other countries, excluding the United States, have banned human cloning, which uses living embryos for experimental purposes before killing them in the lab.

"We're actually behind the international curve here in the United States," Prentice said, noting that

the FDA has hit a new low by looking into the possibility of approving the production of three-parent embryos — those involving cellular donations from one father and two mothers.

To offset the bad press — including public repugnance to the idea of "designer babies" — Prentice said private companies seeking funding for embryonic stem cell research have begun to refer to cloning in a less "science fiction" way — as "somatic cell nuclear transfer."

"It's kind of science run amok," Prentice said. "They're not actually correcting or treating anybody (with embryonic stem cells). They're talking about new individuals who will be genetically engineered to their specifications."

Current protections in place include the federal Dickey-Wicker Amendment, which prohibits the use of taxpayer dollars to create or destroy human embryos for experiments; and some states, including Louisiana, have banned research related to human cloning and human-animal hybrids.

As adult stem cell treatments gain credibility in science journals, insurance companies increasingly are covering the procedures, Prentice notes.

Interventions in more experimental phases of study, such as those treating spinal cord injuries, are less likely to be covered by insurance plans, he said.

"The bottom line is the adult stem cells are the ones that work — they're working now in patients," Prentice said. "I'm telling you all these (stories of success), but you're probably not seeing it in the news, right?"

Prentice said the website www.stemcellresearchfacts.org offers statistics and patient testimonials; information on current trials can be found at www.clinicaltrials.gov; and the Lozier Institute's website is www.lozierinstitute.org.

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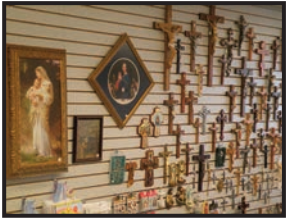


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Saint Augustine Men's Group: Leading men from pornography to chastity

BY TIM JOHNSON

The Saint Augustine Men's Group, with chapters in Fort Wayne and South Bend, seeks to free men from the shackles of pornography and sexual sin to live according to God's plan of chastity.

This Catholic lay apostolate gathers to support, encourage and pray for one another through a structure rooted in Catholic teaching. They encourage the practice of prayer, the sacraments, Holy Scripture, accountability and practical tools to help men grow in chastity.

The apostolate formed at the requests of Father Ben Muhlenkamp, who at the time was parochial vicar at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne, and by Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar at the time at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.

Randy Post, who responded to Father Muhlenkamp's request, became a member of the Saint Augustine Men's Group core team. He told *Today's Catholic*, "(Pornography) destroys a man's ability and desire to love including his wife, family, others and God. It detaches a person from reality, and they live in a fantasy world where they are not connecting with family and friends but instead withdrawing and isolating themselves."

Father Muhlenkamp, who is now the pastor of St. Louis Besancon Parish in New Haven, told *Today's Catholic*, "We have an issue where men aren't viewing women as real people. That is a real woman a man is viewing in that image or video."

He said, "Viewing pornography actually rewires the brain, so when people look at this stuff, the damage being done is tremendous. It's scary to think that for so many young people they literally don't know what love looks like between a man and a woman."

"The way men work is that we give our heart to what we gaze upon and so the more a man gazes upon pornography, he gives his heart to those images and begins to withdraw more from his wife and his children, and he becomes less present," Father Muhlenkamp said. "So if he is spending time with his wife and children, they flourish. But as he looks at pornography, isolating and withdrawing himself, this causes disorder within the family."

"Nobody has to go and look for pornography. It goes and finds you," Father Muhlenkamp added. "You have to go out of your way to avoid it. That's where we are right now."

"The pervasiveness of pornography makes it an easy distraction, and the nature of it is such that it becomes a habit and then it becomes an addiction," said Josh Parrish, another core team member. "Pornography blocks joy. It blocks the development of virtue."

"It's important for men to be honest with themselves," Parrish noted. "Men will tend to rationalize

their viewing of pornography away, to view it as a sort of entitlement. The culture's understanding is that sexuality is only there for our own pleasure and that we are entitled to it. But these are the lies that keep people from admitting that pornography is an issue."

"We want to free men from the cycle of guilt and shame and to help lead them (each other) down the path of healing, a renewed and strengthened masculinity, a new life in Christ in order to ultimately become the men God intended us to be," Post said.

"It is now the time and place for Catholic men in our diocese to stand up together, united in our collective desire to crush the addiction of pornography and sexual sin, and to be men of God who are not shackled by lust, but who live in true freedom serving God and family," he added.

All gatherings are one hour. They meet one hour a week in South Bend, followed by a meeting the next week in Fort Wayne. Both meetings follow the same structure beginning with prayer, introductions, sharing a reflection from the "Clean of Heart" Catholic book, then small group discussion on a spiritual topic, core team members share practical matters in fighting pornography and then a small group discussion. This is the heart of the gathering in which men can share where they are in their journey to purity, their feelings and struggles. No one is required to share. The tone of this portion and the rest of the gathering is one of understanding, empathy, compassion and hopefulness.

"We don't look down on someone or criticize men who have struggled recently; instead we want to lift them up, be supportive and encourage them through accountability, prayer, the sacraments, spiritual reading, penances and practical tools to grow in purity," Post said. "During this time of the gathering, men also share ideas, tips, nuggets of wisdom (spiritual, practical or otherwise) to help each other in the battle."

The meeting closes with the Prayer to St. Michael.

For those struggling with pornography, first it's incumbent to admit they have a problem, the core team members report. Once they do, the doors to recovery are opened

Some statistics

Proven Men Ministries, a nonprofit, Christ-centered organization, undertook a nationwide study in 2014 to obtain current and expansive data pertaining to the scope of pornography use and the impact it has on a person's life, work, marriage and sexual behaviors.

Study highlights:

- Approximately two-thirds — 64 percent — of U.S. men view pornography at least monthly
- The number of Christian men viewing pornography virtually mirrors the national average Broken down by age:
 - Eight in 10 — 79 percent — men between the ages of 18 and 30 view pornography monthly
 - Two-thirds — 67 percent — of men between the ages of 31 and 49 view pornography monthly
 - One-half — 49 percent — of men between the ages of 50 and 68 view pornography monthly
 - Christian men are watching pornography at work at the same rate as the national average
 - One-third — 33 percent — of men between the ages of 18 and 30 either think that they are addicted or are unsure if they are addicted to pornography
 - Combined, 18 percent of all men either think that they are addicted or are unsure if they are addicted to pornography, which equates to 21 million men

and God (and the Church) can help them in their journey to purity.

The Saint Augustine Men's Group is exclusively for men, whether Catholic or not, who are struggling with pornography or sexual sin of any kind. It doesn't matter where a man is in his struggle. "We want to help him break free from the shackles of pornography and grow in relationship with our Lord," Post said.

All information shared in the gatherings is confidential and anonymity is encouraged — share only first names.

The core team members are not counselors or trained in addiction

Addicted to pornography?

To determine if one has an addiction to pornography, or at the very least struggles with pornography, there are several signs a man can assess about himself. According to Dr. Kevin B. Skinner, a licensed marriage and family therapist and author of "Treating Pornography Addiction," someone has a pornography addiction if they meet the following criteria:

- Recurrent failure to resist impulses to view pornography
- More extensive/longer viewing of pornography than intended
- Ongoing, but unsuccessful, efforts to stop, reduce or control behavior
- Inordinate amount of time spent obtaining pornography, viewing pornography and/or being sexual — either through masturbation, or with another person or object, or recovering from sexual experiences
- Feeling preoccupied with fantasy, sexualized thoughts and/or preparatory activities
- Viewing pornography takes significant time away from obligations: occupational, academic, domestic or social
- Continuation of behavior despite consequences
- Tolerance: more frequent or intense pornography is needed over time to obtain the desired result
- Deliberately limiting social, occupational or recreational activities in order to keep time open for finding and viewing pornography
- Distress, restlessness or irritability if unable to view pornography (withdrawal)

recovery, the core team noted.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades supports the apostolate. "In anticipation of the upcoming World Meeting of Families, it is appropriate that we seek ways to address particular pastoral needs of today's family," he wrote in a letter to the apostolate organizers. "The widespread use and availability of pornography is one of the most egregious attacks on relationships and the dignity of the human person in our time."

Bishop Rhoades has assigned Cindy Black as the diocesan advisor and liaison, and Father Muhlenkamp as spiritual advisor for the Saint Augustine Men's Group. Black said the Secretariat for Evangelization provides support through resources

and help with publicity and coordination.

Black said, "My hope for these groups is that men throughout our diocese find freedom from pornography and are inspired to take further steps to combat the widespread availability and use of images that reduce the human person to a sexual object." "Pornography harms all involved in viewing, producing, distributing and their families," she said. "As created in the very image and likeness of God, all people find ultimate joy in self-giving love — not destructive use of ourselves and others."

For information about the Saint Augustine Men's Group chapters, send an email to staugustinefw@gmail.com.

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Prayers, sympathy shared after Tennessee shootings

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (CNS) — An outpouring of sympathy and prayer washed over Tennessee for the victims of the July 16 shootings that left four Marines and the shooter dead. Bishop Richard F. Stika of Knoxville, whose diocese includes Chattanooga, encouraged all Catholics and people of faith to participate in a community prayer service at the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Chattanooga held the afternoon of the shootings at a military recruiting center and a Navy-Marine training center a few miles away. "Our community is deeply saddened by the tragic loss of four United States Marines in this senseless act of violence," said a statement from Bishop Stika. "I have two brothers who served in the U.S. Marine Corps and I recognize and appreciate the selfless service all members of the military give to protect us. We ask for your prayers for the souls of those who lost their lives, the recovery of those wounded in these shootings, and for all of their families." Bishop Stika also celebrated a Mass July 19 at the basilica. Father David Carter, pastor of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, led the prayer service for all the victims of the incident, including Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez, 24, of Hixson, Tennessee, who was identified by law enforcement authorities as the gunman, and three other people who were wounded in the attack. Tennessee news reports identified the four murdered Marines as: Gunnery Sgt. Thomas J. Sullivan, 40; Lance Cpl. Skip Wells, 21; and Staff Sgt. David Wyatt, 35, and Sgt. Carson Holmquist, 22. U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith, 26, who was wounded in the attack, died July 18.

Planned Parenthood video 'horrifying, heartbreaking,' says congresswoman

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A video of a Planned Parenthood physician describing her procedures for keeping

fetal organs intact during an abortion is "horrifying and heartbreaking," said U.S. Rep. Ann Wagner, R-Missouri. Wagner made the comments at a news conference held July 15 on Capitol Hill by several House members a day after the video was released. Filmed undercover and produced by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Center for Medical Progress,

the video shows Dr. Deborah Nucatola, senior director of Planned Parenthood Federation of America's Medical Services, discussing ways the abortion procedure can be altered to preserve body parts requested for use in research. Nucatola is shown casually describing to actors posing as buyers from a human biologics company how Planned

Parenthood sells the body parts of aborted, unborn children. The video was shot at a business lunch in the Los Angeles area July 25, 2014. "This organization, and others, have been accused of atrocities before, but this is the first time it has been captured in their own words, in such a cold and callous way (as) she was showing salad in her mouth," said Wagner.

NEWS BRIEFS

MOURNERS PLACE FLAGS AT MAKESHIFT MEMORIAL IN FRONT OF ARMED FORCES CAREER CENTER IN TENNESSEE



CNS PHOTO/TAMI CHAPPELL, REUTERS

Mourners place flags at a makeshift memorial for shooting victims in front of the Armed Forces Career Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 16. The shooter, Mohammad Youssuf Abdulazeez, 24, was killed by police gunfire after he fatally shot four U.S. Marines and wounded three more people at two military offices that day in Chattanooga.

Court rules against Little Sisters plea to avoid way to bypass mandate

DENVER (CNS) — The Little Sisters of the Poor and other religious entities are not substantially burdened by procedures set out by the federal government by which they can avoid a requirement to provide contraceptive coverage in health insurance, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled July 14. In a lengthy opinion that considered arguments raised by the organizations under First Amendment religious rights protections and under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the court said the groups are not substantially burdened by filling out a form or notifying Health and Human Services via email or a letter that because of their religious-based objections to the mandated coverage, they will not provide it. The ruling is the latest in a string of circuit court decisions finding that nonprofit religious institutions may not be protected from complying with the procedures set out by HHS for being excused from what is known as a mandate to provide coverage for a variety of types of contraceptives in employee health insurance. "The departments have made opting out of the mandate at least as easy as obtaining a parade permit, filing a simple tax form, or registering to vote — in other words, a routine, brief administrative task," wrote Judge Scott M. Matheson Jr. He was joined by two other judges in parts of the ruling. However, Judge Bobby Baldock in a partial dissent from the majority's decision, said he would rule that the religious exercise rights of self-insured employers are more substantially burdened than are those that have outside insurers. "Moreover, less restrictive means exist to achieve the government's contraceptive coverage goals here," he wrote. Under the Affordable Care Act, all health insurance plans are required to provide coverage for birth control drugs and procedures. If providing such coverage is morally objectionable according to their faith, churches themselves and other institutions that primarily employ and serve members of the churches are exempt.

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Annulment presentation to be offered

FORT WAYNE — A presentation on annulments titled, "An Explanation of What Makes Marriage Null and the Annulment Process" will be held in the parish hall (use Door No. 6) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 10700 Aboite Center Rd. in Fort Wayne, on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne and judicial vicar of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will be speaker. No reservations are required. For more information contact Cindy Black at cblack@diocese-fwsb.org or 260-399-1436.

New conference space to be dedicated to Bishop John M. D'Arcy

BRIGHTON, Massachusetts — Saint John's Seminary will hold a special ceremony to dedicate its new conference space to Bishop John M. D'Arcy on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 5:30 p.m. in Our Lady of the Presentation Lecture Hall in Brighton. A neighborhood picnic will follow.

Why Catholic workshops to be offered

Small community leaders and Why Catholic parish teams are invited to Why Catholic workshops that will summarize the 12 sessions of "Pray: Christian Prayer" and explore how to nurture a relationship with God in prayer and lead prayer in small groups. Workshops in English will be held on Monday, Aug. 31, from 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, Notre Dame; Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 7-9 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary in Warsaw; and Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Garden Room in Fort Wayne.

Workshops in Spanish will be held on Monday, Aug. 31, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Adalbert Parish Office Center basement; Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 7-9 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe, downstairs in Warsaw; and Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 7-9 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Msgr. Benoit Room in Fort Wayne.

For more information or to register contact Cindy Black, director of Adult Faith Formation, at 260-399-1436 or cblack@diocesefwsb.org.

Weekend Retreat for Families to be held at University of Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME — The 2015 summer Weekend Retreat for Families will be held Friday through Saturday, Aug. 7-9, at the University of Notre Dame. Families are invited to come together for a weekend of prayer, spirituality and fun in this pastoral setting. The Weekend Retreat for Families includes enrichment, celebrations, candlelight processions, recreation and more. Also featured are presentations by inspirational leaders like former Notre Dame Coach Gerry Faust; Dominican Sister Terry Rickard, executive

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GREG LENBURG

Nearly 30 children, who completed grades K-4, are all smiles at St. Michael Catholic Church's Vacation Bible School, July 8-10. This year's VBS, "Treasure God's Love," featured crafts, snacks, music, outdoor activities including a balloon launch and parade, Bible stories and more.

director of RENEW International, which fosters spiritual renewal in the Catholic tradition; and Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak, authors and hosts of the popular "More2Life" radio program.

Other activities include conferences and presentations to promote family and individual prayer; Masses celebrated in Washington Hall, Basilica of the Sacred Heart and the Grotto; the sacrament of Reconciliation; Stations of the Cross along the shores of St. Joseph's Lake; candle-light procession from the basilica to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes with the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; time to relax with family and friends and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of the campus; and use of the facilities at the university.

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Philip Smith ordained to the Priesthood for the Dominican Order

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dominican Father (Philip Carl) Innocent Vincent Smith, the son of Thomas and Marika Smith, was one of eight men ordained to the Priesthood by Archbishop Charles John Brown, for the Dominican Order on May 22 at St. Dominic Church in Washington, D.C. Priestly ordination permanently sets a man apart for public ministry in the Church, specifically entrusting to him the responsibilities of celebrating Masses and hearing confessions.

Archbishop Brown, who serves as the apostolic nuncio to Ireland, ordained Father Smith through the imposition of hands and the Prayer of Ordination alongside Dominican Fathers Thomas More Garrett, John Maria Devaney, Boniface Endorf, Gabriel Torretta, Charles Shonk, Vincent Ferrer John Bagan and Philip Neri Jordan Reese.

Father Smith is a son of Sacred Heart Parish in Notre Dame. He studied music and philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. Upon graduating in 2008, Father Smith entered the Dominican Order at Saint Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati, Ohio, and made his first profession of vows there in 2009. He was then assigned to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. to pursue studies for the Priesthood. He

made lifelong profession of vows in 2013.

During his years of formation, Father Smith has been engaged in various ministries including D.C. Frassati fellowship, and volunteering at St. Anselm's Academy in Washington, D.C. and Mount De Sales Academy in Catonsville, Maryland. He was ordained deacon in March 2014 and has served as a deacon at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Washington, D.C.

St. Joseph, Holy Cross Nurse Alumnae Association to gather for last time

SOUTH BEND — The St. Joseph Holy Cross Nurse Alumnae Association will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a gala weekend starting Friday, July 31, with a reception at the History Museum at 4 p.m.

This event will kick off a weekend of celebration culminating with Mass on Sunday at the Church of Loretto, Saint Mary's, Notre Dame.

On Saturday evening, Aug. 1, a banquet at the Noble Dining Hall at Saint Mary's College will celebrate the 50 years of the Alumnae Association as well as the 68 years that the St. Joseph Hospital and Holy Cross Schools of Nursing were in existence.

In 1907, the Sisters of the Holy Cross opened St. Joseph Hospital Training School for Nurses, the first nursing school in South Bend. The sisters had served as nurses in the Civil War and were well aware of the need for trained nurses.

PASTOR'S SERVICE HONORED



KAREN ZAWODNI

A new statue of the Blessed Mother is in place at St. Peter Parish in Fort Wayne as an expression of appreciation from parishioners for 17 years of service as pastor by Father Phillip A. Widmann. Though retired from his pastorate at St. Peter since June 23, he remains pastor of St. Mary Mother of God Parish in Fort Wayne and curator of the Cathedral Museum.

MEET THE NEW PRINCIPALS

St. Jude familiar turf with Mike Obergfell

FORT WAYNE

— Mike Obergfell is a familiar face at St. Jude School, where he has been named the new principal. For the last year, he has served as the school's assistant principal, but his familiarity reaches deep in the St. Jude community. He has been a parishioner there for 45 years.

"St. Jude is and has been a very strong school spiritually and academically," Obergfell told *Today's Catholic*. "My main goal this year is to maintain our strong and rigorous curriculum, while at the same time growing to better serve students of all learning abilities and help them find academic success."

"I have always been in awe of really good teachers, and we have a lot of them at St. Jude," Obergfell reported. "These days teachers have many responsibilities outside the classroom."

He added that what he looks most forward to as principal is wanting "to help them in any way I can to minimize the extra burdens so that they can focus on the classroom and what they do best and that is teach."

Obergfell is married to Mary.



MIKE OBERGFELL

They have seven children and two grandchildren.

Obergfell graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School in 1982 and taught at Bishop Dwenger for eight years. Prior to Bishop Dwenger, he taught at St. Rose, Monroeville.

He holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

When asked about the role of Catholic education, Obergfell noted, "There is a saying that 'Who you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God.'"

"We are constantly on a journey, all of us, of self-discovery to find what God's will is for us," Obergfell continued. "If we strive to follow His will, then we bring Him glory."

"Catholic education is important at passing on the faith, and helping students to find their individual gifts, and how God is calling them to live their lives," Obergfell said. "Whatever our gifts, we will only find true joy when we seek the truth, and serve God and one another."

— Tim Johnson

Cheryl Klinker appointed principal of St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — Cheryl Klinker's appointment as principal of St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne is a homecoming

of sorts. Once a special education teacher there, she will now apply her skills as principal.

As the new principal, Klinker hopes to continue the strong tradition of community in Christ, a community that is rooted in tradition and service to others.

"I hope to increase educational opportunities for all students who desire a Catholic education," Klinker explained.

She is excited to get to know the pulse of the school as principal. "I look forward to coming to know each family, the students and teachers and the mission that God already has planned for the school," she detailed.

Born in Cincinnati, Cheryl Klinker's family moved around the Midwest much of her childhood before settling in Fort Wayne. She attended St. Charles for her eighth-grade year and went on to graduate from Bishop Dwenger High School.

Klinker and her husband Craig, have four children.

Klinker received her elementary education and special education degree from Purdue University and her master's degree in education from Indiana University. Her first teaching position was at the first/second grade level at St. Joseph (currently St. Rose) in Monroeville.



CHERYL KLINKER

With various breaks while raising her children, Klinker also taught sixth-grade math and science at St. Charles and served as director of special education during her time at St. Vincent de Paul (1996-2011). There she grew the special education program from a small closet to a staff of five serving 70 students.

In the fall of 2011 she began as principal at St. Louis Academy where she served until her new appointment.

Klinker summarized, "A Catholic education is an education infused with the teachings of Jesus Christ and therefore one that shares in the human love, compassion and dignity of others."

"I have witnessed many 'miracles' of student and family lives that have been changed with the help of Catholic education," she said. "It is an education truly led by the Holy Spirit."

— Michelle Castleman

Derek Boone new principal at St. John the Baptist, South Bend

SOUTH BEND

— St. John the Baptist School in South Bend will begin an exciting new 2015-2016 school year with Derek Boone as their new principal. Principal Boone began his administrative duties on July 1. St. John's first day of school is Aug. 18.

Boone and his wife Stacey are parishioners of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington, and as they anticipate their move to South Bend, Boone says, "I'm looking forward to helping out the students, both spiritually and academ-



DEREK BOONE

ically. It all goes back to that!"

A graduate of Ball State University, Boone holds a bachelor's in physical education and is licensed to teach physical education in grades k-12. His first teaching position was with Huntington Catholic as a physical education teacher, which he held for four and a half years. Boone then spent the next year at Bishop Luers in Fort Wayne as its physical education teacher. All the while he was working on his master's in educational leadership, which he earned from Indiana University-Purdue University of Fort Wayne in 2014.

His most current position was at St. Vincent de Paul School where he was dean of students for two years.

Boone is enthusiastic about the new administrative position he will hold at St. John the Baptist School. As principal he looks forward to getting to know the school community, getting involved and sharing some ideas with the students and their parents.

"I'd like to bridge the spiritual and academic gap from school to home," he says, hoping to ensure parents have a "good solid foundation with their kids at home."

Besides his desire to get involved in the community, new Principal Boone has his sights on increasing the enrollment at St. John School as well.

Principal Boone believes that Catholic education provides students with a life-long benefit. "As administrators and teachers, we have the benefit of forming youth through spiritual and academic teaching. The goal is to teach a life-long foundation that will form our students into upstanding citizens. We help form a religious foundation as our students grow," he says.

— Kay Cozad

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Beatrice Royal takes administrative helm at St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — St. John the Baptist School is poised and ready for the start of a new academic year with its new administrative leader Beatrice Royal at the helm. Principal Royal began her duties at St. John's July 1.



BEATRICE ROYAL

Royal and her husband Michael, parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, have seven children and have passed the legacy of the Catholic education of their youth along to their brood. Royal grew up in a large Catholic family and received her exemplary Catholic education at St. Joseph School in Garrett and Bishop Dwenger High School.

She is a graduate of the University of Saint Francis earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She also holds a master's degree in elementary education from Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne that includes a concentration in gifted and talented. Royal is currently pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership through the University of Notre Dame. She will complete her studies there next summer.

During the past 11 years Royal initially taught first grade at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne, then took the role of talent development coordinator there. She now looks forward to her new role as principal at St. John the Baptist School and says she will focus on "leading with zeal" and "strengthening the community."

Her goals for the coming year at St. John include enhancement and improvement. She says, "My goals are to enhance the current Catholic School culture and to

utilize that culture for school improvement."

When asked why Catholic education is important she says, "Catholic education is in the unique position to infuse the mission of the Church into the lives of our students. Everything we do in Catholic schools is rooted in the belief that God is in all things and every child has gifts from God."

— Kay Cozad

St. Joseph, Decatur, welcomes new principal Jeff Kieffer

DECATUR — Jeff Kieffer hit the floor running on July 1 this year when he became the new principal at St. Joseph School in Decatur.



JEFF KIEFFER

Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City, Kieffer and his wife Angela have been married for 23 years. They have three children.

In his rich educational background, Kieffer served four years in the United States Army and attended the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in the fall of 1987. Following his military service Kieffer attended Ball State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1994 and later a master's degree in educational leadership at Ball State University in 2007.

With a desire to teach in the Catholic school system, Kieffer began his career at St. John-Reidman Memorial School in Hartford City, and for six years taught a third/fourth-grade classroom. After the school closed he found himself teaching middle school math at St. Mary in Muncie where later that year he was named the interim administrator.

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Holy Father wraps up South America

POPE

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Still dealing with a past marked by painful colonial rule, bloody civil wars and conflicts and harshly uneven efforts to establish stable democracies and a present plagued by economic inequality, endemic poverty and crude Leftist populism, South America welcomed back the pope with open arms and an eagerness to hear his prophetic words of encouragement but also his plain-speaking pastoral advice. He did not disappoint.

Witnessing poverty

For Pope Francis, the theme of the trip was integral ecology, the heart of his newest encyclical, "Laudato Si'" ("Praise Be to You"), with three dominant features: the poor, the family and the common good. Unquestionably, *Laudato Si'* has become the touchstone for virtually all of his homilies and speeches.

All three countries visited struggle with heartbreaking poverty and unequal distribution of wealth and resources. Pope Francis spoke often about the needs of the poor while noting that the most fundamental part of helping those in need involves the way we see them. "To really help them," he said in the capital city of Asunción, Paraguay, "the first thing is for us to be truly concerned for their persons, valuing them for their goodness." That goodness was expressed in true Francis style by his unscheduled moments with the suffering and the marginalized that gave more powerful expression of God's mercy than words could ever convey. In Paraguay, he also made a surprise stop at the St. Rafael Foundation, a large center for poor patients with AIDS, cancer, abandoned and abused children and the elderly.

Stopping at the Banado Norte slum in Asunción, Pope Francis used the setting of the Holy Family Parish to praise families in the midst of horrendous economic conditions. "Your struggles have not taken away your laughter, your joy and your hope," he said. The words echoed the pope's pleas for families throughout the entire papal visit, lamenting the toxic brew of domestic violence, alcoholism, sexism, drug addiction, unemployment, urban unrest and the abandonment of the elderly and children. "These problems," Pope Francis noted in Bolivia, "often meet with pseudo-solutions which are not healthy for the family, but which show the clear effects of an ideological colonization."

But the family is also the role model for Pope Francis' vision for the common good of society as a whole. In Ecuador, Pope Francis observed, "In families, everyone contributes to the common purpose, everyone works for the common good, not denying each person's individuality but encouraging and supporting it. ... That is what it means to be a family! If only we could view our political opponents or neighbors in the same way we view our children or our spouse, mother or father!"

Church is called to persevere in mission of welcoming all



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Corrupt governments

In countries like Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay, the common good often remains elusive. The rights of indigenous peoples are a chronic concern, as are environmental degradation, political corruption, judicial inequality and growing problems of consumerism, materialism and secularism. Pope Francis bluntly called corruption by government officials "gangrene" and referred to the unfettered pursuit of money and economic exploitation as "the dung of the devil" (borrowing a line from the fourth century Doctor of the Church, St. Basil of Caesarea) that is poisoning the environment and blocking true human development.

No Marxist himself, Pope Francis also had to contend with left-leaning populist governments such as that of Evo Morales of Bolivia, president since 2006. A self-proclaimed Catholic, Morales is also an ardent leftist who has worked to reduce the influence of the Church in culture. In a gesture that sparked media frenzy, Morales gave Pope Francis a gift that combined a crucifix with the hammer and sickle, the two traditional symbols of Marxist revolution. Originally designed by a Jesuit priest, Father Luis Espinal Camps, who was murdered in 1980 by the Bolivian regime, it was supposed to be a symbol of dialogue between Christianity and communism. Despite reports that Pope Francis was not happy with the gift, he said during his in-flight interview on his way back to Rome that he "was not offended by it."

Role of the Church

As the Church in South America is facing hostile left-leaning governments, especially in Venezuela, Pope Francis declared upon arrival in Bolivia that he had come to affirm the faith of believers. "Religious freedom," Pope Francis told Morales and civic leaders in La Paz Cathedral, "reminds us that faith cannot be restricted to a purely subjective experience. It is not a subculture. The challenge for us will be to help foster the growth of spirituality and commitment of the faith, of Christian commitment in social projects, in deepening the common good."

Even as he stressed the role of the Church in achieving the common good, he apologized for the historical failings of some of her leaders in South America. He said in Bolivia, "I humbly ask forgiveness, not only for the offenses of the Church herself, but also for crimes committed against the native peoples during the so-called conquest of America. ... There was sin, a great deal of it, for which we did not ask pardon. So for this, we ask forgiveness, I ask forgiveness."

Pope Francis returns to Rome for some rest before setting out in September for his much-awaited trip to the United States. In South America, he called for change through global interdependence and a "globalization of hope" that replaces "the globalization of exclusion and indifference!" His trip to North America will almost certainly bring his demand for the wealthiest country on earth to do its part.

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Pope Francis greets the crowd as he arrives to celebrate Mass in Bicentennial Park in Quito, Ecuador, July 7.



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Pope Francis celebrates Mass outside the Caacupe Marian Shrine in Asunción, Paraguay, July 11.

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Inmates in Santa Cruz, Bolivia await Pope Francis' arrival at Palmasola prison July 10.

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On the last day of his July 5-12 visit to South America, Pope Francis celebrated Mass with close to 1 million people at Asuncion's Nu Guazu Park. Artist Koki Ruiz designed the altar and stage, which was made of coconuts, corn cobs, gourds and other plants and vegetables.

Pope Francis' U.S. trip

Pope will visit as 'pastor,' not 'politician,' says cardinal

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis will make history during his visit to Washington in September, when he

becomes the first pope to address a joint meeting of Congress and he says the first canonization Mass to be celebrated in the United States. Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl outlined details of the pope's Sept. 22-24 visit to the nation's capital at a news conference at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington June 30, after the Vatican published the detailed schedule of Pope Francis' Sept. 19-22 visit to Cuba and his Sept. 22-27 visit to the United States. St. Matthew Cathedral also is on the pope's U.S. itinerary, as is a visit to an outreach program operated by Catholic Charities, where he will meet clients served by the agency. "The Holy Father is visiting our home, he is coming to visit us," Cardinal Wuerl said, adding that the pope will be visiting "not as a politician, but as a pastor." The theme of the papal visit to the Archdiocese of Washington is "Share the Joy, Walk With Francis." It is the first leg on his first U.S. trip, which also includes stops in New York City and Philadelphia.



WINNING ALTAR DESIGN ANNOUNCED FOR PAPAL MASS IN WASHINGTON



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Following the June 2 announcement of the winning design for the altar Pope Francis will use at his outdoor Mass Sept. 23 in Washington, Catholic University of America architecture students Ariadne Cerritelli and Matthew Hoffman pose with their design. Also pictured are John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America, Msgr. Walter Rossi, rector of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington.

PRINCIPALS

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He became principal in 2006 and served there until 2009. For the past five years, Kieffer has been principal at St. Mary of the Assumption School in Avilla.

Principal Kieffer recognizes that each school has its own distinction and plans his goals for his new school accordingly. "Every school has unique gifts, and likewise, each person. I will do my best to help maintain the level of academic excellence St. Joseph School is known for, to continue the many great traditions at St. Joseph School, and help to keep our faith first and foremost as we go. Christ should be the reason for all that we do at our school," he says.

Stepping into this new position Kieffer says, "I look forward most to getting to know each and every student, to have them know that God has a plan for them, and to help them achieve all that they set out to accomplish. I also look forward to getting to know the staff, parents and parishioners at St. Joseph School and working with them to help St. Joseph continue to grow."

With his goals for St. Joseph in mind Principal Kieffer says, "It seems that every day there is another negative influence pulling people away from the Church. Without a strong knowl-

edge and understanding of our faith, which will not be found anywhere but in our Catholic schools, what hope do we have? As an administrator, I grow in my faith each day, and now, more than ever, I believe we need Catholic Schools and children who know, understand and live their faith if we want them to be able to resist and overcome the challenges."

— Kay Cozad

Jane Sandor excited to be back at principal's desk

AVILLA — Jane Sandor is excited to be back at the principal's desk, this time taking the helm at St. Mary of the Assumption School in Avilla.

Sandor said her goals as the new principal are "to continue the deep faith traditions, daily witnessing of the faith within the school community and the parish community and to join each student, each staff member and each family as we walk our faith journeys."

The principal's desk is a familiar post for Sandor. She had been principal of St. Aloysius, Yoder, from 2004-2006 and at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, from 2006-2011. Most recently she has worked with the Office of Catechesis for the Diocese of



JANE SANDOR

Fort Wayne-South Bend. Prior to being a principal, Sandor was a teacher at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne from 1993-2004.

Returning to a principal's role, Sandor cited, "Pope Francis has called each of us to 'discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey His call to go forth from our own comfort zone' — from 'Evangelii Gaudium' 20."

"As I was discerning my decision," she said, "my husband simply said, 'Jane, you need to work with kids.'"

"These last four years away from students and school have been difficult," Sandor said. "Chalk dust is part of my being. Shared prayer and energy with students and teachers has strengthened me. Being a principal is my chance to encounter Jesus every day in the eyes, hearts and minds of students and teachers. Such a gift is a gift of grace and hope."

Sandor said, "The importance of Catholic education is found in the dignity of each person. We are called, and at times challenged, to step away from society so that we can enter into a closer and more personal relationship with Jesus. We must rely on the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, find comfort in the arms of our Lord and seek our Father. This call is best answered in Catholic education."

Sandor and her husband of 40 years, John, are the parents of three daughters and have six

grandchildren. The Sandors are members of St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne and their rural Avilla home includes two horses, two dogs and many cats.

Sandor's educational background includes an undergraduate degree in English education, a master's degree in educational leadership — both from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, and her administrator's license from the State of Indiana.

— Tim Johnson

Vanessa Diller chosen principal of St. Louis Academy

NEW HAVEN — St. Louis Academy has chosen Vanessa Diller, as their new principal for the 2015-2016 school year.

Diller, a member of the parish and teacher there for the past seven years, went through her Alliance Catholic Education (ACE) commencement on July 11 after completing the Remick Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame to obtain her master's degree in school administration and leadership.

"What a 'God thing' that I was looking to become a principal and the position became open at St. Louis Academy," marveled



VANESSA DILLER

Diller. St. Louis Academy parent and new staff member, Tracey Jacquay explained, "It was the easiest search committee I have ever been on. Vanessa was a shoe-in."

Diller grew up just across the state line in Convoy, Ohio, after her family relocated there when she was in grade school. She attended St. Rose School in Monroeville for first and second grade. Her family remained members of the parish after the move and she received all of her sacraments there.

Diller has been married to her high school sweetheart, Michael, for eight years. Together they have three brilliant and loving children from ages 1-5.

Diller attended college at Wright State University Lake Campus in Celina, Ohio, for her undergraduate degree and received her bachelor of science in education. After teaching for three years, she pursued higher education through the Teaching Exceptional Children program at the University of Notre Dame, which is a certificate program for special education.

Diller's first teaching assignment was at St. Louis Academy where she doubled as a three day per week kindergarten teacher for four students and taught the computer class school-wide two days a week. The following year she approached her principal and urged her to consider five-day kindergarten. And the year after that, her principal approached her with plans to develop and

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recreate a preschool program, which hadn't existed at St. Louis Academy for some time. These changes have directly impacted the tremendous growth in the younger grades.

Her immediate goals for St. Louis Academy include adding to the wonderful St. Louis campus a feeling of student empowerment and school pride. The old school mascot (a bear) is mostly unknown to students. Because she feels the importance of creating a culture of camaraderie and pride in one's school and to celebrate the school's 100th year in November, Diller plans to vote on a new mascot and reintroduce the school song to the school campus.

"I am mainly looking forward to welcoming all the students back and having a more direct hand in continuing St. Louis Academy on its path of excellent education and empowering the students with their responsibility of serving one another in Christ," Diller continued.

"Catholic education is so important to me because as Catholic educators we can educate all aspects of the child and it is in our faith to see each child beyond just what they can learn in language or math," Diller said. "Catholic education is about seeing the complete God-given potential of a child and giving them the tools through faith, education and love to get to the vocation in which God has designed for them."

— Michelle Castleman

Lundy excited about new role at St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart

ELKHART —

A very familiar face will be greeting staff and students at St. Vincent de Paul School in Elkhart when school reopens this year. New Principal Tara Lundy has been on staff at the school for 15 years.

Lundy, her husband Matt and their two daughters are members of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka.

Lundy graduated from Penn High School and Ball State University with a degree in education. She began her teaching career at St. Vincent de Paul



TARA LUNDY

School and has been there ever since. She taught sixth grade for six years and then fourth grade for three years before returning to the sixth-grade classroom.

She's also been the assistant principal at St. Vincent for the last eight years in addition to teaching. Lundy knows the school's strengths and challenges. She plans to continue working on the school's math and reading goals.

"Data-driven instruction is huge here," Lundy said, explaining that instructors collect data on individual students through computer programs, tests and observations and use that data to guide their classroom instruction.

"It allows us to better meet the needs of each student," she said. Lundy said she's seen a wide variety of levels at the school so meeting the needs of each student is

"very important to us."

In her new role at the school she's looking forward to helping the students and the staff meet their individual goals. "Being their cheerleader and helping them to meet their goals and make the most of their potential," she said.

Lundy said she's also looking forward to getting to know the St. Vincent families better, especially those of the younger students.

"I think this school is awesome. When you come in here you can just feel the warm, fuzzy feeling, and I want to continue that so that parents know this is a safe place to send their

kids and feel that the school is open to them as well," she said.

Lundy is also excited about the fact that the school will be adding a seventh grade this year and plans to add an eighth-grade level next year.

Lundy is looking forward to the possibility of extending the school's prayer service to a Family Faith Night.

"My heart is here — there's no other place I'd rather be," she said. "I knew I loved this place and want to work real hard to do what's best for the school, students, staff and parents."

— Denise Fedorow

Director High School Youth and Young Adult Ministry

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Fort Wayne seeks a full-time Director of High School Youth and Young Adult Ministry to implement their evangelization plan. St. Elizabeth is a dynamic Catholic parish with the median parishioner age of 30. This position is responsible for planning and implementing weekly youth group activities and other faith formation events. This position is also responsible for coordinating events for young adults. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. A Master's degree in a related field is desirable but a bachelor's degree with experience will be considered. A full job description is available www.seasfw.org. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to:

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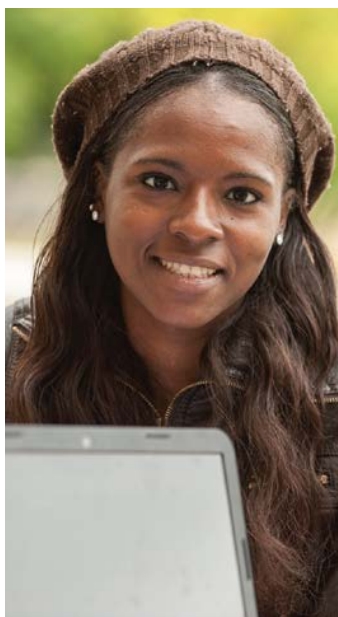
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Diocese accounts for financial operations

Dear Friends in Christ:

Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of our diocese for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2014. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

For the fiscal year ended 06/30/14, our total gain was \$2,521,449 (from our audited financial statements), which you see on the attached. This is only for the central operations of the diocese. It does not include the activity of the parishes, schools or missions in the diocese. Investments gained 11.2 percent versus a budgeted amount of 6 percent. Our health insurance fund gained \$2,027,255.

DIOCESAN AUDIT

The diocese is audited every year by Leonard J. Andorfer and Company, a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This means that the diocesan books, records and accounting policies are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the Audit Committee, but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council; and the council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) that the council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been reviewed; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province, which, in this case, is the Archbishop of Indianapolis. We require similar reporting from our parishes to the diocese.

PARISHES

It is also important that there be accountability and transparency in parishes. According to Canon Law, every parish must have a Parish Finance Council. We have two retired accountants who do a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past seven years, we have sent this financial report, done by our two auditors, to each member of the Parish Finance Council. This enables the review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, controls have now been established similar to the accountability of each diocese.

It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop's Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality. The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 28 years since the appeal began, our parishes have engaged in major capital fund drives. Since the appeal began, fund drives for parishes have brought in over \$152 million for new buildings and renovations approved by the Diocesan Finance Council. This includes parish initiatives linked to the Legacy of Faith. Also, over \$172,000,000, which would have been paid to the diocese under the previous system, now remains in the parishes. In addition, \$5.6 million from the appeal has been given in grants to parishes in need. The 28th Annual Bishop's Appeal attained \$6,502,645.

TWINNING PARISHES

A number of parishes have agreed to twin with certain targeted parishes to help them provide a full Catholic education. From January 1999 thru May 2015, a total of \$2,613,406 has been received by 16 parishes. This is true Christian stewardship; and most of the parishes making these contributions do it as part of their parish stewardship effort. These parishes give a proportionate gift to other parishes in need. This twinning program has saved several parish schools.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Over \$84 million has been raised for building projects in our four high schools. The four high schools continue

Legacy of Faith Endowments

	Contributions	Distributions	06/30/14 Balance
1st Source – Hispanic	\$ 100,000		\$ 138,792
Priest Retirement	\$ 955,400		\$ 1,254,436
High Schools	\$ 955,400		\$ 1,254,436
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,908,800	(671,500)	\$ 1,987,015
Religious Education	\$ 1,908,800	(471,781)	\$ 2,125,577
Hispanic Ministry	\$ 955,400	(157,050)	\$ 1,069,619
Elementary Schools	\$19,118,745	(6,611,638)	\$18,958,015
Total	\$25,902,545	(7,911,969)	\$26,787,890

to flourish; but not without challenges. The Annual Bishop's Appeal gives \$1.7 million to the high schools every year, which has created a sense of stability. Next year, tuition will increase by \$200- \$400 in our high schools. Our high schools are audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. Two high schools have debts to the diocese and are paying on those debts.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

Both the Development Office and the Business Office helped put in place the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, which enables parishes, high schools and other diocesan institutions to raise funds for an ongoing endowment. Currently, there are 130 endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation. Talk to your pastor or school board about establishing an endowment for your parish and/or parish school. To establish an endowment and experience endowment growth involves planned giving — bequests, annuities, remainder trusts, as well as gifts and other creative ways by which you can make contributions. Funds placed in this trust will remain there and grow, and the interest realized will continue to fund the designated purpose for years to come. These are gifts that keep on giving. Those who contribute will determine the area where these funds are to be restricted. Regular annual reports and semi-annual newsletters are sent to the donors. The Catholic Community Foundation now contains \$44,763,018.

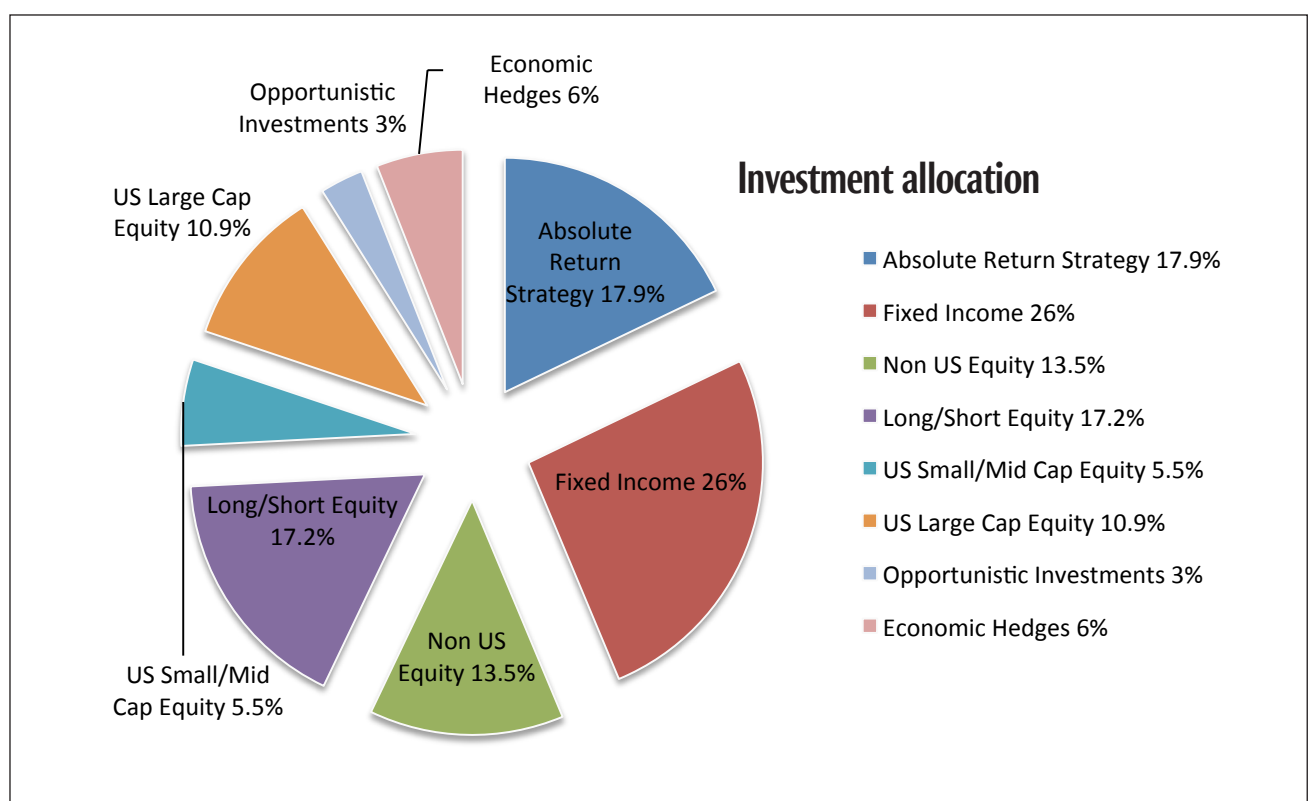
INVESTMENTS

Our investments are overseen by Slocum & Associates of St. Paul, Minnesota. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teach-

ing. Slocum & Associates meet with our Investment Committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year in question here, investments gained 11.2 percent. The current asset allocation is detailed in the pie chart below.

These are exciting and vibrant times for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. We can offer opportunities to students who could not otherwise attend our schools, with the enhanced School Choice/SGO legislation. We have over 35 enrolled in the seminary, which is also a challenge, but a challenge we welcome and embrace. We expect and plan on continued volatility in the investment markets. Current health insurance fund will show a gain for 2015 as we look to get the fund on solid footing. The 28th Annual Bishop's Appeal was the most successful ever. Offertory income for the diocese was up 2 percent. We have much to be thankful for and we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the new year brings. May God continue to bless us in our ministries.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph G. Ryan, Chief Financial Officer
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DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS

INCOME	
Tuition/Fees	18,343,061
* Diocesan Assistance	1,447,000
Other Grants/Scholarships	201,727
Fund Raising	1,428,388
Athletic/Other	4,374,751
TOTAL INCOME	25,794,927
EXPENSES	
Administrative	
Cost of Employee	3,588,081
Other Administrative	4,333,797
Total Administrative	7,921,878
Instructional	
Cost of Employee-Teaching	9,801,904
Academic Department-Cost	139,129
Other Expense-Teaching	319,816
Cost of Employee-Supportive	1,223,391
Other Expense-Supportive	530,027
Total Instructional	12,014,267
Operational	
Cost of Employee	1,105,308
Other Expense-Operational	2,115,836
Total Operational	3,221,144
Miscellaneous	
Capital/Miscellaneous	0
Other Miscellaneous	3,376,636
Total Miscellaneous	3,376,636
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,553,925
SURPLUS/(LOSS)	(-738,998)

82 DIOCESAN PARISHES

INCOME	
Church Income	58,238,695
School Income	40,662,746
TOTAL INCOME	98,901,441
EXPENSES	
Church Expense	39,072,277
School Expense	54,159,424
TOTAL EXPENSE	93,231,701
SURPLUS	5,669,740
* Diocesan Assistance	
Bishop Dwenger High School	426,365
Bishop Luers High School	273,009
Saint Joseph High School	387,636
Marian High School	359,990
Total	1,447,000

*** Parishes receiving grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal**

- Holy Cross, South Bend
- St. Henry, Fort Wayne
- St. Therese, Fort Wayne
- Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne
- St. Monica, Mishawaka
- St. Mary/Assumption, Avilla
- Our Lady of Hungary, SB
- St. Anthony de Padua, SB
- St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne
- St. John the Baptist, South Bend
- St. Augustine, South Bend
- St. Adalbert, South Bend

**** Groups receiving grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal**

- St. Vincent de Paul Society, Fort Wayne and South Bend
- Vincent Village
- Women's Care Center
- Christ Child Society, Fort Wayne
- Matthew 25
- St. Augustine Soup Kitchen
- St. Mary Soup Kitchen
- Little Flower Food Panty
- Chiara Home
- Franciscan Center
- Sister Maura Brannick Health Center
- Catholic Charities
- COPOSH (Homeless Center, SB)
- Logan Center
- St. Martin's Health Clinic
- Hannah's House
- Life Athletes
- Dismas House

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Statement of revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2014

	Expendable Funds	Temporarily/Permanently Restricted Funds	Total Funds
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Parish Quotas and Assessments	\$2,255,368	0	\$2,225,368
Donations and Bequests	1,424,111	0	\$1,424,111
Investment Income	2,508,264	64,649	\$2,572,913
Fund Raising - Bishop's Appeal	5,005,522	0	\$5,005,522
Insurance Premiums	17,295,233	218,070	\$17,513,303
Interest - Loans	591,520	0	\$591,520
Collections	258,404	0	\$258,404
Advertising	185,360	0	\$185,360
Subscriptions	4,290	0	\$4,290
Sale of Merchandise	390,545	0	\$390,545
Fees/Rentals/Workshops	777,967	16,165	\$794,132
Other	22,092	0	\$22,092
Gain on Sale of Assets	114,440	0	\$114,440
Net Assets Released from Restriction	406,971	(-406,971)	\$0
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$31,240,087	(\$108,087)	\$31,132,000
EXPENSES			
Ministry Services	\$2,888,640	0	\$2,888,640
Educational Services	2,805,555	0	\$2,805,555
Diocesan High School Assistance	1,687,000	0	\$1,687,000
Communications	1,104,750	0	\$1,104,750
Fund Raising - Bishop's Appeal	420,940	0	\$420,940
Insurance	15,887,423	0	\$15,887,423
Interest Expense	733,818	0	\$733,818
*Parish Assistance	44,162	0	\$44,162
Priests-Other Countries-Parish Assistance	21,069	0	\$21,069
Religious/Priest Retirement	253,152	0	\$253,152
Assessments	158,176	0	\$158,176
Chancery - Departmental/General	1,514,943	0	\$1,514,943
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	576,923	0	\$576,923
Catholic Charities Subsidy	425,000	0	\$425,000
** Charitable Contributions	89,000	0	\$89,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$28,610,551	\$0	\$28,610,551
NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)	\$2,629,536	(-108,087)	\$2,521,449

CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS Revenues, Expenses and Budgets

	Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
Missions	17,588	16,130
Bishop	81,907	72,298
Safe Environment	55,554	49,952
Administration	751,050	648,995
Personnel	351,510	260,420
Archivist	40,678	42,573
Central Purchasing	56,299	57,302
Data Processing	154,352	120,663
Assessments	158,176	122,391
Accounting	118,437	116,971
Foreign Priests	21,069	17,500
Property Management	109,455	111,662
Fort Wayne Chancery	15,247	12,771
Cathedral Center	14,297	14,297
Clinton Street Office	529,379	411,168
Bishop Residence	3,558	3,542
Bishop Rhoades Residence	25,832	24,540
Ecumenical Office	751	6,342
South Bend Chancery	2,611	-
Marian Pastoral Center	91,767	69,472
Noll Hall	29,325	28,371
Other Properties	44,555	43,603
Secretariat/Catholic Ed	-	-
School Administration	369,966	386,657
CSO Funded Projects	23,862	39,100
Office of Catechesis	229,599	217,327
Bookstore	376,031	423,067
Seminarian Education	1,038,020	1,079,330
Continuing Ed/Priests	121,787	83,900
Tribunal	367,336	387,017
Parish Assistance	44,162	61,660
Hispanic Ministry	149,806	149,018
Family Life/Pro-Life	276,650	310,814
Special Ministries	465,745	502,069
Vocations	52,744	68,477
Campus Ministry	(2,000)	-
Worship/Music	145,712	154,534
Spiritual Development	(98)	-
Youth Ministry	(1,500)	-
Hospital Ministry	88,608	105,227
Hispanic Permanent Diaconate	46,376	77,617
Permanent Diaconate	13,089	25,085
Cathedral Museum	6,925	3,801
Miami St. - Charities	23,509	23,648
Catholic Charities	425,120	415,000
Catholic Cemeteries	475	725
Today's Catholic	789,402	769,291
Today's Catholic Life Magazine	17,389	-
Catholic Business Network	4,970	1,000
7th Floor Studios	3,158	3,671
Communications	146,248	134,677
Diocesan Directory	9,407	16,999
TV Mass	134,177	168,184
ABA Video	27,018	20,000
Bishop's Appeal	292,403	285,389
Development Office	77,298	80,586
Planned Giving	24,121	25,800
	8,460,912	8,270,633

Natural Family Planning: Separating myth from fact

BY LISA EVERETT

We all know how difficult it is to separate myth from fact about many issues, and natural family planning is no different. Here are the four most common myths about NFP and the scientific research, which disproves them:

Myth No. 1: NFP is not as effective as contraception in avoiding pregnancy.

Fact: When used correctly, natural family planning is as effective as oral contraceptives in preventing pregnancy.

Researchers have confirmed that the sympto-thermal method (STM) of natural family planning is as effective as the contraceptive pill for avoiding unplanned pregnancies if used correctly, according to a 2007 report published online in Europe's leading reproductive medicine journal *Human Reproduction*. The sympto-thermal method (STM) is a form of natural family planning (NFP) that enables couples to identify accurately the time of the woman's fertile phase by interpreting changes in cervical mucus and basal body temperature. In the largest prospective study of STM, the researchers found that if the couples abstained from sex during the fertile period, the rate of unplanned pregnancies per year was 0.4 percent. The lead author of the report, Petra Frank-Herrmann, assistant professor and managing director of the natural fertility section in the Department of Gynaecological Endocrinology at the University of Heidelberg,

Germany, said: "For a contraceptive method to be rated as highly efficient as the hormonal pill, there should be less than one pregnancy per 100 women per year when the method is used correctly. The pregnancy rate for women who used the STM method correctly in our study was 0.4 percent, which can be interpreted as one pregnancy occurring per 250 women per year. Therefore, we maintain that the effectiveness of STM is comparable to the effectiveness of modern contraceptive methods such as oral contraceptives, and is an effective and acceptable method of family planning." — Source: European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology (2007, Feb. 21). "Natural Family Planning Method As Effective As Contraceptive Pill, New Research Finds." Available at www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/02/070221065200.htm.

Myth No. 2: Couples who use NFP have sexual relations less frequently than do couples who use contraception.

Fact: Couples who use NFP have sex as often as couples who use contraception — they just time it differently.

A 2005 study conducted by the Georgetown University Institute for Reproductive Health found that "couples using natural family planning have intercourse just as frequently as couples using other methods," noted Institute for Reproductive Health Director Victoria Jennings, Ph.D. Jennings

is an anthropologist who studies health behavior and culture change and is a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Georgetown University Medical Center. Use of fertility-based awareness methods strongly influences the timing of sexual activity, reported study authors Irit Sinai, Ph.D. and Marcos Arevalo, M.D., both assistant professors of obstetrics and gynecology. They found that couples who use fertility awareness-based methods of family planning to prevent pregnancy engage in more frequent sexual relations before and after the fertile time. Frequency of intercourse over the course of the women's cycle is comparable to that of couples using other methods of family planning. "It's important that the healthcare community let women know that these methods are available, growing in popularity, and that users continue to be satisfied with them. If couples using fertility-awareness based family planning methods were having less sex, this would probably not be the case," said Dr. Arevalo, the institute's director of biomedical research. — Source: Georgetown University Medical Center (2005, Oct. 12). *It's All In The Timing*. ScienceDaily. Available at www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2005/10/051012084603.htm.

Myth No. 3: NFP can only be used by women with regular cycles.

Fact: NFP can be used by women with irregular cycles, and can even help detect, diagnose and treat gynecological problems, including infertility.

It is important to realize that the

"rhythm" or calendar method relied on previous menstrual cycles to predict ovulation, which in practice often proved inaccurate, even for women with regular menstrual cycles, let alone for women whose cycles are not regular. In contrast, modern methods of NFP are based on a day-by-day observation and interpretation of the biomarkers of fertility and infertility in a woman's body, regardless of whether her cycle is regular. This knowledge enables a couple to identify on a daily basis whether or not conception is possible on that particular day. Besides equipping a couple either to achieve or to avoid a pregnancy, this knowledge enables a woman to monitor her gynecological health and identify any abnormalities. The Creighton Model FertilityCare System (CrMS) is a natural family planning system that is particularly designed to detect and diagnose abnormalities in the menstrual cycle. By applying the new women's health science of NaProTECHNOLOGY, the CrMS is able to effectively treat and in many cases, correct, conditions such as irregular or abnormal bleeding, ovarian cysts, polycystic ovary syndrome, PMS, infertility, repeat miscarriages, premature delivery and post-partum depression. NaProTECHNOLOGY is nearly three times more successful than IVF in assisting infertile couples to conceive, and is completely in accord with Catholic moral principles.

Myth No 4: NFP is complicated and difficult to use.

Fact: Illiterate couples in the Third World use NFP successfully. In 1976, the World Health Organization conducted a prospective study of the ovulation method of NFP in five different countries. The purpose of the study was to determine the proportion of women who are capable of recognizing the changes in cervical mucus during the menstrual cycle as well as the use-effectiveness of the method in fertility control. In Bangalore, India, couples were drawn from both urban and rural areas and were mostly illiterate or semilliterate. None of the women had used the ovulation method before. In the cycle following instruction, understanding of the method was evaluated as "excellent or good" in 96.6 percent of the cases; in the second and third cycles, the figure rose to 97 percent with regard to interpretable mucus pattern. The method-failure rate was 0 in Bangalore, while the user-effectiveness of the method in Bangalore was 96 percent in over 7,514 cycles of observation. The World Health Organization recommended that the ovulation method be used in India. — Source citation: Bangalore, India, WHO, (1980). 5 p.

For more information or to locate an NFP class near you, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/Natural-Family-Planning or call 574-234-0687.

Partake in the Lord's gift of the Eucharist



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jn 6:1-15

The Second Book of Kings is the source of this weekend's first biblical reading. The two books of Kings originally were one volume. At one point in the evolution of the Bible, they were divided into two books.

These two books are historical — their purpose was religious. They attempted to look through the reigns of the kings, to record and to assess the fidelity of the nation to God. So, prophets have a prominent role in Kings.

This weekend's reading does not even mention a king. Instead, it recalls the life of Elisha, the prophet. As an act of faith in, and homage to, God, a devout man brought the first

products of the harvest to Elisha as a gift to God. These products were in the form of 20 barley loaves.

Elisha accepted the offering but told the man to distribute the loaves among the people, who numbered 100. The man was willing to oblige, but he, of course, doubted that only 20 loaves would suffice for so many people. Nevertheless, the man complied.

Rather than being insufficient, the loaves were plentiful enough to satisfy the crowd.

For its second reading, the Church this weekend presents a passage from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

This epistle was directed to the Christian community of Ephesus, in the first century A.D. a major city in the Roman Empire and an important port on the Asian coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

Crowning the city was the magnificent temple of Diana, the Roman goddess. Throngs came as pilgrims to the great pagan shrine. So, the Ephesian Christians lived in a very important pagan religious center.

Understandably, the epistle called upon these Christians to be strong in faith and not to yield to the temptations most certainly proceeding

from this context of the city.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading. In this story, Jesus encounters a crowd on the shore of the Sea of Galilee near the ancient, and still thriving, city of Tiberias. The Gospel notes that Passover was near.

The crowd was hungry. Philip, an Apostle, approached Jesus with this fact. The Lord ordered that food be found. Another apostle, Andrew, noticed that a boy had five barley loaves and a few fish. Jesus instructed the Apostles to distribute

these loaves and fishes among the crowd, numbering as 5,000.

Before this distribution, the Lord blessed this food.

The five loaves and few fishes satisfied the multitude. Indeed, after all had had their full, an abundance remained.

Reflection

The Church reassures us this weekend. God is never distant from us, unless of course we distance ourselves from God by our own selfishness and sin. God is with us yet today in Jesus, the risen Lord.

So, we humans are not totally helpless. A man brought Elisha the loaves. A boy produced the food for Andrew in the reading from John. Yet, in neither case, were these human provisions enough. God, however,

entered the story in each case.

The connection with the Apostles, and attention to their role in salvation, are clear. The Apostles, through the Church, still bear our concerns to Jesus. By the same token, they still convey to us all the blessings of the Lord.

Links between this event in John and the Eucharist are many. First, bread is food, vital for life. Secondly, the meeting of the people on the shore in this story from John was near Passover. The Eucharist is the great Passover meal.

Next, Jesus gave thanks, the same gesture that occurs in all the accounts of the Last Supper.

Finally, all partook in the Lord's gift of this food. All were satisfied. The fact that much was left over reveals to us the lavishness of God's love and mercy.

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Jn 11:19-27

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

READINGS for the week of August 2

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:1, 3-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29, 34-35 Ps 106:6-7b, 13-14, 21-23 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

Friday: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16, 21 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Mt 17:14-20

The missionary domestic church: The family fully alive

We are very happy to announce that Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be celebrating two special Masses for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. As previously announced, he will be celebrating Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 8:30 a.m. He will also be celebrating Mass for those with disabilities and their caregivers on Friday, Sept. 25, at the historic Shrine of St. John Neumann. This Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. All are welcome.

You can find more information on the WMF official website (www.worldmeeting2015.org).

Catechesis: Part 10

Saint John Paul II exhorted, “Family, become what you are,” and his words have lost nothing of their vibrancy; their urgency has only intensified in the face of the many challenges that families experience today. John Paul’s insight was that the mission of the family flows from its identity in God’s plan. “And since in God’s plan it has been established as an ‘intimate community of life and love,’ the family has the mission to become more and more what it is, that is to say, a community of life and love in an effort that will find fulfillment ... in the kingdom of God.”

In the words of John Paul II, the fundamental mission of the family therefore is “to guard, reveal and communicate love,” a mission that is “a living reflection of and a real sharing in God’s love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church, His Bride.” When the family embraces its missionary identity, the family becomes what it was always meant to become. This mission is not reserved for the few or for the extraordinary. Nor does it mean that families somehow have to stop being themselves or seek after some impossible perfection in order to witness to the Gospel. The Christian family is called to deepen, reflect upon and witness to the love and life that are already basic to being a family.

The family is a communion of love, founded upon the gift of self in the two-in-one-flesh communion of persons of husband and wife. It is this indissoluble communion of husband and wife that sets the stage for the entire family as a true community of persons. It is in the family that love is learned as a gift of self, a gift first received by the child from the father and mother and then given back and shared with others. The family is the place where the value of community is learned, forming the basis for communion in society. In this way, marriages and families that strive to love in unity and fidelity offer a vital witness in their homes, neighborhoods, parishes, local communities and wherever they go, whether in service, work or play.

The Church has never been far from the family home. Christ Himself was born, raised and formed “in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary.” Mary, as virgin and as mother, uniquely and beautifully recapitulates both the vocation to celibacy and the vocation to motherhood. In their life together, the Holy Family of Nazareth is an example and intercessor for all families. During His own public ministry, Jesus would frequently visit or stay in the homes of families, especially the family of St. Peter in Capernaum. St. Paul, in his greetings, would also acknowledge particular disciples, especially the couple Prisca and Aquila, and the “church at their house.” As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:

“From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers ‘together with all (their) household.’ When they were converted, they desired that ‘their whole household’ should also be saved. These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world.”

To speak of the family as a domestic church means that what is said of the Church herself can often be said analogously of the Christian family, and that the Christian family therefore plays a key role within the Church and the



LOVE IS OUR MISSION

FRED AND LISA EVERETT

world. Pope John Paul II spoke of the “specific and original ecclesial role” of the Christian family: “The Christian family is called upon to take part actively and responsibly in the mission of the Church in a way that is original and specific by placing itself in what it is and what it does as an ‘intimate community of life and love’ at the service of the Church and of society.”

The “Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church” describes the Sacrament of Marriage, along with that of Holy Orders, as “at the service of communion and mission.” Marriage and the family serve and build the communion of the Church and contribute to and advance her mission to proclaim the Gospel and to love as Christ has loved. Sometimes there can be a tendency to think solely of how the Church (and how one’s particular diocese and parish) serves marriages and families. Indeed this is a vital part of the Church’s pastoral outreach. But just as important, and perhaps even more urgent, is to think of how the Christian family loves and serves the parish, the diocese, the universal Church and the world. Ministry aimed to assist families should help them in turn become missionaries themselves. This is, in a certain sense, a paradigm shift that awaits full flowering in the Church: the unleashing of the Christian family for the work of advancing the Gospel. At the root of this is nothing other than a rediscovery of the vocation of marriage as a vocation to become a domestic church.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for July 26, 2015

John 6:1-15

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: another of Jesus’ great signs. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

THE SIGNS	PASSOVER	EYES
PHILIP	TWO HUNDRED	A LITTLE
ANDREW	BARLEY	LOAVES
TWO FISH	MANY	GRASS
THANKS	THEIR FILL	GATHER
FRAGMENTS	BASKETS	PROPHET
WORLD	KING	WITHDREW

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Saint of the week:

Olaf

circa 990-1030
feast - July 29

A Norwegian lord’s son, Olaf was a youthful pirate who became a Christian in Normandy. In 1015 he inherited his father’s lands and fought his way to Norway’s kingship the next year. His upstart dynasty brought peace and security after years of warring with Sweden and Denmark. He aimed to make Norway a Christian country, but often used force to achieve this. England and Denmark helped Norwegian rebels unseat him in 1029, and he was killed in battle, trying to reclaim the throne. His archbishop, an Englishman, began his cult by building a chapel over his tomb and declaring him a saint. For medieval Scandinavians, Olaf was a champion of both Christianity and Viking military prowess. He is the patron saint of Norway.

The pope’s call to ecological conversion

On June 18, I had the unbelievable privilege and unforgettable experience of speaking at the Vatican press conference for the launch of Pope Francis’ much-anticipated encyclical on the environment.

Named “Laudato Si’, On Care for Our Common Home,” the encyclical draws from St. Francis’ “Canticle of the Creatures,” which “invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of His infinite beauty and goodness.”

Drawing on extensive evidence and consultation by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, this encyclical employs science as the tool for us to hear the cry of the earth. From this foundation, Pope

Francis is unequivocal in his message that we have not treated our common home well.

When it comes to the earth, we should think of ourselves as stewards rather than owners — tenants of God, as it were. The encyclical refers us to the concept of “global commons,” i.e., the tangible and intangible assets that belong to all, across all generations and necessary for our flourishing.

Examples of these include water, atmosphere, fisheries, forestry and biodiversity. The encyclical raises objection to the loss of biodiversity that forever changes our ecosystem and reminds us that diverse species are not just resources to be exploited for human purposes. These have an



OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

CAROLYN WOO

inherent value as “they have value in themselves.” None is superfluous.

The teaching of this document is much broader than a treatise on the environment alone. It makes clear that all life on this planet is connected, bound together.

Human life is grounded in three fundamental and intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor and with the earth. When one of these relationships is damaged, the others are damaged, too.

We are called to recognize the connection between how we treat the planet and how we treat the poor. As Pope Francis puts it, we do not have two separate crises, social and economic, but “one complex crisis that is both social and environmental.”

The correct response, according to Pope Francis, is a true “ecological conversion.”

Conversion calls for us to open our minds so as to cultivate our consciousness or acknowledgement of

the scope and causes of the degradation of our environment. It also calls us to listen with our hearts and probe our conscience for how we have not cared properly for God’s creation. We’re also called to change our behavior, particularly in our consumption habits, to align our conduct with our new conviction. The encyclical is a rich resource for all three processes.

Ultimately, the framing question asked by Pope Francis in his encyclical is a simple one: “What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?”

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Mishawaka man's books chosen for World Meeting of Families

MISHAWAKA — Franciscan Music of Mishawaka has been selected to provide two books that will be used at the Youth Congress of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia this September. The two books, a 32-page coloring book and a 64-page storybook, are based on the spiritual classic, "Little Flowers of Saint Francis of Assisi," which was written around 700 years ago. These fanciful tales, abridged for children by Joe Higginbotham, a member of the Secular Franciscan Order, and edited by Jill Boughton, will encourage young readers to imitate the love and virtue of the humble man who rebuilt the Church and forever changed the world. In addition to the World Meeting of Families, Scholastic Book Club has added the storybook to their catalog. Scholastic sells books to children throughout the country.

Higginbotham, the director of liturgy and music at St. Bavo Parish in Mishawaka and spokesman for Franciscan Music said, "We are honored to have two of our products chosen by the World Meeting of Families and Scholastic Book Club. Our goal is to offer inspiring music and

books in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. We want to make accessible the love, joy and goodness of St. Francis through materials based on Franciscan spirituality." The books chosen contain engaging tales that capture these Franciscan traits. A special prayer to help the child engage from their heart follows each story.

Artist Andrea Pynaert, also of Mishawaka, has crafted warm and vibrant illustrations that make this an appealing coloring book or storybook for children of all ages.

Jennifer Farrell, a local first-grade teacher, said, "The children in my class look forward to getting their other work finished so they can take out their St. Francis coloring books and continue their artistic work. What a beautiful way to engage young children in the lives of the saints. The students in my class learned a great deal about this popular saint."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has said, "The books are excellent."

Marsha Jordan, superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, said, "The Little Flowers of St. Francis Story Book and companion "Little Flowers of St. Francis Coloring Book" are both delightfully presented for young

children to enjoy and be captivated by the story of St. Francis of Assisi. The animation of the characters and animals depicted will attract the attention of any young child, while presenting themes of faith, holiness and a love of Jesus by St. Francis."

St. Francis of Assisi has always been one of the most popular saints. His simplicity, love of nature and call to peace has attracted many for generations, regardless of age, social standing or religious affiliation. The fact that the current pope has taken Francis' name for the first time in history is of no small significance.

Over a million people are expected to gather in Philadelphia to hear Pope Francis address the nation and the world about the importance of the family in society. In a time where Franciscan spirituality is desperately needed, the Holy Father offers the world the answer for which it longs. Franciscan Music is hopeful that it can play a small part in supporting his effort.

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Golf outing to support Mishawaka Catholic School planned
Mishawaka — The Mishawaka Catholic Golf Classic will be Saturday, Aug. 8, at Juday Creek Golf Course. Check in and lunch begin at noon. Entry fee is \$85 per individual or \$300 per four-some. Register by July 25 for \$10 discount. Contact Julie Voor at 574-876-9616 or email jd2365@sbcglobal.net for information.

Family fun sports day helps WYD plans
Granger — On Saturday, July 25, at 9 a.m. at the St. Pius X athletic fields, a sand volleyball tournament for 6-on-6, high school age and above is \$30 per team. Limited number of teams, double elimination. A family kickball tournament for 9-player teams, all ages is \$30 per team. Prizes awarded. Water balloons, corn hole, other lawn games and concession stand available for drinks and snacks. Register online at www.stpius.net/famfun. All proceeds benefit the St. Pius X young adults and teens going to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

Knights to host Sunday breakfast
Fort Wayne — The St. Gaspar del Bufalo Council No. 11043 will be serving 'Express Pack' breakfasts for carryout on Sunday, July 26, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Queen of Angels Activities Center, 1500 W. State Blvd. Cost is \$5. Proceeds will benefit the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund.

Summer Festival at St. Patrick
South Bend — St. Patrick Church, 331 S. Scott St., will have a summer festival Saturday, July 25, from noon to 5 p.m. A variety of food (Irish, Vietnamese, Polish, Mexican and hot dogs), a beer garden and live music and dancing. Games for the kids and admission is free. For information call 574-287-8932.

Garage sale supports St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fort Wayne — St. Henry and Sacred Heart churches are having a garage sale on Friday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Aug 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Henry, 2929 E. Paulding Rd. All proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Clarinet recital planned
Fort Wayne — A clarinet recital by Erin Wells will be Thursday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Oratory, 2610 New Haven Ave. Free will offering will defray her college debt prior to her August entry into the cloistered Poor Sisters of Saint Clare. Refreshments served following the concert.

Rummage sale
Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish located on the corner of Oak and Diamond streets, will have a rummage sale Friday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bag sales start Friday after 3 p.m.

Bishop Luers class of 1965 50th reunion
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Alumni will host the Class of 1965 50th reunion Saturday, Aug. 22, from 6-10 p.m. at Parkview Field - 400 Club. Cost is \$50 per person. Contact Ken Hensch at kenhensch@aol.com, Anita Gildea at 260-616-0058, or Marilyn Groves Kelker at jameskelker@gmail.com.

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SetonFest is announced
Fort Wayne — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, corner of Homestead and Aboite Center roads, will host SetonFest July 31-Aug. 1. Friday will center on an adult venue of games and a euchre tournament, with beer and wine available. Saturday's events begin at 8 a.m. with the Seton Miracle Miles 5K run/walk. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Soup Kitchen. At 3 p.m. free games, a food tent, bake sale and a corn hole tournament begin. Live music with Urban Legend at 7 p.m. will prelude the fireworks show at dusk.

Saint Joseph High School announces class reunion dates
South Bend — Class of 1955, 60-year reunion will be July 25; Class of 1960, 55-year reunion

will be July 25; Class of 1965, 50-year reunion will be July 25; Class of 1985, 30-year reunion will be July 14-25; Class of 1995, 20-year reunion will be July 24-25; Class of 1975, 40-year reunion will be Aug. 7-8; Class of 1980, 35-year reunion will be Aug. 8; Class of 2005, 10-year reunion will be Aug. 21-22. For more information contact alumni coordinator Henry Chandler at hchandler@saintjoehigh.com or 574-234-2904.

Nutrition and food topic of talk
Avilla — The St. Mary Rosary Society will have Dr. Wallach speak on "Sharing the Truth: Food and Nutrition," Friday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall, 228 N. Main St. No admission fee. For information contact Sue Litchfield at 260-349-3422.



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