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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Cardinal says Planned Parenthood videos illustrate 'throwaway culture'



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Claire Fyrqvist, shown at left, communications manager at St. Joseph County Right to Life, was the first speaker at the Women Betrayed rally in South Bend, which was one of 65 across the nation on July 28. Msgr. Michael Heintz, right, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, gave the opening prayer calling to mind all women and men in crisis pregnancy, leaders with the power to end the violence and deceit, and those working to support women's health and pregnancies in positive, life affirming ways such as the Women's Care Center.

### Rallies in diocese advocate defunding Planned Parenthood

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley said that Planned Parenthood officials' videotaped descriptions of how fetal tissue and organs are procured for researchers during abortions illustrates what Pope Francis calls today's "throwaway culture."

The officials also discuss what the organization charges for the body parts, which opponents of Planned Parenthood said violates federal law and the organization said are customary handling fees paid by research labs.

Cardinal O'Malley, in a July 29 statement, said Pope Francis calls abortion "the product of a 'widespread mentality of profit, the throwaway culture, which has today enslaved the hearts and minds of so many.'"

He made the comments as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a radio interview that he was "appalled" by the videos but even more "appalled at the reality of abortion, the taking of the life itself."

The prelates were referring to videos filmed

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### Hayes to be consecrated to a life of virginity



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.

## Jessica Hayes to dedicate her life to God and Church

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — For Jessica Hayes, what began a few years ago as a desire to find God's will in her life has culminated in a unique religious vocation. Hayes will dedicate her life to Christ in a special ceremony, the Rite of Consecration to a Life of Virginity, on Aug. 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, making her the sole consecrated virgin in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Hayes, a theology teacher at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, has long felt a yearning to give herself more fully to the Church, and through the process of spiritual direction she began to consider the religious life, visiting two religious congregations. Hayes says, though she appreciates the beauty of that life, she felt it was not where she was being called.

It was while attending the funeral of

Sister Jane Carew, a consecrated virgin herself, that Hayes felt God's calling on her life becoming clearer. It was there that she first learned of the life of a consecrated virgin, and after some time in discernment and spiritual guidance she says, "It seemed that all the things I wanted most were in that way of life."

Hayes describes a consecrated virgin as someone who has a vocation to a spousal intimacy with Christ, but lives in the midst of the world. "My community," says Hayes, "is among the laity. My parish, my family, my students — that's my community."

In this vocation Hayes will continue to support herself through her teaching career, live in her own home, keep her name, wear regular street clothes and interact within the community.

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# Blessed Serra described as missionary 'on fire' heeding Christ's call

BY NANCY WIECHEC

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — To Andrew Galvan, Blessed Junipero Serra is a stalwart of faith and mission worthy of the title "saint."

"He was all wood and nails. He was a tough dude. He fought, he defended, he wrangled, he was frustrated and he was frustrating," Galvan told Catholic News Service.

A descendant of tribal members from the San Francisco Bay region, Galvan traces his family roots to California's first Christians, thousands of whom were baptized and confirmed by the 18th-century Spanish missionary.

Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Junipero Sept. 23 in Washington. Galvan said he hopes to be there.

Long a promoter of Blessed Serra, Galvan is the museum director and curator of Old Mission Dolores, the sixth-oldest of California's 21 historical missions.

He said Blessed Serra was "on fire" to heed Christ's call to witness, like Jesus's apostles and St. Francis of Assisi.

"His goal in life, from the time he was a novice ... was to be a missionary to Indians in the Americas, to bring the Gospel message where it had never gone before."

Galvan said the friar, who was beatified in 1988 by St. John Paul II, never veered from that objective and went about it tirelessly, foregoing any convenience for himself.

According to his biographers, he slept little, traveled thousands of miles by foot, quietly endured injury and pain, ate modestly and spent long hours in prayer. When Blessed Serra thought he was failing in his efforts to evangelize, he blamed such defeat on his own sins.

"My God, I couldn't live the life he lived," Galvan said.

Miquel Joseph Serra took the Franciscan habit at age 17. He chose the name Junipero, after a companion of St. Francis known for his holy simplicity.

Junipero Serra became an adept student of philosophy and theology and was inspired by the stories of saints and missionaries. Always looking outward, the friar left a successful and comfortable life as a professor to embark on a missionary journey to America, knowing he would never return to Spain.

In Mexico, he spent 17 years building up Indian missions in the Sierra Gorda and traveling far and wide, preaching popular missions. In fervent sermons, he called on those who had fallen from faith to return to God's mercy.

Blessed Junipero did not reach upper California until he was 55. And when he did, said Galvan, he jumped from his donkey and kissed the ground.

"He's on sacred ground, because in his mind, being a student of (John Duns) Scotus, he



CNS PHOTOS/NANCY WIECHEC

The Pacific Ocean is seen from Old Santa Barbara Mission in Santa Barbara, California, May 14.



Blessed Junipero Serra is depicted with a California Indian in a painting in early May at Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana in Mission Hills, California.



A statue of Blessed Junipero Serra stands outside San Gabriel Mission in early May in San Gabriel, California. The first occupants of the mission were the Tonga, called the Gabrieleno by the early missionaries. Today, an active diverse parish celebrates nine Sunday Masses, five in English, three in Spanish and one in Vietnamese.

the missions, the colonial era and the times that followed.

He calls the encounter between Europeans and Indians an "unmitigated disaster."

"The colonization destroyed the native people along the California coast because of the destruction of the native environment, the changing of lifestyle and the unfortunate introduction of European diseases." After Blessed Serra's death in 1784, mission populations rose and then sharply dropped. Closely knit mission communities only worsened the spread of illness. Disease was rampant and deadly.

An interpretive sign in the graveyard of Old Mission Santa Barbara gives an idea of the loss: "More than 4,000 Chumash Indians are buried in this cemetery."

Despite the harsh history, Galvan said Blessed Serra deserves his devotion.

"He loved my ancestors. He loved Indians. He was in love with the idea of being a missionary here. His descriptions of my ancestors are fantastic," he said. "I'm in love with him and I'm devoted to him."

But not everyone shares that enthusiasm.

Galvan's cousin and apprentice, Vincent Medina, is of a younger generation of California native people promoting and teaching their language and culture. He is one of only a handful of people who can speak and understand Chochoyeno, the nearly lost tongue of the East Bay Ohlone.

After studying his people from before and after Spanish colonization, Medina said he doesn't believe Father Serra should be among those the Church names saints.

"Society for Ohlone people before colonization was good," he said. "The world before us was full of richness. It was full of complexity, it was full of beauty, the language speaks to that, the songs speak to that."

"There was ethnocide in the missions, there was a destruction of language, there was a destruction of culture."

Medina told CNS Blessed Serra's canonization will only further the resentment many Indians have toward the Church.

Additionally, Medina said he views saints as people who rise above the iniquities of their time. He thinks Blessed Serra might have had better forethought and a gentler approach to sharing his faith. "He saw death, but he still kept moving forward. To me, that's not somebody who lived outside of their era. To me, that's somebody who's going with the status quo of their time."



## Priest announcement

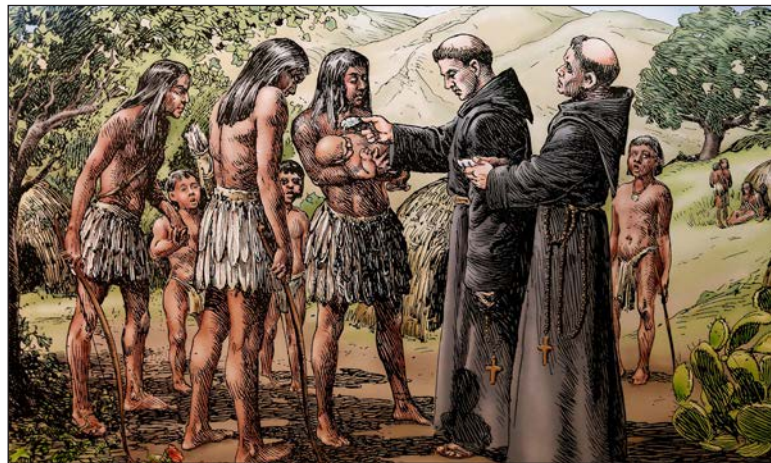
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has accepted the retirement of **Reverend Thomas Lombardi** from Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Hessen-Cassel, effective August 9, 2015.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has appointed **Reverend William Kummer**, present Administrator of Saint Joseph Parish, Hessen-Cassel, to pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Hessen-Cassel, effective August 9, 2015.

## Timeline of key events in life and ministry of Blessed Junipero Serra

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (CNS) — Here is a timeline of key points in the life, ministry and sainthood cause of Blessed Junipero Serra, the 18th-century Spanish missionary to California. Pope Francis is scheduled to canonize the Franciscan friar Sept. 23 during his visit to Washington.

- **1713: Born and baptized Miquel Joseph Nov. 24 in Petra on Mallorca Island in the Mediterranean Sea. His humble family lives near the Franciscan Convento de San Bernardino, where the Serras attend Mass and the young Miquel begins his studies.**
- **1730: Arrives in Palma, enrolls at notable Franciscan school, becomes a novice at 16.**
- **1731: Joins the Franciscans, taking the name Junipero, after a companion of St. Francis of Assisi admired by young Serra as the “greatest exemplar of holy simplicity.”**
- **1737: Finishes studies with high honors. Likely ordained a priest this year.**
- **1740: Appointed professor of theology at the Convento de San Francisco in Palma.**
- **1744: At age 33, assumes the Duns Scots chair of philosophy at Lulling University, Palma.**
- **1749: Receives call to report for missionary duty in the New World. Arrives in Veracruz, Mexico, Dec. 6. He and another Franciscan walk to Mexico City, a 240-mile journey. On the way, he develops a leg sore, possibly from an insect bite. The ulcer afflicts him for the rest of his life.**
- **1750: Is appointed to the Sierra Gorda missions. Works there for nearly eight years. Oversees the construction of new churches.**
- **1752: Becomes commissioner for the office of the Inquisition, with authority to investigate witchcraft, sorcery and heresy.**
- **1758: Assigned to San Saba in region now known as Texas, but his transfer is retracted and he heads back to Mexico City. Works at the College of San Fernando teaching novices and travels the countryside preaching and holding popular missions. (The appointment to San Saba mission was considered too dangerous by his superiors.**



NANCY WIECHEC

A Baptism conducted by California mission friars is shown in a sketch displayed at the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá in San Diego July 27. This drawing is part of a collection of sketches depicting mission life by California artists A.B. Dodge and Alexander Harmer.

- **Two Franciscans were killed in a Comanche raid that destroyed the mission in March.)**
- **1767: Appointed administrator of Baja (Lower) California missions.**
- **1768: Is instructed to leave Baja and move north to establish missions in Alta (Upper) California.**
- **1769: Arrives in San Diego, erects the first in a string of missions that would stretch north to Sonoma.**
- **1770: Establishes Mission San Carlos Borromeo in Carmel, the headquarters for Franciscan efforts in California. He is credited with baptizing at least 530 Indians there.**
- **1773: Journeys to Mexico City and successfully appeals to the Spanish viceroy for more autonomy in California mission affairs, hoping to curtail problems he had with Spanish forces about mission development and operations and treatment of the Indians.**
- **1778: Secures permission to administer sacrament of Confirmation among mission Indians. Confirms 1,716 people at five southern missions.**
- **1782: Mission San Buenaventura is established 70 miles north of present-day Los Angeles. It's the ninth and last Alta California mission founded under Serra's leadership.**
- **1784: Dies Aug. 28 at age 70 at San Carlos in Carmel.**
- **1937: Vatican opens his cause for sainthood.**
- **1988: St. John Paul II presides at his beatification ceremony Sept. 25 in St. Peter's Square.**

- **2015: In January, Pope Francis announces he will canonize Blessed Serra.**

In his desire for missionary work, Blessed Serra was influenced by missionaries who came to the New World before him:

- **St. Francis Solano, a Spanish Franciscan missionary to South America who was canonized in 1726, when Serra was 13. Credited with converting thousands of Indians.**
- **Father Antonio Llinas, a missionary to the Sierra Gorda region and founder of the apostolic College of Santa Cruz in Queretaro, Mexico. The institution trained scores of Franciscan missionaries.**
- **Father Antonio Margil de Jesus, a Spanish Franciscan and missionary to Sierra Gorda and one of the first missionaries to Texas. He walked barefoot and inflicted upon himself brutal punishment and mortifications “to protect his own innocence and to approach the purity of Christ's selfless devotion.”**
- **Sister Maria de Jesus de Agreda, whose visions and reported bilocations in New Mexico led Blessed Serra to believe that Indians would convert to Catholicism upon their first sight of Franciscans.**

Sources: New Catholic Encyclopedia; “Juniper Serra: California's Founding Father,” by Steven W. Hackle; “Guide to Serrano,” Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library.



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. — Mass at Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, Avilla
- Monday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, August 11, 9 a.m. — Mass with Poor Sisters of Saint Clare and Franciscan Brothers Minor, Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Aug. 12 through Aug. 14 — Board Retreat of Ave Maria University, Michigan
- Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. — Mass with Consecration of a Virgin, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Sunday, Aug. 16, 1 p.m. — 175th Anniversary Mass, Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur
- Monday, Aug. 17, 6 p.m. — Bishop's Annual Appeal Dinner, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Aug. 18, 4 p.m. — Blessing of new student residence hall, Ancilla College, Donaldson
- Wednesday, Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Aug. 19, 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Women's Care Center, South Bend
- Thursday, Aug. 20, 12 p.m. — Meeting of Bridgefolk at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart
- Thursday, Aug. 20, 6 p.m. — Bishop's Annual Appeal Dinner, Hilton Garden Inn, Notre Dame
- Saturday, Aug. 22, 5 p.m. — Mass at Saint Bavo Church, Mishawaka

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undercover earlier this year and released in mid-July by a nonprofit California-based organization called the Center for Medical Progress.

Based on those videos, pro-life advocates gathered in South Bend and Fort Wayne as part of the 65 Women Betrayed rallies across the nation. Nearly 200 gathered outside of Sen. Joe Donnelly's office in South Bend on Tuesday, July 28.

Jeanette Burdell, St. Joseph County Right to Life executive director, called the rally “a historic moment in the pro-life movement,” which was surging towards defunding the largest abortion provider in the world, Planned Parenthood.

Indiana has already defunded Planned Parenthood, and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has called for an investigation.

Participants at the South Bend rally asked Sen. Joe Donnelly, a pro-life Democrat, to vote in the Senate to defund Planned Parenthood.

In an Aug. 3 vote Sen. Donnelly and Sen. Dan Coats voted to defund Planned Parenthood. The legislation would have redirected funds to thousands of federally qualified health centers nationwide that provide women's health services and do not perform abortions. The legislation failed, 53-46.

Msr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, gave the opening prayer at the rally. Speaker Carter Sneed, the director of the Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, cut to the heart of the Planned Parenthood's situation by quoting the mother superior of the Sisters of Life: “When you're in the business of killing, lying is easy.”

Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of Holy Family Parish, South Bend, concluded the rally with a prayer calling for God's blessing the holy innocents and on all those working to end the atrocities of abortion in the nation and the world.

In Fort Wayne, approximately 500 advocates gathered at the Allen County Courthouse.

In two videos, top Planned Parenthood physicians describe how abortions are carried out to best salvage fetal tissue and organs for researchers and described a range of prices paid for different body parts.

A third video was an interview with a technician talking about a company she works for harvesting and included graphic footage. As a fourth video was about to be released, the Los Angeles Superior Court July 28 issued an order blocking its release.

Cecile Richards, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, in a statement said that “allegations that Planned Parenthood profits in any way from tissue donation is not true.” She later apologized for “the tone” the physicians used in describing abortion procedures and also argued the videos had been heavily edited to distort the truth.

The Center for Medical Progress has posted the first three videos on its website, [www.centerformedical-progress.org](http://www.centerformedical-progress.org).

“The recent news stories concerning Planned Parenthood direct our attention to two larger issues involving many institutions in our society,” said Cardinal O'Malley. “The first is abortion itself: a direct attack on human life in its most vulnerable condition. The second is the now standard practice of obtaining fetal organs and tissues through abortion.”

“Both actions fail to respect the humanity and dignity of human life,” he said. “This fact should be the center of attention in the present public controversy.”



Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN seeks comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The College will host the visit November 9-10, 2015, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Saint Mary's College has been accredited by the Commission since 1922. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commissions Criteria for Accreditation.

*The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College to:*

**Third-Party Comment on Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN  
The Higher Learning Commission**

**230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1411**

The public may also submit comments on the Commission's website at [www.ncahlc.org](http://www.ncahlc.org)

Comments must be in writing and must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs.

*All comments must be received by October 1, 2015*



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# Don't be afraid or ashamed to go to Confession, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Trusting in God's infinite mercy, people should not be afraid or embarrassed to go to Confession, Pope Francis said.

"There are people who are afraid to go to Confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father," Pope Francis told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square Aug. 2 for the midday recitation of the Angelus prayer.

The pope also told the people gathered under a scalding sun that "when we go to Confession, we feel a bit ashamed. That happens to all of us, but we must remember that this shame is a grace that prepares us for the embrace of the Father, who always forgives and always forgives everything."

In his main address the pope commented on the day's Gospel reading from the Gospel of St. John, which recounts how the crowds followed Jesus after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

"Those people followed Him for the material bread that had placated their hunger the day before," Pope Francis said. "They didn't understand that that bread, broken for many, was the expression of the love of Jesus."

"They gave more value to the bread than to the giver," the pope



CNS PHOTO/ALESSANDRO BIANCHI POOL VIA EPA

**Pope Francis hears Confession during a penitential liturgy in early March in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. During his Aug. 2 Angelus, Pope Francis told people not to be afraid or ashamed to go to Confession.**

said.

Feeding the crowd, he said, Jesus wanted to lead people to the Father and to a life that was about more than just "the daily worries of eating, dressing, success or a career."

Every person has within him or her a hunger for life, for meaning and for eternity, Pope Francis said. Jesus satisfies that hunger with the gift of Himself on the cross and in the Eucharist.

"Jesus does not eliminate

preoccupations and the search for daily bread," the pope said. However, "Jesus reminds us that the real meaning of our earthly existence is the end — eternity — the encounter with Him, who is gift and giver."

In giving Himself, Pope Francis said, Jesus also gives people a task: "that we, in turn, satisfy the spiritual and material hunger of our brothers and sisters by proclaiming the Gospel everywhere."



## Report abuse

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

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

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

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

# Catholic officials, others react to Boy Scouts' decision to allow openly gay leaders

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The top leaders of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting have made an uneasy peace with the Boy Scouts of America's decision July 27 to allow openly gay troop leaders and employees to serve in their ranks at the national level.

The Boy Scouts' decision does not affect decisions about leaders made by local troops and councils and also permits religiously chartered Scout troops to choose leaders whose values are consistent with those of the sponsoring faith.

"It is not entirely clear how these rights will be squared with previous policy changes the Boy Scouts have made ... but it appears that the resolution respects the needs of Catholic-chartered organizations in the right to choose leaders whose character and conduct are consistent with those of Catholic teaching," said a July 27 statement from Edward Martin, national chairman, and Father Michael Hanifin, national chaplain, for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

"At the same time, we express strong concern about the practical implications of this resolution, especially for our young people in Scouting, and whether the term 'sexual orientation' will be correctly understood and applied only in reference to sexual inclination and not to sexual conduct or behavior," they said.

"The resolution also affirms a chartered organization's right to select its unit leaders based on its religious principles, rejects any interference with that right, and provides that local Scout councils will not interfere with chartered organizations' rights in this regard," said a July 28 statement from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone of Charleston, South Carolina. "As chartering organizations, individual parishes, institutions and Catholic schools have always had this right."

In their statement, Martin and Father Hanifin said they also were concerned that the new resolution "articulates a position on adult sexual conduct that does not make clear that sexual behavior should be reserved to a husband and a wife in marriage."

They described an "increasingly challenging" situation with regard to differences in religious and societal beliefs that led to the policy change, but added: "We recognize the vital



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**In this June 29, 2014, file photo, a Boy Scout carries a rainbow flag during the San Francisco Gay Pride Festival in California. Boy Scouts of America has lifted a ban on openly gay troop leaders.**

importance of providing a Catholic emphasis to Catholic Scouts and Scouters seeking ways to live out their 'duty to God.'

"Our youth don't want to leave Scouting. ... Let's continue this important journey together and pray for the future of Scouting!" Martin and Father Hanifin said.

About 70 percent of Boy Scout troops are run by faith-based groups. The Mormon church, whose troops account for 17 percent of all Boy Scouts, strongly criticized the policy change.

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is deeply troubled by today's vote," said a July 27 news release. "When the leadership of the church resumes its regular schedule of meetings in August, the century-long association with Scouting will need to be examined."

The statement said the church has been examining alternatives, especially for Mormon boys who live in areas without a Boy Scouts presence.

The new policy was crafted by the Scouts' top leaders, including Robert Gates, the former defense secretary who is now the Scouts' president. According to the Scouts, 79 percent of its executive board members on a July 27 conference call approved the new policy.

The numbers of Boy Scouts has been slipping in recent years. Faced

with criticism over the organization's policies toward gays, as well as lawsuits against the Boy Scouts and declining business support, the Scouts allowed openly gay youths to join in 2013. Membership dropped 6 percent that year, and slipped another 7 percent last year to 2.4 million. The drop was attributed to departures by some evangelical churches over the 2013 policy change.

When a Boy Scouts committee unanimously recommended July 13 that the ban on gay troop leaders and employees be rescinded, the Southern Baptist Convention looked askance at the move.

Russell Moore, president of the denomination's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, predicted an even greater exodus of Baptists from the Scouts, and expressed skepticism the Scouts would hold the line on protecting the rights of churches and other religious institutions.

"At every point, the Scout leadership tells us that they will go this far and no farther, but here we are again — so it's hard for me to believe, in the long term, that the Boy Scouts will allow religious groups to have the freedom to choose their own leaders," Moore told Baptist Press July 14. "In recent years I have seen a definite cooling on the part of Baptist churches toward the Scouts. This will probably bring that cooling to a freeze."

## 'WALK WITH FRANCIS' SERVICE PLEDGE DRIVE LAUNCHED IN HONOR OF VISIT

WASHINGTON (CNS)

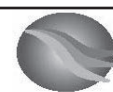
— In anticipation of Pope Francis' September visit to Washington, the Archdiocese of Washington and its Catholic Charities arm have launched an effort



that challenges members of the local community to reach out to those in need. Called the "Walk With Francis Pledge," the campaign invites people to serve others in their community and then share their pledge on social media. The pledge involves three ways to participate in that "walk":

- Through prayer and learning about the faith: <http://walkwithfrancis.org/pledge/pray>.
- Through charitable service to others: <http://walkwithfrancis.org/pledge/serve>.
- Through taking to spread the Gospel in families, workplaces and public policy: <http://walkwithfrancis.org/pledge/act>.

The campaign was announced by Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl and Msgr. John Enzler, president and CEO of Catholic Charities, at a July 22 news conference at the agency's headquarters in Washington.



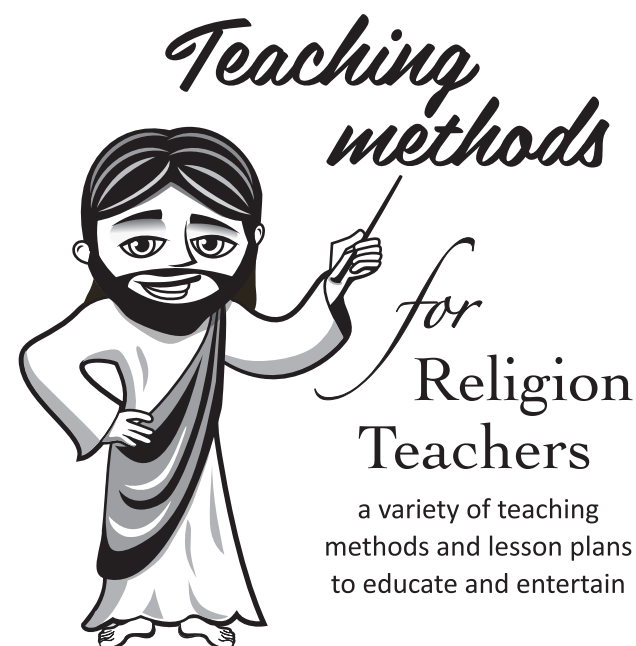
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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Cardinal Baum, longest serving U.S. cardinal, witnessed, made history

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal William W. Baum, the archbishop of Washington from 1973 to 1980, died July 23 at the age of 88 after a long illness. He was a cardinal for 39 years — the longest such tenure in U.S. Church history. Cardinal Baum witnessed history from the Second Vatican Council through the election of the first Latin American pope, and he made history himself. By the spring of 2011, he had worn the red cardinal's hat for nearly 35 years and surpassed the record of Baltimore Cardinal James Gibbons, who had been a cardinal from 1886 until his death in 1921. The soft-spoken Cardinal Baum, whom some of the Vatican's Swiss Guards called "the gentle cardinal," found no merit in his longevity. "It's a gift from God," he said. Services for Cardinal Baum will include a vigil from 3-6:30 p.m., July 30, at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, a vigil Mass the same day at 7 p.m. and a funeral Mass at the cathedral at 2 p.m. July 31. Interment will be in the crypt of the cathedral. His death leaves the College of Cardinals with 200 members, 120 of whom are under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave.

## House limits number allowed in chamber to hear papal address to Congress

WASHINGTON (CNS) — House members voted July 28 to limit the number of people allowed in the House Chamber Sept. 24 when Pope Francis addresses a joint meeting of Congress. The vote, which was part of a procedural measure, excludes former members of Congress and former House officers and chaplains from attending the papal address. Those allowed to attend include: members of Congress, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, Supreme Court justices, current House officers, the librarian of Congress, architect of the Capitol and department heads. The vote also approved of "other persons as designated by the Speaker." House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, invited the pope and requested the vote to limit the audience. Emily Schillinger, a spokeswoman for Boehner's office said there is "a tremendous amount of interest in the pope's visit and we are working to ensure as many people as possible can attend." She said the vote was "to make sure that attendance at the joint meeting does not exceed the capacity of the chamber to hold a safe and dignified event."

## Appellate panel reverses decision that favored pro-life pharmacists

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals July 23 reversed a lower court ruling that had granted some pro-life pharmacists at a Ralph's grocery store pharmacy in Washington state the right

## NATIVE AMERICANS DANCE AT TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE



CNS PHOTO/LAWRENCE CHATAGNIER, BAYOU CATHOLIC

Native Americans in full regalia dance at a powwow July 24 during the 76th annual Tekakwitha Conference in Alexandria, Louisiana.

on religious grounds to refuse to stock emergency contraception or fill such prescriptions. The pharmacists say they will appeal the ruling to the full 9th Circuit. The plaintiffs are challenging Washington state pharmacy board rules that say pharmacists cannot refuse to dispense drugs they say are contrary to their conscience, nor can they refer customers to other pharmacists who will fill such prescriptions. The court rejected three specific claims lodged by the plaintiffs, who are two pharmacists and a pharmacy owner: equal protection, free exercise and due process, the last of which had been rejected by the lower court but was considered anew by the appellate court. The judicial panel held that the rules, promulgated by the Washington Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, were neutral on their face. One day before the rules were to take effect in 2007, the plaintiffs had sued to block their implementation.

## Three auxiliary bishops named for Los Angeles; one resignation accepted

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis has named three auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and accepted the resignation of Auxiliary Bishop Gerald E. Wilkerson, who at age 75 is retiring. The changes were announced July 21 in Washington by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States. The pope appointed two Los Angeles priests and one Chicago priest as auxiliaries.

The Chicago priest is Father Robert Barron, 55, a native of the city who has served as rector of Mundelein and president of the University of St. Mary of the Lake, also in Mundelein, Illinois, since 2012. He is the founder of the global Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and has long been involved in media ministry. Msgr. Joseph V. Brennan, 61, vicar general and moderator of the curia in Los Angeles since 2013, is a native of Van Nuys, California, whose studies and assignments have all been in the Southern California archdiocese. Msgr. David G. O'Connell, 61, is a native of County Cork, Ireland, who studied at All Hallows College in Dublin before being ordained a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1979.

## Mayors to promote equality, environmental protection in their cities

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Many of the mayors who met July 21 with Pope Francis stayed at the Vatican for a second day of discussions focused on city planning that promotes economic growth, equality and environmental protection simultaneously. Jeffrey Sachs, a U.S. economist and head of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, told the mayors that Pope Francis' call for "integral human development" matches the United Nations' definition of sustainable development, which promotes "economic growth that is socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable." In such an approach, he said, there is a "triple bottom line:

the economic, social and environmental are on a par." However, he said, "as Pope Francis constantly reminds us, that is not how the world works today." Financial profit, the pope has said, seems to be the only goal and that, Sachs said, "doesn't work for human well-being." New York Mayor Bill de Blasio asked the mayors why people are still so committed to outdated models of economic growth when that "model of development is slowly killing us."

## 'We must recommit ourselves to end' death penalty, say USCCB chairmen

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Catholic faith tradition "offers a unique perspective on crime and punishment, one grounded in mercy and healing, not punishment for its own sake," two bishops said in a statement renewing the U.S. Catholic Church's push to end the death penalty. "No matter how heinous the crime, if society can protect itself without ending a human life, it should do so. Today, we have this capability," wrote Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston and Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami. The two prelates are the chairmen, respectively, of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. The message, dated July 16, commemorated the 10th anniversary of the bishops' Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty and their message "A Culture of Life and the Penalty

of Death," which accompanied the campaign. The U.S. bishops, who have long advocated against capital punishment, began the ongoing campaign in 2005.

## Pornography is sexualizing nation's children, say speakers

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pornography is sexualizing the innocence of the nation's young children, causing a race to adulthood before the end of childhood. Young girls are being bombarded with photo-shopped images and are buying into unrealistic expectations set before them at an age meant for skinned knees and the Disney Channel. Those were some of the concerns raised at a Capitol Hill symposium July 14 where experts in the field of pornography research spoke about the significant negative effects the production and viewing of pornography has had on children. "Our entire culture is getting our girls porn ready," said Gail Dines, a professor of sociology and women's studies at Wheelock College in Boston. "It hypersexualizes them at a young age." According to Dr. Sharon Cooper, the CEO of Development and Forensic Pediatrics, children learn from what they see, and Cordelia Anderson, founder of Sensibilities Prevention Services, believes that "pornography is teaching young girls to be products." "Our children are going from Dr. Seuss to porn," said Anderson.

## Lafayette bishop offers prayers in wake of theater shooting

LAFAYETTE, La. (CNS) — Bishop Michael Jarrell of Lafayette offered prayers and sympathy to the victims of a multiplex cinema shooting July 23 in Lafayette in which two were killed and nine wounded. "On behalf of the Catholic faithful in the Diocese of Lafayette, we offer our deepest sympathies to the families of the victims of the shooting at the Grand Theater in Lafayette," Bishop Jarrell said in a July 23 statement. "We are all shocked and saddened by this tragedy. We pray that everyone affected by this horror may feel the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus surrounding them during this difficult time." The gunman, identified as John Russell Houser, 59, opened fire about 20 minutes into a screening of the movie "Trainwreck." Of the 13 shots he fired, 11 hit audience members who were watching the film. There were about 300 people inside the 16-screen cinema at the time of the shooting, about 7:30 p.m. Central time. Police said Houser had intended to blend in with the fleeing patrons, but when he saw police outside the theater, he went back inside and fatally shot himself. No motive was offered for the shooting, and police acknowledged during a July 24 news conference they may not find a motive. Police added Houser had mental health issues, and that his wife had sought a restraining order against him in 2008. They said he had another magazine of ammunition with him at the theater to continue his shooting spree.

## The Franciscan Center seeks donations

FORT WAYNE — The Franciscan Center of Fort Wayne is seeking donations for its operations after reporting a recent drop in financial assistance. An envelope is enclosed in this week's *Today's Catholic*.

The center has been in operations for 26 years and operates independently from the diocese.

Executive Director Tony Ley reports, "We have three main programs — food pantry, medicine cabinet and sack lunch program. These programs offer supplemental food relief, health and wellness items, and our store is able to offer emergency clothing help in special cases."

The Franciscan Center renders services over 80,000 times each year.

"Our sack lunch program serves over 800 individuals every week, while our food pantry serves over 350 families each week," Ley notes.

Clients of The Franciscan Center do not fall into a particular level of income to receive services. "Our position is that if you come to us for help, we'll offer you what we can," Ley says.

Regarding cash flow, Ley says, "We are 75 percent donor supported, and we want to maintain our donor relationships without 'wearing them out.'" The thrift store operated by The Franciscan Center accounts for 25 percent of their total budget. Each fall the center hosts a dinner auction night, which is scheduled Oct. 24 this year.

In addition to the monetary donations, people may assist the center with in-kind donations of food, hygiene products and other health and wellness items or offer patronage to the thrift store located at 925 E. Coliseum Blvd.

## Bishop Luers makes service trip to Haiti

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Luers High School French Club made a service trip to Haiti July 27-Aug. 5 and served in an orphanage, a school for homeless children and worked a construction project. They visited a remote village to deliver much-needed supplies.

In preparation for the trip, the students studied the history and culture of Haiti and raised funds for the trip. In addition, each student contributed \$100 to the project funds account.

Bishop Luers students hoped to witness to God's love for all of His people through the following project goals: Purchase/install an institutional grade playground at a school that serves 280 children; help supply school supplies to two schools; side plywood houses, which were built after the earthquake; support a program that gives a pair of breeding goats to needy families for milk and meat; pack and deliver hygiene kits, medical supplies and school supplies to distribute to the children and their families; meet some of the needs of an orphanage for groceries and medical supplies. Any extra funds were used to sponsor tuition for orphans and homeless children to attend school.

Follow the service trip on the blog at <http://blshaiti2015.blogspot.com/>.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## DIOCESAN CATECHISTS ATTEND ST. JOHN BOSCO CONFERENCE



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Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend participants at the St. John Bosco Conference for religious educators and catechists at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio, included, from left Alice Wheeler, St. John the Evangelist, Goshen; Laurie Soulliere, St. Anthony of Padua, Angola; Debbie Baum, Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne; and Nancy O'Connor and Kelly Miller, both from St. Pius X, Granger.

## Brother McCaffery to make first profession to the Dominican Order

SOUTH BEND — Brother Adrian McCaffery will make first profession to the Dominican Order on Sunday, Aug. 9, along with five other classmates.

Brother Adrian is the son of Patrick and Cheryl-Lee McCaffery of South Bend. They are members of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

McCaffery graduated from Marian High School in Mishawaka in 2007 and attended Immaculate Heart of Mary minor seminary in Winona, Minnesota, from 2007-2011. He then worked for the Dominican Sisters Home Health Care in Denver and began a graduate program at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., at which time he decided to enter the Dominican Order in the Central Province.

The novitiate is a one-year period of discernment under the guidance of a novice master. The emphasis of this year is growth in personal self-awareness and development, and growth in prayer and learning the ways of Dominican community life. During profession, these men take vows of chastity, poverty and obedience.



BROTHER ADRIAN MCCAFFERY

The six novices making profession will join 17 other student brothers in St. Louis. The students live in community at St. Dominic Priory and attend Aquinas Institute of Theology for their theological education as seminarians for the next six years.

The Province of St. Albert the Great consists of 14 Midwestern states, including Indiana.

## Sisters celebrate jubilees

WISCONSIN — The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis held their annual jubilee celebration on Saturday, June 13, at St. Joseph Motherhouse in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Celebrating her 60th jubilee is Sister Rose Margaret Firkus, who entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis congregation in 1954 from St. Stephen Parish in Stevens Point.

After four years of teaching, Sister Rose Margaret received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Alverno College and began hospital ministry. She served for 10 years as co-director of prevention for AIDS Ministries in South Bend. Sister Rose retired in 2009, and continues to volunteer her time at a homeless shelter and serves Holy Spirit Parish in Kimberly, Wisconsin.



SISTER ROSE MARGARET FIRKUS

## 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 Thursday, 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@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:cblack@diocesefwsb.org) or 260-399-1436.

## Central Catholic Alumni Association announces recipient of Spirit Award

FORT WAYNE — The Central Catholic Alumni Association has announced that Liz Kuras, Bishop Luers class of 2015, is this year's recipient of the Central Catholic Spirit Award.

This award symbolizes the attitude of Central Catholic alumni, who all came to realize the importance that a Catholic high school education at Central Catholic High School holds. Bishop Luers has honored the memory of Central Catholic through its devotion to integrity, to the Catholic faith,

and to the cherished memory of a high school that was outstanding in the fields of sports and competition as well as academic achievements.

## A tribute to Our Lady of Fatima to be held in Ohio

MARIA STEIN, Ohio — Devotions will be conducted in honor of the Mother of God on Friday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Spiritual Center, Maria Stein, Ohio. This is the 21st year for this event. It will begin with a Mass with Bishop Joseph Binzer, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, as the main celebrant. After Mass the rosary will be recited during a candlelight procession around the grounds.

Participants may want to bring a lawn chair (no seating is provided) and a flashlight. There will be handicap and bus parking and general parking on the grounds.

The Spiritual Center is located on St. John Road, Maria Stein. From U.S. Route 127, go east on State Route 119 to St. John Rd., then north one half mile. For information: [www.spiritualcenter.net](http://www.spiritualcenter.net) or 419-925-7625.

## Two SJHS cheerleaders chosen as All American

SOUTH BEND — Six Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, cheerleaders participated in a special competition during the UCA Camp at Ball State University. Two were chosen — senior Kelsey Hartman and junior Rachel Schmitt — as All American Cheerleaders. As a result, they have the chance to participate in special parades with other cheerleaders from across the United States.

Junior Meghan Hickey was asked to try out as a member of the UCA cheer squad, a group that offers cheer camps across the country and sponsors competitions.

## AP Scholars recognized at Saint Joseph High School

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School announced that 52 students have been named AP Scholars. The 2014-2015 school year concluded with 21 AP Scholars, 10 AP Scholars with honors, 21 AP Scholars with distinction, five of whom were also named National AP Scholars.

The AP Program offers several AP Scholar Awards to recognize high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams.

AP Scholars are granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. AP Scholars with honors are awarded to students who receive an average score of 3.25 on all AP exams, and scores of three or higher on four or more of those exams. AP Scholars with distinction are presented to students who receive an average score of 3.5 on all exams, and a 3 or higher on five or more exams. National AP honors are bestowed on students who receive a score of at least 4 on all exams, and a 4 or higher on eight exams or more.

# World Youth Day registration begins; pope is first person to sign up

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis was the first pilgrim to sign up for World Youth Day to be held in Krakow, Poland, launching the opening of registration.

Accompanied by two Polish teenagers who wore World Youth Day 2016 T-shirts, the pope had to make a couple of attempts pressing the screen of a tablet before his online registration went through.

"There. With this electronic device I have signed up for the day as a pilgrim," he told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square July 26 for his Angelus address.

The pope said, "I wanted to be the one to open registration" in front of everyone gathered for the Angelus and in the company of two teens on the day sign-ups began July 26.

The celebrations July 26-31,

2016, will come during the Holy Year of Mercy, which Pope Francis proclaimed to invite people to follow the merciful example of God, the Father.

World Youth Day "will be, in a certain sense, a jubilee of youth" during the holy year, as its theme is also about being merciful toward others, the pope said.

God's merciful power through Jesus "heals every ill of body and spirit," the pope said before praying the Angelus.

Reflecting on the day's Gospel reading, St. John's account of the multiplication of loaves and fish, Pope Francis said the story shows how the disciples tried to find a "market"-based solution by calculating how much money they would need to feed the large, hungry crowd that had gathered by the Sea of Galilee.

"But Jesus substitutes the logic of buying with another logic, the logic of giving" when he points to the generous gift offered by the

boy who offered to give all that he had: five small loaves and two fish.

Even though people could not see how such a small contribution could make a difference, "God is able to multiply our tiny gestures of solidarity and let us participate in His gift," the pope said.

Jesus offers "fullness of life for those who hunger. He satisfies not only material hunger, but also that deeper hunger — the hunger for meaning in life, the hunger for God," Pope Francis said.

Complaining does nothing to solve the many problems in life, "but we can offer that little we have like the boy in the Gospel," he said.

Everyone has some kind of talent or skill as well as time, he said. "If we are willing to put them in the Lord's hands they will be enough so that there will be a little bit more love, peace, justice and above all joy in the world."

## DIOCESAN YOUNG PEOPLE MEET FOR WYD PREPARATIONS



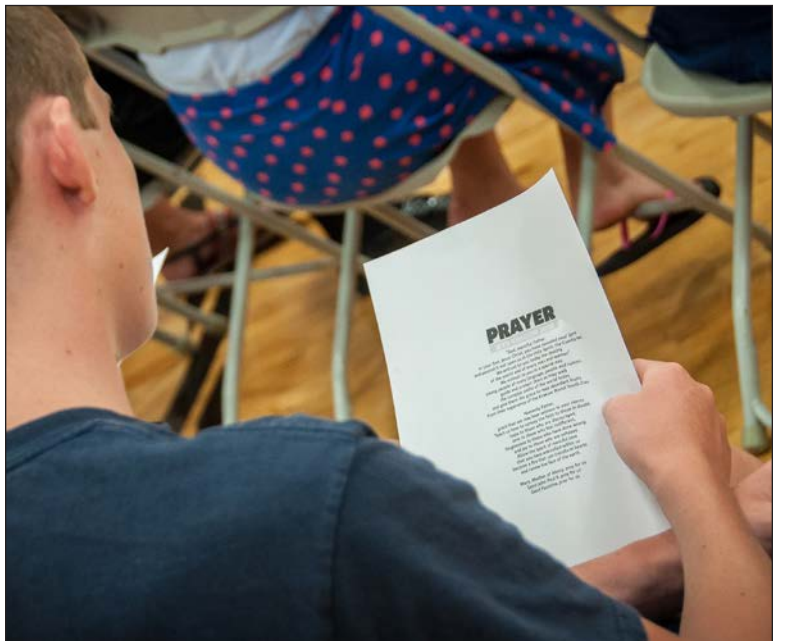
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Teens and young adults from across the diocese gathered with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, for prayer and discussion July 23 about World Youth Day 2016 in Poland. For more information about the pilgrimage trip from July 21 through Aug. 1, 2016, visit [sites.diocesefwsb.org/wyd/](http://sites.diocesefwsb.org/wyd/).



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Pope Francis is flanked by two Polish youths as he uses a tablet to officially open online registration for World Youth Day 2016 in Poland.





# Central Catholic graduates gather 70 years later

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Although they walked, rode bikes or took public transportation to high school, this was the class that ushered in the atomic age, associated high school with WWII and observed the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the only U.S. president they had ever known. This was the class that at an impressionable age watched worried parents pray for siblings far away in the heat of the tropics or the frozen forests of Europe ... parents who tensed forward and stared at the family radio as battle news or any news about the armed forces came forth.

Twenty-two members out of 282 of Central Catholic's class of '45 met for a reunion luncheon at the Towne House Retirement Home in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, July 22. They were joined by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades who in his prayer before the meal asked for a blessing on those present who came from California, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio and Indiana and the entire class including those absent and the 168 known deceased.

Jack Krouse recalled that he didn't actually graduate; he was drafted into the Army and spent what would have been his senior year in the field artillery. One day



JERRY KESSENS

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joined 22 members of the Class of '45 of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne for their 70th reunion on July 22. As old friends discussed World War II and old times, one could almost hear the Andrews Sisters singing "Rum and Coca-Cola."**

an officer looked at the lanky Jack and asked if he had ever played basketball. "Yes, sir" was the answer and Jack was redrafted as an Army jock and spent the next 26 months playing basketball and baseball. He was then discharged,

completed a GED test and received his diploma from Central Catholic.

Maurice (Moe) Ehinger enjoyed sports at Central Catholic. He played various positions on the basketball team and halfback

in football. As was the custom, he went home for lunch near St. Peter's and continues to be a parishioner there today.

Norma Gerhardstein Wilkinson lived across the street from St. Mary's Church. She went home

for lunch, too and then hurried back to school to join 50 others for glee club practice, her favorite high school activity. Norma still sings. For 57 years she has been a member of the funeral choir at St. Therese in Fort Wayne.

One of Joe Dahm's vivid memories of Central Catholic is that two students drove cars to school. Everyone else walked, biked, bussed or got dropped off. Joe also recalls 7:30 a.m. daily Mass in the gym, a nearly solid religious faculty; priests and Sisters of Providence ... favorite hangouts — Gardners, Manicho's, Maloley's grocery store — and tuition of \$75 a year.

Pulling a 70th reunion together is no easy task but Sandy Kowal did it with style. Sandy is the daughter of class member Grace Troop Ley, and has the sincere appreciation of the following members of the Central Catholic Class of '45 who attended. Ray Sanders, Florence Knight Issacs, Marie Meyer Jordan, Ralph Deitche, Betty Herber Landin, Tom Kleber, Ray Tobin, Martha Jane Wolfe Zuber, Barbara Bonahoom Davenport, Joe Winebrenner, Bernice Gebhart, Bob Morken, Maurice Ehinger, Jim Fanger, Tom Seculoff, Norma Gerhardstein Wilkinson, Joe Dahm, Joe Naumcheff, Patricia Furge Waltke, Grace Troop Ley, Jack Krouse and Dick Weaver.

## HAYES

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Becoming a consecrated virgin is primarily a spiritual change, she says. In addition to her daily prayer life, Hayes will be of service to others and her parish on behalf of the diocese. How she will serve will be discerned with the bishop, who is her superior.

Services to the faith community Hayes has provided in the past include teaching classes for the Poor Clare Sisters and assisting with St. Vincent de Paul Parish Lifeteen program. Her involvement at St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, her home parish, include serving as choir member, RCIA instructor and teaching in different capacities.

At Bishop Dwenger, Hayes teaches theology and a class on the dignity of women as well as being involved with the Saints for Life pro-life student group. She was cross-country and track coach for many years.

A self-professed "later in life vocation" Hayes says, "This will be my final and only vows, so a lot of the preparation in the spiritual life was done on my own leading up to that point." That preparation included "an awful lot of silence and solitude in my prayer life. I already had a good foundation for the spiritual life but what I hadn't had up to that point were good tools for discern-

ing my vocation."

She has found that for women, unless actively pursuing a religious order, there is no specific direction for those interested in a religious vocation. She plans to address that void especially in her classes in hopes of facilitating change in the future.

Taking the time to investigate all the states in life available to her — religious life, married life, singlehood — and discerning the positives and subjective negatives brought her to an awareness of her call. "Being able to articulate where I was happiest and discerning what God was asking of me by those desires of my heart," she says.

This unique vocation is of great value to the Church, says Hayes. "A consecrated virgin is the image of the Church. She is one that is receiving all that she is from Christ — her very identity. It's a sign that all of us are called to be open to the will of God."

The Mass with the Rite of Consecration to a Life of Virginity, celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in parts is a reflection of an ordination, Hayes says, including the calling of the candidate, liturgy of the Word, prostration for the litany of saints, statement of intentions and the prayer of consecration. Hayes will be adorned in a wedding dress as a bride of Christ. She will be presented with a veil, a ring and the Liturgy of the Hours and take a

vow of lifelong virginity.

"I'm giving myself in a way that I can't take back. It's total, it's complete, it's a public confession. This is what my role is in the Church," she says. Several supportive Women's Dignity students will be involved in the ceremony with two readings, four presentations of the gifts and six will be handing out programs.

Following her consecration the cadence of her prayer life will include the liturgy of the hours, daily Mass and recitation of the rosary. "It's being committed to the prayers of the Church," she says, adding she prays daily morning, evening and night prayers.

This life of consecrated virginity is not like that of a single woman. She will no longer do whatever she wants with her time, money and freedom, but rather as someone married to Christ. All the decisions about life and all that she has and is are always considered in the life of Christ.

Hayes is humbled and grateful for the opportunity to live out God's call on her life as a consecrated virgin and says, "My hope is for greater faithfulness in living the Christian life and surrendering each day my will to God's will. And with that holiness the ability then to love as Christ loves."

"It's a pretty simple life," says Hayes joyfully, adding, "it's very happy, but pretty simple."

## Quick facts about a consecrated virgin

- Consecrated virginity is the oldest recognized form of consecrated life in the Catholic Church, predating religious life by centuries.
- Well-known consecrated virgins from the early Church include the martyrs St. Agnes, St. Agatha, St. Cecilia and St. Lucy. Contemporary consecrated virgins include Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.
- Consecrated virginity is one of the only forms of women's consecrated life, which involves a deep spiritual bond with the local Church, unlike religious sisters who leave their diocese to live in community.
- Consecrated virgins are called to dedicate their lives to prayer for, and service to, their home diocese.
- Where religious vows are essentially promises that an individual actively makes to God, consecration to a life of virginity is a solemn blessing, which a woman passively receives from God through the ministry of the bishop. Because of this, the consecration itself is permanent and can never be dispensed.
- One of a consecrated virgin's most primary obligations is prayer, fulfilled through attendance at daily Mass, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, and spending time in personal prayer and spiritual reading.
- Consecrated virgins serve as a witness and reminder to the fact that Christ is the ultimate fulfillment, not only of the longings of the human heart, but also of all time and history.
- A consecrated virgin lives within her diocese among family, parish community and others.
- A consecrated virgin must provide for her own material needs, medical care and retirement. At no time is the diocese financially responsible for her.
- The United States Association of Consecrated Virgins (USACV) is a voluntary association for women in the United States who have received the Consecration of Virgins for women living in the world, according to the pertinent provisions of Canon Law. The United States Association of Consecrated Virgins (USACV) is available to support its members in the faithful living out of their vocation to consecrated virginity. [www.consecratedvirgins.org](http://www.consecratedvirgins.org)
- In the world there are approximately 3,000 consecrated virgins in at least 42 countries, with an estimated 215 in the U.S.

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# Recall the past, value the present

BY TIM JOHNSON

## St. Mary the Assumption, Decatur celebrates 175 years

DECATUR — There is a celebration of faith at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Decatur — a celebration of 175 years. But first, the planners of the parish had to consider, just when the celebration should begin.

St. Mary parishioner Louise Wolpert chairs the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and Roxyann Casper serves as secretary. Wolpert, who is also the county historian and works at the library, discovered the parish celebrated its centennial in 1938. The first Mass celebrated in Decatur was in 1838. However, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish was celebrated in 1990. On Nov. 12, 1840, the congregation was named St. Mary of the Assumption as Mass had been celebrated in homes, a tavern and even in the first framed courthouse. The first church was dedicated in 1847.

So the committee made up of several parishioners celebrated the 175<sup>th</sup> by honoring both dates and included activities for the last two years, beginning with Mass on the feast of the Assumption in 2013 and ending with the feast of the Assumption (Aug. 15) this year. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate at 1 p.m. Mass at St. Mary on Aug. 16 to close the celebration.

“St. Mary of the Assumption Parish stands upon the shoulders of all who have shown forth the Light of Christ and the Catholic faith in the Decatur community for the past 175 years,” described Father David Voors, who is the pastor of the parish with 1,227 registered families. “St. Mary’s is blessed in its long history and continues to proclaim the values of Jesus Christ. Our vitality comes from the same source as it has for the past 175 years, namely, being empowered by Sunday Mass, God’s Word and sacraments, and our desire to take on the likeness of Christ. Our parish is great not because of one or two members — but because of all.”

And St. Mary of the Assumption has many ways for “all” to form a community of faith.

Parishioner Roxyann Casper said the parish is “so blessed” with Father Voors as pastor. The parish is also served by Vincentian Congregation Father Jose Panamattathil as parochial vicar.

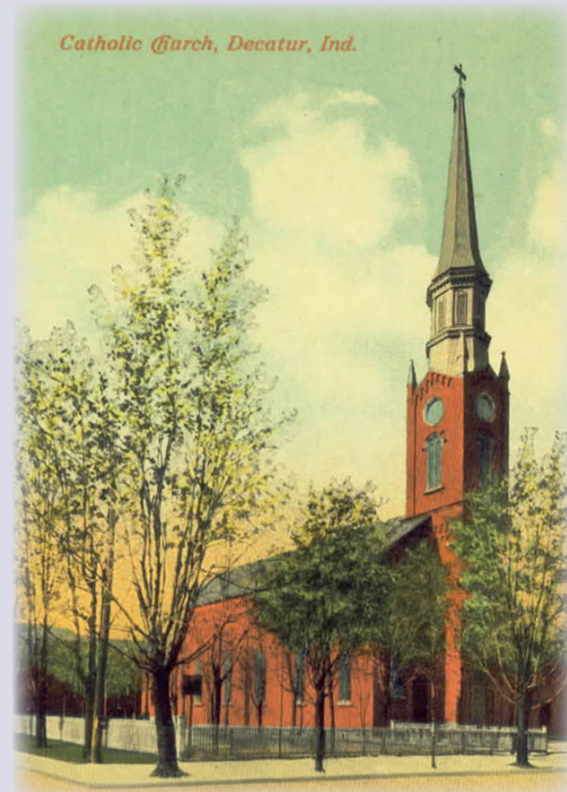
Known for his prayerfulness, Father Voors initiated the recitation of the Hail Mary at the end of every Mass for peace or Father Voors’ designation. The parish offers Eucharistic Exposition Monday through Wednesday, 4:30-6 p.m., Thursday from 8:45-9:45 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m.

“He has really focused our parish on prayer life,” noted Casper.

During the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the



As St. Mary of the Assumption celebrates its 175th anniversary, the parish grounds lend well to the prayerful beauty of the community. Above is the church located at 414 Madison St. in downtown Decatur.



Catholic Church, Decatur, Ind.

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The church from 1874 is shown above.



The restored statue from the old church is in the parish center.

# and build a future



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St. Joseph School is shown above.



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Father David Voors, pastor, receives a deed commemorating the first church in a 175th anniversary celebration.

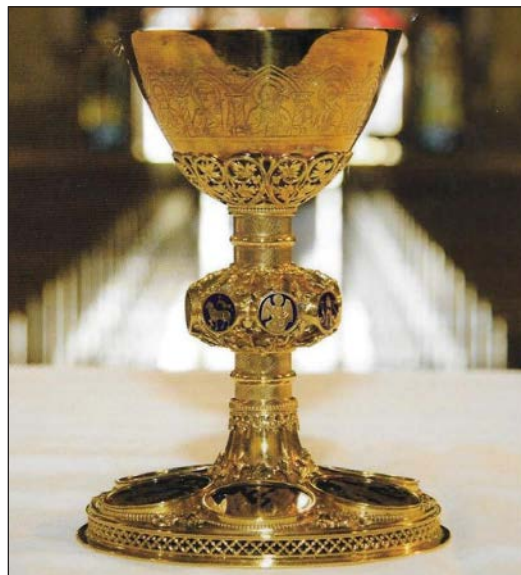
## Historical highlights

- 1838 — First Mass in Decatur celebrated by Father Louis Mueller
- 1844 — Cemetery purchased in the southeastern part of the city
- 1846 — First church was built
- 1848 — First church bell purchased for \$60 and shipped by canal from Cincinnati to Fort Wayne, then overland to Decatur
- 1852 — Father H.S. Schulties, first resident pastor, builds first rectory
- 1865 — Plans made for new church by Father John Wemhoff
- 1875 — New church completed by Father F. Von Schwedler
- 1880 — Father H. Theodore Wilken comes to Decatur, builds new school in 1881, new rectory in 1885
- 1894 — Forty acres purchased for a new cemetery west of the city
- 1915 — Commercial course added to school curriculum
- 1919 — Commercial course supplemented by a four-year high school course
- 1923 — School dedicated
- 1838 — Centennial celebration of the founding of St. Mary's Parish
- 1948 — Brick church built in 1846 abandoned as a safety hazard. Church religious services were held in the school auditorium
- 1954 — May 31, new church dedicated by Archbishop John F. Noll
- 1962 — First organization of Home and School Association. Sisters of St. Agnes move into new home with same materials as church and is a tie-in with the school, providing five additional classrooms on the first floor
- 1967 — Closing of Decatur Catholic High School. Formal instruction classes for students in public schools conducted by Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) personnel in St. Joseph School
- 1973 — Spanish Mass implemented at 4 p.m. once a month
- 1987 — Barbara McClure assigned as first lay principal of St. Joseph Catholic School
- 1990 — Sesquicentennial celebration of St. Mary's Parish
- 1994 — St. Joseph Kiddie Center opens daycare (utilizing both school and convent)
- 2009 — Gymnasium completed at cost of \$1,032,000 and dedicated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy
- 2011 — Ground breaking for Parish Hall
- 2012 — Parish Hall completed at cost of \$1,546,000 and dedicated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

## 175th anniversary activities

Aug. 2013 — Rededication of restored statue, Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary from 1874 church  
 Sept. 2013 — Mary Prayer Garden and sculpture dedication  
 Oct. 2013 — St. Joseph Cemetery, founding families, rosary  
 Nov. 2013 — Lot 155 Rededication (original lot)  
 Dec. 2013 — St. Mary Choir Concert  
 July 2014 — Family Picnic at K of C  
 Sept. 2014 — School display (construction pictures, yearbooks, school newspapers)  
 Oct. 2014 — Fond du Lac Trip to Sisters of St. Agnes sponsored by Women of St. Mary  
 Nov. 2014 through March 2015 — Hail Mary Prayer in Latin, Spanish, German, French, Gaelic  
 April 2015 — Open House  
 May 2015 — May Crowning and Procession  
 June 2015 — Movie (interviews with parishioners) and popcorn  
 July 2015 — Latin Mass  
 Aug. 9, 2015 — "Gems of the Bible and Our Mosaic"  
 Aug. 16, 2015 — Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades using the historic chalice

## About the historic chalice



For his 25th jubilee, Father Julius A. Seimetz, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption from 1914-1932, received a gold and enameled chalice cast in Oberammergau, Germany. With names of the priests engraved on the bottom, Father Seimetz willed it to the next son of St. Mary of the Assumption ordained as a priest. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will use the chalice when he celebrates Mass on Aug. 16.

## ST. MARY

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parish distributed 25 prayer cards, one a month, to parishioners.

Father Voors also welcomed faith and parish enrichment such as Christ Renews His Parish, faith-sharing communities and ARISE Together With Christ, which included almost 400 participants.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society operates a food pantry and clothing goods store. Other parish life organizations include Y-Disciples, a parish bookstore, choir, Sunday religious education, prayer chain, Communion calls, altar flowers, church cleaning teams, the Mary and Martha Circle that provides food at funeral dinners, the St. Joseph Cemetery, Women of St. Mary and St. Mary Fall Fest.

The parish has a men's group including Rekindle the Fire. The Knights of Columbus Msgr. J. J. Siemetz Assembly 257 is also very active with many projects. The Knights gather one Sunday a month and pray for life issues, raise money for those with special needs, and for the Birthday Ministries, a ministry that operates Andy's Coney Bar, where those with special needs work as volunteers and sell hotdogs and root beer. The Knights also provide scholarships.

The ministry of St. Joseph School also weaves into parish life. Jeff Kieffer is the new principal of the school with about 280 students in grades kindergarten through 8. The parish also offers a preschool and daycare.

"To use a movie reference," Louise Wolpert summarized, "Our parish pays it forward."

Parishioners are quick to embrace St. Mary of the Assumption as their parish home.

Matthew and Abigail Dyer said, "St. Mary's Parish is our second family. ... The people of St. Mary's Parish have helped us become who we are as a couple and a family. We have shared all those special moments in our life as a family with the people in our church. We have been supported through it all, our marriage, (Matt) coming into full communion with the Church, the loss of our first infant son, the birth of our next four children, miscarriage, and all the ups and downs of life."

Abigail is a fourth-grade teacher at St. Joseph School and Matt serves on the Finance Committee. They participated in Christ Renews His Parish, ARISE and as volunteers at the Fall Fest.

"God is good," they said. "He has given us a great support system and a second family at St. Mary's Parish."

Bill Whitright, an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Rekindle the Fire, CRHP and ARISE, summed up parish life: "It's our family; it's our home!"

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# St. Mary's Heritage Fund awards 30 grants totaling \$159,825

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has awarded 26 grants totaling \$159,825 from the St. Mary's Heritage Fund to various organizations from throughout the diocese, including parishes, schools and agencies. The following were awarded grants upon the approval of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades:

## Parishes receive \$7,000

- St. Joseph, Fort Wayne — \$5,000 to subsidize students, grades 7 and 8 attending St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
- St. Mary Mother of God, Fort Wayne — \$2,000 to assist with operating expenses of the Ave Maria House

## Schools receive \$106,325

### Fort Wayne:

- Bishop Luers High School — \$13,000 for tuition assistance
- Queen of Angels — \$4,000 for tuition assistance to low-income students who do not receive state vouchers
- St. Joseph — \$17,500 for transportation program for students

- St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel — \$2,000 to provide tuition assistance through SGO

### South Bend:

- Corpus Christi — \$3,000 for tuition assistance
- Holy Cross — \$5,500 to provide 230 student religion textbooks and 10 catechists editions for the Alive in Christ Program and materials for Theology of the Body curriculum
- Our Lady of Hungary — \$8,000 to provide an opportunity for kindergarten students to attend school who do not have a pathway to gain a School Choice Scholarship
- St. Adalbert — \$1,825 for textbooks for seventh-and-eighth-grade catechetical instruction
- St. Adalbert — \$6,500 to develop and implement a bilingual education program that reflects the Spanish-speaking identity of the school
- St. John the Baptist — \$4,000 for tuition assistance

### Area:

- Marian High School, Mishawaka — \$13,000 financial

assistance for increasing number of minority students

- Mishawaka Catholic — \$4,000 for tuition assistance for grades K-8
- Mishawaka Catholic — \$4,000 to support families who cannot afford tuition of an early childhood education
- St. Louis Academy, New Haven — \$3,000 to provide one semester of bus transportation and cost of half an aide on the bus for students, many with special needs and disabilities
- St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla, — \$3,000 to fund the SGO Awards and tuition assistance fully
- St. Michael, Plymouth — \$7,000 to hire a part-time person with teaching and school experience to work as a parent-training specialist
- St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — \$7,000 for tuition assistance for Hispanic and other minority students

## Agencies receive \$46,500

### Fort Wayne:

- Catholic Charities — \$8,000 for food pantry in South Bend

- Franciscan Center — \$4,000 for supplies for Medicine Cabinet and Food Pantry

- Matthew 25 — \$5,000 to provide medications to patients and to keep patients on need medications
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul — \$3,000 for workshop that enables the building of bunk beds and dressers
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul — \$5,000 to find assistance with gas, insurance and maintenance costs of "Care-van"
- The Rose Home — \$4,000 to resident assistance fund
- Vincent Village — \$2,500 to provide licensed Level 3 child-care for homeless children living at Vincent House

### South Bend:

- Society of St. Vincent de Paul — \$2,500 for "Bridges Out of Poverty" program
- St. Joseph Regional Medical Center — \$5,000 for dental clinic at Sister Maura Brannick Health Center for half the cost of a dental chair and for dentures for those in need

### Area:

- Hannah's House, Mishawaka — \$2,500 for "Baby Love" and "Learn and Earn" programs
- St. Martin's Healthcare, Garrett — \$5,000 for dental X-rays, exams and treatments, vision exams for diabetic patients, and medication for patients

The \$3-million endowment fund was established in 1997 at the groundbreaking for the new St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church in downtown Fort Wayne to help provide financial assistance to the poor and needy throughout the diocese. The St. Mary Mother of God Parish complex was completed in October 1998 and dedicated on May 2, 1999, after a fire destroyed the church and soup kitchen on Sept. 2, 1993. The St. Mary's Heritage Fund was created through the collaboration and planning of the late St. Mary's pastor, Father Tom O'Connor, and parishioners using money received from fire insurance on the historic church. Since its inception, the St. Mary's Heritage Fund has awarded annual grants totaling \$3,897,857.88 from interest gained on the fund's principal.

# Saint Anne Communities promotes staff to leadership roles, rewards dedication

FORT WAYNE — Saint Anne Communities is restructuring its organizational chart to better accommodate its recent expansion. In July, Saint Anne added a second campus, the former Catholic Charities' Villa of the Woods retirement community.

David Deffenbaugh, the current administrator for Saint Anne, is being promoted to the dual role of administrator and chief operating officer.

Corrina Rees, the current director of nursing, is being promoted to the dual role of director of nursing and chief nursing officer.

Mike Rorick, the current controller, is being promoted to chief financial officer.

"These changes reflect the growth and development of Saint Anne," says Deacon James Fitzpatrick, a member of the Saint Anne corporate board. "Saint Anne has been a very stable, care-driven organization for many years. With the addition of Villa of the Woods, Saint Anne has the opportunity to expand its mission, and this restructuring of responsi-

bilities will better facilitate that."

"From a nursing standpoint, Saint Anne provides a high level of care, and maintaining those high standards is a lot of hard work," Deacon Fitzpatrick continues. "As Corrina Rees leads the expansion of nursing services to a second campus, she'll need time to focus on the big picture, and that will give Saint Anne's other talented nursing professionals a chance to shine."

"It's also important that Saint Anne maintains strong financial planning," Fitzpatrick adds. "New rules and regulations have made the world of reimbursement and managed care so much more complex, creating a greater challenge to maintaining a plan that will responsibly meet the needs of our current and future residents."

Deffenbaugh says he's energized by the current changes at Saint Anne. "This is an invigorating time to be part of Saint Anne as we reach out to serve an even larger segment of older adults in the area. I know that Corrina and Mike share my commitment to building upon Saint Anne's reputation for excellence as we grow."

Rees is enthusiastic about the opportunity to bring Saint Anne's high-quality senior care to Villa of the Woods. "I'm very excited about these changes — I think we're on the right track," she says. "I'm especially looking forward to helping the staff at our new Luers campus establish their nursing services."

In his new role, Rorick will also have more time see the big picture. "Changes to health-care coverage over the last few years,

including the Affordable Care Act, have made it necessary to do more with less," he says. "We have to keep a close eye on costs as we balance being a faith-based organization. In my new position, I'll have more time for planning."

A ministry of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Saint Anne Communities is a state-licensed provider of health care and retirement-living options. With campuses at 1900 Randallia Dr. and 5610 Noll Ave. in Fort Wayne, Saint Anne offers a continuum of care that includes independent and assisted living, skilled nursing care, memory care, adult day services, and rehabilitation services.

## Kathy Retzios named administrator of new campus

Kathy Retzios has been chosen to remain as administrator of the Saint Anne Communities Bishop Luers Campus, the former Catholic Charities Villa of the Woods on Noll Avenue. Retzios has been a member of the Villa staff for 28 years, serving the last four years as administrator. Saint Anne plans to offer both independent living and assisted living at this second campus on the city's south side.

"Having Kathy stay on as administrator was an easy deci-

sion to make," says David Deffenbaugh. "It was a case of if it's not broken, don't try to fix it. Kathy knows everything there is to know about our new campus, and the dedication to residents she's demonstrated over the years is laudable."

Retzios says she and her staff are looking forward to the future. "When our staff at the Villa found out we were going to become part of the Saint Anne family, we were so happy for our residents," Retzios says. "Our goals and values mirror those of Saint Anne. We're both faith-centered and family-focused, so it's a perfect fit, and our residents will be well taken care of. When we began meeting various staff members from Saint Anne, we discovered what truly wonderful and caring individuals they are. This confirmed that we were all going to be a great team."

"I see nothing but the positive in our future — more services for residents, building updates, and the addition of more caring staff," Retzios adds. "When I inform individuals, businesses and stakeholders of our change, I hear nothing but positive comments on how Saint Anne has cared for a loved one."

A Fort Wayne native, Retzios graduated from Wayne High School and earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education at Indiana University. She started working at the Villa part time right out of college, in addition to serving as a substitute teacher and working at a movie theatre. It wasn't long before she made the Villa her career choice and joined

the staff full time as the activities and social services director. Retzios belongs to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Her free time is spent with family and friends and traveling.

## Saint Anne Communities promotes six staff members

Saint Anne Communities has promoted six key staff members as the organization begins to provide health care and living options on a second campus, the former Catholic Charities Villa of the Woods. In several cases, these promotions are to new positions created within Saint Anne's restructured organizational chart.

"Having the right people in the right places is a key to success for any organization," says David Deffenbaugh. "These six staff members have consistently demonstrated the kind of expertise and commitment that has made Saint Anne a premiere provider of retirement-living options and senior care. We're very happy to have the opportunity to reward these individuals for their dedication."

The six latest promotions include, Tyler Weilbaker, promoted to assistant administrator; Tracy Schultz, promoted to residential living director; Julie Hartman, promoted to environmental services director; Annie Budenz, promoted to care transitions director; Jessica Wallace, promoted to human resources director; and Amanda Smith, promoted to assistant director of nursing.



DAVID DEFFENBAUGH



CORRINA REES



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KATHY RETZIOS

# Youth discover mercy matters at summer camp

BY DENISE FEDOROW

MILFORD — For a group of fourth, fifth and sixth graders in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, a week at summer camp included not only the usual canoeing, campfires and cabin bunking but also daily Mass, Scripture study and praise and worship music.

The Fifth Annual Catholic Youth Summer Camp was held July 26-31 at Camp Mack in Milford. This year's theme was "Mercy Matters" based on Luke 6:36: "Be merciful as your Father is merciful."

Twenty-one parishes were represented at the camp among the 44 campers — 14 of whom were returning campers. Twenty volunteer staff made the camp possible. CYSC is sponsored by three parishes — St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne, St. Jude in South Bend and Sacred Heart in Lakeville.

Dave and Jan Torma, camp directors, said the camp is the culmination of many years of work. "But it was all in God's time," Jan said.

This year each group's campsite was named for a place where saints who are associated with mercy once lived "just like the Israelites," Jan said. Each campsite flew a flag depicting the city and the saints that included places like Krakow, Fatima, Calcutta and Auriesville, New York. Each day Mass was celebrated by a different priest who came to the camp.

Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, celebrated Mass on the feast of St. Martha. During the homily he told the campers that Jesus reminded Martha she was "putting the Lord's work before the work of the Lord — that can happen to any of us," he said.

He encouraged the campers that even when they are doing something to serve the Lord, "Always ask yourself, 'why am I doing this?' Hopefully your answer will always be for Jesus."

Before Msgr. Heintz left, the campers played a song ("And all the people said Amen" by Matt Maher) on the drums for him. He said it was "very impressive — they did great!"

## Obstacle course for merciful works

During the course of the week the campers were learning about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and Dave Torma set up an obstacle course based on the theme. He explained that originally the obstacle course was created to act as filler between activities but it's evolved to be a daily activity centered around the camp's theme.

Although not all 14 of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy were conveyed in the obstacle



SARA JAMES

A Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration spends evening prayer time with the girls at Catholic Youth Summer Camp.

## A Mother Teresa Story

MILFORD — The spirit of Blessed Mother Teresa was very evident at Catholic Youth Summer Camp this summer with several providential happenings. First, the choice of Calcutta as one of the campsites, then camper Maggie Nguyen who gravitated right towards that group without knowing where she was assigned. Her response was, "My mother's from Calcutta so I have to be here."

Maggie's mother was actually an orphan in one of the orphanages run by Mother Teresa and she happened to stop by camp to drop something off. Camp Director Jan Torma asked if she would speak to the campers while she was there. Lalita Nguyen said she knew Mother Teresa from the time she was five years old and said she was a gentle woman.

"All of us kids helped each other. We grew up together. We took care of the babies," she said, adding that Mother Teresa taught them to value going to church no matter how difficult.

"She was so gentle. She always taught us never to leave anyone behind because they are different. She always said, 'please, thank you and I love you.'"

"Mother Teresa helped us to get things from the garden," she told the campers. "In the orphanage she taught us to value everything we have right here so when we leave the country we'll be grateful and always be blessed."

"Everywhere I go, I see her," Nguyen said. "She was a great joy and she was so good to us."



The sixth-grade boys in Campsite Auriesville (New York) at Catholic Youth Summer Camp held at Camp Mack in Milford arranged their suitcases in the form of a cross as part of a daily cabin inspection for cleanliness and spiritual themes. Their cabin was the winner of the award for that day.



Campers at Catholic Youth Summer Camp 2015 perform with their drums that they each decorated. Camp Director Dave Torma from St. Jude, South Bend, is shown at the top. The theme for this year's camp was "Mercy Matters." The camp was held July 16-31 at Camp Mack, Milford.

course, many of them were. For example, one station had a pot of gold where the campers were encouraged to deposit \$1, representing giving alms. Another station had a tri-pod where the campers were asked to place a shirt over the tri-pod to shelter the homeless. At another station the campers put on a "hoodie" then took it off and donated it to represent clothing the naked. There were food items to be deposited into a St. Vincent de Paul collection to feed the hungry and a journal where the campers were asked to write "7 x 70" to represent forgiveness.

"The kids have to discover the work of mercy each represents," Dave said. "We don't tell them, they have to figure it out."

Awards were presented to the girl and boy who completed the course the fastest each day and were announced at the campfire.



SARA JAMES

Father Bob Lengerich, pastor of St. Dominic, Bremen, blesses a boy at the Catholic Youth Summer Camp. Priests from parishes celebrated a Mass each day at the camp.

**Campers' views**

Campers shared that they were enjoying the spiritual aspect of their camp experience but also enjoying regular camp activities. One fun activity the sixth-grade girls were engaged in was called "Flying Squirrels." Someone is put in a harness and a team pulls a rope to lift the person up to the trees. Campers, egged on by Camp Mack's program director Curt Rowland, left their counselors up in the air a little bit longer.

The fifth-grade girls in Campsite Calcutta shared some of their favorite parts of camp. Maggie Nguyen, whose mom was actually an orphan in one of Mother Teresa's orphanages in Calcutta shared that she liked the "counselors, friends and all the activities."

Hannah Matthews enjoyed "swimming and the chance to go to church every day and do readings."

Sydney Kaiser mentioned the aqua glide and the camp choirs and the girls shared a few of their favorite camp songs.

Some of the sixth-grade boys also shared what they enjoyed most. Erik Nunez said, "The gaga bowl, the aqua slide and oh yeah, archery, too!"

Jose Luis Pimentel said, "turtles" and other boys mentioned the bounce house, the climbing wall, campfires, snorkeling and fishing.

Jan Torma said that all the fish caught that week by the campers was saved and filleted for a fish fry at the end of the week.

Every day cabins were inspected for cleanliness and also a spiritual theme and an award was given each night to the best-kept cabin. A visit to the sixth-grade boys' cabin showed towels hung straight to dry, not a speck of dirt to be found, suitcases arranged in the form of a cross with rosaries and journals on top and CYSC 2015 spelled out with camp T-shirt. "We teach a lot of life skills here, too," Jan said.

The Tormas praised their volunteer staff and expressed appreciation to all who support and donate to make the camp possible. Even though there is a fee for the campers to attend, it doesn't cover all of the costs. Many of the staff voluntarily offer a week of their vacation to be at the camp.

"The counselors make the camp," Dave said. "We can put together a good program, but it's the counselors and their connection to the kids who make it work."

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Father Joseph N. Koury, Jr., pastor of two parishes in eastern Kentucky that have received temporal assistance in the form of household goods, clothing and hygienic supplies in an outreach program directed by St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish in Fort Wayne, expressed gratitude personally at an evening Mass at St. Joseph on Wednesday, July 22, that was followed by a reception attended by donors. Shown in the front row with Father William Kummer, pastor of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, is Father Koury, right and, back row, St. Joseph parishioners Sue and David Kistner, who have managed the Help from Hessen Cassel efforts since since 2011.



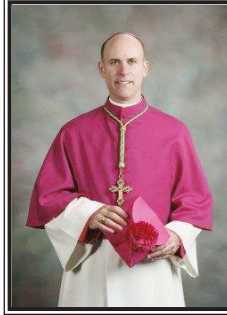

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# 'Say a rosary and call me in the morning'

It's 3 a.m. and you suddenly wake up and feel your heart racing. At first you think you are dreaming but you soon realize you really are awake.

Your heart is going very fast and it feels irregular as well. There's a slight pressure in the chest and you feel somewhat clammy. You have taken your pulse before and after working out so you try to take your pulse, counting it for 30 seconds and doubling it. A quick swag tells you your heart rate is at least 140 beats per minute.

You think to yourself "Am I having a heart attack?" You get out of bed and head to the bathroom. You feel lightheaded and wonder whether you're going to pass out. You crawl back to bed so if you do pass out there's not far to fall. Then, you get back in bed, wake up your spouse and make the decision to call 911.

In the emergency room the triage nurse quickly puts you on a heart monitor and you look up at the screen and see the pulse readings are jumping between 130 and 160. The emergency doctor walks in and asks if you have ever been in atrial fibrillation before ... because you are now! You were anxious already but now you're getting

close to panic mode. What does all this mean? What happens next?

Atrial fibrillation (A-fib) is the most common arrhythmia that cardiologists see. Almost every time I am on call for my cardiology group I see a case or two. Many times we investigate the etiology and find no cause, but there is a variety of reasons and medical problems that can cause A-fib.

One cause is an undiagnosed heart valve abnormality. We always get an echocardiogram to see if there is heart problem like a leaky or narrowed valve. It will also tell us if there is a cardiomyopathy present (weak left ventricle), which is also in the differential diagnosis and is associated with cardiac arrhythmias like A-fib. An overactive thyroid (hyperthyroidism) is another cause and with effective treatment of the thyroid condition the atrial fibrillation will resolve.

The older you are the more likely that you may experience A-fib. At age 80 one study discovered 9 percent of the population has paroxysmal, persistent, or permanent A-fib. The young are also not spared from experiencing this

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DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

arrhythmia. I have seen it many times in the 20-40 age group. Sometimes it is related to using stimulants like coffee or energy drinks. I am sometimes amazed at finding out that the patient I am seeing in A-fib slugged down 10 cups of coffee that day and threw in a "5 hour energy" as well.

Some weekend alcohol enthusiasts have a higher risk of presenting in atrial fibrillation either during their binge drinking or soon thereafter. In fact, this has a special name "Holiday Heart Syndrome" that was coined by one of my mentors at Ohio State University where I trained. New Year's weekend always seem to have a high incidence of A-fib presentations that livens up the already busy emergency room that day.

The treatment plan for new onset atrial fibrillation is a little more complicated than the scope

of this article, but if we find the cause then that's what needs treated to try to prevent or at least control future episodes.

The most serious complication of A-fib is stroke. When the left atrium is in fibrillation it is not contracting and efficiently moving blood into the left ventricle. The left atrium is basically just shaking, making blood move sluggishly, and clots can form. These small clots can move out of the heart and head up to your brain causing a stroke. Actually, about one out of every four strokes is caused by A-fib. A good percentage of people can go into A-fib and not experience palpitations or enough symptoms to even know they are out of rhythm. These are the same people who can present with a stroke first and then the diagnosis of atrial fibrillation is made.

If you have frequent episodes of A-fib or have permanent A-fib your doctor will likely recommend anticoagulation. Coumadin (warfarin) has been the mainstay for decades but now we have four new novel anticoagulants that have been proven to be as good or better than Coumadin. One huge advantage of these new agents is that they do not need any regular

blood tests like Coumadin does. The downside is that if you don't have good insurance they can be very expensive.

The incidence of A-fib has grown exponentially in the past two decades. There was even a recent medical conference named "The Epidemic of Atrial Fibrillation." Nobody quite knows why we are seeing so much more A-fib than ever before.

A recent study proved regular meditation can actually reduce the incidence of atrial fibrillation. That sounds like prayer to me. We can all agree that prayer is good for the soul but it also looks like it may be good for the body as well. Imagine your doctor prescribing a daily rosary as preventive medicine. Or, even better yet for the doctor at 2 a.m. — "Say a rosary and call me in the morning!"

**Dr. David Kaminkas** is a board certified cardiologist and member of Lutheran Medical Group who has practiced in Fort Wayne since 1982. He is a member of The Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana.

## We must keep our goal in sight



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jn 6:41-51

The First Book of Kings provides this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with its first biblical reading.

As the name implies, the kings of Israel are the central figures in these books, however prominence is given the prophets, such as Elijah in this weekend's reading. He lived during the first half of the ninth century B.C.

In the reading, Elijah is weary and discouraged. He even asks God to take his life. Then, he fell asleep. When he awoke, a hearth cake and a jug of water were at his side. He ate, drank and was refreshed.

Then an angel came, revealing that this sustenance was from God, and ordered Elijah to continue his journey. Strengthened by God's food, Elijah obeyed, finally arriving at the mountain of God, Horeb.

The second reading this weekend is from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

A context surrounds all the epistles. First, living the Gospel

of Jesus was not easy in the first century A.D. Christians faced temptations from "the world, the flesh and the devil" at every side.

Christians in Ephesus faced a special challenge. Not only did they live in a thriving seaport and commercial center with all the vice and distraction usually associated with such centers, but Ephesus was a major pagan shrine. Pilgrims to its great temple to Diana, the Roman goddess, thronged the city.

The Christians had to be faithful to Christ amid these conditions.

As advice, this reading urges the Christian Ephesians to rid themselves of all bitterness and anger, and to rise above gossip and malice. On the positive side, it calls upon them to be compassionate and forgiving, noting that God had forgiven them.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. Jesus declares, "I am the bread that comes down from heaven." The audience does not accept this phrase well. They spurn Jesus. The Lord then enters upon a discourse, one of the most magnificent passages in the New Testament. He is the only access to God for humans. He will rise to new life "on the third day." It is important to note, when these words were spoken, the crucifixion was in the future.

Finally, the Lord says, "I am the bread of life ... I Myself am the living bread." Anyone who consumes this bread attains everlasting life.

### Reflection

All of us can identify with Elijah, the prophet of whom we heard in the reading from First Kings. Whatever the circumstance, life for each of us can be tiring and distressing. Any of us can be reduced to desperation, as was Elijah.

Today and always, the Church speaks with great confidence and reassurance.

First, it recalls for us, through the first reading, that God sustains us and strengthens us. He sustained and strengthened Elijah. The prophet was no dearer to God than are we.

Secondly, God has given us Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus is in our midst. He is in our world. He shares human nature with us. Born of Mary, a human, Jesus is as human as we.

Jesus is indeed the "bread of

life." Aptly this reading is associated with the Eucharist. The food given mercifully by God is more than material food, composed of bread and wine. It is divine food, the Body and Blood of the Lord. It enlivens our souls.

The last element in this weekend's lesson comes again from Elijah. Life may bring, usually brings, hardships. They may assume many forms.

As disciples, we must continue our long walk to the mountain of God. More often than not, we will be traveling uphill, but we must keep our goal in sight, life with God. He will give us the strength we require. He awaits us with everlasting life and peace.

### READINGS for the week of August 16

**Sunday:** Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-7 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-14 Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-10 Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-10 Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-5 Mt 23:1-12



### Saint of the week:

**Lydia**

first century  
feast - Aug. 3

Lydia's name is taken from her place of origin, Thyatira in the province of Lydia (now Turkey). Paul's first convert in Philippi, Lydia is mentioned once in the Bible: Acts 16:13-15. Luke calls her "a dealer in purple cloth" and "a worshipper of God." After listening to Paul, she and her household were baptized. One of the few women in Luke to speak, she says to Paul and his companions, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my home." Luke adds that "she prevailed on us." This patron saint of dyers may have been a merchant in luxury goods or a former slave working in a textile guild, but her household's income could support guests.



# The consequences of the pill and same-sex marriage

Many people have expressed surprise at the speed with which same-sex unions went from being a crime and a sin to being a constitutional right.

Exactly 50 years ago, to far less fanfare, the Supreme Court of the United States decided that married couples had a constitutional right to prescription contraceptives. (The FDA had approved the pill just five years earlier.) In 1971, the Supreme Court ruled that single people had the same right.

The *Economist* called the pill the most important scientific advance of the 20th century. It certainly has changed the way we live. It also paved the road for the Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the same-sex marriage case.

Before the pill was readily available, sex and children and lifelong commitment were all part of one contract. Sex naturally led to children, or at least held forth that possibility. People understood (and still do) that children need to grow up in stable and permanent families.

So closely were these three things (sex, children, marriage) tied together that sex was referred to as the "marital act." This was our social practice, enforced by notions of virtue, counsels of prudence, legal rules and social taboos.

The pill allowed us to split what once was one contract into three. Today, there is no

necessary connection between sex and children. And if there are no children in prospect, sex needn't lead to marriage. It might be just a pleasing form of recreation. Even within marriage, children are now a matter for negotiation.

All this has had predictable effects. The idea that there is a virtue (chastity) connected with how and when we have sex seems almost quaint. Instead, we have radio and TV personalities like Dr. Ruth Westheimer encouraging us to have "good sex," part of the name of her show.

Young people are certainly taking her advice, but they are no longer getting married. The Pew Research Center recently reported that 69 percent of young adults (age 18 to 24) believe "society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children."

For almost half of women age 15-44, cohabitating was their first union, not marriage, according to a report by the National Center for Health Statistics. The same report showed that informal relationships don't usually last — the median duration of a first cohabitation is 22 months.

Elizabeth Anscombe, a British analytic philosopher, presciently observed, back in 1972, that "if sexual union can be deliberately and totally divorced from fertility, then we may wonder why sexual union



JOHN GARVEY

## INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

has got to be married union." Indeed, she said, if we disconnect sex from children "there is no reason why ... 'marriage' should have to be between people of opposite sexes." She was right on both counts. The fracturing of our sexual contracts brought about by the pill has led us to reframe same-sex marriage as an issue of equality and discrimination, not of children and societal health.

Is there any chance of getting our culture to embrace, once again, the Catholic view about sexual relations between men, or between women? I don't think so, unless we see an equally revolutionary change in the behavior of heterosexual couples. Unless they themselves recover the virtue of chastity — unless they view sex as necessarily connected to marriage and fertility — they have no moral warrant for imposing it on their gay friends.

John Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America.

# Waiting for a husband, keeping the faith

Arleen Spenceley can't remember the last time she went on a date. It must've been 2014, she says without a trace of panic.

Even though she's in the thick of wedding season and nearing her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, the fact that she's still single doesn't seem to bother Arleen. She's not freaking out. She's not losing sleep. She's not pulling back-to-back novenas for a husband. When she prays, she can hardly bring herself to ask God for anything, she feels so richly, wildly blessed.

Arleen Spenceley, the girl with the bouncy hair and bouncy name, the cradle Catholic from Tampa, Florida, with the large Twitter following, has much to be thankful for: a dynamic journalism career, an award-winning book, a bustling speaking schedule, friends who are like family and family who are friends.

"God has given me so many awesome opportunities," she said.

In the summer of 2009, back when Arleen was 23, she outed herself as a virgin, writing in Florida's biggest newspaper, the *Tampa Bay Times*, about her faith-based reasons for saving herself for marriage.

It was a terrifying move, one that she tried to back out of at the last minute, but her editor pushed for. And ultimately, her convictions compelled her to act. "There came a point where I decided, 'If I don't do this, nobody else will.' Because I know

the truth. I know chastity is what equips us to love authentically."

Half an hour after the column was published, Arleen's phone began ringing. The calls, emails and tweets continued pouring in for two years.

Arleen realized she had hit a nerve. She had not just written a column; she had inadvertently launched a chastity campaign and rendered herself its poster child.

With grace and humility, she has embraced that mission, letting it carry her on a series of adventures she never anticipated: explaining her mystifying virginity to National Public Radio, coping with cruel comments from readers, blogging voraciously at *ArleenSpenceley.com*, writing her 2014 book "Chastity is for Lovers: Single, Happy, and (Still) a Virgin" and reporting on celibate singles. (A researcher at the National Center for Health Statistics admitted that she hadn't bothered gathering data on the 2-3 percent of Americans ages 25-44 who are virgins. "It's just so rare," she told Arleen.)

Making the case for chastity — which, Arleen is quick to clarify, is the Church's call to all Catholics, married and single alike — feels important. "I consider this a privilege and also a responsibility," she said. "I know virgins exist who feel alone, and I want them to know they're not. I know people are saving sex from now on who aren't sure it's possible, and I want them to know it is."



CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

## TWENTY SOMETHING

A national speaking campaign would seem like a sure-fire way to change Arleen's single status, introducing her to like-minded men and aspiring grandmas.

No, she says, that simply isn't the case. "The men aren't lining up."

Occasionally Arleen throws herself a pity party or lets herself dabble on wedding-themed Pinterest boards. But even when her heart aches, she's pretty good about keeping her head on straight. "When we feel unhappy," she writes in her book, "is it because we're single or is it because of what we say to ourselves about being single?"

For now, she's working on herself — managing her time and her messes, practicing forms of sacrifice like forgoing sugar or Facebook for a year. She wants to be her very best at the ultimate vocation — love — which is something she can imagine for tomorrow and live out today.

Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and editor of *SisterStory.org*.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for August 9, 2015

John 6:41-51

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: a lesson about food for eternity. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JEWS	THE BREAD	JESUS
JOSEPH	FATHER	MURMURING
NO ONE	COMES	DRAWS HIM
RAISE	LAST DAY	PROPHETS
HAS SEEN	FROM GOD	BELIEVES
ETERNAL	MANNA	DIED
NOT DIE	FOREVER	FLESH

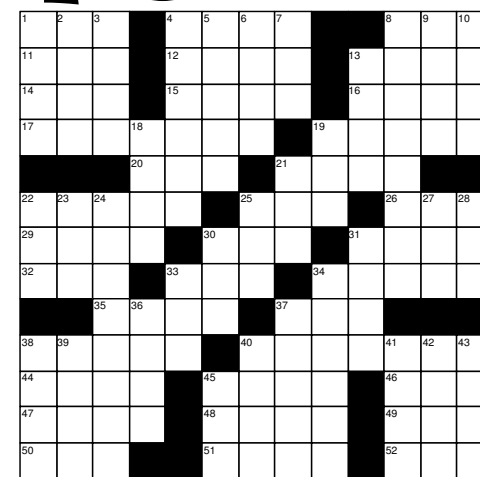
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# The CrossWord

August 2, 9 and 16, 2015



Based on these Scripture Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35 & 1Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4: 30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51 & Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

### ACROSS

- 1 Been
- 4 Terminates
- 8 Workout place
- 11 Compass point
- 12 Next Pope Pius' #
- 13 Elijah slept under a broom one
- 14 Ancestors \_\_\_ manna
- 15 Elisha offered a pair of \_\_\_
- 16 Hawaiian dancing
- 17 Domain of God
- 19 Serpent used apple to \_\_\_
- 20 Religious sister
- 21 Part of doorway
- 22 Multiplied loaves & fish

- 25 Unfold
- 26 Drag
- 29 \_\_\_ Dei
- 30 Made a hole
- 31 Restaurant listing
- 32 Sticky black substance
- 33 Pearl of great price is one
- 34 "Basement" gas
- 35 Halo's shine
- 37 Thai
- 38 The true \_\_\_ from heaven
- 40 Wisdom sends out her \_\_\_
- 44 Long time
- 45 Compass point
- 46 Next Pope Paul's #

- 47 Stripe
- 48 Indonesian island
- 49 No room here
- 50 Advertisements
- 51 Eve's garden
- 52 Fall back

### DOWN

- 1 Spirit is willing, the flesh is \_\_\_
- 2 Negative (prefix)
- 3 Risen Christ \_\_\_ by disciples
- 4 Second Bible book
- 5 U.S. 37th resident
- 6 Carpe \_\_\_
- 7 Offense against God
- 8 Israelites did against Moses
- 9 Bark in pain
- 10 Quail provided this protein
- 13 Not us
- 18 African antelope
- 19 Little bit
- 21 Angel brought a \_\_\_ of water
- 22 Write quickly
- 23 Government agency
- 24 Heart operators
- 25 Punk
- 27 Spanish "one"
- 28 Weapon
- 30 Manna looked like
- 31 \_\_\_ of Orleans
- 33 \_\_\_ the Father
- 34 Dried grape
- 36 The \_\_\_ of Egypt
- 37 Wisdom has her \_\_\_
- 38 Ali \_\_\_ and 40 Thieves
- 39 Look at a book
- 40 Alcoholic beverage made from honey
- 41 The days are \_\_\_
- 42 A Columbus ship
- 43 Choir does
- 45 South by east

Answer Key can be found on page 19

# OSV to offer pastoral resources for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

HUNTINGTON — Our Sunday Visitor has been selected by the Vatican as the exclusive world-wide English-language publisher of the eight official books for the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis.

Produced by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization at the request of Pope Francis, the eight books are intended as resources for all Catholics to grow in understanding and appreciation of mercy in Scripture, liturgy, the sacraments and Church teaching. The books are for both individual Catholics and parishes to study the theme of mercy further.

In declaring a Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called on the faithful to “echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid and love.”

The Jubilee Year is scheduled to open on Dec. 8, 2015, and close on Nov. 20, 2016. Throughout the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis will be speaking on the theme of mercy in his weekly audiences and other talks.

“These books are both profound meditations and short instructions on mercy,” said Gregory Erlandson, president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor.

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“We are deeply honored to support the Holy Father’s effort to make mercy the focus of the Church for the entire year.”

“In understanding God’s merciful love for us, we can all the better extend mercy to others,” Erlandson added. “This is how mercy leads to encounter, which in turn leads to an invitation to conversion.”

This series of books provides a way to grow in appreciation of God’s mercy and shows how to embody mercy in our lives. The series identifies ways mercy is exemplified in the liturgy, Scripture, the teachings of the Fathers of the Church and the popes, the witness of saints, and how it is present in corporal and spiritual works and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

The titles of the eight books, which will be available this fall in advance of the Holy Year, are: “Celebrating Mercy”; “The Psalms of Mercy”; “The Parables of Mercy”; “Mercy in the Fathers of the Church”; “The Saints of Mercy”; “Mercy in the Teachings of the Popes”; “The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy”; and “The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Experience of Mercy.”

Every title in the series carries the official logo of the Holy Year, designed by Jesuit Father Marko

I. Rupnik, showing the image of Christ taking upon his shoulders the lost soul — wrapped with the jubilee motto “Merciful like the Father.” The graphic symbolizes the Father’s mercy toward all, as the incarnate Christ touches humanity and exudes power to change lives.

Pope Francis established the Extraordinary Jubilee year of Mercy from the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8, 2015) through the solemnity of Christ the King (Nov. 20, 2016). An “extraordinary jubilee year” — of which there have been only 26 in Church history (the last being the Great Jubilee in 2000) — falls outside the regular rhythm of jubilees celebrated every quarter-century. A jubilee is offered as a path for reunion with God, and is called for a special occasion or event of particular importance. It is a year of forgiveness of sins coupled with the special pardon of temporal punishment for them. As a time of renewed conversion, it places great emphasis on reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING** carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today's Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or email: fhogan@diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

### Knights plan fish fry

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

### Fish fry planned

Lakeville — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will have a fish fry with fish by Tyner IOOF Friday, Aug. 14, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and drive-through carry-out and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Call 574-291-3775.

### Holy Hour for children

Fort Wayne — The World Apostolate of Fatima is hosting a Children of the Eucharist Holy Hour every Friday morning through Aug. 28 at Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd. Mass at 9 a.m. will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a children's rosary, Fatima prayers and Benediction.

### Haven for Healing ministry

South Bend — A Haven for Healing is a local Catholic ministry offering hope and healing to women who have undergone an abortion. Women of all faiths are welcome. Through prayer, discussion and Scripture, find help to confront pain and grief. The fall sessions will be held Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 24. A monthly support group is also offered to anyone who has already participated in a spiritual recovery program. All meetings are held in a confidential location. Visit [ahavenforhealing.com](http://ahavenforhealing.com) or call 574-514-7471.

### Parish picnic planned

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish will hold a parish picnic from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22, on the parish grounds, 2800 Corpus Christi Dr. Children's games, inflatables, trackless train along with food and a wine and beer garden. A Nelson's port-a-pit chicken dinner will be available by pre-sale tickets through Aug. 17, for \$8. Call 574-272-9982 for information.

### Central Catholic class of '65 celebrates 50th reunion

Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic class of 1965 will have a 50th class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Grand Wayne Center. The evening begins with Mass at the cathedral at 5 p.m. and the reunion begins at 6 p.m. A steak and chicken dinner, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, music and entertainment offered. The cost is \$50 until Sept. 1 and then increases to \$75. Contact Bill Weber at [bweber@webereap.com](mailto:bweber@webereap.com) for information.

### Uniting Our City for Life Picnic

Fort Wayne — A Uniting Our City for Life Picnic will be Aug. 16 at 4 p.m. at Headwaters Park West with Franciscan Father David Mary Engo. Cost of \$25 per family includes dinner and a one-year membership to Allen County Right to Life. RSVP to Abigail at 260-471-1849. Memberships and tickets are also available at the event.

### Rekindle the Fire to offer Adoration

Fort Wayne — Rekindle the Fire of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, has associated with the Holy League to bring Eucharistic Adoration on the first Thursdays of the month from 7-8 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. This is an opportunity for men to gather in prayer and Adoration. The first meeting is Aug. 6.

### Bishop Luers to host golf outing

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers Alumni Office will host a Golf Outing on Saturday, Aug. 29, at Brookwood Golf Course. The 8:30 a.m. shotgun start is \$75 per person, or \$60 for ages 21 and under. Player or team registration is due by Aug. 25, visit [www.bishopluer.org](http://www.bishopluer.org).

### Craft bazaar seeks vendors

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger craft bazaar is now accepting registrations for vendors and crafters for the Nov. 14, event. Crafters may rent tables for \$40 each and some electricity is available for a selected number of spots. Registrations and information can be found at [www.bishopdwenger.com/Performing-Arts](http://www.bishopdwenger.com/Performing-Arts) or contact Marie Vorndran at 260-341-9881.

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### 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 [kennaesthetic@aol.com](mailto:kennaesthetic@aol.com), Anita Gildea at 260-616-0058, or Marilyn Groves Kelker at [jameskelker@gmail.com](mailto:jameskelker@gmail.com).

### Saint Joseph High School announces class reunion dates

South Bend — 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](mailto:hchandler@saintjoehigh.com) or 574-234-2904.

### 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.

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## REST IN PEACE

### Bremen

Bertha Verhaeghe, 97, St. Dominic

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Jane Avery, 62, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Salvatore J. DiMilla, 92, St. Jude

Jean M. Pemberton, 56, St. Vincent de Paul

Patricia A. Ruble, 83, Our Lady of Good Hope

Mary E. Bunn, 86, Queen of Angels

Paul A. Meehan, 86, Our Lady of Good Hope

Rae M. Kirk, 89, St. Jude

Mark Alden Fox, 50, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ruth Grosenbacher, 92, St. Jude

Mary Margaret Grannan, 91, St. Charles Borromeo

Dolores M. Peters, 87, St. Jude

Kathleen Chapla, 68, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### Granger

Gladys M. Clarke, 93, St. Pius X

Nancy B. Wilkinson, 51, St. Pius X

Rosemary J. Chlebowski, 86, St. Pius X

### Mishawaka

Daniel Paul Coussens, 52, St. Joseph

Evelyn B. DeWeirdt, 88, St. Joseph

Catherine A. Portolese, 85, Queen of Peace

Kimberly E. Mynsberge, 55, St. Bavo

John P. Gourley, 78, St. Joseph

Donald P. Chamberlin, 88, St. Monica

### New Haven

Mary Anne Rogers, 53, St. John the Baptist

Timothy A. Lothamer, 59, St. Louis Besancon

### Notre Dame

Sister Joseph Mary Hoess, CSC, 85, Our Lady of Loretto

Theodore J. Novakowski, 79, Sacred Heart

### South Bend

Martha Lowman Cudney, 68, St. John the Baptist

James Lee Markiewicz, 76, Corpus Christi

Liliane C. Baumgartner, 79, Little Flower

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Irma M. Rozmann, 86, Our Lady of Hungary

William J. Staunton, 63, Little Flower

Steven Jeffrey Weller, 58, St. Stanislaus

Raymond Bilinski, 95, St. Anthony de Padua

Lucille M. Gasko, 94, St. Casimir

Anne Marie B. Chikar, 95, Our Lady/Hungary

Marian Katherine Mackin, 89, Holy Cross

Donald Rush Mikesell, 69, Queen of Peace

Virginia D. Boits, 90, St. Anthony de Padua

Martha Cudney, 68, St. John the Baptist

Donald T. Klimek, 91, Corpus Christi

**Warsaw**  
Ernest Theodore Kolesiak, 75, Sacred Heart

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Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to:

Carole Yaney at [cyaney@seasfw.org](mailto:cyaney@seasfw.org)

or call 260-432-0268.

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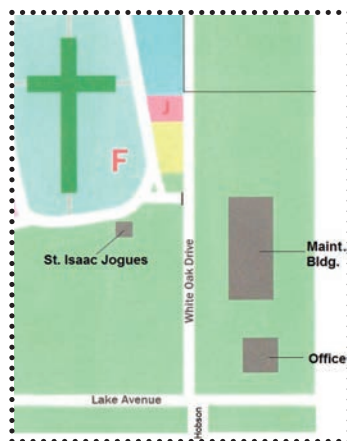
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### *A message from Catholic Cemetery...*

The Board of Directors and the staff of our sacred Catholic Cemetery is committed to maintaining the natural beauty of each and every garden within the cemetery. Therefore, the maintenance staff will soon begin removing the shrubbery that forms the Cross in garden "F" within the cemetery and will be replacing them with dwarf burning bushes later this Fall.

We ask you for your understanding during this process and assure you that when the landscaping is complete the garden's beauty will exceed your expectations, especially during the Fall season when these shrubs turn their natural red color.

Please call Casey Miller at 426-2044 if you have any questions.



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### Attention Business Professionals!

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