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Pope simplifies annulment process, asks that it be free of charge

BY CINDY WOODEN



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Jan Brell, administrative assistant at the diocesan Tribunal, hands a document to Irene Forrest, typist, who is shown with Ellen Becker, auditor, back, and Vicki Ferrier, advocate, middle. The four work at the diocesan Tribunal in Fort Wayne. They note the Tribunal is getting clarification from the Vatican on the streamlining of the annulment process.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While a juridical process is necessary for making accurate judgments, the Catholic Church's marriage annulment process must be quicker, cheaper and much more of a pastoral ministry, Pope Francis said.

Rewriting a section of the Latin-rite Code of Canon Law and of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, Pope Francis said he was not "promoting the nullity of marriages, but the quickness of the processes, as well as a correct simplicity" of the procedures so that Catholic couples are not "oppressed by the shadow of doubt" for prolonged periods.

The Vatican released Sept. 8 the texts of two papal documents, "Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus" ("The Lord Jesus, the Gentle Judge") for the Latin-rite Church and "Mitis et misericors Iesus," ("The Meek and Merciful Jesus") for the Eastern Catholic churches.

The changes, including the option of a brief process without the obligatory automatic appeal, go into effect Dec. 8, the opening day of the Year of Mercy.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Tribunal has not charged any administrative fees since October 2014.

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Eager pilgrims look forward to World Meeting of Families

BY TIM JOHNSON

Fred Everett, co-director of the Office of Family Life, said 24 families including 10 who received grants through the Office of Hispanic Ministry from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be attending the World Meeting of Families theological congress and papal events in Philadelphia this week.

"Personally, I think that this will be a great event," Everett shared. "It looks like they have a great group of speakers for both their keynotes and their breakout sessions. They also have different tracks for the youth at the theological congress with very engaging events. So, I'm excited to see it all come together, especially in light that this is the first ever visit of Pope Francis to the United States."

Others echoed Everett's anticipation. Jeremy Reidy and his wife Becky will attend the World Meeting of Families with

their five children — ages 11, nine, six, three and 14 months. "We've been called everything from brave to masochistic — but we're taking all five of our kids," Jeremy quipped.

He added, "The kids are most excited about being together as a family and 'seeing' Pope Francis (quotes because the closest we'll likely get will be a big screen). Frankly, right up there with Pope Francis, the kids are excited about stopping in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Bishop Rhoades told them all about the chocolate factories in Hershey. After that conversation, that's really high on their list."

Members of Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne, Jeremy and Becky feel strongly that the Lord is calling them to go to the conference.

"Families have been under attack in this country for quite some time," Jeremy said. "This conference could help to turn the tide. My greatest hope is that this conference will

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Pope Francis and Saint Matthew



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

On September 21st, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Saint Matthew is the secondary patron of our diocese since our co-cathedral in South Bend was dedicated with the title of Saint Matthew. Matthew, the tax collector turned apostle, is the patron saint of accountants, money managers, bankers, bookkeepers, financial officers, and tax collectors.

In art, Saint Matthew is sometimes represented as an angel or as a man holding a bag of coins or money bag. Matthew abandoned earthly wealth and dishonest practices to follow Jesus who summoned him away from earthly gain to receive a greater treasure. Matthew became one of the twelve apostles and wrote the first Gospel. He died a martyr's death and inherited the treasure of heaven.

In 1953, on the feast of Saint Matthew, the young Jorge Bergoglio (Pope Francis), at the age of 17, experienced, in a very special and intimate way, the loving presence of God in his life. He went to confession and felt his heart touched by the mercy of God. It changed his life. At that moment, he also felt God's call to the priesthood and religious life as a Jesuit.

In memory of that holy event in his life, Pope Francis chose as his episcopal (and later papal) motto the words "miserando atque eligendo" ("having mercy and choosing"). These words are found in a sentence in a homily by Saint Bede on the calling of Saint Matthew. They are read in the Office of Readings on the Feast of Saint Matthew. Saint Bede wrote: "Jesus therefore sees the tax collector, and since He sees by having mercy and by choosing, He says to him, 'Follow me.'"

To understand Pope Francis, it is helpful to know about this important event in his life on the Feast of Saint Matthew in 1953. The young Jorge Bergoglio felt the tender gaze of God's love, His mercy, and his vocation. In an interview, Pope Francis spoke of that event in these words: "In that confession, something very rare happened to me. I don't know what it was, but it changed my life. I would say that I was caught with my guard down... It was a surprise, the astonishment of an encounter. I realized that God was waiting for me. From that moment, for me, God has been the one who precedes (to guide me)... We want to meet Him, but He meets us first."



The Calling of St. Matthew is a masterpiece by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, depicting the moment at which Jesus Christ inspires Matthew to follow Him.

Just as Jesus had summoned Matthew to become His apostle, Jesus called the teenage Jorge Bergoglio to be His emissary. Pope Francis once said: "I believe in my history — which was pierced by God's look of love, on September 21, the feast of Saint Matthew — He came to meet me and invited me to follow Him."

That vocational encounter and piercing look of God's merciful love has influenced Pope Francis' life and ministry. That's why he chose the words of Saint Bede as his motto. Clearly, major themes of his papacy have been his teaching on divine mercy, the joyful encounter with Jesus, and the infinite tenderness of God. He has proclaimed a Holy Year, the Jubilee Year of Mercy, that will begin on December 8th. The Holy Father is calling us to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus and to proclaim, celebrate, and live the Gospel of Mercy.

The gaze of Jesus completely overtook the tax collector and sinner Matthew. It changed his life. It changed Jorge Bergoglio's life. It changes our life.

Pope Francis says: "Jesus' gaze always lifts us up. It is a look that always lifts us up... never lets us down... It invites us to

get up... to move forward. The gaze makes you feel that He loves you. This gives the courage to follow Him. And "Matthew got up and followed Him'."

When he visited Rome prior to becoming Pope, Jorge Bergoglio always stayed in the neighborhood of the Church of Saint Louis of France. He would often go there to contemplate the famous painting of "The Calling of Saint Matthew" by Caravaggio. In the painting, Jesus is pointing at Matthew. Matthew is holding on to his money as if to say "No, not me! No, this money is mine." Pope Francis says he sees himself in Matthew — a sinner on whom the Lord turned His gaze. He trusted in Christ's infinite mercy and accepted His calling: to become a Jesuit, a priest, a bishop, and pope.

As our nation prepares to welcome Pope Francis, let us pray for our Holy Father. May his message of mercy and hope touch the hearts of all Americans! May we heed his call to be a Church which goes out, offering to all, especially the poor and suffering, the love and mercy of Jesus Christ! May Saint Matthew pray for us.

Follow the excitement of the Pope Francis visit to the United States

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What's a Catholic to do? Marriage in conflict

BY TIM JOHNSON

MISHAWAKA — With the upcoming World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, the fortification of family and marriage will be celebrated. But how should the faithful respond to a changing culture that defines family in multiple ways. Fred Everett, co-director of the Office of Family Life, offers some insight to these issues.

TC: Pope Francis recently made some comments at his Aug. 5 audience, "Catholics who have divorced and are civilly remarried 'are not, in fact, excommunicated — they are not excommunicated — and they absolutely must not be treated as if they were.'" What does this mean for Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who are in this situation?

Everett: On the one hand, what Pope Francis said does not represent a change in current practice at all. Since the 1983 Code of Canon Law, those who have divorced and remarried civilly are not considered excommunicated. St. John Paul II made it clear decades ago that they must not consider themselves as separated from the Church, because as baptized Christians, they can and must share in her life.

This means that Catholics who are divorced and remarried civilly in our diocese are encouraged to attend Mass faithfully, to meditate on the Word of God, to develop a deeper prayer life, to contribute to works of charity and to efforts to promote justice, and to raise their children in the Christian faith.

However, the Church holds that their living together as husband and wife is a breach or countersign of that covenant into which one or both entered with their true spouse. Jesus was very clear in the Gospels to label such a breach as adultery, regardless of the quality of the original marriage.

On the other hand, the pope's comments signal that a change is needed in pastoral practice. Sometimes divorced and civilly remarried individuals do not feel enthusiastically welcomed in their parishes, nor have they always been encouraged to grow in their spiritual lives so that they can once again be fully integrated in the sacramental life of the Church. So, it is possible for divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive communion if they repent of having broken the sign of the covenant with their first spouse, confess this sin, and resolve to live under the same roof as "brother and sister," refraining from sexual relations.

TC: What does this mean to Catholics of the diocese who remarried, abandoned the Catholic Church and attend another faith tradition because of divorce? How should we welcome them back?



Everett: We need to signal that, as sinners, every one of us has a past and that anyone can find a future and a home in the Catholic Church. It doesn't necessarily mean focusing primarily on specific situations or wrongful behaviors, but in reaching out in welcome and accompanying people in their spiritual lives so that they can be fully integrated into the sacramental life of the Church.

To welcome people means more than having friendly greeters at the entrance of the Church. We have to be prepared to walk with someone where they are and to do so in a nonjudgmental manner that also opens them to growing in holiness, establishing a path by which, whatever their circumstances, they can grow in a deeper friendship with Jesus Christ. Above all, it entails accompanying people in their spiritual lives so that they can be fully integrated back into the sacramental life of the Church.

TC: How should the Catholics in the pew respond to those who feel excommunicated because of divorce?

Everett: Divorced men and women are in need of the human warmth and concrete support of the parish community. Simple gestures like making sure to include someone in conversation, inviting someone to accompany you to a parish activity or out for coffee, lending a listening ear and a compassionate heart, offering occasional help with child-care, are a beautiful witness of Christian solidarity and may be a lifeline to someone who is struggling with loneliness in living a single lifestyle again.

We need to offer divorced men and women a path for growing in holiness and a community of support.

TC: For those divorced and not civilly remarried, please explain their role in the Church and the reception of the sacraments.

Everett: Too often, those who

are divorced believe or have been told by other Catholics that they are not able to receive Communion simply because they are divorced. This is generally not the case — especially if someone has been wrongfully abandoned by his or her spouse. That person is especially in need of the spiritual support of the Eucharist.

For those who are divorced and not civilly remarried, they are still considered married by the Church if their marriage has not been declared invalid through the annulment process. This means that they need to see themselves as separated from their spouses, but still bound by their marriage vows. If a person sincerely believes that their marriage is not valid and if there seems to be good grounds for such a belief, then he or she can pursue the annulment process with the hope of eventually being able to marry. In the meantime, however, they should avoid dating or other types of romantic involvement. Unfortunately, sometimes individuals do it the other way around. They start to date, fall in love and then want to see if they can have their previous marriage annulled. This only sets up that person for possible heartache and feeling that they have to choose between the Church and their romantic partner.

TC: The pope said, "the Church has not been insensitive or lazy" when it comes to providing pastoral care to the divorced and civilly remarried. What kind of pastoral care is available to the divorced in our diocese?

Everett: For a past several years, our diocese has been offering a 12-session spiritual support program for those who are divorced or separated. The program is called "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide" and was developed by author and speaker, Rose Sweet, who herself is divorced. It features a video series with noted Catholic experts such as Dr. Ray



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Sept. 20, 11 a.m. — Confirmation Mass at Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, Sept. 21, to Sunday, Sept. 27 — Events of Apostolic Visit of Pope Francis, Washington, D.C., and World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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strengthen our family for the spiritual battle we face every day. That's why I thought it was particularly important to have the kids attend. For the 11, nine, and six year olds, I'm hoping this conference will help build the spiritual foundation to withstand the onslaught they will face in the years ahead. I'm also hopeful that they will experience and learn what it means to live a holy, virtuous life."

"Becky and I are hoping to come home with tools for our marriage and parenting tools we can use in our daily lives," he noted. "Some of the world's top scholars, authors and speakers will be presenting; as well as cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons, sisters and brothers. The list of presenters is truly overwhelming; there is no way we will be able to hear all of them. I think we will just try to soak in as much as we can."

The Noem family of St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, will be traveling with their sons Oscar, 14, Simon-Peter, 9, and daughter Lucy, 8.

"We were on board with the World Meeting of Families from the start — we were early adopters, you could say, even before it was announced that the pope would be attending," Josh Noem told *Today's Catholic*. "Both Stacey and I had very moving experiences at World Youth Days (I was in Denver with JPII in 1993 and Stacey took University of Portland students to Madrid in 2011). For both of us, World Youth Day was an encounter with the wider Church in a real, tangible way. It profoundly shaped my idea of Church."

When they heard that the World Youth Day equivalent for families was coming to the U.S., Josh said, "We immediately recognized it as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to encounter the universal Church as a family, with our kids. So, we're looking forward to the pilgrimage and how it will shape our family's spirituality in the coming years. Francis attending was icing on the cake."

"For me, I'm looking forward to the energy that he'll bring to the World Meeting of Families — it truly will be an encounter with the universal Church when he is present and representing all of those who couldn't be here. I'm also intensely interested in his prophetic witness — his words, but especially his deeds — and how it will call the U.S. to something more. It will be an adventure of faith for our family."

Stacey Noem said, "I think the majority of my excitement around



this trip is sharing it with the children: offering them this experience of world Church, getting to share in it with them, and to

navigate it as a family unit is really a rare opportunity. By that I mean, the very nature of this event is different than if Josh and I were chaperones at a World Youth Day the children were attending, or a high school mission trip. So to, it is different than if it was focused on adults and the children were just an add on."

"The World Meeting of Families will take us as a whole unit into account," she said. "Even the schedule of the days reflects that: big breaks at lunch to reconnect and allow little ones to nap and finishing each day by 5 p.m. so that the evening is just family time."

Mike and Rebecca Fitzmaurice, of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka, are also excited about the World Meeting of Families. Sons John Paul, 16, and Gregory, 13, are ready for the trip to Pennsylvania. The boys say "they are hoping to come away with Pope Francis's zucchetto and new friends from all over the United States."

Rebecca told *Today's Catholic*, "Mike and I are hoping to learn more about the Church's teachings on the family and the calling that God has for families. We want to know how to become the family God wants us to be so we can more fruitfully and joyfully serve those around us."

"Marriage and the family are vital to the health and well-being of society," she said, "and the workshops and activities at the World Meeting of Families will help us to explore what God wants our family to do and to be in the world for Him."

"We are looking forward to seeing the pope," she said. "Pope Francis has said many beautiful and helpful things about family life, such as the importance of prayer and dreams and 'joy' in every family. We are excited to hear more of his wisdom and guidance. We also look forward to experiencing the beauty of so many families from all different places gathered together for this happy event."

She concluded, "The unique identity of our own family will be clarified and strengthened as we hear about (at the talks) and see (in person) the huge variety of ways that each family lives out its calling. We will be inspired to develop our own new traditions and initiatives that will further build and sharpen who our family is meant to be."

Building better marriages by promoting growth and reconciliation

FORT WAYNE — Couples will find hope, help and healing for marriages by attending the Third Option — a skills-based group program that helps participants build stronger, more fulfilling marriages. Each 14-session cycle covers a comprehensive set of tools that couples can use to develop better levels of understanding, conflict-resolution and trust while also learning more effective communication skills.

Participants may start at any time in the cycle. Spouses may attend together or alone, and childcare will be provided. There is no fee to attend although donations will be accepted. Sessions are to be held on select Mondays starting Sept. 21, from 7-9 pm, at Bishop Dwenger High School (enter at Door No. 1 – Main Office). Please contact Third Option coordinators at 260-338-OPT3 or ThirdOptionFW@gmail.com or visit www.ThirdOptionFW.org for more information.

This ministry is an outreach of the parishes of Our Lady of Good Hope, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Jude and St. Vincent de Paul. Parishioners interested in volunteering for this ministry may also contact us for more information about upcoming training sessions.

Meeting dates and topics

Sept. 21:	Building a Climate of Respect
Oct. 5:	Ending the Blame Game
Oct. 19:	Understanding Expectations
Nov. 2:	Redefining the Power Struggle
Nov. 16:	Coping with Control Issues
Nov. 30:	Listening Beyond the Words
Dec. 14:	Appreciating Personality Differences
Jan. 4:	Recognizing Childhood/Emotional Baggage
Jan. 18:	Handling Anger Constructively
Feb. 1:	Speaking the Truth in Love
Feb. 15:	Learning to Fight Fair
Feb. 29:	Breaking the Hurt Cycle
March 14:	Practicing Forgiveness and Repair
March 28:	Rebuilding Trust

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Guarendi, Father Mitch Pacwa, Christopher West and Father Donald Calloway as well as the testimonies of several divorced Catholic men and women.

The programs are offered in both the Fort Wayne and South Bend areas. St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne offers it twice a month beginning in September and concluding in March. On the South Bend side, the program is sponsored by the diocesan Office of Family Life and is offered weekly in both the spring and the fall at the St. John Paul II Center in Mishawaka. The next program begins on Sept. 30.

TC: How should or does the diocese reach out to those who are civilly remarried, but still desire to be active in the Church?

Everett: This is an area that is still developing in our diocese and, really, throughout the United States and the rest of the world. The reason is that this outreach requires a real balancing act. On the one hand, we want to affirm individuals and welcome them. Our faith teaches us that every human being is a great gift from God. The question is: Does our pastoral ministry reflect the depth of that teaching? Does the Church help everyone to feel like a gift?

On the other hand, the Church does not want to give the impression to individuals that it approves of the second union or that it is not a serious matter. Too often it can be easier to ignore the problem or the individual than to have to deal with the awkwardness of the situation.

Again, this underscores the importance of establishing a path

of growth in holiness. If those who are in difficult circumstances — such as those who are divorced and civilly remarried — are welcomed to the Church, this does not require that they immediately must be challenged with the objective sinfulness of their situation. If this person can be placed on a path of growth in holiness under someone's mentorship, this fact can be dealt with over time and not right away. The important thing is to establish a spiritual plan of life where individuals can discover the love of Jesus Christ and to allow that love to transform their life decisions.

TC: We have seen the definition of marriage redefined in our state and by the U.S. Supreme Court. Many Catholics believe that same-sex marriage is okay. What does the Church really say about same-sex marriage? Will the Church redefine her teaching?

Everett: The Church cannot redefine her teaching regarding marriage because it is based upon human nature and the teachings of the Lord. I think that some, especially a number of young people, have allowed themselves to think that this teaching that marriage is exclusively between a man and a woman is one that is outdated and that is sure to change over time. This, however, cannot be for several reasons.

First, our very understanding of marriage is built upon the complementarity of men and women. A man and a woman fit together in a way that two men or two women do not. In addition, this very union allows the possibility of new life coming into this world and being entrusted to them not just as parents — but as a father and mother team. Marriage has then these two essential qualities — the unitive and the procreative. This is why the Church has always taught that marriage fully comes into existence only

when the couple has consummated the marriage. This constitutes the sealing of their covenant and it is not something that two men or two women can ever achieve.

Secondly, the Church has always taught that homosexual acts are seriously disordered, basing itself on the Bible and on the natural law. Like marriage itself, the "marriage act" is meant to be both love-giving and life-giving, and this is possible only between a man and a woman. The newly-minted legal fiction of same-sex "marriage" presumably assumes homosexual behavior. Consequently, the very meaning and purpose of human sexuality has been explicitly rejected now that homosexual relations have been given a protected constitutional status by the highest court in our land. There can no longer be any logical moral objection to premarital relations, extramarital relations, contraception and sterilization. Sex has been reduced to a recreational activity between consenting adults and is no longer seen as the sacred sign of a covenant sealed by the hand of God.

Finally, as Catholics, we believe that the Holy Spirit guides the teaching of the Church in matters of faith and morals. We could well wonder if this central teaching about marriage and human sexuality has been wrong for more than 2,000 years, why should we even look to the Church for guidance? In fact, why should we even believe the other claims that the Church makes? Our faith, indeed, is a seamless garment, and all of her teachings are made from the same cloth. To try to rip out such an important thread that is interwoven throughout the tapestry of our faith, would leave that tapestry in shreds.

TC: Marriage is under attack on many fronts. In a few sentences, please share what Catholics can do to build good marriages.

Everett: Love — that is at the heart of building a good marriage. While feelings of love are important, much more important is the choice or decision to love since the virtue of love rests in the will — not in desires or affections. To do something for the good of another that is difficult or requires sacrifice, especially if we don't feel like doing it, is where true love manifests itself and grows.

While skills like good communication and conflict resolution are helpful and have their place, married couples need to "put out into the deep," and follow the path of growing in love and holiness. They will find that the closer that they grow to God, the closer that they will grow to one another. To do this requires building a deep life of prayer and putting our trust in the Lord and in the teachings of the Church. It will also entail making a sustained effort to grow steadily in the virtues that matter most in married life — virtues such as humility, trust, obedience, patience, magnanimity, purity, gentleness, prudence, love and mercy.



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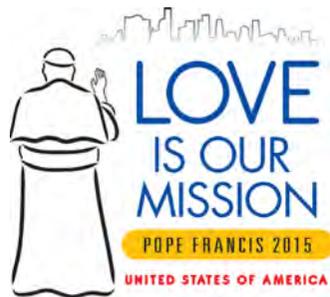
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Tuesday, Sept. 22, Washington, D.C.
 • 4 p.m. — Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

Wednesday, Sept. 23, Washington, D.C.
 • 9:15 a.m. — Welcome ceremony and meeting with President Obama at the White House
 • 11:30 a.m. — Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral
 • 4:15 p.m. — Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, Sept. 24, Washington, D.C., New York City
 • 9:20 a.m. — Address to Joint Meeting of the United States Congress
 • 11:15 a.m. — Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
 • 4 p.m. — Depart from Joint Base Andrews
 • 5 p.m. — Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport
 • 6:45 p.m. — Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Friday, Sept. 25, New York City
 • 8:30 a.m. — Visit to the United Nations and address to the United Nations General Assembly
 • 11:30 a.m. — Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center
 • 4 p.m. — Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem
 • 6 p.m. — Mass at Madison Square Garden

Saturday, Sept. 26, New York City, Philadelphia
 • 8:40 a.m. — Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport
 • 9:30 a.m. — Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia
 • 10:30 a.m. — Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
 • 4:45 p.m. — Visit to Independence Mall
 • 7:30 p.m. — Visit to the Festival of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Sunday, Sept. 27, Philadelphia
 • 9:15 a.m. — Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
 • 11 a.m. — Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
 • 4 p.m. — Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway
 • 7 p.m. — Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation
 • 8 p.m. — Departure for Rome

Opportunity of a lifetime in papal visit, canonization



Colleges and students anticipate papal visit, World Meeting of Families

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — For some, it's an opportunity of a lifetime and for others, an opportunity to grow as a Catholic family.

When Pope Francis visits Washington, New York and Philadelphia, Sept. 23-27, his first visit to the United States, he will canonize Junipero Serra, give a talk to U.S. Congress, speak at the United Nations and close the World Meeting of Families, which begins Sept. 22.

Holy Cross College campus minister Andrew Polaniecki could not be more excited to attend the canonization of Junipero Serra. Polaniecki was chosen to be an acolyte at the Mass. He and Holy Cross College theology professor Michael Griffin were also able to attain tickets for the Capitol Lawn when Pope Francis addresses Congress.

Faithful from the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College will be traveling to Philadelphia for the closing Mass.

On that bus will be Saint Mary's College senior Deirdre O'Leary, a Philadelphia native who is pursuing a dual degree in religious studies and global studies.

"As soon as the sign up opened for the papal pilgrimage, I signed up," O'Leary shared with *Today's Catholic*. "This is a very exciting time for me because I am from Philadelphia. While it is dubbed the City of Brotherly Love, the crime and poverty in some areas of the city make that moniker hard to believe."

"It is incredible to think that Pope Francis will stand in the heart of the city and address the American people," O'Leary said. "I am touched that he is also going to be visiting a prison near my home and that his chair on the altar was crafted by these prisoners."

O'Leary studied abroad in Rome two years ago and attended several Masses and Wednesday audiences of Pope Francis. She said, "I anticipate a weekend of joy, healing and the celebration of the crucial institution of the family."

A group of students, faculty and staff from the University of Saint Francis will have the chance to experience part of the visit as they depart for Philadelphia on Sept. 26 from

CHAIR FOR POPE FRANCIS IN NYC



CNS PHOTO/LUCAS JACKSON, REUTERS

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York speaks Sept. 2 about a chair Pope Francis will use when he celebrates Mass in Madison Square Garden. WNBC TV reports the chair was constructed by a group of immigrant day laborers in a garage in Port Chester. The Archdiocese of New York said immigrants were specifically chosen because of Pope Francis' concern over those who are marginalized and for his desire for justice in the world. The Mass is set for Sept. 25.

the USF campus. Newmann University, a sister Franciscan university in Philadelphia, is hosting the group during their visit.

"We are so blessed to have the opportunity to witness this historic event," said Sister M. Elise Kriss, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration and president of the University of Saint Francis, "and I am so thrilled for these students

who will be part of not just an important Catholic event, but truly an important moment in the history of this country. As the University of Saint Francis, we have been watching Pope Francis and the wonderful way he has embodied the Franciscan values that we hold so dear. This is going to be a very enjoyable trip, but also a very meaningful one for all of us."



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Priests in U.S., Canada can already absolve women who had abortions

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Pope Francis' Sept. 1 announcement that priests worldwide will be able to absolve women for the sin of abortion will have little effect on pastoral practices in the United States and Canada, where most priests already have such authority in the sacrament of Reconciliation. "It is my understanding that the faculty for the priest to lift the 'latae sententiae' excommunication for abortion is almost universally granted in North America," said Don Clemmer, interim director of media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Latae sententiae" is a Latin term in canon law that means excommunication for certain crimes, including involvement in abortion, is automatic. Clemmer said it is "the fiat of the local bishop" whether to allow the priests in his diocese to absolve those sins and most bishops granted such permission when giving priests faculties to minister in their local church. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger of Albany, New York, confirmed that in a Sept. 1 statement welcoming what he called the pope's "wonderful gesture."

Pope calls on Europe's parishes, religious houses to take in refugees

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Given the ongoing crisis of people fleeing from war and poverty, Pope Francis asked every parish and religious community in Europe to take in a family of refugees as a concrete sign of hope and God's mercy. "The Gospel calls us, asks us to be near the least and the abandoned. To give them concrete hope, not just say 'Hang in there, have patience!'" he said in an appeal after praying the Angelus with those gathered in St. Peter's Square Sept. 6. "Christian hope has a fighting spirit with the tenacity of someone who is heading toward a sure goal," he said, while he encouraged all of his "brother bishops of Europe — true shepherds," to support his appeal in their dioceses. "In the face of the tragedy of tens of thousands of refugees, who are fleeing death because of war and hunger" and are seeking a new life, the pope called on "parishes, religious communities, monasteries and sanctuaries all across Europe to give concrete expression of the Gospel and receive a family of refugees." God's mercy is expressed through the works of regular men and women, he said, reminding people that Christ taught that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

The rules for the Latin and Eastern churches are substantially the same since the differences in texts refer mainly to the different structures of the hierarchy with Latin churches having bishops and Eastern churches having eparchs and patriarchs.

Pope Francis said the changes in the annulment process were motivated by "concern for the salvation of souls," and particularly "charity and mercy" toward those who feel alienated from the Church because of their marriage situations and the perceived complexity of the Church's annulment process.

The new rules replace canons 1671-1691 of the Code of Canon Law and canons 1357-1377 of the Eastern code. Pope Francis also provided a set of "procedural regulations" outlining how his reforms are to take place, encouraging bishops in small dioceses to train personnel who can handle marriage cases and spelling out specific conditions when a bishop can issue a declaration of nullity after an abbreviated process.

Those conditions include: when it is clear one or both parties lacked the faith to give full consent to a Catholic marriage; when the woman had an abortion to prevent procreation; remaining in an extramarital relationship at the time of the wedding or immediately afterward; one

partner hiding knowledge of infertility, a serious contagious disease, children from a previous union or a history of incarceration; and when physical violence was used to extort consent for the marriage.

The reformed processes were drafted by a special committee Pope Francis established a year earlier. Among the criteria he said guided their work, the first he listed was the possibility of there being "only one executive sentence in favor of nullity" when the local bishop or judge delegated by him had the "moral certainty" that the marriage was not valid. Previously an appeal was automatic and a declaration of nullity had to come from two tribunals.

Msgr. Pio Vito Pinto, dean of the Roman Rota, a Vatican court, and president of the commission that drafted the new rules, told reporters that Pope Francis asked for updates throughout the year, sought a review by four "great canonists" not involved in the drafting and in the end adopted the changes with "great seriousness, but also great serenity."

The changes made by Pope Francis, particularly the responsibility and trust placed in local bishops, are the most substantial changes in the Church's marriage law since the pontificate of Pope Benedict XIV in the mid-1700s, Msgr. Pinto said. Even with the 1917 and 1983 new Codes of Canon Law, the process for recognizing the nullity of a marriage remained "substantially unchanged," he said.

"Putting the poor at the center is what distinguishes the reform of Pope Francis from those made by Pope Pius X and Pope Benedict

XIV," Msgr. Pinto said.

In fact, Pope Francis ordered that the "gratuity of the procedure be assured so that, in a matter so closely tied to the salvation of souls, the Church — by demonstrating to the faithful that she is a generous mother — may demonstrate the gratuitous love of Christ, which saves us all."

Pressed by reporters about how quickly the new procedures will go into effect in dioceses around the world, Msgr. Pinto said it will take some dioceses longer than others to adapt to the new norms and to find ways to finance their tribunals other than charging couples.

People must remember, he said, that the canon lawyers who are not priests deserve to be compensated and need to support their families.

The rules are not retroactive, he said; however, any initial sentence issued Dec. 8 or later would fall under the new rules and not require an automatic appeal if both parties agree.

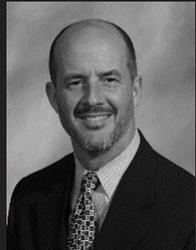
Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio, president of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, who also was a member of the commission, insisted the pope's new rules were not about "annulling marriages," but about recognizing and declaring the nullity of a marriage, in other words, declaring that it never existed as a valid sacrament.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades announced in October 2014 that the Tribunal of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend would no longer charge any administrative fees for the processing of annulment cases.

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St. Stanislaus Parish updates Mass information

SOUTH BEND — St. Stanislaus Parish in South Bend was made a personal parish Sept. 8 and will serve the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Latin Community, as well as offer Mass in English. The parish was established in 1899 and is located at 415 North Brookfield St. in South Bend.

Msgr. John C. Fritz of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter was recently appointed pastor of the parish. His email is pastor@ststanparish.com. The website is www.ststanparish.com. The parish phone is 574-233-1217.

The schedule for Masses in Latin includes: Sunday at 10 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 a.m.; Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday at 8:15 a.m.

Priests from Holy Cross Parish will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass in English.

For the Holy Day Mass, check the bulletin or website.

Confessions will be offered on Sunday from 9-9:45 a.m., on Monday from 5:15-6 p.m., and on Saturday from 9-10 a.m. and 3:45-4:30 p.m. Confessions are also available by appointment.

Fertility and Midwifery Care Center to offer faith and fertility workshop

FORT WAYNE — The Fertility and Midwifery Care Center will offer "Faith and Fertility: Know Your Options, Live Your Faith" with Creighton Model Fertility Care and NaProTECHNOLOGY on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Hession Center Room C and D at St. Charles Borromeo Church, located at 4916 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne.

Speakers Dr. Christopher Stroud, Lea Oberhausen and Father Jacob Meyer will discuss Pope Paul VI's encyclical "Humanae Vitae," and how it relates to reproductive health, and how to faithfully address women's health issues including infertility, high-risk pregnancies and more. For more information contact Lea Oberhausen at 260-222-7401 or Creightonfertility@fertilityandmidwifery.com.

'40 Days for Life' campaign posts activities

SOUTH BEND — The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign in South Bend begins Wednesday, Sept. 23, and runs through Nov. 1. Prayer, fasting and keeping vigil at the Prayer Peninsula from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. is encouraged. Groups from parishes, colleges, high schools and junior high students are asked to organize to pray the rosary and offer sidewalk advocacy.

A 40 Days for Life kickoff event is planned in the afternoon of Sept. 20 with Justin Fatica. Details will follow at 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/south-bend/.

Saturday Masses held at the back of the Life Center will be at 8 a.m.

The first Saturday devotions, however, will be held Oct. 3 at St.

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AVILLA STUDENTS TAKE ANTIBULLYING CHALLENGE



SARA LAKE

St. Mary School, Avilla, kicked off Rachel's Challenge 2015 with a Mass, assembly and Peace Parade on Sept. 11. Rachel's Challenge is a program that promotes kindness and challenges us all to join together to create a "chain reaction of care and compassion." Students, staff, parents and community members accepted Rachel's Challenge to share kindness with others by signing our school banner. "We are going to keep record of our loving deeds by presenting paper chain links to people who are caught sharing kindness," says Principal Jane Sandor. "These links will continually be added together to create a chain connected to our anchor, Jesus Christ. We hope to strengthen or friendship with Jesus by building a 'Chain Connection' throughout our community." Shown above is Father Daniel Chukwuleta, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption, with students who are participating in the challenge.

Anthony de Padua in South Bend with an 8:15 a.m. celebrated by Father Dave Ruppert, pastor of St. Anthony Parish. Mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, meditation, prayer for the pope and Confessions.

Other 8 a.m. Mass celebrants at the Life Center will be: Sept. 26, Holy Cross Father Ed Krause; Oct. 10, Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of Holy Family Parish, South Bend; Oct. 17, Holy Cross Father Dan Ponisciak, parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish, South Bend; Oct. 24, Holy Cross Father Ed O'Connor; and Oct. 31, Holy Cross Father Bill Miscamble.

Other prayer activities include on Oct. 10 at 12 p.m. the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally at Christ the King Parish at State Road 933 at Darden Road and led by Karen Mack; and at St. Anthony Parish at Ironwood Road and East Jefferson Boulevard and led by Fred Carrioco. The rally is sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Tradition, Family, Property.

USF to offer lecture on marriage, divorce and annulment

FORT WAYNE — The Department of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Saint Francis will hold a free public lecture, titled, "Catholic Teaching on Marriage, Divorce, and Annulments" on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. on the campus of the University of Saint Francis, Achatz Hall of Science, Gunderson Auditorium, 2701 Spring St. The lecture is part of a series offered by the Department of Philosophy and Theology faculty throughout the academic year.

Father Mark Gurtner, pastor at Our Lady of Good Hope, will discuss the Church's position on marriage.

For more information, contact Emily Lautzenheiser at 260-399-8066 or elautzenheiser@sf.edu.

Victory Noll Center to host 'Welcome, Pope Francis' event

HUNTINGTON — To celebrate the first visit of Pope Francis to the United States this month, Victory Noll Center will host a "Welcome, Pope Francis" Tuesday, Sept. 22, as a way to bring people together to talk about the pope's visit and what it means for the local community.

The gathering at Victory Noll Center runs from 7-9 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost for the event that will include prayer, conversation and refreshments. Victory Noll Center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr.

Registering is helpful but not required.

Pope Francis' visit to the U.S. from Sept. 22-27 has the potential to be a transformational moment for all Americans.

For more information about

Victory Noll Center, call 260-356-0628, ext. 174, or contact the center by e-mail at victorynollcenter@olvm.org. More information is also available on the center's website at www.olvm.org/vncenter.

Breathing Underwater: A Caregiver's Journey of Hope workshop offered

GOSHEN — The Secretariat of Evangelization in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will host "Breathing Underwater: A Caregiver's Journey of Hope," a workshop for caregivers at St. John the Evangelist in Goshen on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Authors, coaches and mothers of children with rare diseases, Eileen Benthall and Jeannie Ewing have experienced first-hand the emotional, psychological, spiritual and financial drain of caregiving. In this dynamic and inspiring workshop, they share their wisdom and experience to help caregivers and others to learn how to BREATHE, even when one feels like he or she is drowning. Cost for this adults only workshop is \$20, which includes lunch.

For more information contact Allison Sturm at 260-399-1452 or asturm@diocesefwsb.org or visit www.diocesefwsb.org/Disabilities-Ministries.

Rejoice! Women's Retreat to be held

DONALDSON — The Secretariat of Evangelization in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will offer Rejoice! Women's Retreat to be held at Lindenwood Retreat Center in Donaldson. Sister Ann Shields of Renewal Ministries will lead the retreat, organized by Jan Torma, focusing on spiritual nourishment and Christian fellowship for the women of the diocese beginning Friday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. and concluding Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. Praise music will be led by Vanessa Proulx. For more information or to register contact Cindy Black at cblack@diocesefwsb.org or call 260-422-4611.

Redeemer Radio debuts 'Redeemer Mornings' on 95.7 FM

SOUTH BEND — Redeemer Radio launched their two-hour weekday morning show, titled "Redeemer Mornings," on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 6 a.m. on 95.7 FM in greater Michiana.

Hosted by Deacon Jim Tighe, the show will bring the joy of the faith to listeners with information and tips for living the faith in their daily lives. Program features will highlight and focus on interviews covering a variety of topics from local events and diocesan ministries to catechesis and personal faith witness.

Listeners on 95.7 FM will receive pertinent local news with Peter Kileen, local weather from meteorologist Jennifer Narramore along with

St. Henry dedicates community garden's pavilion



PHOTOS BY JERRY KESSENS

The name of the St. Henry Community Garden Pavilion — The Phil Gerardot Pavilion — is unveiled, following the pavilion's blessing by St. Henry pastor Father Dan Durkin (looking on at right) at a community-wide garden party held on Aug. 29. Following the dedication of the pavilion, those gathered enjoyed a potluck dinner and entertainment provided by the Todd Harold Band.



Paul J. Gerardot, president and property manager of St. Henry's Community Garden, left, joins Scott Krieg, orchardist and member of the board of directors at the community garden to inspect the vegetation on Aug. 29, before the blessing of the Phil Gerardot Pavilion.

ZEAL Summit calls faithful to take Gospel to outer edges of the modern world

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's Office of Catechesis will hold its first annual ZEAL Missionary Discipleship Summit from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Bishop Dwenger High School, 1300 E. Washington Center Rd., Fort Wayne, on Saturday, Oct. 10. The all-day conference spring-boarded from the former Catechetical Institute Day for DREs and catechists and is the office's response to Pope Francis' focus on evangelizing all the faithful, equipping them to take the Gospel to the peripheries of the modern world.

This event is open to any adult currently serving the Church through a ministry, teaching others or seeking growth in his or her personal faith journey. The cost is \$20 and participants must be pre-registered and prepaid to attend.

The schedule for the inspiring day includes registration at 8 a.m. with Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Oblate of St. Francis of de Sales Father Mike Depcik at 9 a.m. Morning snack and Ministry, Service and Publisher fair, offering a variety of parish and community-based ministries, at 10 a.m. with keynote address presented by popular co-authors and call-in radio program personalities Dr. Gregory and Lisa Popcak at 10:30 a.m. Following the 11:30 a.m. break, morning workshops

will begin at 11:45 a.m. and conclude for lunch break and ministry fair at 12:45 p.m. Afternoon breakout sessions will begin at 2 p.m. Closing prayer and commissioning will take place at 3:10 p.m. with dismissal at 3:30 p.m.

Father Mike Depcik, from the Archdiocese of Detroit and one of only 10 deaf priests in the world, will offer both a morning and afternoon workshop for the deaf. Interpreter services will be provided upon request with registration.

In addition to the keynote address "Radical Love: Living the Catholic Difference in Relationship" with the Popcaks, a rich variety of workshop sessions from parenting and signed Mass for the deaf to evangelizing with digital technology and intentional discipleship will be offered.

Sessions on Enrichment and Personal Formation

- **Living the Catholic Difference in Marriage**
Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak
- **The Good News about Suffering**
Dr. Thomas McGovern
- **The Year of Mercy and the Writings of Pope Francis**
Dr. John O'Callaghan
- **Dignity and Vocation of Women**
Deb Baum

Registration is now open
Visit www.zealsummit.com or mail a registration form and check payable to Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to 915 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Attn: ZEAL
Deadline is Sept. 28.

- **Difficult Choices: A Catholic Perspective on Health Care at the End of Life**
Dr. Eustace Fernandes
- **Complementarity in Parenting**
Meg Hanlon
- **Scriptural Images of Marriage**
Anthony Pagliarini
- **Understanding the Catholic Mass Part 1**
Father Michael Depcik (American Sign Language)
- **Fostering a Charism of Hospitality**
Claire and John Fyrqvist
- **Building a Personal Prayer Life**

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Sessions on Best Practices

- **How to Form an Odd Generation: The Gift of Catholic Millennials to the Church**
Justin Bartkus
- **Pope Francis and the Missionary Call to Accompany Couples at the Peripheries**
Fred Everett
- **Raising Children in the Theology of the Body**
Lisa Marino
- **One Body, One Family: The Value of Diversity and Inclusion**
James and Wendy Summers
- **Called by Name: Reflections for the Jubilee Year of Mercy on Pastoral Outreach to Those with Special Needs**
Mary O'Callaghan

- **Forming Intentional Disciples in the Parish**
Cindy Black

- **Everyday Evangelizing**
Panel Discussion

- **Screens: Digital Mission Territory**
Nate Proulx and Cory Heimann

- **Engaging Families**
Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak and Panel

- **Understanding the Catholic Mass Part 2**
Father Michael Depcik (American Sign Language)

Look for more on the ZEAL Summit next week. Information on the speakers and their talks will be highlighted.

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conversation with host Deacon Jim Tighe, and producer Andrea Allphin.

Along with this local program change, Redeemer Radio will be releasing a fall program schedule, which will include a national morning show following "Redeemer Mornings" at 8 a.m. titled, "Morning Glory." Then "Fathers Know Best" will fill the 10 a.m. hour, which will have teachings and talks from priest favorites Frater Larry Richards, Father John Riccardo and Father Benedict Groeschel. The 2 p.m. hour will feature a live call-in show titled "Called to Communion," with host Dr. David Anders as he talks with non-Catholics and fallen-away Catholics. Redeemer Radio favorites, Father John Riccardo and Father Larry Richards will have their individual programs moved to 9 and 10 p.m. respectively.

Saint Mary's Position in U.S. News Rankings Moves up to 82 from 96

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College remains in the top 100 of the highest ranked colleges in the *U.S. News & World Report's* Best National Liberal Arts Colleges list, which was released recently. The college has been in the top 100 for seven years running, this year coming in at 82 out of at least 235 liberal arts colleges. Access to the national rankings can be found online or printed in the new "Best Colleges 2016" guidebook, available online and in stores later this month.

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney set and met a goal early in her presidency to move Saint Mary's into the national liberal arts rankings. Her tenure began in 2004 and ends next May.

"We know that national rankings are important to many high school students in their college

search. I am very pleased that Saint Mary's College continues to be ranked in the top 100 Best National Liberal Arts Colleges," Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney.

Blue Mass will be on Oct. 1 at basilica

NOTRE DAME — Since October 2001, the University of Notre Dame has held an annual Mass honoring police officers, emergency medical technicians and firefighters who have lost their life in the line of duty and those who serve and protect the public on a daily basis.

The Blue Mass is named for the predominant color of uniforms worn by police officers and firefighters nationwide. The date for this observance is chosen annually to be as close as possible to the "month's mind" events of Sept. 11, 2001, in accordance with an ancient tradition of the Catholic Church in which the souls of the faithful departed are remembered in a special way 30 days after their passing.

The 2015 Blue Mass will be celebrated Oct. 1, at 5:15 p.m. at the University of Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The guest speaker will be retired Deputy District Chief Steve Chikerotis from the Chicago Fire Department. As Deputy District Chief he oversaw operations for 30 fire stations and seven Battalions. Chief Chikerotis is a published author and for the last 25 years has worked as a screenwriter, story line consultant and has been a technical adviser for such movies as "Backdraft" and is now currently working on the NBC television show "Chicago Fire."

Correction

Dominican Brother Joseph M. Trout, who made solemn profession of vows as a brother to the Dominican order on Sept. 5, does not plan to pursue studies for the Priesthood. He teaches theology at Fenwick, the Dominican high school in Chicago.

Appeals court rules against additional diocesan groups' mandate objections

CHICAGO (CNS) — Several additional Catholic entities in Indiana were among those told by the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Sept. 4 that there is not a substantial burden to their religious rights in the process they must follow to avoid having to pay for contraceptive coverage in employee health insurance.

The 7th Circuit had ruled last December in a case involving the University of Notre Dame that a process known as an accommodation for avoiding the mandate does not substantially burden the Catholic institution's religious rights.

The latest ruling reiterates many of the same points in finding that a different set of plaintiffs similarly should not be protected from requirements established by the Department of Health and Human Services for avoiding the contraceptive mandate because of religious objections. The plaintiffs in the newest ruling include entities within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, including Catholic Charities; Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community; the Franciscan Alliance, which is an Indiana health care system; the University of Saint Francis; and Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic publishing company; as well as Biola University, a California Christian school, and Grace College and Seminary in Indiana (Biola and Grace filed suit together in Indiana); and Specialty Physicians of Illinois.

"We conclude that the (Affordable Care Act) does not impose a substantial burden on the plaintiffs' free exercise rights,"

the court said in a 2-1 ruling. It continued for 60 days a stay on the enforcement of the requirement, to give time for a lower federal court to consider related issues. Failure to comply with the requirement to offer contraceptive coverage or follow the procedures of the accommodation are subject to penalty of substantial fines.

The 7th Circuit is among seven federal appeals court to rule against nonprofit religious organizations that argued that the contraceptive mandate and the opt-out system violate their religious rights. No appeals courts have ruled otherwise.

Several of the religious institutions in the cases have filed appeals with the Supreme Court. The court will not announce additional cases for its next docket until shortly before the term begins Oct. 5.

All of the circuit court decisions have come since the Supreme Court's June 2014 ruling that the owners of the Hobby Lobby craft store chain and similarly situated, closely held, for-profit companies are entitled to be exempt from the contraceptive requirement. The appeals courts ruled in light of the

Hobby Lobby decision, finding that unlike the for-profit organizations, the nonprofits had a viable alternative in what HHS calls an accommodation for them and that it does not infringe on their religious rights.

Under the Affordable Care Act, religious institutions such as dioceses and churches that object on moral grounds to the use of contraceptives are exempt from the requirement to provide insurance coverage for them.

The religious nonprofit organizations in the cases do not meet the HHS requirements for an exemption, which requires that the institutions be primarily involved in inculcating the faith and primarily serve and employ people of the same faith.

Under the accommodation, nonexempt organizations can file

a form with HHS or send a letter to the agency simply saying they will not provide the coverage. At that point, a third-part system kicks in for providing employees with contraceptive insurance, with no cost or further involvement to the religious employers.

'We conclude that the (Affordable Care Act) does not impose a substantial burden on the plaintiffs' free exercise rights.'

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Bishop Rhoades pays pastoral visit to St. Therese School

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visited St. Therese Church and School, Fort Wayne, on Sept. 1 — the first this new school year of many pastoral visits he expects to make in the coming months. The event also was the first school Mass St. Therese staff and students attended together this academic year.

"I am so happy to be here. I've been looking forward to it," said Bishop Rhoades as Mass began. His only prior visit to the school was to bless a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe several years ago.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades asked the students to pray for him throughout the school year. He reminded them that in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass they are asked to pray for the pope and their bishop. So he asked a group of second graders if they knew his name. An astute young lady named Emma answered it was "Rhoades." He then made further inquiry if another second grader knew his first name. A small voice came back with: "Bishop!"

After the laughter died down, Bishop Rhoades asked the students about the readings they had just heard proclaimed at Mass from 1 Thess. 5:1-6, 9-11 and Lk 4:31-37. And he challenged them, through the grace of God — not only in their religion classes but in all their classes and through their teachers — "to be holy and to help one another be holy." The most important thing to learn at St. Therese School, he concluded, was how to be holy and become saints, following Jesus.

At the end of Mass he expressed his gratitude to Father Lawrence Tete, a priest of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and pastor, Charles Grimm, principal, teachers and staff, parents, grandparents and parishioners present to support the school. He thanked all who participated in the liturgy including servers, musicians, cantors and the children's choir. And, he welcomed Marsha Jordan, superintendent of the Catholic Schools Office.

Bishop Rhoades then visited the 218 students in St. Therese School, which includes pre-kindergarten. After a brief look at the computer lab he stepped into the hall and met a line of kindergarten students, taught by Missy Chapin, en route to recess. He remarked how quiet they were.

He next visited Elyssa Walberry's pre-K class. They showed him where they prayed and sang him a song. As with all the classes, Bishop Rhoades said a prayer with them at the end of his visit and gave them a blessing.

The 24 second graders in Andrea Buday's class were writing about "why they would like to be a saint" when Bishop Rhoades stepped into their classroom. He encouraged

them to continue such thoughts and said there might be a religious vocation in their midst.

Carolyn Schultz' first-grade class of 29 students was about to exit the classroom for gym but they stayed long enough to entertain Bishop Rhoades' questions about what they were studying in religion.

The 20 sixth graders in Angie Runion's class were learning to read the Bible. They correctly answered nearly all of Bishop Rhoades' questions including who the four major prophets are: Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah and Daniel.

Chad Hormann's seventh graders were reviewing social studies when Bishop Rhoades visited. But they turned to the topic they were studying in religion: "What does God look like?" With Bishop Rhoades' assistance, they came up with examples of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove and tongues of fire. But they had to admit the Holy Trinity is a mystery.

There are 17 students in Kim Reber's eighth-grade class. They told Bishop Rhoades they are reviewing what they know in their religion studies in preparation for Confirmation the Wednesday after Easter. Bishop Rhoades assured the class they will receive the strength of the Holy Spirit, just as the apostles did, to "live the Gospel."

The 16 third graders in Pam Lepley's class are learning about God's creation, they told Bishop Rhoades. He asked them what was God's greatest creation and they correctly answered, "us!"

Jeanette Donovan's 24 fourth graders were studying math when Bishop Rhoades entered the classroom, but they switched to what they were learning in religion: "How to be a good steward." They also discussed the inspiration granted by God to the four evangelists: Sts. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The fourth graders in Kathy Ehinger's class correctly answered Bishop Rhoades' questions about the readings they had just heard at morning Mass. And since several students revealed they also spoke Spanish, he taught all the students how to say the Sign of the Cross in Spanish: "En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amén." Following his blessing, he then bid the class — and St. Therese School — "Adiós!"



PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades made a pastoral visit to St. Therese School in Fort Wayne on Sept. 1.



Students pray the rosary in the church before the school day begins. The prayer is a daily ritual for the students and staff.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass at St. Therese Church, Fort Wayne, during his pastoral visit Sept. 1.

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St. Therese School first and second graders pose with classmates for a photo outside on the playground.

Setting the tone

“St. Therese Catholic is unique from other diocesan schools because we begin our school day as a school family praying the rosary, learning a faith word and saying the Pledge of Allegiance every morning,” said Principal Chuck Grimm. “By doing these things, it sets the tone of our day as a school family/community. What better way to begin your day than in God’s house with prayer.”

He said the school is also unique because “we do things in the ‘Little Way’ just as St. Therese of Liseux, patron saint of our school did. We all come together as a school family/community to help and support others when needed.”

For example, he said, “we have had two students, a teacher and myself who have had to deal with cancer in our lives. The school students, parents, faculty and parishioners have come together as ‘one’ in the form of prayer and support for those in need.”

“I’ve always been told that there is ‘power in prayer,’” Grimm said, “and that has been proven as we have gone through these challenges in our lives as a part of this school family. It is wonderful to hear students talking about how they prayed for someone as they were in the car on the way to school, or how they prayed at home as family for someone who was in need of special prayers.”

“These are the things that we want our students to continue to carry with them for the rest of their lives,” he noted. “The simple way of prayer has been proven to our students that it is an easy thing to do, and is very powerful and helpful to those in need.”

The Catholic identity of St. Therese School is not just about the religious symbols that can be found in the class-

rooms and throughout the school. “Our Catholic identity at St. Therese is how we live it in all that we do and say,” Grimm added. “We strive to be Christ-like examples to others. What we want for all of our students is simply live out what our school Mission Statement says: ‘Through the love of Jesus Christ, we will be faithful, productive and responsible citizens.’”

Second-grade teacher Andrea Buday, said, “I love teaching at St. Therese School for many reasons. The first is that we are able to live our faith every day and we get to teach that to our students. Secondly, St. Therese is a beautiful example of a faith community, where we pray, worship, celebrate and support each other. Finally, the support from our teaching staff is amazing. We have a very talented and caring group of educators here at St. Therese and I am blessed to be surrounded by them.”

She said the academic strength at St. Therese is religion and language arts.

St. Therese parent and first-grade paraprofessional Molly Striker said she chose to send her children to St. Therese for different reasons.

“First, I love the fact that my kids start their day in the church to pray the rosary,” Striker said. “It is a great way to bring all of the students together in prayer to start the day.”

“I love the teachers that my children have had the privilege of learning from,” she added. “I couldn’t ask for better influences for them.”

She also likes that the students show love and respect towards not only adults but towards one another. “I couldn’t picture my kids at a different school,” she said.



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits Elyssa Walberry’s pre-K class at St. Therese School.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is shown with principal Chuck Grimm at the school entrance.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and St. Therese pastor, Spiritan Father Lawrence Tete, pose by the church statue of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Pray, believe God will direct you: Advice to those who change majors

BY TIM JOHNSON

MILFORD — The headline of the website Borderzine reads, “College students tend to change majors when they find the one they really love,” and the article reported statistically college students change their major at least three times over the course of their college career.

College student Dorinda Brito is set on a career path that she feels she will love. A member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen, the bright Milford student attended Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne last year as a pre-med student with a minor in mortuary science and business.

Her plan was to be a surgeon, but concerns set in about the future of health care in the United States. She worried about waiting lists for people who may need immediate care and boards that could decide how care is rationed.

“My lifelong dream has always been to help save lives physically, but I also have wanted to spiritually help,” she told *Today's Catholic*.

Another concern was cost for premed and medical school.

So Brito is pursuing a new path. “I started working on my mortuary science and business degree during the spring 2015 semester,” she said. “As I am on a waiting list to finish my mortuary degree for the 2016-17 school year, I am working currently on my business degree and hope to finish it during the 2017-18 school year.”

“By being a funeral director, I am able to be a post-surgeon to reconstruct the physical body to help give the loved ones closure as well as spiritual support through the grieving process,” Brito said.

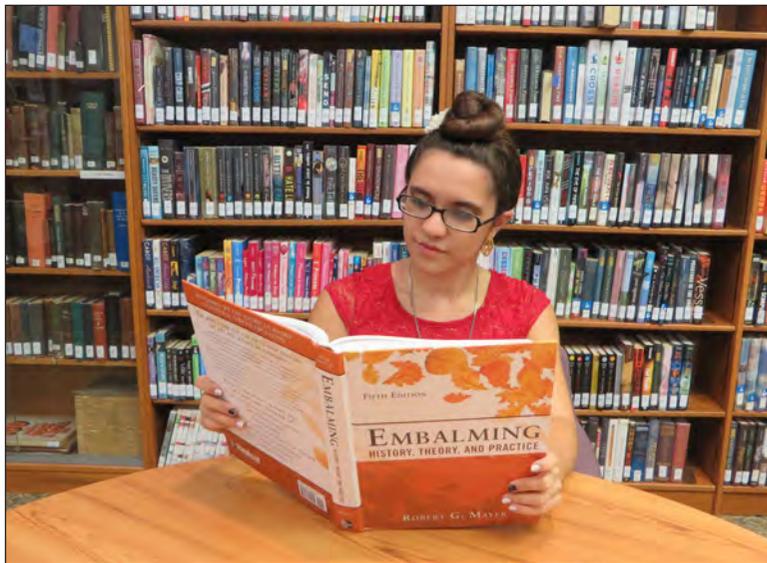
This career choice enabled Brito to complete her dream of helping others. She brings personal experience with the death of loved ones to her career.

So how does one journey from premed to mortuary science? Shadowing experience is the quick answer.

“While in the Intern Career Education program in high school,” Brito said, “I was unable to intern with a hospital due to my schedule restraints. My mother suggested job shadowing our cousin at his funeral homes nearby that would still give me the experience of surgical procedures.”

“During the job shadowing process, I not only saw the preparation of the deceased and the necessary paperwork on the business side, but also greeted the loved ones and friends of the deceased,” she said. “I had a different perspective about the funeral business.”

Unlike surgeons only being able to spend a limited time with patients, Brito said, “I found that funeral directors continue to care for the living not only during the pre-planning and funeral service,



PROVIDED BY DORINDA BRITO

Dorinda Brito, a college student from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Goshen, is shown reviewing a text in a library. Brito recently changed her plan of college studies to pursue a career in mortuary science.

but also after the funeral through grief counseling, memorial services, through various community volunteer services, and a simple ‘hello’ at the grocery store.”

Brito said, “I discovered how truly rewarding becoming a funeral director can be. I can touch the hearts of many people. It was these experiences that turned the obstacles into a career change that only God knew would fulfill my life.”

Although premed and mortuary science require health science degrees, the course study at the beginning was similar since both require anatomy and social science classes, “but mortuary science focused more on moral and ethical procedures and how to care for the living who are struggling with grief,” she said. “I was introduced to respecting different traditions and how everyone goes through the

grieving process differently.”

Brito currently attends Ivy Tech Community College in Warsaw working on a business degree and hopes to be admitted into funeral services classes at the Ivy Tech Lawrence campus for her mortuary science degree.

Trust in God has also been part of the journey. “Being a devout Catholic, my faith and living a Christian life has played a major role in my decision,” Brito said. “I trust God — that He knows the plans that He has made for me, and He will lead me to the right path to glorify Him through my works.”

Brito offered this advice to those struggling to find their path: “Pray and believe that God will direct you. Sometimes you do not anticipate change, but put your trust in God. — Jer. 29:11.”



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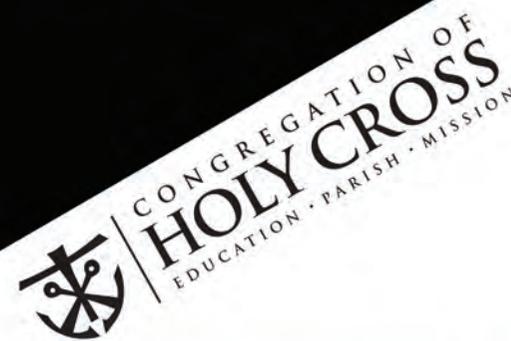


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Campus ministry empowers college students to live out faith

BY KAY COZAD

As college campuses across the diocese welcome students this fall, the Office of Evangelization's College Campus Ministry is up and running with its own sort of welcome. As a distinct presence on campus, Campus Ministry coordinators Emily VanFossen and Ash Scarbrough are working diligently to empower students to live their faith while they navigate the challenges and joys of college life.

"Campus ministry is trying to build the kingdom of God," says VanFossen. "We want to make sure these students are able to live their faith while they are in college. We want to help them deepen their faith or even find it if they haven't yet."

Scarbrough, new to this position this year, agrees adding, "It's a chance to open our eyes to Jesus already being on campus and He's trying to meet them where they're at."

It's been estimated that 70 percent of students entering college practicing their Catholic faith, graduate and leave not practicing. To combat this statistic the campus ministry works diligently on seven northeastern Indiana campuses to offer students the opportunity to gather not only for Scripture study and sacraments but also support, fellowship and fun.

VanFossen coordinates Catholic groups, known as Newman groups, on four campuses — Manchester College, Trine University in Angola, Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne (IPFW) and Indiana Tech.

Scarbrough covers Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana University at South Bend and Goshen College.

Together the two manage to meet with each campus student group, provide resources, coordinate Mass on campus or at a nearby church, facilitate Bible study discussions, work closely with each campus' chaplain and much more.



ASH SCARBROUGH

According to Scarbrough, this generation is relational, so creating a faith community on each campus requires meetings for relationship building, as well as a connection on social media sites.

"It's getting to know each other, our backgrounds and stories and where God has already been active in our lives," says Scarbrough. "Then we give them a chance to step beyond that experience by bringing Mass to campus, by bringing priests and religious to campus."

Though the ministers work to gather students to experience Mass together on campus, they also encourage involvement in a home or nearby parish.

"We try to create communities that are intentionally about going and being a part of a local parish," says Scarbrough. "It helps bridge where they're at to where they're going to be spending the rest of their faith lives, which is attached to a local parish."

Many of the local parishes encourage the university students to get involved with special Masses as well as Eucharistic Adoration.

Conventual Franciscan Father Bob Showers, chaplain for Trine University, notes that having the students involved at his St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Angola is equally as beneficial for the parish as it is for the students.

Summit Awakening is an annual weekend retreat sponsored by the diocese and the University of Saint Francis, put on by college students for college-aged students. This year's retreat will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Fort Wayne from Oct. 9-11.

To register visit: www.summitawakening.com.



EMILY VAN FOSSEN

Other chaplains assigned currently are Father Tony Steinacker, pastor of St. John the Evangelist, for Goshen College; Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Therese Little Flower, for Bethel; Father David Ruppert, pastor of St. Anthony de Padua, for IUSB; and Father Andrew Curry, pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine, for Manchester College.

Both Scarbrough and VanFossen agree that parents are foundational in the faith formation of their students. And, says VanFossen, once their student is away on campus, parents can continue to be a faith example by being available to "ask the right questions and then just listen."

Campus Ministry holds region-wide events to bring students together each year as well. Summit Awakenings, a weekend retreat to be held in Fort Wayne this year will bring all interested college-aged students together to experience a personal encounter with Christ.

Another event held in January is an intercollegiate day-retreat held at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne where Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass.

As this new school year progresses several students feel blessed to be involved with the Catholic faith group on their campuses. Senior A.J. Reynolds, student body president at Bethel College this year says by having been part of the Catholic group he has been able to connect with other students with different faith backgrounds. "Bethel's Catholic Club has played a major role in my personal and faith development over the past years and I look forward to it continuing to sharpen my abilities this year," he says.

Claire Miller, a senior at Manchester College and president of Manchester Catholics, the Newman group there, says staying connected to the faith community on campus has helped her live her beliefs with passion and confidence.

"After being a part of this group for three years, I can honestly say how crucial it is to surround yourself with good Catholic friends and groups as a young adult," Miller says. "It is difficult to stand for the Catholic faith if I feel isolated. It is why it has been so important to me to attend the Manchester Catholic weekly meetings, learn more about our faith, and then be sent back out with a renewed sense of knowledge that I am not alone in my beliefs."

Teresa Berger, senior at Indiana University at South Bend, says, "I came to IUSB and found the Catholic Newman Club the first day, and it has been the best part of my college experience by far. ... I have met so many Catholics who inspire me every day to be a better disciple of Christ and encourage me to learn more about my faith. The support system that I have found with the Church during my time in college is incredible."

Elise Fisher, junior at IPFW, couldn't agree more. "... To develop your faith and integrity in the way that we are intended, we must surround ourselves with faith-filled brothers and sisters of Christ. Because finding these people can be incredibly challenging, religious organizations, like IPFW's Newman group, are key in seeking out friends with a healthy moral compass. IPFW Newman group was exactly what I needed to find friends that would lead me deeper in my faith."

As the Campus Ministry continues to grow this year the goal is still the same. "Our goal," concludes Scarbrough, "is to encourage students to experience the love of God and extend that to others."

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Why Junípero Serra matters today

The upcoming canonization of Blessed Junípero Serra in Washington, D.C. — the first ever to take place on American soil — has generated, as I'm sure you know, a good deal of controversy. For his defenders, Padre Serra was an intrepid evangelist and a model of Gospel living, while for his detractors, he was a shameless advocate of an oppressive colonial system that resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of Indians. Even many who typically back Pope Francis see this canonization as a rare faux pas for the Argentine Pontiff. What should we make of all this?

It might first be wise to rehearse some of the basic facts of Serra's life. He was born in 1713 on the beautiful island of Mallorca off of the Spanish coast, and as a very young man, he joined a particularly severe branch of the Franciscan order. He quickly became a star in the community, recognized for his impressive intellectual gifts and his profound spirituality. After many years of study, he earned his doctorate in philosophy and commenced a teaching career, which culminated in his receiving the Duns Scotus Chair of philosophy.

But when Padre Serra was 36, he resolved to abandon his relatively comfortable life and promising career and become a missionary in the New World. He undertook this mission out of a sincere and deeply felt desire to save souls, knowing full well that he would likely never return to his homeland. After spending a few years in Mexico City doing

administrative work, he realized his dream to work with the native peoples of New Spain, first in Mexico and then in what was then called Baja California (Lower California). When he was around 50 years old, he was asked by his superiors to lead a missionary endeavor in Alta California, more or less the present day state of California. With the help of a small band of Franciscan brothers and under the protection of the Spanish government, he established a series of missions along the Pacific coast, from San Diego to San Francisco. He died in 1784 and was buried at the San Carlos Borromeo Mission in Carmel by the Sea.

Much of the disagreement regarding Junípero Serra hinges upon the interpretation of the mission project that he undertook. Though it is certainly true that the Imperial Spanish authorities had an interest in establishing a strong Spanish presence along the Pacific coast in order to block the intrusion of Russian settlers in the region, there is no doubt that Serra's first intention in setting up the missions was to evangelize the native peoples. What fired his heart above all was the prospect of announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who had never before heard it, and there is no question that his missions provided the institutional framework for that proclamation. Moreover, the missions were places where the Indians were taught the principles of agriculture and animal husbandry, which enabled them to move beyond a merely nomadic lifestyle. I find

WORD ON FIRE

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON



it fascinating, by the way, that there was nothing even vaguely analogous to these missions on the other side of the continent. Though by our standards they treated the native people in a rather patronizing manner, the Spanish evangelized and instructed the Indians, whereas the British settlers in the American colonies more or less pushed them out of the way.

Critics of Serra's project claim that Indians were compelled to join the missions, essentially as a slave labor force, and were baptized against their will. The consensus of responsible historians, however, is that both of these charges are false. In fact, the vast majority of the Indians recognized the advantage of living in connection with the missions, and only about 10 percent of those who had come to missions opted to leave. To be sure, those who left were hunted down and, upon their return, were sometimes subjected to corporal punishment. Indeed, there is real evidence that Padre Serra countenanced such violence: in one of his letters, he speaks of the need to punish

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Am I having a heart attack?

It was 1 a.m. and I got called to the emergency room to see a consult. It was a gentleman in his late 50s that presented with mid scapular back pain. The pain woke him up from sleep and was quite intense for 45 minutes. The pain resolved as he arrived in the emergency room. His EKG was normal. Blood work was in normal range. A chest CT excluded aortic dissection and pulmonary emboli. His physical exam was unremarkable. After a full discussion with the patient, and believing this was not an indication of a serious problem, I decided to release him to follow up with me in a few days.

At 5 a.m., just as I was finally drifting back to sleep, I get a stat page to the ER and the same man was back with the same back pain but this time it was more severe and his EKG now showed an acute heart attack. As I raced to get dressed I surmised that if I promptly gave this man a thrombolytic (clot buster) there was a good chance we could reverse the heart damage that was beginning to take place.

As I drove to the hospital I am embarrassed to say my thoughts turned self-centered and I began to think about what would happen to me if the patient didn't do well. Maybe he would decide to sue me. I could already hear the claimant's attorney saying, "This doctor sent a man home from the ER in the early stages of a heart attack!" Yep, lawsuit No. 1 for this young cardiologist. Well, not quite. The clot buster worked and in 30 minutes this CEO of a local company was smiling and laughing with me. Praise God!

This encounter actually happened way back in the 1980s and, it would forever change my phi-

THE CATHOLIC DOCTOR IS IN

DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

losophy about sending people home from the ER. I have learned that if I don't have a definitive diagnosis that I know is benign, then I will typically keep patients overnight for further monitoring and reassessment in the morning. Another way to put it, if someone feels bad enough and is concerned enough to come to the ER then I need to take their symptoms very seriously. But, remember no doctor has all the answers and all doctors look back on diagnostic mistakes they made over the years.

The typical symptom of a heart attack (myocardial infarction) is chest pain. The chest pain is usually substernal (over the breast bone) or a little left of center and is described as a severe constant pressure or tightness. It frequently radiates (travels) to the left arm. Sometimes, it radiates to both arms or to the neck or jaw. Occasionally there is no chest pain but only arm pain, neck pain or jaw pain at presentation. Profuse diaphoresis (sweating) is common. Nausea may be present. Most people look sick as in pale or ashen. A significant percentage of people complain of being breathless. Chest discomfort that occurs during exertion and is relieved with rest is usually angina (heart pain)

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His resurrection is our hope and promise



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 9:30-37

Book of Wisdom furnishes the first reading for this weekend. This book was written in an effort to say that being faithful to God, and indeed worshipping the One God of Israel, represents not superstition but the greatest human wisdom.

To be convincing, the book obviously had to face the fact that evil exists in the world, because humans turn away from God and succumb to evil.

In this reading, the book describes intrigue often involved in evil doing. The evil conspires

against the good. The evil in the world especially detest anyone who devoutly obeys God. If nothing else, the devout challenge evildoers. The devout prove that holiness is possible.

Christians often see in this passage, and in others similar to it in the Old Testament, a look ahead to Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God.

From the theological point of view, from the standpoint of a broader message in divine Revelation, this passage and others like it prefigure the identity and mission of Jesus. When Wisdom was composed, however, centuries before Jesus, the Incarnation had not yet occurred.

Nevertheless, all the details apply. Jesus was not without enemies. He personally was disliked. His Gospel was scorned. Still, Jesus was victorious.

For the second reading, the Church this weekend turns to the Epistle of James. This epistle never gives the name of its author. As four persons with the name of James appear in the New

Testament, and possibly others by this name existed in the circle around Jesus, biblical scholars are unwilling to say who exactly wrote this work of Scripture.

It is unimportant. The test of inspiration does not in the last analysis rest on the identity of the writer alone, but rather how the Christian community long, long ago accepted the writing, and how the Church officially has regarded it. The Church teaches, and has taught, that James is a divinely inspired work.

The reading is clear and practical. It too refers to wisdom. True wisdom shares in, and reflects, divine knowledge. Therefore true wisdom is good, because God is innocent of all malice. It seeks to find truth. It seeks to respect others. It seeks what is right and just.

St. Mark's Gospel supplies the last reading. This reading actually has two points. First, inevitable in the personal mission of Jesus was a confrontation with evil. The ultimate and most powerful of earthly realities, namely death itself, came to Jesus, but Jesus

overcame all human evil as well as death. He is the victor.

The Apostles, while being the Lord's special students, still were humans. Human ambition and shortsightedness also entrapped them. They accepted that the kingdom would come, as Jesus taught, but they wanted to rank high when the kingdom's glory arrived.

Jesus warned them that reward in the kingdom would not be automatic. It surely would not be thrust upon them. They would have to deserve the kingdom by resembling in every sense in their lives the life and sacrifice of the Master.

Reflection

Tragedies, personal such as illnesses, or those involving societies such as hurricanes or wars, remind us that human nature is flawed, that nature is unpredictable, that humans are vulnerable, and that people can, and terrifyingly do, commit evil. None of this happens because "God allows it."

God offers us eternal life. We

live in imperfect conditions and at times among persons without principles. We ourselves sin.

God gives us the freedom to obey the divine will. He calls us to trust and to stand firm. We defeat evil, and we survive in everlasting life, when we model our lives on the life of Jesus.

He is the example to be followed in living with evil in any form. His Resurrection is our hope and promise.

READINGS

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5-8 Jas 3:16 — 4:3 Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Lk 9:43b-45

Using technology to humanize life

Ultrasound technology was in its early days when my wife and I were having children. Pictures of our babies in utero always looked like Rohrschach blots to me. I couldn't tell top from bottom. The doctors could, though. It became possible for the first time to tell the sex of the baby before it was born.

We never wanted to know, because we thought it would spoil the surprise or the anticipation. Our ignorance of our babies' sex also kept the discussion of names more interesting — at least temporarily.

There were some drawbacks to not knowing. We had a harder time buying clothes and decorating for the baby. We were driven toward the green and yellow parts of the color palette (not my favorites). But it all seemed worth it for that moment when we could call our parents and siblings and announce, "It's a girl!"

Our children have taken the other course. Ultrasound pictures nowadays are almost photographic in clarity. You have to avoid looking too closely if you want to remain in the dark. And as one of our daughters wisely observed, you are so excited when the baby is born that finding out the sex at the same time doesn't perceptibly increase the sum total of happiness.

This has led to a whole new set of conventions. Two of our girls are pregnant right now, and they discussed having a reveal party when we were all on vacation

together. (Ultimately, they couldn't wait that long.) When you know the sex, you also can name your unborn child. Perhaps you inevitably do.

You have seen her picture and shown it to her siblings. You want some way of talking about her. So she is already Clara or Gabriella.

I really like our children's choice in this because it is irresistibly pro-life. Once you have seen your baby, heard her heartbeat, given her a name and introduced her to her brothers and sisters, once you have painted her room and bought her onesies stamped "Clara," you would have to be some kind of monster to kill her before she could draw her first breath.

The Knights of Columbus have turned this natural human impulse to good use. Half a dozen years ago, they began buying ultrasound machines and giving them away to pregnancy care centers. No one on any side of the abortion debate could possibly object. Ultrasounds are medically indicated for a variety of diagnostic reasons throughout pregnancy, but once you have one, nature takes its course — for most people.

This is why the videos recently released by the Center for Medical Progress have been watched so attentively. The Planned Parenthood officials captured on film seem impervious to the feelings most people have toward babies. They talk about their organization's ability to deliver "intact fetal cadavers," or split "the specimens into different



INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

JOHN GARVEY

shipments," referring to them as "line items."

The senior director for medical services at Planned Parenthood explains the technique for harvesting heart, lung and liver: "I'm going to basically crush below, I'm going to crush above and I'm going to see if I can get it all intact."

It's chilling. The public debate has focused on the legality of fetal tissue sales and whether Planned Parenthood is making a profit. But aren't we missing the point? We're talking about dismembering Clara and Gabriella and selling their organs as "line items."

Our kids have it right. The more pictures people take of their unborn children, the sooner they give them names and make them part of the family, the less likely they are to let them fall into the clutches of Planned Parenthood.

John Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for September 20, 2015

Mark 9:30-37

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: Jesus deals with the Apostles' confusion. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

GALILEE	ANYONE	DISCIPLES
RISE	UNDERSTAND	AFFRAID
CAME TO	CAPERNAUM	HOUSE
SILENT	GREATEST	SAT DOWN
CALLED	FIRST	LAST
SERVANT	CHILD	MIDST
ARMS	MY NAME	SENT ME

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DOCTOR

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and many patients experience this in the weeks leading up to their heart attack. But, plenty of people have their very first episode of chest pain during their first heart attack.

Symptoms that are unlikely to be the heart include sudden, sharp, even severe chest pain that lasts five to 15 seconds and resolves as quick as it came is almost never heart pain. Pleuritic chest pain (pain that occurs with taking a breath) is very unlikely cardiac and is likely coming from the lungs. If you are getting intermittent chest discomfort at rest but with exercise you feel better and the exertion does not provoke the discomfort then it is unlikely that the chest pain is coming from the heart.

Despite what I have just outlined, heart related symptoms can be very tricky, and getting to the hospital promptly if you think you are having heart attack is key to preventing significant heart damage.

Dr. David Kaminskas is a board certified cardiologist and member of Lutheran Medical Group. He is a member of The Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana.

BARRON

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wayward Indians the way a parent would chastise a recalcitrant child, and in another document, he authorizes the purchase of shackles for the mission in San Diego. Certainly from our more enlightened perspective, we would recognize such behavior as morally wrong, and it is no good trying to whitewash the historical record so as to present Serra as blameless.

Having acknowledged this, however, it is most important to note that the lion's share of the evidence we have strongly indicates that Serra was a steadfast friend to the native peoples, frequently defending them against the violence and prejudice of the Spanish civil authorities. Very much in the spirit of Bartolomé de Las Casas, the great 16th century defender of the Indians, Serra insisted, again and again, upon the rights and prerogatives of the native tribes. In one case, he spoke out against the execution of an Indian who had killed one of Serra's own friends and colleagues, arguing that the whole point of his mission was to save life, not to take it. As Archbishop Jose Gomez has argued, this represents one of the first principled arguments against capital punishment ever to appear in Western culture.

One might ask why Pope

Francis — who certainly knows all of the controversy surrounding Padre Serra — wants to push ahead with this canonization. He does so, I would speculate, for two reasons. First, he understands that declaring someone a saint is not to declare him or her morally flawless, nor is it to countenance every institution with which the saint was associated. Secondly and more importantly, he sees Junípero Serra as someone who, with extraordinary moral courage, went to the periphery of the society of his time in order to announce Jesus Christ. Serra could have pursued a very respectable career in the comfortable halls of European academy; but he opted to go, at great personal cost, to the margins — and this makes him an extraordinary model of a Pope Francis style missionary.

Was Padre Serra perfect? By no means. Was he a saint? Absolutely.

Bishop Robert Barron is an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

Visiting the imprisoned:

Jail Ministry follows the law of subsidiarity

During his pilgrimage journey in Philadelphia, Pope Francis will visit a group of prisoners, their families, and staffers at Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility. Parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne are initiating jail ministry. Audrey Davis coordinates the diocesan ministry.

BY AUDREY DAVIS

FORT WAYNE — Jail Ministry follows the law of subsidiarity — each county has a jail, and the parishioners closest to that jail will be those uniquely suited to visit those jails, learn about the people affected by incarceration in their area, and take steps to make our parishes more welcoming to them and their families so that they know they are not alone. The Church community wants to walk alongside them during their time of intense need.

Currently, parishes in four counties — Kosciusko, Huntington, Allen and St. Joseph — have tried to respond to the call of "visiting the imprisoned" as part of a supported team that are together praying for the men and women they encounter.

Each county team meets

regularly, and is supported by the diocese in seeking the best response to the needs they see. For this reason, it is an effort that takes a lot of patience and emphasizes relationship built over time.

Because this ministry is an expression of the Church's concern for social justice, we also are constantly challenging ourselves to see the underlying social dynamics that keep incarceration on the rise (Indiana's prison population grew 40 percent this decade, now 17th highest incarceration rate on the globe), preys on the poor (Indiana has a stark racial disparity among its jail/prison population, with 1 in 4 being African American; 1 in 10 Latinos; 1 in 173 whites), and continues cycles of poverty (Indiana ranks second in the U.S. for the number of children with incarcerated parents.) Three percent of the general population in Indiana suffer from mental illness, compared to 40 percent of Hoosier inmates.

To learn more about jail ministry and social justice ministries, contact Audrey Davis at adavis@diocesefwsb.org or call 260-969-9146 and she will put you in touch with your county team coordinator.

Ireland

Today's Catholic Travel announces pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Ireland



South Bend Pilgrimage

with

**Father Zach Barry, parochial vicar
St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart**

Informational presentation at St. Vincent de Paul
Parish on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m.



Fort Wayne Pilgrimage

with

**Father Jacob Meyer, parochial vicar
St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne**

Informational presentation at St. Charles Borromeo
Parish on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. in the Hession
Center, Door 3.

Today's Catholic Travel is happy to announce the next pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Ireland in the fall of 2016, with travel hosts Father Jacob Meyer, parochial vicar of St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne, and Father Zachary Barry, parochial vicar of St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart.

The 10-day trip, held **Sept. 4-13, 2016**, will present opportunities for the faithful to visit historic sites with highlights that include Ireland's capital city of Dublin with dinner at its oldest pub, Brazen Head Pub; tours of St. Patrick's Cathedral and the ruins of the great monastic settlement of Clonmacnoise; a visit to the Marian Shrine of Knock; Croagh Patrick, St. Patrick's holy mountain; a tour of Belfast, Northern Ireland's largest city; a visit to Downpatrick where St. Patrick lived and much more.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS will be held in Elkhart at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. for the South Bend Pilgrimage, and Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, for the Fort Wayne Pilgrimage.



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Sports

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE DEDICATES NEW GOLF TRAINING FACILITY Holy Cross College at Notre Dame recently unveiled a new golf performance facility with a dedication ceremony to commemorate its completion. The privately funded facility will be the indoor practice home for Saints men's and women's golf teams. A gathering of administration, faculty, students, donors and special guests were among those on hand to take part in the dedication of Holy Cross College's new Golf Room, which includes a state-of-the-art golf simulator. The Golf Room will give them the tools to better compete on a national stage, as well as the tools to help overcome the unpredictability of northern Indiana's weather.

St. Charles Cardinals continues CYO wins

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — As the 2015 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football season heats up, St. Charles improved to 2-0 with a 37-14 win over Central Catholic on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The Cardinals jumped out to a 37-0 halftime lead against the Irish. The Cards first-string defense has yet to give up a first down in 2015 and has given up total offense of negative 105 yards in their first two outings. The St. Charles' defense was headed up by a trio of outstanding linebackers in Devon Tippmann, Patrick Finley and Hayden Ellinger. The defense was also led by Patrick O'Keefe in the secondary.

Coach Sam Talarico detailed, "Defensive linemen Lucas Krohn and Owen Sharpe were a two-man wrecking crew in the Irish backfield all day long, including a blocked punt that led to a score for the Cardinals."

Finley tallied well over 100

yards and two touchdowns rushing in just a handful of attempts. Ellinger had a pick-six touchdown and 46 yards rushing on three carries and the Cards had receiving touchdowns from Jacob Lehrman and Tippmann, which were thrown by O'Keefe and Drew Lytle. Trent Rider added four extra points. Finley, Ellinger and Tippmann averaged 23 yards per rushing attempt on offense.

The Irish didn't quit and pushed in a couple late fourth-quarter scores to make the final, 37-14.

Talarico summarized, "I was very pleased with our effort today but we have a lot of room for improvement. We are going to need to get much better this week before we play a very talented St. Vincent squad."

Both teams will enter the Sept. 20 matchup with a 2-0 record.

To see your CYO scores and highlights, contact Michelle Castleman at (260) 623-2180 or mmcastleman@aol.com.



Cardinals and Saints match up for ICCL football battle

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — A slight nip in the air projected a perfect football day as the Cardinals of Westside Catholic squared off against the Saints of Mishawaka in a pivotal matchup for the 2015 Inter-City Catholic League.

The Cardinals have a cupboard filled with skilled position players led by their coveted quarterback Derek Derda, and the Saints boasted a front line anchored by Aaron Fuller, which made this contest a battle from start to finish.

The Saints started off the day with a heavy ground pounding attack trying to impose its will and burning clock three and four yards at a time behind the tough running of tailback Michael Schafer.

The Cardinals held their ground and made the Saints pay for every bit of real estate until quarterback Josh Gill called a quick hitter and put the ball in the belly of Thadeous Horvath who burst through the line to daylight and sprinted 44 yards into the end zone. Saints' kicker Miguel Ortiz boomed the extra points through giving his squad an early lead, 8-0.

The red-and-white adorned Cardinals roared back with big runs by Chase Sharp and Derda crossing midfield before the turnover bug hit as the snap from center to quarterback was recovered by Saint Ortiz ending a promising start.

Mishawaka Catholic struggled to get things going and the ball fell back into the hands of the Cardinals to only have Derda throw a strike that was batted and recovered for an interception by Eddie Murphy.

Again the Saints tried but were unsuccessful to mount a counter-attack as the Cardinals pushed back with the strong running of Jon Underly and a couple of passes from Derda, in and out of the hands of Hunter Holmes and a completion to Kaleb Lewandowski that was mere inches off a first down. Both teams failed to capitalize the rest of the half.

Turnovers were the rage to start the second stanza as Saint Horvath picked a tip Derda pass and Cardinal Jared Megyese snagged a Gill offering only to have another bad snap leave the



PHOTO BY RAY DERUCKI

Westside Catholic quarterback Derek Derda eludes a would-be tackler.

purple and gold knocking at the doorstep of payday.

A four-yard sneak from Gill broke the game open, as Ortiz's kick was true pushing the lead to 16 with 1:03 left in the third.

The Cardinals made a couple valiant drives that came up short going down the stretch and Mishawaka Catholic's offensive line muscled its way for one more score as Schafer added the dagger for a final of 24-0.

"The Westside Catholic program, behind the coaching of Giles Horban at the varsity level and Adam Lagodney at the JV, have made tremendous strides and if you play their teams you better be ready for a game," remarked long-time Saint Skipper Tony Violi. "We got off to a slow start, but I was extremely happy the way the kids buckled down and played the second half."

"I believe we have a tremendous group of athletes. We just come up a little short on some

big players in the trenches against teams like the Saints," explained Horban. "Not to discount what we do on Sundays, but we are focused on preparing the kids to have the skills to make the transition to the next level and striving to be competitive."

In other action around the league, Holy Cross knocked off the Blazers from St.

Matthew, 28-0, behind touchdowns by

Owen Bartus, Miguel Zyniewicz, Patrick Driscoll and Gavin Stefanek.

The Panthers of St. Anthony also

pitched a shutout as they topped Osceola Grace, 32-0. Teddy Maginn, Tyler DeBoe, Mitchell Floran and Kenzel Kelly scored touchdowns.



A complete list of schedules and highlights can be found at www.icclsports.org.

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MARIAN, SAINT JOSEPH SQUARE OFF ON SOCCER FIELD



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Marian High School in Mishawaka defeated Saint Joseph, South Bend, 2-0, at the Saint Joseph Athletic Fields at St. Patrick's Park in South Bend on Sept. 8. Marian's goals were scored by Christian Verstraete and Augie Hartnagel. Field action shows Saint Joseph's Louie Nanni (No. 17), Giovanna Castaneda (No. 10) and Marian's Justin Saavedra (No. 5) and Ricardo Ontiveros (No. 16).

Saint Joseph boys' tennis coach takes 100th victory

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School's Coach Steve Bender achieved his 300th career tennis victory. He celebrates his 100th victory at Saint Joseph. Previously, Coach Bender had 200 victories while coaching at Buchanan.

Donation made to the Faith in Our Future capital campaign

FORT WAYNE — On Friday, Aug. 21, Larry Mayers, 1st Source Regional President, presented Tiffany Albertson, Principal of Bishop Luers High School, with a \$25,000 donation towards the Faith in Our Future Capital Campaign fund. The student-focused upgrades and additions will be the largest in the history of Bishop Luers and will have a direct impact on the quality of education that students receive.

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St. Bernard School offers raffle tickets
Wabash — St. Bernard School now has tickets available for a cash raffle. Only 850 tickets will be sold at the price of \$20 each or six tickets for \$100. Cash prizes are \$3,500, \$1,000 and a \$500 early bird prize for tickets purchased by Sept. 18. Drawing to be held on Oct. 10 and one does not need to be present to win. To purchase tickets call 260-563-5746. Delivery is available.

Most Precious Blood to sell basketball uniforms
Fort Wayne — The athletic board at Most Precious Blood will be selling basketball uniforms no longer in use Saturday, Oct. 3, after the 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday Oct. 4, after the 8 and 10:15 a.m. Masses in the back of the gym.

Knights host Sunday breakfast at Most Precious Blood
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus will be serving a breakfast Sunday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Most Precious Blood, 1515 Barthold St. \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 and \$20 per family. Carryout packs for \$5 will be available. Proceeds will benefit the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund.

Rummage and bake sale
New Haven — St. Louis Besancon Rosary Sodality and the St. Louis Academy HASA will have a fall rummage and bake sale on Friday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Life Center plans more Masses
South Bend — Tuesday Masses at the Life Center will be at 7:30 a.m. celebrated by Dominican Father Bruno Shah followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Each month, the Wednesday celebrants at 1:30 p.m. are as follows: first Wednesdays, Father Ed Krause, CSC; second Wednesdays, Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of Holy Family Parish; third Wednesdays, Father Vincent Joseph, pastor of St. Bavo Parish; fourth Wednesdays, Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Therese Little Flower Parish and chaplain of Divine Mercy Chapel. Exposition follows each Mass and Adoration on Fridays is from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Pancake breakfast planned
Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975, 901 E. Jefferson St., will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 8-11:15 a.m. Adults \$5, children age 10 and under \$2. Each month proceeds benefit a different cause.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Sept. 18, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children (5-12) \$3.50. Carry-out available.

Backyard BBQ with music planned
New Haven — St. Louis Besancon, 15535 E. Lincoln Hwy., will host a Backyard BBQ with live music from Sugar Shot, food vendors and a beer tent on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Knights plan breakfast
Fort Wayne — Knights of Columbus Council 12417 will serve breakfast Sunday, Sept. 27, from 8 a.m. to noon at Our Lady of Good Hope, 7215 St. Joe Rd. Coffee, orange juice, milk and fruit cocktail will be included. The cost is \$5.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children 5-10 years, and children 4 years and under free.

World Meeting of Families overviewed by Fred and Lisa Everett
Waterloo — St. Michael the Archangel Parish, will host Fred

and Lisa Everett of the diocesan Office of Family Life on Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Family-Sanctuary of Love and Life at 1-3 p.m. They will share their thoughts on the World Meeting of Families, held in Philadelphia. For information contact Bobbie Charleswood, drestmikes@metalink.net or 260-837-7115.

Reunion location changed
Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers class of 1980 35th reunion planned for Saturday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. has been changed to Flanigan's Restaurant and Pub, 6526 Covington Rd. RSVP to mattfabina1@gmail.com.

DCCW to host Anne Koehl from the Women's Care Center
Fort Wayne — The Deanery Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host Anne Koehl of the Women's Care Center to speak Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 9 a.m. at the St. Joseph Hospital board room, lower level.

Spaghetti dinner and Oktoberfest
Pierceton — St. Francis Xavier Parish will have a spaghetti dinner and card party Saturday, Sept. 19, in the parish hall, 408 W. Catholic St., at 5 p.m. sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Oktoberfest will be Saturday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m. with the New Horizon Polka band, old fashion German food, German dessert contest and bring your favorite German dish to share. Donation is \$10.

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Third annual White Mass planned
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana will sponsor a White Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate

Conception followed by a banquet at St. Mary Mother of God, 1101 S. Lafayette St. Guest speaker will be Dr. Ashley Fernandes from Ohio State. Visit www.fortwaynecma.com for more information or call 260-222-6978.



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Confirmation rally participants 'Made for Greatness'



PHOTOS BY KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Carrying the theme "Made for Greatness," over 600 young people preparing for Confirmation across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend traveled to Marian High School in Mishawaka on Sept. 12 for a retreat. Above, students participate in a session of "Ultimate Simon Says" led by musician and master of ceremonies, Tony Avellana from Noblesville.



Tony Avellana sings during the "Made for Greatness" Confirmation rally at Marian High School.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass for those attending the "Made for Greatness" Confirmation retreat. He receives a T-shirt from rally participants. The rally was coordinated by the Office of Youth Ministry and the Office of Catechesis.

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Tracy Rau speaks to the girls at one of the group sessions of the Confirmation retreat.



Diocesan youth director Andrew Oullette speaks to the boys at a group session at the Confirmation retreat on Sept. 12.



Mass & Reception

**Mass for the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, October 4**

2 p.m. - Mass presided by Bishop Kevin Rhoades

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 South Clinton Street

3:30 p.m. - Reception with light appetizers and refreshments

USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center ballroom, 431 West Berry Street

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