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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Take up the challenge of St. John Paul II, dare to be saints

Bishop celebrates all-schools Mass

BY TIM JOHNSON AND KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — On the feast of St. John Paul II four young men dressed as the contemporary saint for the all-school Mass in Fort Wayne. During his homily, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades called all four students to the stage.

One of the four, who was a student at Fort Wayne's St. Charles Borromeo School when asked his given name, surprised the bishop by responding confidently, "John Paul." Another of the four, this time from St. John the Baptist School in New Haven, also had the name John Paul.

Asking for some facts about his patron saint, John Paul Meyer of St. Charles School told Bishop Rhoades that St. John Paul II had canonized 483 saints, which was very appropriate for a Mass celebrating saints.

Young Meyer was complimented on his saint's papal garb by Bishop Rhoades, but one thing was missing — a miter. Bishop Rhoades briefly "loaned" his miter for a minute to Meyer to complete his wardrobe.

Nearly 3,000 students, teachers, principals, chaperones, parents and guests filled the expo center for the annual school Mass at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Expo Center during the all-schools Mass. Bishop Rhoades was the celebrant of the Mass, and parish priests and deacons also joined in the celebration.

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JOE ROMIE

Students from St. Joseph, Garrett, enter the all-schools Mass in Fort Wayne on Oct. 22.

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Today's Catholic is seeking "Let us Give Thanks" artwork for the Nov. 22nd Thanksgiving issue. We invite elementary, junior high and high school students to express their gratitude through artwork or photos with a one-sentence description of what their work shows. The works will be displayed through social media and published in *Today's Catholic* newspaper.

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Synod urges 'accompaniment' tailored to family situations

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While not specifically mentioning the controversial proposal of a path toward full reconciliation and Communion for the divorced and civilly remarried, members of the Synod of Bishops on the family handed Pope Francis a report emphasizing an obligation to recognize that not all Catholics in such a situation bear the same amount of blame.

The 94-paragraph report approved Oct. 24, the last working day of the three-week synod, highlighted the role of pastors in helping couples understand Church teaching, grow in faith and take responsibility for sharing the Gospel. It also emphasized how "pastoral accompaniment" involves discerning, on a case-by-case basis, the moral culpability of people not fully living up to the Catholic ideal.

Bishops and other full members of the

synod voted separately on each paragraph and the Vatican published those votes. The paragraph dealing specifically with leading divorced and remarried Catholics on a path of discernment passed with only one vote beyond the necessary two-thirds.

Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna told reporters Oct. 24 that the key word in the document's discussion of ministry to divorced and civilly remarried people is "discernment." I invite you all to remember there is no black or white, no simple yes or no." The situation of each couple "must be discerned," which is what was called for by St. John Paul II in his 1981 exhortation on the family, he said.

The cardinal told Vatican Insider, a news site, that although St. John Paul called for discernment in those cases, "he didn't mention all that comes after discernment." The synod's final report, he said, proposes priests help

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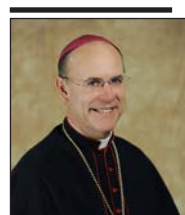
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The medical profession as a mission of hope and healing



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Euthanasia reveals culture of death and despair

Following is the text of the homily given by Bishop Rhoades at the White Masses for physicians, nurses, and other health care workers in Fort Wayne and South Bend in October:

As I thought and prayed about what to preach about at this year's White Mass, the theme of hope kept coming to my mind. Saint Paul wrote about hope in our first reading today in reference to the redemption of our bodies. He wrote to the Romans: "For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance."

I was thinking about how the sick come to you who serve in the medical profession with hope, hope for a promising diagnosis, hope for healing and a cure, hope for relief of pain, hope for good news about their physical condition. Sometimes you are able to give them good news. What a joy that is for you! To tell a person that a tumor is benign, that a condition can be successfully treated, that a suspected terminal illness is not really terminal, that a person's pain can be alleviated. There are so many examples where a person in anguish is restored to peace. In such situations, you are truly messengers of hope. This must be such a fulfilling part of your profession.

Then there are other situations where the news you give to your patients is not good news. In these situations, it is very difficult to be a messenger of hope. When you have to tell a patient that his or her condition is not curable, that a tumor has metastasized, that surgery is not possible or is futile, that treatment will not bring a cure or may not even extend life, that it will be difficult to alleviate their pain. It is incredibly difficult to be the bearer of such bad news. But yet, as Christian doctors and health care professionals, you are still called to be messengers of hope, not primarily through your words, but through your deeds, your loving concern, your compassion and sensitivity, your help of a patient in a state of anguish or even despair. As disciples of Jesus, we have hope even in the face of death.

A culture of death is a culture of despair. A culture of life is a culture of hope, even in the face of death. "In hope, we are saved," Saint Paul says. Hope is a theological virtue. The Catechism defines it in these words: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 1817). I imagine that many of your patients have this virtue. In suffering, that virtue can grow, keeping the person from discouragement and despair, sustaining him or her in illness and



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the White Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Oct. 20. Medical professionals were invited to the Mass followed by a dinner and speaker at St. Mary, Mother of God Church.

in dying. That hope can even be manifested as joy in the midst of suffering. We see this so often in the lives of the saints. As doctors and nurses and medical workers, you can help your patients to hope, even in what may be called "hopeless cases." But we're talking here not about clinical cases, but about human persons created in the image and likeness of God and no person should be considered hopeless, since hope is not anchored in physical health and wellbeing, it is anchored in the spiritual reality. It is anchored in God. Notice how the symbol of hope in Christian art and iconography is an anchor.

On October 5th, California became the fifth state in our nation to legalize euthanasia. The culture of death continues to grow. Euthanasia, like abortion and suicide, reveals what I believe is a culture not only of death, but of despair. At its root, we see what I believe is not only a refusal of love of neighbor or oneself, but a refusal to hope. We have a crisis of hope in our culture. Perhaps this is most obvious in the face of the acceptance of euthanasia.

When a person's health deteriorates, when suffering and pain increase, when a patient is terminally ill, he or she needs human and Christian accompaniment. Here is where doctors and health care workers are called to respect and protect life in a special way. You are called to accompany your patient, care for him or her, no less than when they were not in a terminal condition. You help the dying patient who is in your care in the final experience of his or her life on earth. This is a profound duty and it is beautiful, caring for a person as he or she prepares for eternity, for the encounter with our merciful and loving God. You provide them, of course, with medical assistance to help alleviate the pain that may accompany death. Most important is your loving presence at their bedside, if only for a time, hopefully not rushed, as you probably also have other patients to attend to. Never underestimate the confidence and hope you give to your patients who are dying, just by your caring attention. You can help a patient whom you inform of a terminal condition or whom you accompany in the final weeks of life in such a way that their anguish gives way to hope, not despair. Of course, you don't do this alone. There are the chaplain and pastoral care workers and, of course, the family who will also hopefully by their love be agents of hope.

Before the mystery of death, we are ulti-

mately powerless. This can be difficult for you, I imagine, since your profession is centered on treating and curing. But, as people of faith, as disciples of Jesus, you know that death and dying are not meaningless. The witness of your faith and hope in Christ, of resurrection and life, can be powerful. It humanizes death when you witness to faith and hope by your love of the sick and the dying. You make going to God easier for your patients. Your care for your dying patients can be an instrument of God's peace and help your patients live their final days with serenity.

The euthanasia movement has a different agenda. It does not accept our view of your vocation, that you are to be ministers of life and never agents of death. Euthanasia proponents would reject what I said about helping patients to find meaning in suffering. A euthanasia culture not only leaves God aside, God as the sole arbiter of life, but values human life according to its quality, its efficiency and psychophysical satisfaction, not its innate dignity.

There is a right to die with human and Christian dignity, but there is no right to take another's life or to dispose of one's own life. And no health care worker should ever cooperate with euthanasia. It would not be guarding the right of a dying person because the right to euthanasia, like the right to abortion, is a non-existent right in the moral order, even if a state legalizes it.

A patient may pray for death to come soon. Filled with anguish, a dying person may even ask for assistance to die. This is often an anguished plea for help and love. The person needs love, needs human and supernatural warmth. He or she must not be left alone. Lack of love and care can lead to depression and anguish. Euthanasia is not the answer. Euthanasia is a defeat, not a victory, for humanity. It's not an act of mercy. It's part of a throw-away culture. It's an escape, a surrender, an insult to the dignity of the dying person. It is never merciful to kill. Euthanasia promotes a false compassion.

My brothers and sisters, it is your indispensable and holy mission to defend, promote and love the life of every patient, of every human being from its beginning until its natural end. May you have the faith and courage to live this mission and to be messengers and witnesses of hope to all whom you care for. May the Holy Spirit guide you in your work and help you to bear witness that human life is always sacred!

Virtues of medicine emphasized at White Mass in Fort Wayne

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Oct. 20 celebrated the annual White Mass for area medical professionals at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. A buffet reception followed at nearby St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church with pediatrician and bioethics professor Dr. Ashley K. Fernandes speaking on “Reclaiming the Medical Culture.” The diocese and the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana sponsored the White Mass and dinner.

“I was thinking about how the sick come to you who serve in the medical profession with hope, hope for a promising diagnosis, hope for healing and a cure, hope for relief of pain, hope for good news about their physical condition,” Bishop Rhoades said in his homily. “Sometimes you are able to give them good news. What a joy that is for you. To tell a person that a tumor is benign, that a condition can be successfully treated, that a suspected terminal illness is not really terminal, that a person’s pain can be alleviated.”

“In such situations, you are truly messengers of hope,” he continued. “This must be such a fulfilling part of your profession.”

He also spoke of the situation where the news doctors give their patients is not good news. In these situations, it is very difficult to be a messenger of hope.

“When you have to tell a patient that his or her condition is not curable, that a tumor has metastasized, that surgery is not possible or is futile, that treatment will not bring a cure or may not even extend life, that it will be difficult to alleviate their pain. It is incredibly difficult to be the bearer of such bad news,” Bishop Rhoades stressed. “But yet, as Christian doctors and healthcare professionals, you are still called to be messengers of hope, not primarily through your words, but through your deeds, your loving concern, your compassion and sensitivity, your help of a patient in a state of anguish or even despair. As disciples of Jesus, we have hope even in the face of death.”

Bishop Rhoades reminded the congregation that on Oct. 5, California became the fifth state to legalize euthanasia. And, like abortion and suicide, euthanasia reveals a culture not only of death, but also of despair.

“At its root, we see what I believe is not only a refusal of love of neighbor or oneself, but a refusal to hope,” Bishop Rhoades added. “We have a crisis of hope in our culture. Perhaps this is most obvious in the face of the acceptance of euthanasia.”

“Never underestimate the confidence and hope you give to your patients who are dying, just by your caring attention,” he emphasized.



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Medical professionals gather with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades following the White Mass in Fort Wayne on Oct. 20 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

“You can help a patient whom you inform of a terminal condition or whom you accompany in the final weeks of life in such a way that their anguish gives way to hope, not despair.”

Bishop Rhoades concluded his homily, “My brothers and sisters, it is your indispensable and holy mission to defend, promote and love the life of every patient, of every human being from its beginning until its natural end. May you have the faith and courage to live this mission and to be messengers and witnesses of hope to all whom you care for. May the Holy Spirit guide you in your work and help you to bear witness that human life is always sacred!”

Dr. Fernandes said he was going to talk about truth in his talk at St. Mary’s, which followed the White Mass. Quoting a popular comment made concerning the climate of religion and ethics in medicine today, he read: “Do not confuse religion with ethics. They are completely separate. One need not have religion to be an ethical person and your religion should not be a factor in the decisions you make in your job. If religion comes into play at all, it is the healthcare recipient whose religion matters, not yours. Ethics put forth by your professional association may still put you in conflict with a patient but religion drives only the choices for your own personal healthcare, not for the people you are serving.”

“And that just about encapsulates the attitude of medical education today as any medical student in a secular, public university or not will tell you,” Dr. Fernandes said.

“So we have a big problem as the culture of death seems to march on,” he emphasized. “The issue is what are we going to do about it and where are we going to draw strength from.”

“It’s not over! ‘Reclaiming the Medical Profession’ is a provocative title. The idea that Catholic physicians are reclaiming rather than discovering or conquering implies that the foundation of bioethics was first owned by us and somehow surrendered,” Dr. Fernandes said.

“To be ethical in medicine depends upon people acting ethically in the practice of medicine,” he added. Catholic physicians were the first to found hospitals and hospices, and really change the nature of medicine, he explained.

“It was Catholicism. It was Christianity that really changed medicine into a discipline which was meant to heal,” Dr. Fernandes said. “Why? Because everyone was created into the image and likeness of God. But now we have lost our moral foundations. And if that is the case it is something every single person in this audience, whether you are a physician or not — if you are a spouse, a child, a doctor or not a doctor, priest or clergy — you must work with us to reclaim and repair. We need priests ... and religious people to strengthen us in faith. And we need each other. It is this moral foundation that we have to focus on.”

Dr. Fernandes continued to address a “being problem” that has to do with a person in conscience, a “thinking problem” that has to do with moral relativism and a “doing problem” in medicine that has to do with apathy. And these problems all overlap he later stressed. To renew the culture one must know his or her faith, to study it, answer questions intelligently and feel the faith, letting it animate them through prayer. We have to live the faith, he emphasized.

“We evangelize through our being, through our acts. ... We have to make Catholicism attractive, not sour, not angry and not bitter,” he said. “We have to be nice — really, really nice!”

Dr. Fernandes said the secret weapon is truth — and truth with a smile. The faith, he said, is not the thing that binds; it’s the thing that loves and frees.

“Catholic faith creates hope where there is none,” he added.

“We have to have the courage to be a light for ourselves, our families and for others,” Dr. Fernandes concluded. “We have to be prepared to stand alone and know that we are not alone.”



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. — Mass, Saint Louis Besancon Church, New Haven
- Sunday, Nov. 1, 4 p.m. — Holy Hour, Sacred Heart Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Nov. 2, 12 p.m. — All Souls Mass, Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Nov. 2, 2 p.m. — Meeting of Priest Personnel Board, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m. — Teach theology class at University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1 p.m. — Meeting of Corporate Board of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Charles Borromeo Church, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. — Meeting of High School Principals, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Warsaw
- Thursday, Nov. 5, 12 p.m. — Meeting of Council of Teachers, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Warsaw
- Thursday, Nov. 5, 6 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan School Board, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Warsaw
- Friday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Christ the King Church, South Bend
- Saturday, Nov. 7, 4 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Holy Cross Church, South Bend

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

- St. Joseph Church, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton, hosts prayer for vocations and religious freedom the first Thursday of each month beginning with Morning Prayer at 7:45 a.m., Mass at 8 a.m., Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m., Litany of the Eucharist and Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m. On the second Wednesday of the month, Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty takes place beginning at 5 p.m. and ending with Mass at 7 p.m.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) of Adoration and Exposition every Saturday prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.



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Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne – South Bend

Jesus' disciples are called to lead without lecturing, pope says

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As disciples, Christians are called to imitate Jesus' heart and lead others directly to Him, without lecturing them, Pope Francis said.

Thousands gathered in St. Peter's Basilica Oct. 25 for the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops. The Mass concluded three weeks of intense discussion and debate on pastoral responses to the challenges facing families in the modern world.

Reflecting on the day's Gospel reading, which recalled Jesus' healing of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar from Jericho, Pope Francis said Christ is not content with giving the poor man alms, but preferred to "personally encounter him."

Jesus asking the beggar what he wanted may seem like a senseless question, the pope said, but

it shows that Jesus "wants to hear our needs" and "talk with each of us about our lives, our real situations."

When Jesus' disciples address Bartimaeus, they use two expressions: "take heart" and "rise," the pope said.

"His disciples do nothing other than repeat Jesus' encouraging and liberating words, leading him directly to Jesus, without lecturing him," he said. "Jesus disciples are called to this, even today, especially today: to bring people into contact with the compassionate mercy that saves."

In moments of suffering and conflict, he said, the only response is to make Jesus' words "our own" and most importantly, to "imitate His heart." Today, the pope said, "is a time of mercy."

However, Pope Francis also warned that the Gospel shows two temptations that face those who follow Jesus when confront-



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Pope Francis celebrates the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops on the family in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 25.

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ed with people who are suffering. The first is the temptation of falling into a "spirituality of illusion," shown in the indifference of those who ignored Bartimaeus' cry, "going on as if nothing were happening."

"If Bartimaeus was blind, they were deaf: his problem was not their problem," the pope said. "This can be a danger for us: in the face of constant problems, it is better to move on, instead of letting ourselves be bothered."

This "spirituality of illusion," he said, makes one capable of developing world views without accepting "what the Lord places before our eyes."

"A faith that does not know how to root itself in the life of the people remains arid and creates other deserts rather than oases," he said.

The second temptation the pope warned against was of falling into a "scheduled faith" where "everyone must respect our rhythm and every problem is a bother." The pope said that like those who lost patience with the blind man and rebuked him for crying out to Jesus, there is the risk of excluding "whoever bothers us or is not of our stature."



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"Jesus, on the other hand, wants to include above all those kept on the fringes who are crying out to Him," he said. "They, like Bartimaeus, have faith, because awareness of the need for salvation is the best way of encountering Jesus."

Pope Francis exchanges the sign of peace with Italian Archbishop Bruno Forte of Chieti-Vasto, special secretary of the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family, during the closing Mass of the synod in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 25.

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divorced and remarried couples undergoing conversion and repentance so that they recognize whether or not they are worthy to receive the Eucharist. Such an examination of conscience, he said, is required of every Catholic each time they prepare to approach the altar.

As Pope Francis said at the beginning of the synod, Church doctrine on the meaning of marriage as a lifelong bond between one man and one woman open to having children was not up for debate. The final report strongly affirmed that teaching as God's plan for humanity, as a blessing for the Church and a benefit to society.

While insisting on God's love for homosexual persons and the obligation to respect their dignity, the report also insisted same-sex unions could not be recognized as marriages and denounced as "totally unacceptable" governments or international organizations making recognition of "'marriage' between persons of the same sex" a condition for financial assistance.

The report also spoke specifically of: the changing role of women in families, the Church and society; single people and their contributions to the family



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Pope Francis waves as he leaves a session of the Synod of Bishops on the family at the Vatican Oct. 24.

and the Church; the heroic witness of parents who love and care for children with disabilities; the family as a sanctuary protecting the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death; and the particular strain on family life caused by poverty and by migration.

The Catholic Church recognizes a "natural" value in marriage corresponding to the good of the husband and wife, their unity, fidelity and desire for children. But the sacrament of Marriage adds another dimension, the report said. "The irrevocable fidelity of God to His covenant is

the foundation of the indissolubility of marriage. The complete and profound love of the spouses is not based only on their human capabilities: God sustains this covenant with the strength of His Spirit."

But human beings are subject to sin and failure, which is why synod members recommend the need for "accompaniment" by family members, pastors and other couples. "Being close to the family as a traveling companion means, for the Church, assuming wisely differentiated attitudes: sometimes it is necessary to stay by their side and listen in silence; other times it must indicate the path to follow; and at still other times, it is opportune to follow, support and encourage."

A draft of the report was

presented to synod members Oct. 22, and 51 bishops spoke the next morning about changes they would like to see in the final draft. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters that several bishops mentioned specifically a need to improve the text's references to "the relationship between conscience and the moral law."

The text refers to conscience in sections dealing with procreation and with marital situations the Church considers irregular, particularly the situation of divorced and civilly remarried Catholics.

First, though, synod members promised greater efforts to be with couples in crisis and praised divorced Catholics who, "even in difficult situations, do not undertake a new union, remaining faithful to the sacramental bond." Such Catholics, they noted, can and should "find in the Eucharist the nourishment that sustains them."

Those who have remarried without an annulment of their sacramental marriage must be welcomed and included in the parish community in every way possible, the report said. "They are baptized, they are brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit gives them gifts and charisms for the good of all."

Quoting from St. John Paul's exhortation on the family, the report insists that pastors, "for the sake of truth," are called to careful discernment when assisting and counseling people who divorced and remarried. They must distinguish, for instance, between those who "have been unjustly abandoned, and those

who through their own grave fault have destroyed a canonically valid marriage," in the words of St. John Paul.

Priests must "accompany interested people on the path of discernment in accordance with the teaching of the Church and the guidance of the bishop," the report said.

While the report makes no explicit mention of absolution and the return to Communion, it seems to leave some possibility for such a solution by quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church's affirmation that "imputability and responsibility for an action can be diminished or even nullified" because of different conditions. Just as the degree of guilt will differ, the report said, "also the consequences of the acts are not necessarily the same in all cases."

In several places the text praises the teaching of "Humanae Vitae," the document of Blessed Paul VI on married love and the transmission of life. "Conjugal love between a man and a woman and the transmission of life are ordered one to the other," the report said.

"Responsible parenthood presupposes the formation of the conscience, which is 'the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, whose voice echoes in his depths,'" said the report, quoting from the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. "The more spouses try to listen to God and His commandments in their consciences, the freer their decision will be" from external pressures, the report said.

Pope establishes new dicastery for laity, family, life

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis announced he is establishing a new office for laity, family and life, which combines the responsibilities of two pontifical councils.

The pope made the announcement Oct. 22 during the afternoon session of the Synod of Bishops on the family.

"I have decided to establish a new dicastery with competency for laity, family and life, that will replace the Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Pontifical Council for the Family. The Pontifical Academy for Life will be joined to the new dicastery," the pope said.

The responsibilities of the new office will be spelled out in a document being drafted by a commission the pope said he already has appointed.

Members of the pope's international Council of Cardinals have been discussing the move for months. Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, the retired archbishop of Milan, was tasked by the pope to study the feasibility of creating the new dicastery.

Following a presentation by Cardinal Tettamanzi, the council made a formal proposal to bring together the current pontifical councils for the laity

and for the family and place the Pontifical Academy for Life under the new office's jurisdiction.

Established in 1967 by Blessed Paul VI, the Pontifical Council for the Laity is charged with overseeing the apostolate of the laity and "their participation in the life and mission of the Church," both as individuals and through organizations and movements. It was reformed 10 years later and included among the permanent dicasteries of the Roman Curia. The current president of the council is Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko.

The Pontifical Council for the Family was established May 9, 1981, by St. John Paul II and took the place of the Committee for the Family created by Pope Paul in 1973. The council, which promotes pastoral ministries and apostolates aimed at supporting families and the defense of human life, is headed by Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia.

Although there was no immediate word on who would lead the new dicastery, Pope Francis said that the special commission's text on its competencies will be presented for discussion to the Council of Cardinals, which is scheduled to meet Dec. 10-12.

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Cause opens for Florida martyrs who proclaimed faith 'at all cost'

BY PEGGY DEKEYSER

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (CNS) — A slight breeze stirred the Spanish moss of the ancient live oaks as the late October afternoon sun slanted across the wide lawn of the deserted mansion.

It was easy to imagine going back more than 300 years to the dawn of the 18th century, hearing the sounds of an Apalachee village, and seeing the peaceful native people with their families. It was difficult to imagine the violence that would enter their world as they were brutally murdered by a British military force at war with their Spanish missionary friends.

The outdoor Mass and opening of the sainthood cause for 82 Florida martyrs — known as Antonio Cuipa and Companions — was celebrated Oct. 12, just east of Tallahassee, the site of what will become the Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Martyrs.

It's just a short distance from U.S. Hwy. 90, known during the Spanish exploration and settlement of north Florida as El Camino Real, the king's highway. The road once strung together the missions of Spanish Florida like a "string of pearls" bringing the Catholic faith to the indigenous people. Also along this road, atrocities were committed by the forces of a Protestant English king against these same people, in the name of conquest and colonization.

Bishop Gregory L. Parkes of Pensacola-Tallahassee was the main celebrant of the Mass.

Bishop Felipe Estevez of St. Augustine, retired Bishop J. Kevin Boland of Savannah, Georgia, and retired Bishop Sam G. Jacobs of Houma-Thibodaux concelebrated the Mass, along with priests from across Florida and Georgia.

In his homily, Bishop Parkes thanked all who came from far and wide to participate, saying that it was a "special, historic and important day for the Church in Florida, as the 80 or more martyrs remembered lived and died in what are now the dioceses of Pensacola-Tallahassee, St. Augustine, St. Petersburg, Orlando, Palm Beach and Venice.

"From Father Luis de Cancer

near Tampa Bay in 1549 to Antonio Cuipa and his companions at Ayubale in 1704, they gave their lives in witness to the faith," Bishop Parkes said. "We pray that through their intercession, we may be empowered to imitate their example. We pray that they might inspire us to live more holy lives, always for the glory of God."

Cuipa was an Apalachee Indian from San Luis Mission, in present-day Tallahassee, who was converted by Franciscan missionaries. His martyred companions included other Native Americans and Franciscan friars as well as Dominican and Jesuit missionaries. Father Cancer was the first Dominican martyr in the country.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Dr. Mary Soha of Ponte Vedra Beach presented Lynn Mangan of Tallahassee with a framed rendering of the vision of Cuipa. While hanging from the cross with fire at his feet, he said Mary appeared to him. He said to those who were being tortured with him, "Our Lady is near. Be strong; be strong. Our Lady is here with us."

Cuipa was a leader among the Apalachee people, a carpenter and a catechist for the Franciscan friars. He was slain in 1704 at the mission of La Concepcion de Ayubale by the English and Creek forces of English Col. James Moore.

Soha commented as she presented the art that it was fitting that the story which began with the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine — the first shrine to Mary in the United States — would conclude where the story ended along El Camino Real with the deaths of the martyrs.

Following Mass the first formal session of the martyrs' sainthood cause began with a procession of Bishop Parkes, Bishop Estevez, the members of the tribunal for the cause, and the vice postulators of the cause.

The history of the cause was recounted, as were the stories of the many martyrs who have been identified. The letters exchanged between Bishop Parkes and Cardinal Angelo Amato of the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes were read aloud, establishing that Bishop Parkes, with consent from the other Catholic



CNS PHOTO/WOODY HUBAND, ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC

Lynn Mangan takes an oath near Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 12 to fulfill her duties as vice postulator for the cause of canonization of Antonio Cuipa and Companions.

bishops of Florida, is the competent authority to investigate the cause.

Tribunal members are Father Joseph Fowler, Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, episcopal delegate; Father Timothy Lindenfesler, Diocese of St. Augustine, promoter of justice; and Father Joseph Waters, Diocese of St. Petersburg, notary.

Retired Bishop Rene H. Gracida of Corpus Christi, Texas, who was the founding bishop of the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese, is the postulator. The vice postulators are Soha, Xaverian Brother Reginald Cruz, Lynn Mangan, Father Leonard Plazewski and Father Wayne Paysse, a New Orleans priest who is former executive director of the Black and Indian Mission Office in Washington.

Interrogation of witnesses for the cause — to be conducted by Father Fowler — will begin immediately primarily in Tallahassee at the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Estevez is scheduled to be the first to testify Nov. 4.

In his address at a dinner follow-

ing Mass, Bishop Estevez posed the questions: "Because we care about the communion of saints, we care about the Florida martyrs, for, if we do not, who will? If we don't care now, when will we?"

"We want to promote the martyrs of Florida because we want to know their stories accurately, establish the historical facts, and when approved by Holy Mother Church, we want to seek their intercession. As they were victims for their religious freedom — today we need their courage to stand firm in the current waves of secularism and subtle persecution."

Recounting the earliest beginning of the cause, when Pope Clement XI established a commission in 1704 to document the martyrdom of the Apalachee Christians, Bishop Estevez traced the history of the initiative to the present day.

"It is significant that the passage of time has allowed us to discover that it was not only foreign missionaries who laid down their lives for Christ in La Florida. Rather, we now know the incredible sto-

ries of so many Native Americans who chose martyrdom rather than renounce the faith they had accepted. It is a meaningful sign that the faith was not simply imposed upon them, but rather they freely accepted the Catholic faith to the point that they understood that it was worth dying for."

Bishop Estevez continued, "The one faith is expressed in different ways. There can be no question of adulterating the Word of God or of emptying the cross of its power, but rather of Christ animating the very center of all culture. Not only is Christianity relevant to these Indian people, but Christ, in the members of His body, is Himself 'Indian.'"

More information about the "Martyrs of La Florida" and the canonization cause can be found at www.martyrsfloridamissions.org.

Peggy DeKeyser is a freelance writer and editor in Florida.

Vatican spokesman says claims pope has tumor 'entirely unfounded'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said an Italian newspaper's claims about the pope's health were "entirely unfounded." After checking with the pope himself and other sources, Father Lombardi told reporters "the pope enjoys good health" and that the unsubstantiated news report was "a serious act of irresponsibility, absolutely unjustifiable and unspeakable." The *Quotidiano Nazionale* reported Oct. 21 that an unnamed nurse at a clinic in Pisa told the paper that

the pope visited the clinic several months ago and that tests revealed a "small dark spot" — "a small brain tumor." The paper reported that the anonymous source said the condition could be taken care of without surgery and that the specialist following the case was Dr. Takanori Fukushima, a neurosurgeon who teaches at Duke University Medical Center in North Carolina and travels to clinics in Japan and Pisa. However,

the doctor denied the reports in a written statement later in the day, saying, "I have never medically examined the pope. These stories are completely false."

Mexico mops up after Patricia; 'nature was kind,' official says

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — Mexico is mopping up after Hurricane Patricia hit its Pacific Coast with Category

5 strength, but left surprising little damage and few deaths, given the severity of the storm. An official with Caritas Mexico, the Church's charitable arm, says the storm left a mess in parts of the dioceses serving the western states of Colima, Jalisco and Nayarit with flooding and property damage, but mostly impacted small settlements and rural areas — which were being provided with assistance from parishes diocesan collections. "The evaluation that

they're doing at this time says that there is not a crisis situation," said Jose Luis Lopez, director of emergency responses for Caritas Mexico, relaying information provided by local Caritas chapters. The aftermath came as a relief for Mexico, which was bracing for the worst. Hurricane Patricia was predicted to bring unprecedented destruction. It also showed the country's capability in responding to strong storms — which crash both coasts frequently. "What has surprised us was the rapid increase (in the storm) to the point it reached Category 5 strength," Lopez said.

NEWS BRIEFS

PARISH MISSIONS

Sacred Heart Parish to host mission

WARSAW — Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, 125 N. Harrison St., will host a parish mission centered on the Eucharist on Nov. 16-18 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Father Bill Rhinehart, a Vincentian priest from Missouri, will speak on the Eucharistic topic, "Divine Savior, Transform Me Into Yourself: I Live now, Not I, But Christ Lives In Me." The presentation on the Eucharist will reconnect people to their faith and celebrate the communal dimension of what it means to be Catholic.

A social will follow in the gym each evening. Childcare will be provided.

Call the parish office at 574-267-5842 for additional information or for transportation needs.

St. Joseph to host 'Mission Possible'

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne, will host a parish mission, "Mission Possible," Nov. 2, 3 and 4.

The evenings will begin with a light meal served from 5:30-6:45 p.m. and evening sessions from 7-8:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

The topics include the following: Monday, "How to Handle Everyday Stresses and Pressures of Life"; Tuesday, "How to Cope With Losses" and "Contemplative Prayer"; Wednesday, "Forgiving As God Forgives" and "Discipleship — Faith in Action." Morning sessions will be held on Nov. 3 and 4 with one-hour discussion groups from 9-10 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. The parish is located at 2213 Brooklyn.

For more information, e-mail MissionPossible.sjfw@gmail.com.

St. Aloysius to host parish mission Nov. 7-11

YODER — St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder, will hold a parish mission Nov. 7-11. Deacons Robert Herrmann and Eddie Ensley from the Diocese of Savannah, Georgia, will lead the parish and community in prayer and reflection at that time. The deacons will preach the homily at all of the weekend Masses, Nov. 7-8, and will speak on the following three evenings.

Both deacons are nationally known authors who have over 30 years experience leading parish missions and retreats. Passionately overwhelming audiences with their talks, they teach the same way Jesus taught the crowds, by telling stories and parables with infectious wit. Down-to-earth insights and truly holy inspiration are the hallmarks of their message.

"The mission will enliven us spiritually for the coming seasons of Advent and Christmas," said

AROUND THE DIOCESE

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA ROCK FOR CHARITY



PROVIDED BY REGIE JACKSON

The Daughters of Isabella Circle No. 434 held their third Rock-a-Thon on Sept. 20 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart. Members "rocked" for a total of 10 hours — before, during and after all Sunday Masses — and were in turn rewarded with cash donations from parishioners as well as families and friends here and abroad. The amount collected this year, the biggest so far, will enable the group to continue supporting people in need and its chosen charities. The Daughters of Isabella is an organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: "Unity, Friendship, Charity and Sanctity." Shown in photo rocking are circle scribe Regie Jackson and senior auditor Millie Shaw.

Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor of St. Aloysius.

The gentle words of the deacons help tie heaven and earth together, helping the divine connect with everyday living.

The evening session will begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. A reception will follow the Wednesday session. Priests will be available for Confession on Wednesday.

Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne to host annual UND Celebration

FORT WAYNE — The Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne will host their annual UND Celebration on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. at On the Boulevard, located on Anthony Boulevard in Fort Wayne. The celebration is a chance to meet local alumni, celebrate Notre Dame's path to the national championship this year and learn more about current projects and developments on campus.

Food will be provided by Bandidos and a cash bar will be available. Cost is \$20 per attendee.

Trent Grocock, senior director at the Office of Budget and Financial Planning at the University of Notre Dame, will be

at the meeting.

The club will honor their Persons of the Year which includes Anthony Stites of Barrett McNagny and Erica Dekko of Dekko Investment Services.

Participants are encouraged to RSVP to Jacob Benedict at Jacob@amiinvestment.com or call Michael Barranda at 260-347-1281.

Mother of Mercy Center to host community event

ROME CITY — Our Lady, Mother of Mercy Center is opening its doors to the public. The area community is welcome to learn about the grounds and the plans that the Mother of Mercy Foundation has for the building and grounds.

The community event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 1-4 p.m. There will be presentations at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. to give the community a chance to learn more about the future plans the foundation has for the property. Presentation and light refreshments will be located in the chapel. Those attending are asked to enter the building through the chapel doors, near the far end of the parking lot. The public is invit-

ed to see what progress has been made, and how they can become a part of the grounds story.

Since owning the property, the foundation has worked on overall improvement and renovation to the building, and maintenance to the grounds.

"Our Lady, Mother of Mercy Center is excited to be able to share all of the recent updates to the center since our June Open House," said Sheri McBride, executive director of the foundation. "We can't wait to reveal to the community our plans for the future of the grand building and beautiful grounds."

Ancilla College offering accelerated winter term

DONALDSON — College students looking to earn extra college credit over the holiday break can enroll in Ancilla's second annual winter term. The accredited college is offering five courses in an accelerated four-week winter term this year from Dec. 12 to Jan. 9.

"Ancilla is offering a winter term to help students who receive the Indiana State grant earn 30 credits by the end of the academic year," said Vice President for Academics Dr. Joanna

Blount. "The Incentive Program, 15 to Finish, is sponsored by the Indiana Commission of Higher Education to encourage students to complete their degrees in a timely manner. Students with less than 30 credits could see a reduction in their state grant. Our winter term helps those students pick up an extra class between semesters. It is an excellent opportunity for those students home for the holidays as the courses are taught online."

The three-credit courses include: Computer literacy, public speaking, cinema history, general psychology and introduction to sociology and are all offered at a reduced tuition rate. The online courses are \$1,110 plus materials, Blount said. Students will have access to their instructor's notes, class presentations, tests and discussions 24 hours a day on Ancilla's online course system.

Apply by Dec. 15 for free online at www.ancilla.edu/apply and select "Winter Term" in the application. Current students can apply through their advisor. Work will be due three times a week. Class size is limited to 30 students.

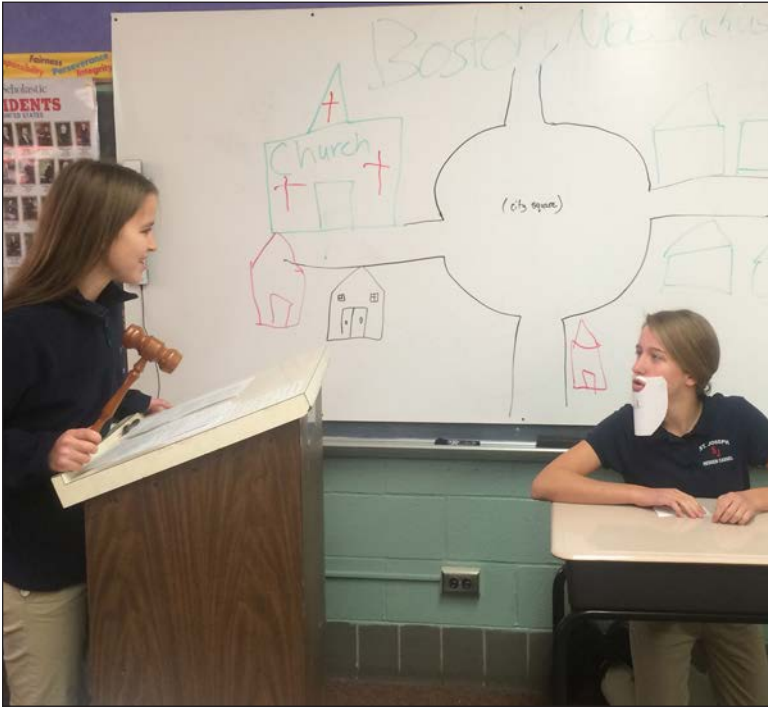
Perfect marriage of science and faith at Marian High School

SOUTH BEND — Marian High School's Science Research Class registered a team to support the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, Oct. 24, at Howard Park in South Bend. The connection between learning to do research and the Catholic mission of outreach and charity is the perfect service learning opportunity. The effort has already raised over \$3,200 for the American Cancer Society.

This walk is designed to raise funds to support further medical research in the pursuit of curing breast and other cancers — something students like senior Alexis Thornburg are already doing at Marian High School in Mishawaka. Alexis finished second in the state in the Indiana Science Talent Search and went all the way to the International Science Fair last year with her research project titled "The Effect of Cisplatin on Gene Expression in Lung Cancer Cells." Many students at Marian have done extensive cancer research and choose to continue to make an impact through science research at the collegiate level and beyond.

Science department head and alumnus Ken Andrzejewski and chemistry teacher Dr. Doug Sisk have long wanted to celebrate the connection of science research and the Catholic identity. "The rate of breast cancer is decreasing because of advanced treatment and early detection. Research is the key for defeating this disease." Because so many are directly touched by breast cancer, including Dr. Sisk whose wife is a survivor, this walk is an opportunity to make a difference in the world.

STUDENTS TAKE PART IN 'BOSTON TEA PARTY' ACTIVITIES



ROSE WORMAN

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel's junior high social studies students recently reenacted what they learned from their teacher Brett Rupright about the Boston Tea Party and the Boston Massacre. In the photo Captain Thomas Preston played by Maddie Parsenow is shown on trial for allegedly ordering men to fire causing the Boston Massacre. The judge, played by Mary Braun, listens to eyewitness accounts and the captain's pleas.

Center for Ethics and Culture hosted discussions for the Synod on the Family

ROME — The three-week-long Synod of Bishops on the family, which formally closed with a Mass Sunday, Oct. 25, in Rome, brought 270 cardinals, archbishops and priests from around the world for what may have been the most significant and consequential such Church gathering since the Second Vatican Council half a century ago.

The University of Notre Dame was present at the synod, too, as its Center for Ethics and Culture joined Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, in sponsoring three weekly evening receptions for the synod fathers, lay observers and media in the rooftop terrace garden of the Residenza Paolo VI Hotel overlooking St. Peter's Square.

"We were honored that Cardinal Dolan asked the Center for Ethics and Culture to co-sponsor these receptions, for the purpose of allowing the synod fathers to meet in an informal setting, to form and deepen their friendships, and to promote an atmosphere of collegiality in their formal deliberations," said O. Carter Snead, William P. and Hazel B. White director of the center and professor of law at Notre Dame. "We are proud that through our work, the University of Notre Dame had a positive

and constructive presence at the synod."

Cardinal Dolan performed as master of ceremonies for all three receptions, which were well-attended by synod participants and observers alike. On the evening of Oct. 6, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin led a discussion in which he reminisced about the 1980 Synod on the Family in which he was a participant, and on Oct. 12, reception guests heard from Msgr. Livio Melina, president of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family, and Bishop Jean Laffitte, secretary of the Pontifical Council on the Family.

On Oct. 20, Cardinal Dolan invited Snead to address the reception on the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Obergefell vs. Hodges*, which legalized same-sex marriage, and its implications for the work of the synod.

Acknowledging that the 69.4 million Catholics in the United States represent only 6 percent of the world's Catholic population, Snead said that the decision was important for the synod "because the law generally, and U.S. Supreme Court decisions in particular, profoundly shapes the attitudes and judgments of

the American people about fundamental human goods. And, for better or worse, once Americans develop a strongly held view on such matters, it is rapidly exported around the world."

According to Snead, the Supreme Court decision's "core animating premise is that the right to marriage is fundamental because it is essential to defining and expressing one's identity. In other words, marriage is primarily a mechanism of self-expression."

Snead said that a vision of marriage so "rooted in the ideology of radical expressive individualism" is deeply at odds with that of the Church, whose "vision of persons and our shared life together is one in which we are understood to be embodied souls (not mere wills), whose embodiment has meaning. We live not in isolation, but situated in relationships of solidarity and reciprocal indebtedness. Others have claims on us and we on them, whether we choose them or not. What is fundamental about persons is not that they can construct and pursue future-directed plans, but that they are made in the image and likeness of God, deserving of unconditional love and protection."

IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DEAD

A Conversation with Thomas Lynch
on Living and Dying



Thomas Lynch is the author of five collections of poems and four books of essays. His work has been the subject of two film documentaries: PBS Frontline's Emmy Award-Winning *The Undertaking* and Cathal Black's film, *Learning Gravity*.

"Where death means nothing, life is meaningless."

Gratitude to God's mercy

'Ask, be merciful, complete trust in God' — ABC's of Divine Mercy

BY TIM JOHNSON

AUBURN — When introducing Divine Mercy, Father Dan Cambra, a priest of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, likes to discuss the Divine Mercy message and its devotion. Father Cambra's religious community was given the task from Pope John Paul II in 1992, to make Divine Mercy known, to add it to their Marian charism to promote the Immaculate Conception.

"The devotions of Divine Mercy is what is unique about St. Faustina's revelations," Father Cambra told *Today's Catholic* after a presentation at Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn in October. "St. Faustina received a series of revelations — over 80 — from Jesus Christ explaining to her what His will was for all of us to show gratitude to God's mercy."

The other side of the discussion is the message of Divine Mercy. "It is impossible to talk about God without talking about God's mercy," Father Cambra said, "because God's mercy is mentioned in every single liturgy of the Eucharist" — in the opening prayers, the preface to the Eucharistic canon, the canons themselves.

When it comes to talking about mercy, "we always begin with the Scriptures," Father Cambra said. "There is not a single book in either the Old Testament or the New Testament that in one way or the other does not talk about God's mercy."

After studying the diary of St. Faustina, theologian, psychologist and healing minister Father George Kosicki realized that the Divine Mercy message could be summarized in three simple Scriptural verses. He called them the ABC's of mercy.

Father Cambra related, "'A' stands for 'ask.'"

Matthew's Gospel 7:7 says: "Ask and you shall receive."

"Ask for the things that you need," Father Cambra said, "to become the saint you are called to be at Baptism."

"Don't ask for frivolous things," he said. "Don't ask for things that may draw you away from God. Don't ask for the things that might ruin your soul. Ask for the things that will make you the saint that you were designed to be by God before you were even created in your mother's womb, before you were baptized. And now that you are baptized, bring that Baptism to fulfillment by embracing the light of Christ in your life and shining it out to the world around you."

"B" stands for "be merciful." Again, from Matthew's Gospel 5:7: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Father Cambra said, "Sometimes we forget, even though we say the Our Father every day ... the command to be merciful is a kernel of how we are to live out our Baptismal promises."

In the Our Father, one says, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Father Cambra said, "So if we're going to hold a grudge against someone, we're asking God to hold a grudge against us for the times we offended Him."

"If on the other hand we genuinely attempt to show mercy towards others by forgiving them, even if they don't deserve it, even if they don't ask for the forgiveness — to forgive them. Then we are doing what St. Therese the Little Flower called 'taking that first little step.'"

St. Therese talked about the importance of taking those first



TESS STEFFEN

Father Dan Cambra, a priest of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, hands a first-class relic of St. Faustina to a parishioner for veneration during a mission at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn. Father Cambra discussed the Divine Mercy message and its devotion at a recent interview with *Today's Catholic*.

little steps "to show God that you are trying to do His will," Father Cambra noted.

When St. Therese referred to herself as a "little child," she told St. Faustina, in St. Faustina's "Diary": "Unless we take those first steps, like just any other child, God our heavenly Parent, is going to scoop down, pick us up, take us up the staircase to heavenly glory in His bosom because that is what a parent does, because that's what God does, because God is love. And He can't be anything other than love."

St. Francis de Sales said, "Love is the flower, and mercy the fruit."

"God certainly pours His love into our lives," Father Cambra said. "But as we read in the Gospel, 'We're called to bear good fruit.' If we fail to bear good fruit, He's going to prune us. And after He prunes us, if we still are resistant to His will, then

I'm afraid we end up in the trash pile, in the burn heap." It's in the Gospel.

"The Divine Mercy message is not just a pious devotion," Father Cambra said, "The Divine Mercy message is the heart of the Gospel. It's the center of our faith. The Divine Mercy message is displayed in the Eucharist. When you and I receive the Eucharist in the liturgy, we become living tabernacles as the priest sends us forth into the community. Because suddenly then we give the world the opportunity to look at us and examine our lives and cause them to say, 'So that's what it is to be a follower of Christ, to be a living tabernacle of God, who is love.'"

"C" stands for "completely trust in God's providential care for you, complete confidence in God's trust for us."

In Romans 4, St. Paul talks about Abraham, and because Abraham trusted in God's provi-

dential care for us, God made him the father of all those who would follow in his example of trust.

Abraham becomes our father in faith precisely because of his trust, Father Cambra said.

"You and I are called to trust," he said.

Returning to St. Therese's conversation with St. Faustina, St. Therese said: "The only thing that separates saints from sinners is their ability to trust."

Despite her lack of education, St. Faustina desired in her heart to be a saint for God. She asked St. Therese how to do this. St. Therese told Faustina, "First you have to get better at trusting."

People ask Father Cambra, "How do I grow in trust?"

Father Cambra remarked, "I say, 'Were you not listening, Ask, and you shall receive.'"

It is in the everyday life experiences — picking up laundry after the children — that we embrace the cross, noted Father Cambra. "A mother loves her children despite how badly they behave at times, and it is precisely in those moments that you realize how much God loves you," Father Cambra said.

'Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy' tickets now available

In preparation for the play, "Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy," *Today's Catholic* will publish a series of stories on Divine Mercy and Sister Faustina. Tickets to "Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy" are now available online through the diocesan website: www.diocesefwsb.org/faustina.

Tess Steffen contributed to this story.

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FORT WAYNE — Pray for vocations and the consecrated life on the first Tuesday of each month September to June from 7-8 p.m. at the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. This holy hour will feature different priests from around the area. For information, contact Christine Nix in the Vocation office, cbonahoom-nix@diocesefwsb.org or 260-422-4611.

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Traditionally, fourth-grade students come dressed as their favorite saints. Many of the area schools were well represented with a colorful array of saints.

St. Bernard, Wabash, fourth-graders Madeline Von Uhl, Isabelle Anguilln and Essie Ward were anxious to attend this all-school Mass as their favorite saints. Von Uhl represented St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Anguilln dressed as St. Elizabeth of Hungary, and Ward chose to bring Mary Magdalene to life, as her feast day is Ward's dad's birthday.

Adam Holzinger of Huntington Catholic School dressed as St. John the Baptist, was inspired that the saint "baptized many people." Holzinger's classmate Jady Stecher chose to represent St. Agnes of Rome because her father recalled the saint's canonization from his childhood days at the tender age of eight.

Alex Tippmann, fourth-grader at St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne, chose to portray St. Patrick because, "he taught others about the Trinity using a three-leaf clover."

Other saints represented at the Mass were Michael the Archangel, St. Anne, St. Paul, St. Philomena, St. Mary Mother of God, St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Germaine.

"We think about the saints today," Bishop Rhoades said in his homily — "men and women who imitated Jesus, who brought Good News, glad tidings, to other people."

"The saints are men and women who brought God's love to others. And we're all called to be saints," Bishop Rhoades emphasized. "We're all called to bear witness to the love

of God and the joy of the Gospel, to help other people go to heaven — that's our mission."

Bishop Rhoades spoke of St. John Paul II's love for young people, how he would challenge them, and preach the Gospel with courage.

"He challenged them to be great," Bishop Rhoades said. "God calls us to be great, not in the eyes of the world. ... True greatness is holy greatness. It's in following Christ that one finds real joy and real peace in our lives."

Pope John Paul started World Youth Day and Bishop Rhoades talked about the 2016 pilgrimage in which 150 young people from the diocese (16 or older) will be going to Poland next summer. He encouraged the Bishop Luers liturgical choir, who beautifully provided music for the Mass, to consider joining the pilgrimage. "There's still time to sign up," Bishop Rhoades offered.

Bishop Rhoades also spoke about the day's Gospel from Matthew 16:13-19, when Jesus asks the Apostles, "Who do people say I am?" Jesus then poses to the Apostles an important question — a question He asks every one of us — "Who do 'you' say I am?"

Simon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Jesus said, "God, the Holy Spirit, told you that." Because Simon made that profession of faith, Jesus said, "From now on, your name will be Peter, not Simon." The name Peter means "rock," in other words, he will be the rock of the Church, the leader of the Apostles, and the leader of the whole Christian community.

Bishop Rhoades said that all have to personally answer the question, "Who is Jesus for you?"

Jesus is not a distant figure up in heaven or far away from us. Jesus is alive. He is risen from the dead.



JOE ROMIE

John Paul Meyer, dressed as his hero, St. John Paul II, completes his outfit with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades' miter at the all-schools Mass in Fort Wayne. Meyer is a student at St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne.

We can talk to Him; we can listen to Him.

"That is what prayer is," the bishop said. "Everyday, He is our best friend. He is our brother. And when we mess up and sin, He's our savior. He has mercy on us. He forgives us when we're sorry."

Jesus was central to St. John Paul II's life, the bishop said. "That's why John Paul II was so courageous."

He is a saint because of his relationship with Jesus. St. John Paul taught people how to love and "we find joy and happiness when we live like Jesus. When we give of ourselves, we find ourselves."

The bishop further encouraged, "Remember the words he said to young people all the time: 'Be not afraid.' Don't be afraid to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Don't be afraid to live your faith with conviction. Dare to be saints."



JOE ROMIE

Students sing the opening hymn at the all-schools Mass in Fort Wayne on Oct. 22 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Expo Center.



KAY COZAD

St. Bernard, Wabash, students, dressed as their favorite saints, pose for a photo outside the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Expo Center.

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VOCATIONS among us

Life in the seminary brings excitement, beauty of the faith

BY TIM JOHNSON

Life for four diocesan seminarians is filled with excitement as they journey, God-willing, to their vocation to be ordained to the holy Priesthood.

Two seminarians, Dennis Di Benedetto and Eric Burgener spent their summer in a Spanish immersion program in Guatemala. Both seminarians are studying third theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and looking forward to their diaconate ordination in 2016.

"The trip to Guatemala was incredibly insightful," said Eric Burgener. "Dennis and I studied for six hours a day and everything else was in Spanish."

He said it offered an opportunity to grow in his understanding of the language but also the Church atmosphere there.

"The first weekend there was a five-hour long Eucharistic procession," Bergener noted. "Everyone came out into the street to welcome Jesus. Also, many of the women would weep in front of the Sacrament. I was reminded of St. Peter's words: 'Cast all your anxieties upon Him for He care for you.'"

Dennis Di Benedetto told *Today's Catholic*, "I learned so much! In addition to getting much better at Spanish I learned a lot about the Guatemalan people. They have been through many hardships, including a very long civil war. Nevertheless they remain friendly and cheerful, making the best of their situation."

He added, "I also learned what it feels like to be a foreigner who misses his home country. Attending daily Mass in Spanish was difficult. I realized my soul prays in English. This is why it is so important for us to be able to offer Mass and the sacraments in Spanish for those who have had to leave their homes to find a better life in the United States."

Father Andrew Curry, pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in North Manchester, also took part in the summer program. The three men lived in the home of the Perez-Vega family.

Di Benedetto explained, "When Mexico became unsafe, many seminaries started doing immersion programs in Guatemala. The city of Antigua, where we lived, has about 30 different language schools. Our school, called Probigua, is a non-profit started by a former semi-



PROVIDED BY DENNIS DI BENEDETTO

Seminarian Dennis Di Benedetto, right, is shown in Guatemala with his Spanish teacher, Yolanda Najera de Perez, left. A volcano can be seen in background.

narian named Rigoberto Zamura-Charuc. It uses the tuition paid by students learning Spanish to construct schools and libraries in the mountain villages where the indigenous Maya people live."

Burgener noted a benefit was growing "in friendship with Dennis, Father Drew Curry and other seminarians from the U.S."

He added, "I will always remember the love everyone had for the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary, as well as a constant reminder of the poverty in which most live yet still having a joyful heart."

Seminarian Spenser St. Louis is living and studying in Rome at Pontifical North American College with more than 250 American, Australian and Canadian seminarians. For classes, however, he attends the Pontifical Gregorian University, founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola.

St. Louis said, "The transition from philosophical studies to theological studies has been fantastic. It is really rewarding to see how these past four years of studying philosophy is coming to fruition studying our Catholic faith, namely in growing into a deeper relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. It has been amazing to see how many correlations can be made between the study of philosophy and the study of theology."

Seminarian Daniel Niezer, studying at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, has also made the transition from college to theology studies.



PROVIDED BY SPENSER ST. LOUIS

Spenser St. Louis is shown in this photo taken from the roof of the North American College with St. Peter's in the background.

"In college, I primarily studied philosophy. College studies in philosophy were to prepare me and lay the foundation for my current theological studies," Niezer said. "Now that I am studying theology, I am beginning to see the fruit of the long

hours spent studying philosophy. The transition is beautiful, as I am now immersed in Scripture, moral theology and Church history, all of which are directly tied to the mission of Jesus Christ and my knowledge in Him."

In describing Mount St. Mary's, Niezer said, "As you may notice by the name of our school, we are located right in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Just close your eyes and imagine praying in mountains, which overlook fields, farms and valleys while the sun is setting, and you've come pretty close to envisioning 'the Mount' as we like to call it."

"In my first year here," Niezer said, "I have encountered such a strong fraternity amongst the many seminarians. This fraternity has really helped me adjust in a major way to the new environment, and I look forward to my growth in faith due to this new fraternity."

Back in The Eternal City, St. Louis said, "I am most looking forward to all of the opportunities that studying in Rome has to offer. From being close to the Holy Father and being able

to hear him often, to seeing the Church universal, to growing in my personal faith and relationship with the Lord enriched by the bountiful history, and specifically Catholic history, of Rome."

He said his experience in Rome has truly been a gift from God.

"I have had the great opportunity to attend Mass with Pope Francis a number of times, to live and study where so many saints have studied before me, and to grow in a greater appreciation of the Church universal," he noted. "The new cultural experience has challenged me, but the fruits of studying in Rome greatly outweigh any difficulty. It is a great blessing to be able to live in the heart of the Church."

Both St. Louis and Niezer said the best support the faithful can offer is prayers.

"I ask of your prayers for the grace to listen to God at every moment of my life," Niezer said.

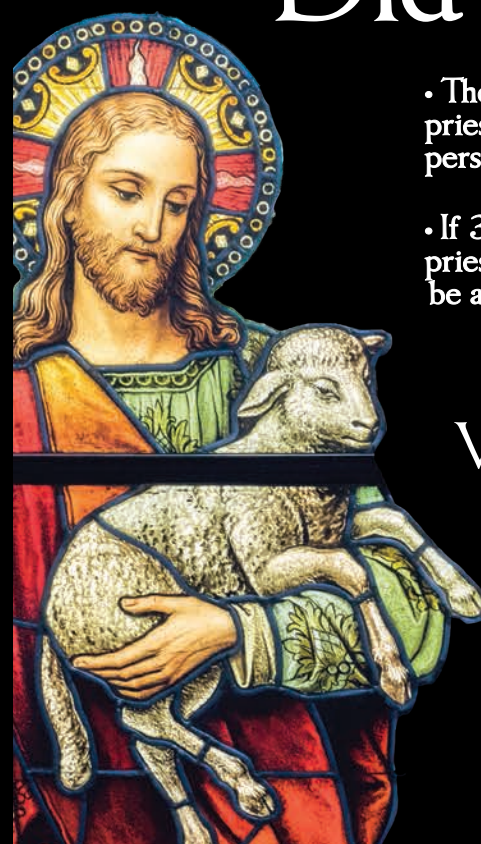
St. Louis added, "Please pray for the strength in discernment for myself and my brother seminarians, as well as for our perseverance in our studies."

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St. Charles' vocation committee hosts religious sisters vocations evening

BY CATHY MCLEISH

FORT WAYNE — A room erupting with laughter and joy was the meeting place for over 20 young women drawn to learn more about religious life. Present to share their own discernment journey were five Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist and three Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. Additionally, Father Jacob Meyer, parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo, offered his knowledge of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, a cloistered group of religious women living at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery at St. Andrew Church in Fort Wayne.

Months earlier, when several high school students had asked for the opportunity to talk and interact with sisters from different orders in a casual atmosphere, Father Meyer replied, "I can make that happen!" The energetic gathering Wednesday evening in St. Charles' Hession Center was the byproduct of his promise.

Dave Stevens, the head of the parish's Vocation Committee, established in the mid '90s, commented on their planning process. "Hosting



JERRY KESSENS

From left, Franciscan Sisters Karol Ann, Maria Gemma and Augustine discuss their order, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

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Lyon family twins discerning religious life

BY CATHY MCLEISH

FORT WAYNE — Bart and Becky Lyon have parented five children with their twins, Abby and Sam being their youngest. “We’ve been known to say the twins are the easiest of our children but it might be more honest to say we’ve just gotten increasingly tired and a little more lenient in our parenting approach” confesses Bart with a smile.

Their home smells of baked cookies and colorfully wrapped gifts are stacked in front of the lit fireplace. Both are thoughtful tokens for their daughter and her community of religious sisters.

They will soon see Sister Abigail for the first time since she left to begin formation with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, nine weeks ago.

Sam, feeling called to become a diocesan priest, has begun his journey at the Pontifical College Josephinum. He is home for the weekend to accompany his family and visit his twin sister.

“The two have always been close; not to say they haven’t fought and argued,” Becky admitted. “But they would do anything for each other.”

Recalling his own discernment, Sam remembers being told by his religious education teachers that he should consider the Priesthood.

“I guess I knew more answers than most of the other kids,” Sam said. As time evolved, so did the vocation suggestion. “After eight years in public schools, Abby and I started high school at Bishop Dwenger, which was probably the best decision our family could have made. Initially, we didn’t know anyone, but we had each other. That naturally brought us closer.”



PROVIDED BY THE LYON FAMILY

Bart, left, and Becky Lyon, second from right, are shown with their daughter Sister Abigail who is discerning religious life with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, and seminarian Sam Lyon, right, who is discerning Priesthood at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. They are shown at a recent visit to St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington.

Jake Lyon, just two years older than the twins, encouraged them to check out the Life Teen program at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne. The three were actively involved in Church ministries and attended every teen retreat, eventually taking leadership roles.

“I know my life should be ordered around Mass and the sacraments, but I looked forward to those retreats like Christmas. They had that big of an effect on me,” said Sam.

Father Andrew Budzinski,

who was parochial vicar at St. Vincent at the time, was a strong and steadfast friend and mentor to the Lyon children.

“We told him he had to stay at our parish until the twins graduated, and he did ... but not a minute longer!” said Becky.

“Father Andrew started the Melchizedek Project where discerning men meet and talk with him once a month. It’s a tool I would highly recommend,” suggested Sam. “The fact that he is now the vocations director is awesome!”

He resumed his story. “So, after the Right to Life March in D.C. my sophomore year, our bus stopped at Mount Saint Mary’s in Emmitsburg, Maryland. It’s where we send our theologians. I was awestruck at the beauty of their chapel and as I was praying, one of the theologians lifted his violin and began to play ‘Ave Maria.’ When I say I heard God speak to me, I can only explain it as the clearest thought I’ve ever had ... that I know wasn’t my own. He said, ‘Sam, will you save a thousand souls?’”

“All night on the bus ride home while everyone was sleeping, I’m wrestling with this thing. I told myself not to overreact. You could be married or be a teacher and still save a thousand souls, right?” Sam quipped. “But the week that I get back, Father Andrew hands me this book with the title, ‘To Save a Thousand Souls, A Guide for Discerning the Catholic Priesthood.’ Well, I had to admit, that was pretty specific!”

“My sister, Abby, has always studied and read to learn everything she could about our faith and she would post quotes and Scriptures in her room. We talked and shared a lot. Through high school, people would call me pious, but I am just a very vocal pious person. My sister is genuinely pious. I think it was a strong spiritual influence to have her so close every day and I’d like to think I had the same impact on her.”

“Their high school years weren’t an easy time for our family,” Becky shared honestly. “We went through some tragic things that affected our kids. It was a time when they needed help and they had to make a choice about where that help would come from. Sam and Abby chose God.”

Bart Lyon offered one last reflection, “From the time all of my children were babies, my dream for them was that they grow up to be as happy, healthy, content and successful as they could possibly be. If Sam and Abby are following the will of God, we believe they will definitely find that degree of happiness and success. It may be measured in different ways by different people, but if they are living God’s will for their lives, what greater success could we possibly want for them?”

National Vocation Awareness Week fosters culture of vocations

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, Nov. 1-7. This observance, sponsored by the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is a special time for parishes in the U.S. to foster a culture of vocations for the Priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

Pope Francis, in his message of April 26, 2015 on the 52nd Day of World Prayer for Vocations states: “Responding to God’s call means allowing Him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind, and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness.” The Holy Father stresses, “The Christian vocation, rooted in the contemplation of the Father’s heart, thus inspires us to solidarity in bringing liberation to our

brothers and sisters, especially the poorest.”

National Vocations Awareness Week is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: “To what vocation in life is God calling me?” Parish and school communities across the nation are asked to include, during the first week in November, prayer and special activities that focus on vocation awareness.

“Encouraging others to recognize the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to follow Christ without reservations are key elements in supporting a culture of vocations,” said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh, North Carolina, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. “With God’s grace, we can have a positive impact on others who may be open to considering a

PRAYER TO KNOW ONE’S VOCATION

Lord, my God and my loving Father, You have made me to know You, to love You, to serve You, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that You are in all things, and that every path can lead me to You.

But of them all, there is one especially by which You want me to come to You. Since I will do what You want of me, I pray You, send Your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what You want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen

vocation to Priesthood or religious life, by simply inviting them to think and pray about it. Our enthusiasm and willingness to speak directly to others about vocations just might be the conversation someone need to respond to God’s call.”

A 2012 study, “Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics,” conducted by the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), highlighted the role community encouragement plays in the discernment process. (Full study: www.usccb.org/beliefs-andteachings/vocations/survey-of-youth-and-young-adults-on-vocations.cfm)

“Over and over again when asked, newly ordained priests and newly professed men and women religious, credit the encouragement of family members, cowork-

ers, friends and clergy, as being a significant factor in their pursuing a vocation.” said Father Ralph O’Donnell, USCCB’s executive director of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. The Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.

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only three orders seemed to be our biggest barrier because we were concerned that by choosing three, we might be eliminating others. We shifted our approach to one of simply promoting the concept of women religious and allowing the Holy Spirit to come in and help the young women decide what to do after experiencing the evening.”

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, with their mother house in Mishawaka, enthusiastically shared about their order. Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi's love for the Eucharist, their charism of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel gives their order a uniqueness. Encouraging everyone to send them prayer requests via their website, young Sister Mary Augustine, second-year novice, relayed her thoughts, “It is beautiful to think that we can be intercessors for you. Our spiritual motherhood comes in when we are privileged to take in your needs as our own and present



JERRY KESSENS

Father Jacob Meyer, at left, parochial vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Church opens with prayer at the Evening with Women Religious at the parish. Father Meyer offered his knowledge of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, a cloistered group of religious women living at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery at St. Andrew Church in Fort Wayne.

them to Jesus.”

Connecting the power of their prayer as it bears fruit in their active apostolates, second-year novice, Sister Karol, expanded on their charism. “Like St. Francis, through following the magisterium of the Church, we strive to integrate our

mission into healthcare upholding the dignity of life while working in over a dozen hospitals in Indiana and Illinois.” On the academic level, the order has sisters teaching grade school, high school and college classes. She noted, “It's amazing to see the Holy Spirit working through us, planting seeds, which bring

the faith fully alive in those we instruct.”

Ranging from grade school to college age, those who came to learn did so for a variety of reasons: curiosity, friendship, serious discernment and simply the desire to be in the presence of joy. “I have been on several retreats with the sisters and I love spending time with them!” said Claire, a student at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne.

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist had two young postulants along to share their discernment stories with interested attendees. Sister Abigail and Sister Racheal, having entered the order this past August, enjoyed an hour of one on one with a table of young ladies. “My family and my parish, especially all the great priests we were blessed to know personally, played a big part in my decision” said Sister Abigail. Her chosen order shares the beauty and awe of the Catholic faith with its tradition of being active in preaching and teaching, and contemplative with a strong devotion to Mary and the Eucharist.

With Father Meyer being a spiritual director for many of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, he spoke of his precious time spent with them

though their cloistered, contemplative calling prevents them from being out in the world. “While their enclosure may separate them from the concerns of this world, their faith allows them to take those same concerns on their shoulders. By offering all their prayers and sacrifices for the sake of those in need, they advance our conversion and their own holiness.”

His message to the young women was passionate and heartfelt. “They would want you to know that by their complete and radical trust that God will provide, He has done more than satisfy their material needs. Through prayer, silence, faith and community they have been given an abundance of joy!”

“I really value the power and beauty of Adoration,” said Emma, a high school student discerning her religious calling. “I know the charism of the Perpetual Adoration chapel is a strong reason I am drawn to the Sisters of St. Francis.”

The importance of the evening was further validated when Sister Maria Gemma added, “When a young woman is attracted to a charism of an order, the Holy Spirit may be gently guiding her towards who she is to become rather than what she is to do.”

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Pius XII, co-conspirator in tyrannicide

ROME — The great Piazza San Pietro is a five-minute walk from where I'm living during Synod-2015. About three-quarters of the square is bounded the famous Bernini colonnades, which reach out from the Vatican basilica as if to embrace the world. Along the open "front" of the piazza and along the perimeter of the colonnades, a broad white stripe is embedded in the street. The casual visitor might mistake it for a kind of "No Parking" sign.

In fact, that white strip marks the border between Vatican City State and Italy. And for many during World War II, it signified the boundary between life and internment, imprisonment or death.

When Italy declared war on the Allies — after the initial, swift success of the German invasion of the Low Countries and France seemed to suggest who was going to win World War II — Allied diplomats accredited to the Holy See but living in Rome fled into the Vatican and were housed there throughout the war. So did democratically-minded Italians on Mussolini's hit list — like Alcide de Gasperi, who would become Italy's first post-war Christian Democratic prime minister.

Another boundary of consequence was defined by the walls surrounding the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo. Thousands of Italian Jews were hidden there, and dozens of babies were born in Pope Pius XII's bedroom, some of them given the names "Eugenio" or "Eugenia" in honor of the pontiff who saved their parents' lives.

These facts of Pius's actions, like his quiet orders to hide Roman Jews in Catholic facilities, are reason-

ably well-known, if often ignored in the polemics that surround the debate over Pius XII's and the Holy See's actions (or inactions, or silences) during the war. A new book by intelligence specialist Mark Riebling, "Church of Spies: The Pope's Secret War Against Hitler" (Basic Books), adds a mass of new evidence to what we know, now, about what the pope and the Church did to deal with the mortal threat to civilization posed by Hitler and German National Socialism.

In a word: Pius was complicit in a variety of plots, initiated by patriotic, anti-Nazi Germans, to assassinate Hitler and replace the Nazi regime with a government that would make peace with the West.

That Pius was involved in at least one such plot has been known for decades, thanks to Owen Chadwick's "Britain and the Vatican During the Second World War," which drew extensively on the records of Great Britain's representative to the Holy See during the war, D'Arcy Osborne. "Church of Spies," which is based on exhaustive archival research (including a close reading of the Nuremberg trial transcripts), demonstrates that the plot mentioned in Chadwick's book was not the only such enterprise, and that Pius XII's closest aide, Father Robert Leiber, SJ, was the key liaison between the pope and the various plotters, working in discrete tandem with a German Catholic lawyer, Dr. Josef Mueller.

None of these multiple attempts to eliminate Hitler and replace the Nazi regime got to the trigger-point, with the exception of the Stauffenberg plot (cinematically memorialized in "Valkyrie"). And it has long been known that many German officers refused to partici-



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pate in such plots because of their personal oath of loyalty to Hitler; they may have detested him, but they had sworn to uphold him. Riebling shows that another difficulty in gathering sufficient manpower behind any plot was the difference between Catholic and Protestant German generals: the Catholics, tutored by Thomas Aquinas, had a theological rationale for morally defensible tyrannicide, while the Protestants, mired in a Lutheran theory of state authority, had no such moral compass: quite the opposite, in fact.

"Church of Spies" does not, and cannot, settle the question of whether Pius should have spoken out plainly and unmistakably in condemnation of the Holocaust; that he refrained from doing so because he thought that would intensify the murderous bloodletting of the Third Reich seems well-established, if unlikely to persuade all of the wisdom of the course he chose. But "Church of Spies" ought to end the "Hitler's Pope" nonsense.

"Hitler's Pope" would not have aided and abetted plots to kill Hitler.

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Since 1989, our office has distributed nearly \$634 million to help underwrite the day-to-day care of elderly religious. An additional \$84 million has been allocated toward self-help projects initiated by religious communities, including collaborative health-care facilities. Many communities have made significant progress in stabilizing their retirement funding. Yet the overall needs of senior religious remain profound, and so our mission continues.

Gratefully,
Sister Janice Bader, CPPS
Executive Director

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Dear Bishop Rhoades,

It is with deep gratitude that I acknowledge this past year's generous support of the Pontifical Mission Societies from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, contributions totaling \$92,920, to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of Saint Peter Apostle, and the Missionary Childhood Association.

Your leadership and good example, especially in promoting and participating in World Mission Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, will inspire the faithful to join the Universal Church that day in affirming our Baptismal vocation to be missionary and to reach out in the spirit of Pentecost to brothers and sisters all over the world wanting to know Christ. This Eucharistic celebration serves as the annual culmination of a fully integrated mission animation program in your local church.

Sincerely in Christ
Fernando Cardinal Filoni
Prefect

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 1, 2015

Matthew 5: 1-12a

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Feast of All Saints: the Sermon on the Mount. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CROWDS	SAT DOWN	DISCIPLES
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MERCY	HEART	SEE GOD
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he explains, is the spiritual condition that lets God's grace work in us. It is a "necessary corollary of love," of being available to those around us.

I hadn't felt that I was lacking peace, but the book has helped me recognize how often I hurry and control, trying to strong-arm my own agenda into daily life. It has reminded me to be patient about my progress, to resist the kind of checklist living — go, go, go — that can define young adulthood. "Your guide is the Holy Spirit," Father Philippe writes. "By your struggles and worries, by your anxiety and haste, you overtake Him with the pretense of moving more quickly." The opposite occurs: You wind up on a rougher trainer, and "far from advancing, you go backwards."

It has refined my thinking and strengthened my desire to harbor the peace that invites God in, so He can work through me, enabling me to produce the good works he designed me to do. In a season accelerated by the holiday scramble and end-of-year drumbeat, this book feels like a slow exhale, reminding of another way.

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

Saint of the Week



Hubert

Hubert was a married courtier who became a priest after his wife died. According to legend, he was called to serve God while hunting; he reportedly saw a crucifix between a stag's horns and heard a voice say, "Unless you turn to the Lord, Hubert, you shall fall into hell." He was ordained by St. Lambert, bishop of Maastricht in the Netherlands, and succeeded the murdered Lambert. After moving the see to Liege in Belgium, he served for 20 years, ending idol worship, converting many and tirelessly preaching Christ. He died peacefully while traveling to dedicate a church; this patron saint of hunters and dogs is also invoked against rabies.

Sports

ANCILLA COLLEGE 'SWINGS' INTO TENNIS Ancilla College has announced the addition of a tennis program for the upcoming 2016-2017 academic school year and welcomes their new men's and women's head tennis coach, Jessica Kutch. Kutch is an award-winning tennis player and brings coaching experience to the new program. The Ancilla College men's and women's tennis team will offer scholarships to players from around the area for the 2016-17 school year.

St. Charles, St. Vincent vie for CYO championship

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles brought home both the junior varsity and varsity Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football championships at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium on Sunday, Oct. 25.

In the fifth- and sixth-grade game, the Cards defeated St. Vincent, 35-12. St. Charles was led by running back Henry O'Keefe who had five touchdowns. O'Keefe had 150-yards plus rushing and the Panthers were unable to corral O'Keefe once he got into space. The Cardinals had tremendous play from their linebackers. Namely, Adam Lee who also threw a 40-yard half back pass to O'Keefe. The Cardinals had great blocking from their offensive line all day long, including Nick Krouse, Joe Eddy, Mitchell Vogelwede, Benjie Tippmann, Isaac Lehrman, Rocco Ciocca and Troy Tippmann. Xavier Aguirre had a big interception to thwart the Panthers last drive.

For the seventh and eighth grade, St. Charles prevailed with a 32-0 victory over St. Vincent. The

Cards had two touchdowns from Patrick O'Keefe, one touchdown from Drew Lytle and two touchdowns from Patrick Finley. The St. Charles defense continued to be stifling allowing only one first down and forcing three interceptions by Brenden Lytle, Devon Tippmann and Jeren Kindig. The Cardinals also had points from Hayden "Big Poppy" Tippmann and Lucas Krohn who scored on point after conversions.

The Cardinals will now face South Bend powerhouse St. Anthony for the fourth straight year.

Coach Sam Talarico said, "We have so much respect for the St. Anthony program. Each of the last three years has been a down-to-the-wire battle. We expect to play a very hardnosed team that can block and tackle very well. It will undoubtedly be a great game." St. Vincent will also be part of the big showdown with South Bend on Nov. 1, playing the Saints of Mishawaka Catholic. The Panthers' Coach Kevin Thompson could not be more proud of his unit, "It has been a great season. These boys work hard to get better every week."



PROVIDED BY ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

St. Charles Borromeo won the CYO football tournament championship game on Oct. 25.



PROVIDED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, FORT WAYNE

St. Vincent de Paul was the runner-up of the CYO football tournament championship game on Oct. 25.

ICCL Saints, Panthers square off for championship title

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — The biggest contest of the season would pit the two big dogs of the Inter-City Catholic League against each other with only one able to claim the title of champion at Father Bly Field at Saint Joseph High School.

The playoffs had left only two teams standing, the regular season champs, the Saints of Mishawaka Catholic and the runner-up Panthers of St. Anthony.

The regular season meeting had the Saints narrowly beating the Panthers on a successful points-after kick by Miguel Ortiz creating a revenge atmosphere in the St. Anthony locker room.

The theme for the entire battle amongst the two juggernauts would be defense. Both teams dug into the turf field and dared the other to advance the pigskin.

Mishawaka Catholic's offense — quarterback Josh Gill and running backs Charlie Maxwell, Thadeous Horvath and Michael Schafer — would try as they may to pierce the Panther line and gain yardage.

The Panther offense abounded with skill players of their own adorned with the likes of Tyler DeBoe, Kenzel Kelly, Mitchell Floran and quarterback Luke Leonard.

With all of the firepower in the respective backfields neither team could muster an attack as Aaron Fuller and Eddie Murphy would loom large on the defensive side of the ball for the Saints and DeBoe along with the secondary of Floran, Colby Szymczak and Connor Farrell stymied would-be receivers all day.

After multiple unsuccessful drives and with 7:36 left in the first half, Panther Floran was stopped for a loss in the backfield, spun out of the grasp of the defender, ran the opposite direction of his blockers, broke a tackle and eventually stiff-armed his way into the end zone for a 27-yard touchdown. The points-after kick was blocked.

The Saints would again try their luck against the stingy maroon-and-gold clad swarm, but on a fourth and five, Michael Conery and Ryan Flanagan, staples of the Panther line, snuffed out the attack with a huge sack.

Both squads pinned their ears back and were relentless in their quest to turn back runners in their tracks, pummel quarterbacks and outmaneuver receivers holding the



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St. Anthony Panther Mitchell Floran gallops his way to the end zone.

score at 6-0 with just 6:43 left in the contest.

With the clock ticking down, all in attendance knew that one big play by the Saints and behind the toe of Ortiz that the game was far from over.

With the stage set, the unyielding Panther defense had something to prove and on four successive plays did just that, stopping Mishawaka Catholic cold.

The Saints dug in again but the slippery Floran snuck through the line of tacklers and jetted the final 16 yards to seal the fate of Mishawaka Catholic and bring home the championship trophy to his jubilant teammates making the final score 14-0 after the points after kick by Charlie Graham.

"We knew it would be that kind of day against the Saints. Our defense was fired up all week in practice," remarked Panther Coach James DeBoe. "We thought they would do a bit more passing and guessed right. Our defense backs really stepped up, but I'm so proud of all of the boys."

Other than the two big plays by Floran, the Saints held the Panthers to just two yards per play.

"Before Mass every Sunday I pray for two things — that there are no injuries and that my kids and coaching staff perform to their

greatest potential, I think both were accomplished today," explained Saint Coach Tony Violi. "The better team on the field today won, I would like to think that if we played 10 times, we would split, that's how good of a matchup it was, all the credit goes to them."

The Bill Sorukas Award was presented to Will Faulkner and Fuller. The award is given to the players in the championship game that best exemplifies the cornerstone principles of the ICCL — sportsmanship, leadership, competition and mental attitude.

The B League also crowned a champion as the Crusaders of Holy Cross completed an undefeated season by beating Mishawaka Catholic, 20-7.

Crusader Caden Kenton had a monster day by scoring three touchdowns. Anthony Maxwell had the lone score for the Saints.

ICCL football correction

In the ICCL game of the week coverage in the Oct. 25, 2015 of *Today's Catholic*, Sam Rose's name was omitted. Rose was an offensive lineman for the Holy Cross Crusaders that was one of the key players credited for their successes of the 2015 season.

Attitude carries Central Catholic football team

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — “I feel the biggest highlight for the Central Catholic football team was the attitude of the players. Throughout the season, no matter the outcome of the game on Sunday, the kids came to practice on Tuesday ready to improve as individuals and most importantly, as a team. They were a team of unselfish young men,” explained Coach Mathew Tsuleff of Central Catholic.

He continued, “From the beginning of the season to the end, I saw a group of kids that didn’t know each other from the start, but grew into a team that makes up Central Catholic. I am very proud of these young men — not just for playing football, but for successfully juggled academics while practicing football. Well done gentlemen!”

Along with the parents for their unwavering support of the team and of the program, Tsuleff had much gratitude for his Central Catholic players.

“These players had a spirit of never giving up, a never quit attitude and a leave it all on the field mentality,” he insisted.

Besides 20 less on the roster from a year ago, Tsuleff and his staff faced many hurdles this season including combining the attitudes

and philosophies of the four different schools — St. Jude, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, Most Precious Blood and Queen of Angels — which formed their team.

In their second year, the Irish are continuing to grow and learn. With the decreased numbers, players were forced to play positions they had never played before, but stepped up and answered the challenge and continued to give 100 percent with positive attitudes. “I feel our student athletes are beginning to understand just how special this program truly is and will be,” explained Tsuleff.

The biggest highlight of the season for the Irish was scoring four times against the No. 1 team in the league, St. Charles. The only team to do so in the league, Central Catholic tallied two touchdowns in the first meeting against the Cards and scored first on them in the play-off game — the first time all season long St. Charles actually played from behind. The team also moved practices this season from Lakeside to Havenhurst — a better facility with its own field, shelter area and restrooms. With more seventh graders on the roster than eighth, the Irish have high hopes for next season.

“I am proud to be part of this growing program,” Tsuleff summarized.

Cardegles wrap up cross-country season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With the talented guidance of Coach Dan Kaufman, Scott Reiling, Chris Kaufman, Tim O’Connell, Dan Delaney, Dan Leffers and Steve Leffers, the Cardegle club of runners wrapped up another season.

In the last half of the 2015 season, the girls placed third in the large school division and the boys 10th at the New Haven Classic. At the Carroll Middle School Invitational, the girls again had a third-place finish, while the boys were eighth.

And in the final meet of the season, the Cardegle Invitational, the girls were the champs and the boys finished a close second to Blackhawk Christian. Aileen Delaney and Natalee Vogan finished first and second respectively, while Jason Kochanski was sixth and Atticus Wiseman eighth overall for the boys.

The girls finished the season with the best girls’ record in Cardegle history at an impressive 96-15. Five girls — Delaney, Vogan, Kristina Baum, Katie Nix and Anna Morris — made the coveted all-time top 20 list for the Cardegles. The junior varsity girls finished at 22-5.

The boys’ varsity final record was 52-62 and junior varsity 10-15. Coach Kaufman added, “We had many outstanding times from the underclassmen and are looking forward to next season.” Both teams were recently honored at the annual banquet and award ceremony.



DAN KAUFMAN

The 2015 Cardegles are shown in this photo.

Cardegle award winners

Top 7 girls:

Aileen Delaney, 7; Natalee Vogan, 7; Katie Nix, 8; Kristina Baum, 8; Julia Eckrich, 8; Julia Broerman, 7; Anna Morris, 8

Top 7 boys:

Jason Kochanski, 8; Atticus Wiseman, 7; Henry Getty, 7; Daniel Cava, 7; Noah Thurber, 5; Trevor Engelhaupt, 6; Noah Maskal, 7; Joe Schipper, 7;

Most Valuable Runner Award:

Jason Kochanski and Aileen Delaney

Most Improved Runner Award:

Trevor Engelhaupt and Olivia Eisamen

Mental Attitude Award: Sam Horine and Karly Ewing

Cardegle Award: Katie Nix



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Fish, chicken and tenderloin dinner planned

Huntington — Ss. Peter and Paul Church will have a fish, chicken and tenderloin dinner by Dan's on Friday, Nov. 20, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Rieder Auditorium. Carry-out will be available. Advanced ticket sales will begin Saturday, Nov. 7, 8, 14 and 15 after Masses or at the church rectory during office hours. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and children 5 and under free. Tickets at the door are \$8.50 for adults.

Little Flower plans Kris Kringle craft show

South Bend — A Kris Kringle craft show will be Saturday, Nov. 7, at St. Therese Little Flower, 54191 Ironwood Rd., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature hand-made crafts, bake sale and lunch. For more information contact Eli Tyle at 574-340-7555 or buddy-tyl@aol.com.

Ham and turkey dinner

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a ham and turkey dinner on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are \$9 for adults and carry-out orders, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and children 4 and under free. A silent auction and country craft store will also be taking place along with a quilt, turkey and cash raffles.

Morning of Reflection planned

Roanoke — A Women's Morning of Reflection will be Saturday, Nov. 14, at St. Catherine Church. Mass will be celebrated by Father Dale Bauman, at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast, talks and activities related to the Year of Mercy and will end at approximately 11 a.m. A good will offering will be taken. RSVP to Linda Bustamante at 260-344-3112 for information. St. Catherine Church is located on SR 9 in Whitley County.

Rosary for poor souls announced

Mishawaka — The annual rosary for the poor souls will be offered on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2 p.m. in St. Joseph's Cemetery, rain or shine.

Holiday Marketplace planned

Elkhart — St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will have a holiday marketplace Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Thomas School, 1331 N. Main St. Vendors, crafters and artisans

from the area will be available. Doughnuts with Santa and face painting for children as well as breakfast, lunch and snacks will be available. All proceeds benefit the St. Thomas School PTO. For information contact Michelle Robinson, 574-304-0656 or Amanda Helfrich, 574-361-6501, or email michelle717robinson@yahoo.com.

Giving Thanks

Fort Wayne — A morning reflection for persons with disabilities will be Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9-11 a.m. at the St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual Center, 1502 E. Wallen Rd. Those with physical or mental disabilities will join together in prayer and fun. Caregivers will be given a chance to meet each other and share common concerns and issues. Speakers will touch on the topic of giving thanks for everything in our lives, also a speaker from Turnstone will describe their services. For information, contact Dorothy Schuerman at dschuerman@saintv.org or call 260-489-3537.

Michiana Mothers in Christ

South Bend — Michiana Mothers in Christ, a group of Catholic wives and moms seeking to further their faith through prayer and fellowship. Meetings will be on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, beginning Thursday, Nov. 5. Meetings will include prayer, breakfast, speaker, discussion and closing prayer. Childcare will be provided. Cost \$25 per semester/\$50 per year. Assistance is available. For information contact Terry Steinmetz, Tmsteinmetz@gmail.com or Rosary Comeau, Racomeau@gmail.com or call 574-309-1572.

Registration begins for classes at Adult Learning Center

Fort Wayne — The Adult Learning Center at St. Joseph Parish, is offering free classes in Spanish, citizenship, ESL, computer skills (English and Spanish), faith formation and more. The classes will begin Jan. 12. Registration dates are Oct. 27-29 and Nov. 10-12. The Adult Learning Center is made possible by Our Sunday Visitor. For more information, contact Adalys Reyes, program director, at areyes@saintjosephfw.org or call 260-432-5113, ext. 355.

Catholic Business Network Group

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Nov. 6, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Father Daniel Scheidt will speak on "Why Did Jesus Choose Small Business Owners as His First Four Apostles (Peter, Andrew, James and John) and a Tax Man for His Fifth Apostle (Matthew), and What Does This Imply for Catholics in the World of Work?" following Mass in the Cathedral Center. Refreshments will be provided by Dave MacDonald, with G.A. MacDonald Associates Insurance Agency.

Who is my neighbor?

Notre Dame — The Institute for Church Life will offer a presentation and panel discussion Sunday, Nov. 8, in Geddes Hall with Clemens Sedmak, Dawn Chapla, Michael Griffin and Kathy Kershner who will explore the social doctrine of the Church in the context of our calling as Christians living in Michiana. Admission is \$9 and includes soup dinner, presentation and door prize. Purchase tickets before Nov. 2, and receive \$5 cash back at the door. For information visit icl.nd.edu/proclaim or contact Patricia Bellm at 574-631-1379.

Pierogis on sale to purchase boiler

South Bend — St. Stanislaus Parish is selling Starlite Pizza Pierogis to benefit the purchase of a new boiler. The sale begins Nov. 1 and all orders must be turned in by Nov. 22. Cost of the pierogis are \$10 for three. One may choose from farmers cheese, sauerkraut or mushroom. Each pierogi weighs approx. 8 oz. For information contact ststanspierogi@gmail.com or call 574-289-6954.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 6, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children 5-12 \$3.50. Shrimp available for \$9, chicken strips for \$8.50, and cheese pizza for \$1 per slice for children under 12.

Holiday decor garage sale

South Bend — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 63568 U.S.31 South, will have a holiday decor garage sale, Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission.

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Lorraine Dennison Witter, 93, St. Matthew

Delores E. Leap, 79, Our Lady of Hungary

Christmas bazaar

Avilla — St. Mary Parish will have a Christmas bazaar Sunday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Craft tables, canned goods, cookie decorating and more.

Holiday craft bazaar

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish, 2114 E. Jefferson Blvd., will have a holiday craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school auditorium A lunch and bake sale will be on site.

Craft show, candy and bake sale

Fort Wayne — The Rosary Society of Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have a craft show and bake sale Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym. Raffle, door prizes every half hour and food available at a nominal cost. Wheelchair accessible.

Queen of Peace plans holiday bazaar

Mishawaka — A holiday craft bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church, 4508 Vistula Rd. Craft vendors, piggy raffle, cash raffle, bake sale and other refreshments available.

Holiday BOO!zaar

Mishawaka — The St. Joseph Church adult choir will have a Holiday BOO!zar Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with over 70 tables of holiday craft and gift items at 217 W. 3rd St.

Fall events planned

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish will have a fall rummage and bake sale on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. to noon. \$3 sack sale on Saturday.



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