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St. Jude Parish celebrates 30 years of Perpetual Adoration

BY MARY KINDER

FORT WAYNE — There was a joyous mood at St. Jude Church in Fort Wayne as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joined the parish in celebrating not only the feast day of their holy patron saint, but also the 30th anniversary of the St. Jude Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Father Jake Runyon, pastor, and Father Bob D'Souza, parochial vicar, welcomed the bishop, along with several special guests, including Msgr. Joseph Schaedel of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and former St. Jude pastors Father Tom Shoemaker and Father John Pfister, to the special Mass.

Bishop Rhoades spoke of the St. Jude Perpetual Adoration Chapel in his homily calling it "a beautiful blessing in Fort Wayne" and thanking the parish for its dedication and devotion to the Adoration Chapel.

Bishop Rhoades explained that a Perpetual Adoration Chapel is devoted to the worship of Jesus Christ through Eucharistic Adoration, which means the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and adored by the faithful 24 hours a day. The devotion ensures that someone is always praying in the chapel and recognized what the bishop called, "the many wonderful spiritual fruits of the apostolate," which are often hidden in moments of grace in people's hearts.



JOE ROMIE

The faithful pray before the Eucharist at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne.

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FATHER TOM SHOEMAKER

St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church in South Bend has been celebrating throughout the month of October the canonization of Louis and Zélie Martin, two of the Church's newest saints known primarily in connection to their youngest daughter, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus. Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Oct. 31, closed the month-long series of festivities.

Recently canonized saints celebrated at St. Therese, Little Flower

BY ALLISON CIRAULO

SOUTH BEND — All saints have parents, but not every saint has parents who themselves were saints. While Louis and Zélie Martin, two of the Church's newest saints, may always be known primarily in connection to their youngest daughter, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, the heroic holiness achieved by this French couple is worth celebrating in its own right.

St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church in South Bend has been doing just that throughout the month of October, by way of pilgrimage, all-night Eucharistic Adoration, a lecture on Carmelite spirituality, and theatrical display, in addition to a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Oct. 31, the closing event in the month-long series of festivities.

The Martins are unique among the canonized saints of the Church in that they are the first married couple ever to be made saints in the same ceremony. Their canon-

ization was held in Rome on Oct. 18 during the final days of the Synod of Bishops on the family.

The timing of the event was no accident, says Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of Little Flower Parish, but rather "a deliberate choice by Pope Francis."

"The pope saw this as a reflection on the life of a family. There were no martyrdoms, no historic deeds, and no great acts of scholarship behind these canonizations. This is simply a family that prayed together, celebrated sacraments together, encouraged one another, challenged one another, and laughed and cried together through the ups and downs of life," Father Shoemaker said.

If Louis and Zélie's original plans had come to fruition, however, this holy family would never have existed. Louis, born in 1823, was apprenticed as a watchmaker in Switzerland when he felt the call to religious life. He was turned away for his

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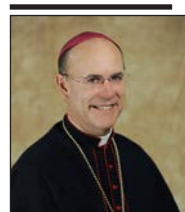
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The extraordinary parents of Saint Therese of Lisieux



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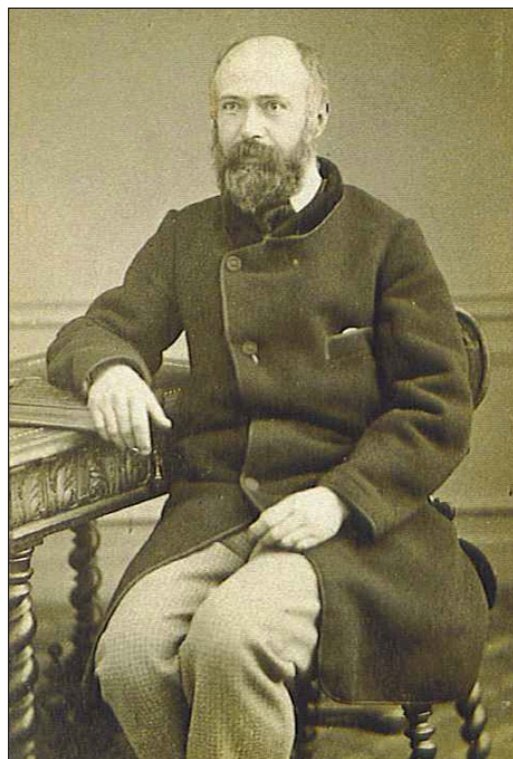
BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is the text of the homily delivered by Bishop Rhoades on October 31st at Saint Therese, Little Flower, Church, South Bend:

In today's reading from the book of Revelation, Saint John describes a vision he had of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They were standing before the throne of God and before the Lamb, singing his praise. This vision of the saints in heaven reminds of our destiny. On this beautiful Solemnity of All Saints, the Church invites us to reflect on the joy of heaven and to taste the joy of the saints, to be inspired by their example as men, women, and children of the Beatitudes, and to seek their intercession to help us to be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus, to live the Beatitudes of Jesus, whatever our vocation or state in life.

Today, here at this parish named in honor of the beautiful saint and doctor of the Church, Saint Therese, the Little Flower, we gather to celebrate the recent canonization of Therese's parents, Louis and Zelig Martin. I must admit that I didn't know a whole lot about their life until I read a book about them this past week. I was enthralled by this book as I learned about this amazing couple, amazing in the sense of holiness, heroic virtue. It is a tremendous blessing for the Church, especially for married people, that Pope Francis canonized at the same time a husband and wife together. This is the first time this has happened in the history of the Church. I highly recommend this biography of Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, written by Helene Mongin and published by Our Sunday Visitor. It is entitled *The Extraordinary Parents of Saint Therese of Lisieux*.

Saint Therese once wrote: *the good God gave me a father and a mother more worthy of heaven than of earth*. Many others have testified to the truth of this statement. Louis and Zelig Martin lived heroic lives and became holy, not despite marriage, but through, in, and by marriage. Their love for each other and for their children was deep. They had a profound affection for each other and their children. Their love and affection expanded and spread to extended family, to neighbors, and to the sick and the poor, whom they were always inviting into their home. Their beautiful Christian life, their love, had its source, of course, in God. They had a humble and intense faith. They knew and believed with all their hearts what we read today from Saint John's first letter: *See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God*. They believed in God's love! This is what gave them the strength to endure many sufferings and to persevere in faith. Let me name a few: they suffered the loss of four of their children at very young ages. Their sorrow was immense, but the devil could not rob them



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Louis and Zelig Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, were the first couple canonized together in the Church. Pope Francis canonized the saints on Oct. 18.

of their faith and trust in God during those incredibly painful times. They persevered in the joy of the Gospel. Their family life, despite tragedy, flourished.

The Martin family was a family of prayer. God was the center of the home. Daily Mass and daily prayers and devotions were part of the everyday rhythm of the Martin's family life. They observed Sunday as "the Lord's Day," a day of worship, rest, and joy together. Louis and Zelig passed on to their five remaining daughters, including the youngest, Therese, a peaceful, humble, and intense faith.

The Martins were working parents. Louis ran a watchmaking and jewelry shop. Zelig ran a lace-making business. They were both very successful. Eventually, Louis closed his shop and devoted himself to his wife's business. They were not only honest and just, treating their workers well and clients well, they went beyond the obligations of justice. They helped them when they were sick or in need. They made a small fortune but they were never attached to their money or material things. They were generous to others and they lived modestly.

When I think of the sufferings that are part of life, including family life, I think that the Martins are a beautiful example of endurance in faith, hope, and love. I already mentioned the death of four of their little children. I was also very moved when I read the chapter about Zelig's suffering with breast cancer. Back then, they didn't have the treatments we have today, nor medications for relief of pain. Zelig probably had breast cancer for many years, but it became obvious at the age of 45. That was the last year of her life. Her faith and courage during that final year reveals the depth of her holiness, her love for God and her love for Louis and her daughters. They prayed for her healing and even went to Lourdes, asking Our Lady for a cure. But Zelig entrusted her life to God's hands; her only concern was the welfare of her husband and daughters. She died a holy death.

In the next few years, Louis who missed his wife whom he had loved with all his heart, devoted himself to his daughters, each of whom

would enter religious life. That was also difficult for him, but, with great faith, he gave them complete freedom to answer the Lord's call. He even took Therese to Rome to meet with Pope Leo XIII to receive the dispensation to enter Carmel at such a young age. You probably know the prophetic word the Pope said to Therese: *You will enter if God wills it*. It was a great sacrifice for Louis when his youngest beloved daughter, Therese, entered Carmel. He said: *Only God can demand such a sacrifice, but he is helping me powerfully so that in the midst of my tears my heart is overflowing with joy*.

There was something supernatural in the lives of Louis and Zelig that enabled them to embrace sufferings. They were given the grace of peace and joy in embracing the cross of Jesus. They teach us so much in this regard. About a year after Therese's entrance into the convent, Louis would have an attack of the illness that would eventually lead to his death. It was an attack of cerebral arteriosclerosis. This disease developed the next seven years with phases of remission and aggravation and even attacked his mental faculties. Louis offered all this suffering to the Lord, like his wife had done. Saint Therese referred to these years as the "great trial" of her life, to see her father's mental deterioration and his being confined to a psychiatric hospital for three years.

Louis and Zelig Martin's canonization is a wonderful blessing for the Church. What a beautiful example they are for spouses and parents, for business owners, and for the sick and suffering! They can be an inspiration for those mourning the loss of a child, for those suffering from breast cancer or from mental illness. Truly they are an example and inspiration for the Church and the world during this time of crisis in marriage and family life. We need saints! Louis and Zelig Martin were ordinary people of extraordinary love. They now rejoice in the Lord in the company of their beloved nine children. May they and all the saints intercede for us, that one day we may join them at the banquet feast of heaven!

Knowing how to cry opens one to tenderness, pope says at Mass

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — While the Beatitudes can seem counterintuitive, Jesus knew that the poor in spirit, those who mourn or are persecuted and those who work for peace and justice are those who are open to experiencing God's love and mercy, Pope Francis said.

Celebrating an evening Mass Nov. 1, All Saints Day, amid the tombs of Rome's Verano cemetery, Pope Francis assured people that the saints would intercede for them and for their beloved departed.

Hundreds of people went to the cemetery to prepare their loved ones' graves for the Nov. 2 feast of All Souls. As Pope Francis processed to the temporary altar, he also stopped to lay a white rose on a grave.

The day's Gospel reading was St. Matthew's version of the Beatitudes, which the pope said was the path Jesus taught as the road to heaven.

"It's a journey difficult to understand because it goes against the tide, but the Lord tells us that whoever takes this path is happy, (or) sooner or later will become happy," the pope said.

The merciful are blessed because they have experienced the truth that everyone is in need of forgiveness and mercy, the pope said. "They don't judge everything and everyone, but try to put themselves in the other's shoes."

Mass always begins with asking



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Pope Francis celebrates the Eucharist during Mass in Verano cemetery in Rome Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints.

God's forgiveness and mercy; it is a time when "we recognize ourselves for what we are, sinners. It's not just a saying, a formality," he said. "And if we learn how to give others the forgiveness that we ask for ourselves, we will be blessed."

The Beatitudes say that peacemakers will be blessed and that is something often visible in the here and now, he said. "Look at the faces of those who go around sowing discord; are they happy? Those who always look for opportunities to trick others, to take advantage of others, are they happy? No, they cannot be happy."

But those who patiently try each day to promote peace and reconciliation, even through small gestures

at home and at work, "are blessed because they are true children of our heavenly Father, who always and only sows peace."

As dusk approached, Pope Francis asked the thousands of people gathered in the cemetery to pray with him for "the grace to be simple and humble people, the grace to know to weep, the grace to be meek, the grace to work for justice and peace and, especially, the grace to let ourselves be forgiven by God in order to become instruments of his mercy."

Earlier in the day, the pope recited the Angelus with visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square, focusing on the call to be saints that all Christians receive at Baptism.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Jude Church, South Bend
- Sunday, Nov. 8, 4 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Anthony of Padua Church, South Bend
- Monday, Nov. 9, 4 p.m. — Meetings with Vicars Forane, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Nov. 10, 4 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. — Panel Discussion on the Death Penalty, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington
- Saturday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Institute for Priestly Formation, Baltimore, Maryland

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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Bishop Rhoades called for everyone to spend time with the Lord in the chapel, where as he said, "We are close to (Jesus') breast, like St. John at the Last Supper, feeling in our heart the infinite love of Jesus' Sacred Heart." He also described the strength that comes from contemplating Jesus's love that enables the faithful to face the challenges of life in faith and hope, bringing Christ into the world where we live.

The Mass also celebrated the feast of the Apostles St. Jude and St. Simon. Bishop Rhoades acknowledged in his homily that St. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless cases and wondered how many people in very difficult situations, seemingly hopeless, come to pray before the Lord in the Adoration Chapel where they once again find hope.

These moments of grace and renewed hope were revealed by several of the faithful who pray at the Adoration Chapel at an anniversary reception that followed the Mass.

More than 30 years ago, two devout St. Jude parishioners, Ed Dahm and Betty Niedermeyer, had the idea to start a Perpetual



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the patron feast of St. Jude Church in Fort Wayne on Oct. 28 and also the 30th anniversary of the parish's Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Adoration Chapel at St. Jude. Ed Dahm, who was a speaker at the reception, explained how the idea was brought to their parish priest, Father John Pfister, who backed the idea right away. However, the bishop did not support the idea at the time.

Three years later when Bishop John M. D'Arcy was appointed

to the diocese, the pair once again presented their idea that was quickly approved by the new bishop. There was always a concern that there would not be enough people willing to spend time in the chapel. The Blessed Eucharist could not be left alone. Dahm said that when they explained the importance of Perpetual Adoration to the parish,

540 people signed up at the first opportunity.

Today, 30 years later, more than 1.3 million hours have been spent in Adoration at the chapel. Dedicated adorers and coordinators who are responsible for finding someone to pray in the chapel 24 hours a day support the mission.

Dahm was quick to give thanks and praise to all the men and women who gave their time to be adorers and coordinators, saying the chapel would not have lasted this long without their sacrifices and dedication.

One coordinator, Helen Klotz, works hard to ensure her time slot is always filled, but said the Adoration Chapel is a blessing to her. She said she has heard countless stories of people, including herself, who received answers to prayers, grace and even miracles while praying there.

Stories of Divine intervention and God's grace are heard time and time again from the people who pray in the Adoration Chapel.

Angela Schade described her time there as "feeling like I'm at home."

Mary Newell, who begins each week with a holy hour at 6 a.m. Monday mornings, said, "It is my go-to place when I know someone is suffering and I have no idea how to help. I feel like my week gets off to

a much better start when it begins in the Adoration Chapel."

It seems like two o'clock in the afternoon would be a much easier time slot to fill than two o'clock in the morning. But that's when one would find founder Ed Dahm in the chapel. Dahm prays in the chapel every Wednesday from 1-3 a.m. When asked why, he replied, "Jesus is my best friend. The more time you spend with Jesus, the better you become."

Stan Huguenard also has an early morning time slot. "For over three years now, I start my Tuesday morning at 4 a.m. at peace and Adoration with the Lord. It started as a sacrifice only to find out what a privilege and a blessing it is to be a committed adorer."

Linda Okleshen, the daughter of Betty Niedermeyer who helped start the chapel, believes the Adoration Chapel is a powerful place where miracles happen. She said, however, that her mother's intent was much more humble. She explained that both of her parents always had a very beautiful relationship with Jesus and said her mother wanted to start the Adoration Chapel simply because she wanted a place where Jesus could be adored and glorified at any hour of the day. Okleshen believes her mother, who passed away in 2009, would be very happy it is still going strong 30 years later.

Catholic students attending Bethel College encouraged to show solidarity, mutual respect during visit from Bishop Rhoades

BY IRENE COPENHAVER

SOUTH BEND — On his first visit to Bethel College, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades met with a group of Catholic students on Oct. 30. He offered them advice and encouraging words on the challenge of living their faith in a non-Catholic environment.

"We want to make sure that we at least had a Catholic presence and ministry to our Catholic students," said the bishop. He recently appointed Ashley Scarbrough to coordinate activities for the students in the South Bend area. The campus group meets twice a week for prayer and social time.

"There are negative stereotypes and prejudices within other denominations (on campus) that don't understand Catholicism," said Rachel Kidman, junior from

Dowagiac, Michigan. She said in a student body of almost 2,000, only about 90 identify themselves as Catholic. Of those only a few are active on campus.

"Christians have to be in solidarity," Bishop Rhoades said. "We work in a spirit of mutual respect. There will be theological disagreements but we are brothers and sisters in baptism ... even though we are of different traditions."

The bishop said that the Catholic Church is in dialogue with many varying denominations. The goal is not to win the other side over but to be in positive ecumenical dialogue. "Building relationship is the key in ecumenism," he said. "Prayer and working together is ecumenism on the ground. It is the theological (differences) that are more challenging. It's not easy but it is worth the effort."



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades met with Catholic students and staff from Bethel College on Oct. 30. The bishop offered encouraging words on the challenge of living the faith in a non-Catholic environment.

To develop a deeper relationship in Christ, the bishop advised prayer, especially before the Blessed Sacrament. "A personal encounter (with Jesus) is everything," he said. Bishop Rhoades added that praying the 20 mysteries of the rosary alone or with a group should be a priority for the students.

"Being Catholic can be counter-cultural. We are living in a world of 'isms': relativism, secularism, individualism," said the

bishop. "The pope tells us to go out to live the Gospel to the poor ... and those who are suffering. That is really the life of Jesus."

Rick Becker, a professor of nursing and a Catholic, said that Bethel College is one of only a few members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCL) that will hire Catholic faculty. He added, "By doing this, Bethel is trying to live out this ecumenism." The CCCL is an international higher

education association of evangelical institutions.

The bishop encouraged the students: "Keep the faith. Build unity. Stay closer to Christ."

A.J. Reynolds, Bethel student body president and a Catholic, said of the bishop's visit, "One of my great challenges ... was to try and engage these conversations so it's a big victory to have him here. I hope this leads to future dialogue."

"I'm encouraged to be a young person of the faith," said Reynolds.

Kidman echoed his sentiments, "I found it encouraging that he wanted us to work toward unity and that he is working on that with our area colleges."

Zack Spaulding and Teresa Berger, both seniors at Indiana University South Bend, were in attendance and extended an invitation to the bishop to celebrate a Mass on their campus.

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Educación para el Ministerio hosts conference on the family, mercy

BY LOURDES SILVA

GOSHEN — A full day of workshops were facilitated to the students of “Educación para el Ministerio” at St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, on Oct. 31, the vigil of All Saints Day.

This event was conducted in collaboration with the diocesan Office for Hispanic Ministry, director for Hispanic Ministry Enid Roman De Jesús, and the main presenters, Dr. Peter Casarella from the University of Notre Dame, and Fred Everett, diocesan director for the Office of Family Life.

The Office for Hispanic Ministry and the Educación para el Ministerio students were appreciative for the full day of workshops. Themes presented included “La Familia” (Family) Year of Mercy, and communication of parents with their children on the delicate theme of virtues.

Another segment provided preliminary information of the diocesan sites designated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for the opening of the Holy Doors with special celebrations on Dec. 13. The Jubilee Year of Mercy, pro-



LOURDES SILVA

Professor Peter Casarella of the University of Notre Dame and Fred Everett of the diocesan Office of Family Life were keynote presenters at the Educación para el Ministerio Spanish Conference at St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen on Oct. 31. The all-day conference, which included nearly 100 participants, covered topics on the family, the research results on the family and the Church in the United States, the upcoming Year of Mercy and communication between parents and children on the topic of virtue. Enid Roman from the Office for Hispanic Ministry served as the emcee for the day. Above, participants gather around the image of Divine Mercy after the talk on the Year of Mercy.

mulgated by Pope Francis, commences Dec. 8, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Spiritual and corporal works of mercy can be done to gain indulgences during the year.

An initial inauguration for the year will be held at three sites:

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame. Information about the opening of the Holy Doors will be announced at a later date.

FORMATION OFFERED AT OUR LADY OF HUNGARY



LOURDES SILVA

Enid Roman, the director of the Office for Hispanic Ministry offered formation to the laity for parish ministry on Friday, Oct. 30, at Our Lady of Hungary Church in South Bend. Father Kevin Bauman, pastor of Our Lady of Hungary, requested the formation to fortify and strengthen parish leaders. The formation also offered instruction for the upcoming Year of Mercy. Participants are shown in front of the altar with Our Lady of Guadalupe and pictures of the dearly departed family of parishioners.

ST. LOUIS ACADEMY CLOSSES 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Libbey Oberley, Principal Vanessa Diller and Bethany Rorick pose with a birthday cake at a reception celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Louis Academy in New Haven. The seventh-grade girls dressed as nuns for a play presented to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. They represent the teachers at the school in 1915.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass at St. Louis Parish on Nov. 1 culminating the yearlong 100th-year celebration of St. Louis Academy. Shown in the photo behind the school are the following: from left, Josie Ball, religious education director; Father Ben Muhlenkamp, pastor (in back); Vanessa Diller, St. Louis Academy principal; Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades; Cheryl Klinker, former principal; and Father Stephen Colchin, former pastor.

'Nostra Aetate' at 50: The 'Magna Carta' of interreligious dialogue

ROME (CNS) — Representatives of the world's religions gathered in Rome to commemorate and reflect on the 50th anniversary of "Nostra Aetate," the Second Vatican Council's declaration on relations with other religions. Although it is the shortest of the Second Vatican Council's documents, its influence continues to be felt in the life of the Church today, said speakers at an anniversary conference Oct. 26-28 sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations With the Jews. Comboni Father Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot, secretary of the interreligious dialogue office, said that while much has been done since the document's publication, there is still much more to do in advancing relations between the Catholic Church and non-Christian religions. "So many words have been said but there has also been much silence," Father Ayuso said. "The path indicated by 'Nostra Aetate' is still of great relevance and, as it says in the declaration, still today we are exhorted to recognize, preserve and advance all the spiritual, moral and socio-cultural values found in religions." One of the fundamental achievements of "Nostra Aetate," ("In Our Time"), was the Church's recognition of what is true and holy in other religions, said Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, president of the pontifical council. In the document, "for the first time, the magisterium recognized that holiness can be found also in other religions and that this can lead to a 'ray of that truth that illuminates all mankind.'"

Cardinal says in homily Pope Francis will visit Mexico in February

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis will visit Mexico in February, marking the pontiff's first trip to the heavily Catholic country, said Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera of Mexico City. Cardinal Rivera revealed the date Pope Francis would arrive in Mexico Feb. 12 during a homily Nov. 1, but he offered no other information on itineraries or the length of the stay. "From that day onward, we will receive him with a lot of affection," he said. The Vatican has not confirmed the dates. Father Hugo Valdemar Romero, Mexico City Archdiocese spokesman, said Vatican officials responsible for organizing papal trips planned to arrive in Mexico Nov. 3. Details of where the pope might visit "are still to be determined," he said. Vatican and Mexican Church officials confirmed in October that Pope Francis would visit Mexico in 2016, triggering media speculation on where he would visit and pronouncements from politicians that the pontiff would pay visits to their states. "It's due to the decadence of the political class" and it wanting to "take advantage ... of the pope's enormous popularity," Father Valdemar said of the enthusiasm for the pope among politicians, a group that clung to anti-clerical ideals in past decades

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POPE FRANCIS' VESTMENTS WHEN HE VISITS KENYA



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Sister Ida Lagonegro, the community Superior of the Dimesse Sisters Community in Kangemi, Kenya, shows the vestments Pope Francis will use at Mass when he visits Kenya in late November. Despite ongoing violence in the Central African Republic, Pope Francis said he hopes to be able to visit the country in late November and to anticipate the Year of Mercy by opening the Holy Door of the cathedral in Bangui, the nation's capital.

as church and state were officially estranged in Mexico.

Women's right to maternity leave must be protected, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Businesses are called to promote harmony between work and family for their employees, especially for women with children or who are starting families, Pope Francis said. The pope said that many times, women who announce their pregnancy are fired from their positions, when instead they "must be protected and helped in this dual task: the right to work and the right to motherhood." "The challenge is to protect their right to a job that is given full recognition while at the same time safeguarding their vocation to motherhood and their presence in the family," the pope said Oct. 31 in an audience with the Christian Union of Italian Business Executives. Catholic men and women in the world of business are called to live faithfully "the demands of the Gospel and the social doctrine of the Church," he said, and become "architects of development for the common good." "The workplace and the executive offices can become places of sanctification through everyone's commitment to build fraternal relations among business owners, managers and employees, while encouraging shared responsibility and collabora-

tion in the common interest of all involved," he said.

Religious freedom said to merit 'seat at the table' with other concerns

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In many nations around the world, "religious freedom flourishes," but in too many other countries, "people face daunting, alarming and growing challenges because of their faith," a State Department official said at a Capitol Hill hearing Oct. 27. Rabbi David Saperstein, the State Department's ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom, made the comments in testimony before a House Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations. Also testifying was Robert George, who is chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, or USCIRF. The bipartisan body was created in 1998 through the International Religious Freedom Act. U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, who is the subcommittee's chairman and called the hearing, played a key role in the law's passage 17 years ago. In his testimony, Rabbi Saperstein remarked that the law "has had a significant impact on the way religious freedom is viewed not only in the United States but around the world" but "alarming" challenges remain.

China announces it will change its policy, allow all families two children

BEIJING (CNS) — China's Communist Party leaders announced they would change the nation's one-child policy, which most strictly applied to Han Chinese living in urban areas of the country. The Oct. 29 announcement was contained in a Xinhua news agency report on the Communist Party's Central Committee in Beijing. It said China would allow all couples to have two children, but did not provide additional details. The Chinese government imposed its one-child policy in 1979 to curb the growth of the population that, at that time, was reaching 972 million people. The policy most strictly applied to Han Chinese, but not to ethnic minorities around China. Han families in rural areas could apply to have a second child if the first child was a girl. In areas where the policy was enforced, parents could lose their jobs for having more than one child. Sometimes the second or third child was penalized and could not be registered, so he or she could not go to school. The one-child policy often was enforced at the provincial level, and enforcement varied; some provinces relaxed the restrictions. In a 2007 interview with Catholic News Service, Jean-Paul Wiest, research director of The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies, said some provinces provided that

if each spouse was a single child, the couple could have two children. How much the policy was followed also depended on local officials, Wiest said. For instance, in some strong Christian areas, the village's chief official might be Catholic, so the policy might not be enforced.

Heritage Foundation panelists explore Planned Parenthood alternatives

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As a panel convened at the Heritage Foundation's Capitol Hill headquarters to focus on alternatives to Planned Parenthood for women, one potential alternative to Planned Parenthood stole the show. It was Sister Magdalene Teresa, a Sister of Life who is director of her order's Visitation Mission in New York City. "After 40 years of Roe v. Wade, we know that we don't want this happen one more time," she said during the Oct. 29 panel discussion. The Heritage event comes after a series of undercover videos released this summer showed physicians and others associated with Planned Parenthood describing the harvesting of fetal tissue and body parts during abortions at their clinics and discussing the sale of post-abortion fetal tissue. For the women who go to the Visitation Mission — and Sister Magdalene said 1,000 pregnant women a year do — "pregnancy shatters her identity, her sense of who she is. The woman before us needs to know she is someone who is decent, trustworthy, and can look out for other people." She said, "Experience has informed our work. We know how deeply abortion fails women at every level."

Countries have moral obligation to help refugees, says U.N. leader

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When Antonio Guterres, former prime minister of Portugal, became the 10th U.N. high commissioner for refugees in 2005, the world was a different place. Back then, he said, his agency — charged with protecting and resettling the world's refugees — was helping about 1 million people return to their homes each year, while the annual number of global refugees was decreasing. There was even speculation, he said, about the need for the agency. "Now, unfortunately, things have changed quite dramatically," he told participants at an Immigration Law and Policy Conference Oct. 29 at the Georgetown University Law Center. He illustrated the shift with a list of numbers including the overall figure that there were nearly 60 million refugees worldwide in 2014. But what is even more dramatic, he said, is the "staggering escalation of displacement by conflict in the past few years." In 2011, 14,000 people were forced to flee their homes each day. This figure rose to 23,000 in 2012, 32,000 in 2013 and 42,500 in 2014. The numbers are astounding enough, but as Guterres added, the conflicts these people are fleeing are not ending so they have no homes to go back to.

'Christmas in the Park' sponsored by the Christ Child Festival to be held

FORT WAYNE — "Christmas in the Park," sponsored by the Christ Child Festival, will be held at Franke Park, Saturday, Nov. 28, and Sunday, Nov. 29, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This fun, family friendly event with a focus on the Christ of Christmas is free to the public. For more information contact Judi Hapke, Christ Child Festival board member, at christchildfestival@comcast.net or visit www.ChristChildFest.org or www.Facebook.com/CCFestival.

Second Annual International Crèche Display to be held at ND

SOUTH BEND — The Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame will sponsor the Second Annual International Crèche Display at the University of Notre Dame from Nov. 18 to Jan. 31, 2016, entitled "Love Incarnate With Us Dwells."

This annual event contemplates the tenderness of God revealed in the Nativity sets on display as a way of inviting families to celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The 33 visual representations from 19 countries are exhibited at five locations on the Notre Dame campus: Eck Visitors Center, Morris Inn, Coleman-Morse, Geddes Hall and the Main Building. Booklets and QRs for self-guided tours are available at each of these stations.

An opening lecture will be held on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eck Visitor Center to kick off the International Crèche Display. Timothy P. O'Malley, Ph.D., director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy and associate professional specialist, will offer a vision of what it means to live the mystery of the Nativity in family life, drawing on the rich tradition of the Church. Titled, "Dwelling with Love Incarnate: Living the Mystery of the Nativity in Family Life," the lecture is free and open to the public.

For more details, contact icl@nd.edu or 574-631-6109.

Sisters to host feast of Our Lady of Providence

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Providence with Mass at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 14, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, located 10 minutes northwest of downtown Terre Haute.

Mass is open to the public and people of all faith traditions are encouraged to attend.

In May 1925, the Sisters of Providence established the National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence, and in 2014, the shrine was rededicated in the vestibule of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ANGELS CLUB HOLDS PARTY, PRAYS FOR POOR SOULS



CAROL BLAKE

The St. Michael's Angels Club in Plymouth had their annual Halloween party Sunday, Oct. 25. Each year the Angels Club members enjoy games, a hayride, a visit to the cemetery to pray for the poor souls and carving pumpkins. Each girl carves her own unique cross into her pumpkin. The pumpkins are then put on the church steps for the whole parish to enjoy. They are lit up on the eves of All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

The Sisters of Providence and others gather at the shrine to pray for the many intentions sent to the shrine. Special prayers are offered for the needs of all families, asking for the protection and intercession of Our Lady of Providence as Queen of the Home.

A feast day in the Catholic faith tradition is a day set aside to commemorate the life of an individual or a specific event. Our Lady of Providence is a reference to Mary, mother of Jesus.

This year, the feast will coincide with the commitment ceremony of the new Providence Associates.

For more information, call 812-535-2946 or email ProvCtr@spsmw.org.

USF to host math competition for middle school students

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host Indiana's American Mathematics Competition, AMC 8, on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education on the USF campus, 2701 Spring St.

The AMC 8 is a 40-minute, 25-question, multiple-choice contest open to middle school students. The material comes from a middle school mathematics cur-

riculum, and none of the problems require the use of algebra or a calculator. The student's score is the number of problems correctly solved.

The evening begins with check-in and refreshments, with the test following. A program will be available to parents during the test, and the event will end with awards.

Approximately three weeks after the contest, AMC scores the tests, compiles and emails results back to the university. A written report follows, accompanied by any awards for the school. Students who score 20 or better on the AMC 8 are invited to take the next set of contests, the AMC 10/12.

USF is offering an optional one-hour AMC preparatory session on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. in the Doermer Family Center. To register for the competition, contact Carolyn Exner at cexner@sf.edu or 260-399-8067.

First administered in 1950, the AMC is designed to increase interest in mathematics and develop problem-solving ability through a series of friendly mathematics competitions for students in grades 5-8, up to the age of 14 ½.

For more information about the AMC, contact USF mathematics professor Dr. Victor Kutsenok at 260-399-7700, ext. 8237.

Outstanding Distinguished Knight recipients honored

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School has announced the 2015 Distinguished Knight Recipients. These awards, presented through the Office of Institutional Advancement at Luers, honor an alum and an honorary alum who contributed outstanding and distinguished service to his or her chosen profession and community. These individuals live out the mission of Bishop Luers High School in their everyday lives and contribute outstanding dedication, support and service to Bishop Luers. These recipients also demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the Catholic Church and its principles.

Bishop Luers Principal Tiffany Albertson recognized Sister Janet Gildea, class of 1974 as Bishop Luers 2015 Outstanding Alumna. Sister Gildea first began her commitment to serve the needy while a student at Bishop Luers, volunteering at Lutheran Hospital and Matthew 25 Clinic before attending The College of Mount Saint Joseph in Cincinnati.

After graduating from Indiana University School of Medicine, Sister Gildea entered the Sisters of Charity congregation. Her desire to serve God's needy took her to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she worked at La Familia Medical Center and San Vicente Clinic. Sister Gildea then answered God's call and found-

ed La Clinica Guadalupana, a medical clinic in the desert east of El Paso, Texas. The clinic offers medical care, wellness clinics, educational seminars, and spiritual support to uninsured, desperate and needy families. In 2001, the sisters extended their mission across the border to establish The Santo Nino Project in Anapra, Mexico. Several times a week, she and the sisters minister to children with severe handicaps and their families.

The Outstanding Honorary Alumna for 2015 is Mary Keefer. The Bishop Luers' mission statement declares, "We are the Light of the World," and Keefer, exemplifies this statement in both word and action. Her passion for her work, her faith, her devotion to family, as well as her daily examples of true Christianity, are only a few of the ways she has made an enormous impact on Luers' students, staff and community.

Keefer began her own Catholic education at Cathedral Grade School, after which she made the short trek to Central Catholic High School, graduating in 1966. She continued on with her education at St. Francis and then to Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne (IPFW) where she received her bachelors, masters and administration degrees. She had a dedication to her profession — really "her calling" and served children with unrivaled passion.

Keefer spent 18 years around the "ranch" as she always called Bishop Luers' campus. She loved being at Luers and it showed in her interactions with everyone she encountered.

Pregnancy and parenting support program going statewide

INDIANAPOLIS — Over the past year, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence funded a \$1 million pilot program known as the Indiana Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program. The program served 8,737 women at 17,445 visits from 29 counties.

Real Alternatives, Inc. was selected to administer the program that assists women in unexpected or crisis pregnancies with counseling and other support services, during the pregnancy and through 12 months after the birth of their baby.

The Indiana Catholic Conference commended Gov. Pence for bringing this life-affirming program to Indiana women in need.

Women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy are encouraged to call the statewide hotline number, 1-888-LIFE-AID to be connected for help.

TV Mass needs volunteers

The TV Mass in Fort Wayne is seeking volunteers to work behind the scenes producing a televised Mass for the homebound. Experience in operating cameras and technical equipment is a plus. Contact the diocesan Office of Communications at 260-744-0012.

The devotional pieces of Divine Mercy

BY TIM JOHNSON

AUBURN — Many readers may be devoted to the daily recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy, but there are four other devotions of Divine Mercy to note as well. They include the feast day, the image, the novena and the hour of mercy. Father Dan Cambra, a priest of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception whose charism is to promote Divine Mercy, recently discussed the Divine Mercy devotions after he made a presentation at Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn.

“The Chaplet of Mercy is one of the five devotions that Jesus revealed to St. Faustina,” Father Cambra said.

One prays the Chaplet of Mercy, “we pray on the beads of the rosary the prayers that Jesus gave her to pray,” Father Cambra said. “So it is a completely unique devotion that was revealed by Jesus to St. Faustina.”

On several occasions, Father Cambra noted, Jesus told Faustina “to pray it for the dying, especially people who were not at peace dying because they had great anxiety over the state of their soul,” Father Cambra noted.

St. Faustina would often pray the chaplet — and sometimes even bilocate — at the bedside of an anxious dying person and they would suddenly feel at peace, Father Cambra said.

At one point in the “Diary” Jesus tells Faustina: “If a person prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet even once, they will receive sufficient grace to avoid eternal damnation.”

Father Cambra noted that a lot of people draw back — calling it magic — “Well, it’s not magic,” Father Cambra said. “The chap-

let is a prayer in which we offer to the Father the satisfaction of Christ’s redemptive act. We appropriate it for ourselves and for the conversion of sinners.”

Faustina was often asked to pray it even for the dead. Faustina reported three incidences when a recently deceased sister came to her asking her for prayers. When Faustina prayed the prayers they received a great deal of peace and would return to her and show her gratitude.

“The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is part of that call to be co-operators with God’s grace. Just as Christ died on the cross for our sins, so now we offer His passion and suffering back to the Father for those who are in need of God’s grace and mercy,” said Father Cambra.

“When I first looked into joining the Marians, that aspect of praying for the souls in purgatory as being central to our priestly vocation very much appealed to me,” Father Cambra said. Even though the congregation was already promoting the Divine Mercy message, Father Cambra was not familiar with the message when he entered the order. When Father Cambra read in the “Diary” that Sister Faustina prayed the Divine Mercy chaplet for the souls in purgatory, she made a comment: “How thin the veil is — the Church triumphant in heaven, the Church militant — you and I here on earth still struggling against our own sinful ways and the possibility of temptation around us — and the Church suffering, who had at least been guaranteed that they will one day be worthy of heavenly glory, but must still continue to purge themselves of that which they cling to which is not of God.”

In 2000, Pope John Paul proclaimed the feast of Divine



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Father Daniel Cambra, a priest of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, described the five devotional pieces of Divine Mercy using the mnemonic FINCH: Feast, Image, Novena, Chaplet of Mercy and Hour of Mercy.

Mercy, the second Sunday of Easter, and canonized Sister Faustina. In the Gospel that week, Jesus walks through the door and says to everyone gathered: “Peace be with you.”

In the image of Divine Mercy, Jesus’ left hand is touching His chest, and from there, from His heart, shine rays red and pale, “reminding us of the blood and the water that was shed when His heart was pierced by a lance,” Father Cambra said. “His other hand is raised in blessing.”

The feast of Divine Mercy is about reconciliation both with God and with others, Father Cambra said.

The feast and image itself are intimately connected, Father Cambra noted.

In the image, Father Cambra also pointed out some things that are often overlooked. “One of the most important ones I believe is the foot,” Father Cambra said. “The left foot of Jesus is stepping out towards us.”

In the Sacred Heart devotion, St. Margaret Mary received Jesus’ revelation of His love. He asks St. Margaret Mary to love Him.

In the Divine Mercy message, which is in many ways foundational to the Sacred Heart message, “Jesus goes beyond the love, to be the mercy of God. He

no longer waits for us to come to Him.”

The idea of the Divine Mercy image, with that foot stepping forward, “is a reminder to us, very powerfully, that if we make some effort Jesus is ready to receive us,” Father Cambra said.

“The feast of Divine Mercy is one of those things that we are yet to appreciate,” Father Cambra added. “It’s an opportunity to say, ‘I’m sorry for all my shortcomings,’ but more than that, ‘I give thanks and praise that Your mercy is ever flowing.’ And the feast and the image kind of pull together as a single unit.”

With the Novena of Divine Mercy, “Jesus is giving us something very unique,” Father Cambra added.

“The novena for the preparation for the feast of Divine Mercy is completely different from all those other novenas,” Father Cambra said. “It’s not about praying for something that you want, it’s about putting on the mind of Christ. In that sense, it’s a novena for the post Vatican II mentality. ... How can I be more Christ-like to my brothers and sisters?”

The first thing, Father Cambra said, “is to pray for their conversion, the acts of charity that come through being merciful — especially the people that we find it difficult to be merciful towards

— our coworkers, our neighbors, our family and friends, the in-laws — everybody that comes into contact with us.”

The chaplet is part of that offering up the action of Christ for the conversion of sinners, Father Cambra added.

The fifth devotion, the hour of mercy, for Father Cambra is the “key that unlocks the door to the understanding of a lot of the other devotions and all the revelations of St. Faustina.”

Faustina was asked to pray the Chaplet of Mercy at 3 p.m. At one other time Jesus asked Faustina to pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m., to spiritually connect oneself to the difficult, arduous task of Christ’s final hours and death.

To meditate on the sufferings of His disciples, the suffering of His mother, is to see how, in fact, one’s sufferings are no less significant, but actually made more significant if they are joined to the sufferings of Christ.

“We offer our sufferings up as a tribute to Him who suffered for us,” Father Cambra said. Since pain and suffering is a part of life, “why not use it as an opportunity to grow in holiness and prayer,” suggested Father Cambra.

A good resource to begin to discover Divine Mercy is the Bible. Another resource is to pray before the Eucharist. “Placing oneself in proximity to the Eucharist causes us to recognize the infinite humility of God,” Father Cambra said. “Not only did He decide to leave His eternal throne and joy outside of place, of time — He became man, was born of the Virgin Mary — that was a huge step in humility, more than any of us can ever achieve, ever even consider.”

Father Cambra said if one reads the “Diary,” they should not read it too fast. He suggests reading two pages a day and occasionally taking a day off. Many find it difficult, he said, as it does not read like a novel.

Of the “Diary,” Father Cambra noted, “These are the internal workings of the Holy Spirit of a young woman who was called to great sanctity. If you read two pages a day ... you can still get through that book in a year.”

Father Cambra has read the “Diary” 12 times and learns something new and profound every time.

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.

Tess Steffen contributed to this story.



‘Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy’ tickets are now available

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www.diocesefwsb.org/faustina for trailer and additional information about the play.

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Brother Roy Smith shares his gifts

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

NOTRE DAME — It is not every day that you meet someone who turned down a full tuition football scholarship to become a religious brother. Holy Cross Brother Roy Smith, is just such an individual.

Born in Indianapolis in 1943 as the eighth of nine kids to two devout converts of Catholicism, Brother Roy's upbringing was imbued with the Catholic faith. "The Church, the parish, was very much a part of our life. On holy days of obligation when there was no school, the schedule was Mass, breakfast, chores and then we could go out and play."

Brother Roy attended Catholic schooling his entire life. As a student at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, much of Brother Roy's upbringing revolved around sports. He competed in basketball, football and track, and excelled in all three. As a senior, Brother Roy earned all-state honors, and he began to be noticed by football recruiters.

It seems, however, that God had other plans. Amid the touch-downs and slam dunks, Brother Roy found himself drawn to the brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross who ran the school. He felt as if the brothers noticed and cared about him, and he began to witness the way they mentored and truly cared for students.

Throughout his senior year, Brother Roy had multiple offers to play football in college, including a full tuition scholarship to play football for the University of Louisville.

As the year continued, Brother Roy's discernment deepened. Brother Roy shared, "Rudy Mueller, the Louisville recruiter, said that if I went to the brothers now and changed my mind later, I could still have the scholarship in one year." This solidified it for Brother Roy. Upon graduation, Brother Roy hung up his dreams of playing for the Chicago Bears and winning the Super Bowl. Instead, he responded to the vocation of becoming a Congregation of Holy Cross Brother, hoping to impact others in the same way the brothers had impacted his life.

Brother Roy shared that, "I love the Eucharist, but I never felt called to the Priesthood. I was drawn to teaching."

He continued, "The Lord calls us to be who we are. I was created as a black male and that is the gift, the vehicle, if you will, the Lord asks me to exhibit a part of the face of God. A portion of the way for me to share my gifts has been as a Holy Cross Brother."

Brother Roy attended St. Edward's University, majoring in history with a minor in English, and graduated in 1965. "While there," Brother Roy said, "I had the opportunity to participate in civil rights picketing and demonstrations."

"Witnessing the dedication and fidelity of participants who were my teachers has been enriching," he said. "More so they have become my confreres, friends who continue to give their lives for others. In a supportive way they challenge me to be the best I can be."

The mentoring to him as a high school student that the Holy Cross Brothers provided remained a model for the way Brother Roy has lived his life. After college graduation, Brother Roy was placed at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend. "As a teacher," Brother Roy said, "I learned the first year and taught the second." This began a long career of working with youth.

After two years, Brother Roy moved to Milwaukee, working at St. Charles, a home for emotionally-disturbed delinquent boys. His involvement in the civil rights movement continued, as he participated in the open housing marches in Milwaukee in the late 1960s. During his 12 years in Wisconsin, Brother Roy spent five working on his master's in social work, and he became childcare supervisor. This later came in handy when he worked as a social worker in Boysville in Clinton, Michigan.

In 1978, Brother Roy was asked to be personnel director for the Midwest Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross. During this time, Brother Roy said, "one of the joys was to see the great work the brothers did."

In 1985, Brother Roy began working for Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne-South Bend as a social worker. He was involved in their Rainbow Program, family counseling and refugee resettlement. With the war at Vietnam coming to a close, he worked with quite a few Vietnamese refugees.

In the late 1980s, Brother Roy also served as president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus.

After Catholic Charities, Brother Roy once again returned to the high-school setting, this time as a social worker. He moved to Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, where he served as a social worker for eight years.

Currently, Brother Roy is the development director for the Congregation of Holy Cross. He serves on a number of boards, including the Black Catholic Advisory Board.



Holy Cross Brother Roy Smith, the development director for the Congregation of Holy Cross, serves on the Black Catholic Advisory Board.

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The value of diversity and inclusion

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — James and Wendy Summers are in love with their Catholic faith. Active members of St. Pius X Parish in Granger, the Summers are eager to share this love of the faith with those they encounter. And they want others to reach out in the spirit of inclusion.

James recently expressed in a session at the ZEAL, Missionary Discipleship Summit on Oct. 10, that many are surprised to learn that the faith-filled Summers are Catholic.

James works with a lot of companies as it relates to diversity and inclusion. In the community, he often works with community engagement with many African-American pastors, and he often is asked, "You're Catholic?"

What it represents, James said, is "I'm not what they thought Catholics were like."

"It's all about relationships," James noted. "It's not what we say. It's not what we preach at people. It's not that we try to convert people. It's very much a matter that we show faith in our actions and then people themselves turn around and say, 'I want what you've got. I want to understand what makes you be that way.' And then they want to be engaged."

James and Wendy Summers shared what is like for them to be a minority — Black Catholics — in the Catholic Church, and shared just a few simple steps to make all feel welcomed and included in their parish communities and the faith.

In sharing his story, James grew up in Evanston, Illinois. His mother's family had been Catholic for multiple generations. His father was Episcopalian and converted to Catholicism.

In sharing her story, Wendy used a quote from Sister Theo Bowman: "I am authentically Black, and I am truly Catholic." In the community where Wendy grew up, people often did not believe those two things could be one and the same.

"The foundation of my spiritual formation," she said, "probably started in 1780. My grandmother's family was brought here from Haiti to New Orleans — a very Catholic city."

Wendy has 10 well-documented generations of Catholicism. "My grandmother made sure that we knew that we were Catholic," Wendy noted. "That was important. It was something to be proud of."

James grew up in a predominantly white parish in Evanston, Illinois. He was one of the few African-Americans students who attended the Catholic school there.

He said he often felt like a token, "and it was really quite uncomfortable in a lot of different ways," he said.

In one instance, during integration, James was sent for one day to another all-white school, which was thinking about allowing some Black families in, but they weren't quite sure. "I was going to show that the



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Wendy and James Summers share their journey of faith in the session, "One Body, One Family: The Value of Diversity and Inclusion" at the ZEAL Missionary Discipleship Summit at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne on Oct. 10.

world wouldn't end if you had a Black family come in," James said. His mother was outraged, but his father saw it as an opportunity "to be a bit of an ambassador."

"It left that sense in me that I'm being used. I'm not really a part of the faith here," James noted.

Through high school, James was feeling less engaged with his faith. "I still believed," he said, but attended church, "when I really felt like I needed a bit of a sanctuary, where I needed a safe place, where I needed some place where I could sit back quietly and weather some turbulent times."

Wendy grew up in a depressed all-Black community in the Chicago area, but her family lived in a very middle class neighborhood. There were a lot of Catholics in the middle class, she noted. Wendy and her four siblings attended Catholic schools for 12 years.

"Our time in Catholic school was very different," Wendy noted. She spoke of how the older sisters at her elementary school seemed angry and often called the Black students "you people," and how it

built a level of disengagement with her faith.

Wendy attended an all-white Catholic high school on the far south side of Chicago, but again felt unwelcomed. Grown men would chase the Black students to the bus with rakes and bats. "They didn't want us in their neighborhood," Wendy said. "There was nothing there that made me feel value in being there. I didn't feel wanted."

While in high school, Wendy didn't go to church often. "But I would go to church whenever my father would read," she said, "because it was after Vatican II and he was the first Black lector in our parish. And I loved to hear him read God's Word."

"That was the thin thread that kept me to my faith," Wendy said. "When I got to college, it was just going to hear Daddy read — and that was it."

Wendy and James met in college, fell in love and married. They wanted to raise their children in the Catholic tradition. They wanted their children to be engaged and connected with the faith.

After purchasing their first home, a fixer upper in a predominantly Black community, James, following the footsteps of his father-in-law, became a lector at St. James Church. "I found that this was something that I absolutely loved to do," James said. "We became very engaged, very involved."

James offered his gifts as a religious education instructor, and "once again we're building into this sense of feeling stronger in our faith," he related.

While at the parish, however, Wendy was pregnant with twins and the pregnancy ended with a miscarriage.

"Everyone in my parish knew I had a miscarriage," she sadly shared. "No one in that parish made it their personal business to reach out and comfort us. No one said, 'We have this wonderful faith. Use your faith as your crutch.' There again I was at a parish where I was going through the motions of being Catholic. There was that wonderful opportunity for someone to evangelize to me and no one did it."

Wendy shut down. "I was just there to get my ticket punched," she said.

The Summers family later moved to a more affluent suburb of Wheaton. There, they tried to become engaged and involved in a parish, a predominantly white parish. The family registered and James indicated his interest in being a lector at his new parish.

"No one responded," James said. So he reached out again. It wasn't until a priest from their former parish contacted a family he knew at the new parish that James was invited to "audition" to be a lector. James auditioned and was accepted.

"It's not what's said, it's what's heard," James said. "What I was hearing was 'they just didn't really think that I could be smart enough, or intelligent enough, or articulate enough to be a lector.'"

He became a lector, but still felt a level of superficiality. "I was useful from the standpoint that I would be seen on the altar and it would show that this parish was diverse and was reaching out to be diverse,

even though in reality I didn't feel that it really was," James said.

"When people intentionally really want you to be part of them," Wendy said, when they want it from the heart, "it will show. You will hear it in their words. And it will change you."

A job change brought the Summers to live in the South Bend area. At first, when the James took the job, he attended St. Augustine Parish in South Bend, which was near his residence.

"We went there; I really enjoyed it; it was small; the people were really welcoming," James said.

When the family arrived, however, they decided to purchase a house near St. Pius. The Summers debated which church they would attend and finally decided upon St. Pius.

James, at first, really did not want to attend St. Pius, but at the very first Mass the family attended, "we walked in the door — I already had a chip on my shoulder — and this older couple came walking over to us out of the blue and he stuck out his hand and said, 'Hi, I'm Bill Wieger, welcome to St. Pius.'"

"And I looked in his eyes and I saw Christ," James said.

Wendy commented how Bill intentionally welcomed the family. Bill was not a greeter, not on the welcoming committee.

"When you intentionally reach out to someone, it makes a difference," Wendy encouraged. "Reach out person to person in love." The Wiegiers and Summers have been friends for 16 years.

At St. Pius, James got involved. He attended a Christ Renews His Parish weekend. Wendy was an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist but still did not feel engaged until Julie Meyer, mother of Father Jacob Meyer, asked Wendy one Sunday at church to "go on a CRHP weekend." Wendy attended the CRHP.

"(Meyer) intentionally including me, changed the woman I am to this day," said Wendy. Reconciliation is part of the CRHP weekend, and Wendy had not been to Reconciliation in 25 years, "and I was a Eucharistic minister. What was I thinking!" she exclaimed. "But I saw something in those women. They were so inviting. I thought, 'I got to have what they have.'"

The women prayed with Wendy and she went to Confession. "When I left the Confessional," she said, "filled with the Holy Spirit, it was like I was walking on air. I thought, 'I missed all of this for 25 years.'"

Wendy was changed. She no longer was just going through the motions. "It was my moment of revival," Wendy said. "I know it changed me, it changed our marriage, it changed everyone I know — because somebody, one little lady, said, 'come on a weekend.'"

All Catholics are called to be observant. When someone does not feel included, "then it's my turn to be the Bill Wieger," the Summers noted. "Reach out and include someone."

November is National Black Catholic History Month

The Black Catholic Advisory Board of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and St. Augustine Parish, South Bend, will be offering several events throughout the month.

• **2015 SANKOFA: A Celebration of Black Catholic Faith and Culture** will be celebrated at St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Fort Wayne, on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The conference, themed, "Black Souls Matter: Standing on the Rock, Pressing Toward the Mark" features keynote speaker Brian Greenfield from Tampa, Florida, director of campus ministry for the Jesuit High School there. Registration fee is \$15 and includes lunch. To register visit diocesefwsb.org/dbcm.

• **"Breaking the 'School to Prison Pipeline': What Faith-Based Organizations and People Can Do"** is an event sponsored by The Community for Peace and Non-Violence and St. Augustine Catholic Church, 1501 W. Washington St., South Bend, from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 14. A light brunch will be served.

• The Black Catholic Advisory Board and the Tolton Society of St. Augustine Church, 1501 W. Washington St., South Bend, will offer **"Abortion, Healing and Forgiveness: A Conversation with Sally Thompson,"** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Abortion, the death penalty and quality of life issues disproportionately impact African Americans. Thompson is president of Urban Life Matters. Her conversation will be about life. This event includes brunch and is open to all regardless of race, religion, etc. For more information, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/BCAB.

• **An essay contest** for high school students on the theme "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ... One Church Many Cultures," is being offered. The essay should not exceed 300-350 words. Contact Wendy.summers@comcast.net. Deadline for submission is Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Strength in adversity: When families are everything

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic Church has long defended the family as the basic unit of society and as a “school of humanity.” The family as a bastion of love and protection in times of war and disaster is a reality, not a pious platitude, said two members of the Synod of Bishops.

Ukrainian Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, major archbishop of Kiev-Halych and head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, saw the reality as a youth when Ukraine was under the Soviet Union’s communist rule and he sees it today as hundreds of thousands of people are displaced by the fighting in his country’s Eastern region.

Philippine Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila said he sees it every time an earthquake or typhoon hits his country and also in the relationships of refugees forced to flee violence.

Both Archbishop Shevchuk and Cardinal Tagle participated in the Synod of Bishops on the family Oct. 4-25.

“Ukraine today is going through the experience of war,” the archbishop told Catholic News Service. Especially at times when political and social structures are weak and “ideologies are crashing, family remains the last fortress, the last hope, the last protection of human dignity.”

“In this period of adversity,” he said, the family “is becoming stronger and manifesting its true identity.”

The United Nations estimates more than 1.5 million Ukrainians have been displaced by the fighting in the East, he said, but only about 400,000 of them are receiving assistance from international humanitarian organizations, the Ukrainian government and Ukrainian religious

or volunteer organizations. The remaining 1.1 million people are being taken care of by their extended families.

Those extended families are Catholic, Orthodox, Muslim, Jewish, Protestant and nonbelievers. The phenomenon is not religious, Archbishop Shevchuk said; it simply demonstrates that families remain the foundation of a society’s existence even when the bigger units of society fail. What is more, the family shows itself to be “an outstanding source of solidarity.”

Cardinal Tagle, who also serves as president of Caritas Internationalis, witnessed the strength of families when he took a quick break from his duties at the synod and traveled to Greece’s border with Macedonia to visit Syrian, Iraqi and Afghan refugees heading toward northern Europe. According to a staff member of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, about 30 percent of the people crossing the border each day were children, most of whom were traveling with their parents.

Standing in the Idomeni refugee transit camp after handing out bags of food to refugees, Cardinal Tagle said the synod was not just about Communion for the divorced and civilly remarried or attitudes toward homosexual people — “although those are really important issues” — but also about how war, migration and poverty are testing families and tearing some apart.

Watching young parents get off buses with their children, standing in line for food, water and clothing, it is obvious how war impacts families and how families resist, he said.

“People are risking their lives for their families,” Cardinal Tagle said. They are setting off on foot to

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reach refugee camps, crossing seas in rickety boats, getting on trains and hoping that the next border will still be open.

At the transit center, he said, “I was shocked by what I saw: the loneliness, the fear, the tiredness. And you see people coming with one bag, a backpack, the clothes on their back. You see that their only wealth is their family. They would do everything, everything for their families.”

At the end of the synod, participants published an appeal for peace throughout the Middle East, in Ukraine and in African countries suffering ongoing conflict.

In their final report to Pope Francis, synod members also showed their special concern for families fleeing violence, especially Christian families fleeing “violent religious persecution,” which has launched a mass exodus from some countries, most notably Syria and Iraq.

But despite real threats and challenges, the synod said, families continue “to find the courage to face the inadequacy and absence” of institutions meant to protect them. Church and society must recognize “the strength of the family,” which “resides essentially in its capacity to love and to teach love. No matter how wounded a family may be, love always helps it grow,” the synod report said.

Freedom to care

In his recent address in Philadelphia, Pope Francis noted that “various forms of modern tyranny seek to suppress religious freedom, or (...) try to reduce it to a subculture without right to a voice in the public square.” Powerful political and cultural leaders often do not oppose religious freedom outright. Rather, they seek to relegate religion to a private sphere. They claim that religious freedom permits us to worship, but people of faith must shed their religious convictions when they leave the sanctuary and serve the public. This is a severely restrictive understanding of freedom.

The false notion of religion as a purely private affair has fueled a spate of threats to Catholic hospitals’ freedom to care for people according to the moral teaching of the Church. In recent years, several Catholic healthcare entities and medical professionals have been punished by people who seek to require that they provide abortions and sterilizations. The notion seems to be that religion (or, for that matter, morality) should not interfere with the practice of medicine. It’s fine to have a little chapel and pictures of Jesus and Mary, but an increasingly influential segment of the population argues that Catholic hospitals and healthcare workers are no different from others. Opponents of truly Catholic healthcare demand that our faith not be reflected in how we practice medicine and serve others.

This argument from people who have never run healthcare entities is rather odd, since the Church invented the hospital. While clinics and early medical practices existed in the pre-Christian world, an institution dedicated to medicine and in-patient care developed from monasticism. In the fourth century, St. Basil the

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Great took the institutionalized system of care that existed within the monastery and combined it with the public work of charity that lay Christians had been doing, and the hospital was born. One great accomplishment of this institution was that persons previously thought to be untouchable, like lepers, were given care rather than treated as animals. Illness was destigmatized. Christian hospitals sought in tangible ways to promote human dignity, an effort that has been at the heart of the Gospel from the beginning.

Basil’s hospital was an institution dedicated to what Catholics call the corporal works of mercy, because in addition to providing care for the sick, it also cared for the elderly, the poor, migrants and orphans. In her earliest days, the Church embraced the best medical practices of the day and performed charitable works out of fidelity to Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, who commands His followers to care for the vulnerable. Our Christian identity is not tangential to our healing ministries. Discipleship to Jesus animates the whole healing enterprise.

Pope Francis has said, “Religious freedom certainly means the right to worship God, individually and in community, as our consciences dictate. But religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families.” The Holy Father

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Be generous in trusting God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 12:38-44

The First Book of Kings furnishes this weekend with its first reading from the Scriptures.

Political governance, in the minds of the ancient Hebrews, was not the chief function of their kings. Rather, assuring the nation’s faithfulness to God, and to the law of God given through Moses, was the primary demand upon kings. Nothing was more important than the people’s fidelity to God.

Since this religious function was

so vital, prophets were important. Not surprisingly many stories in the Books of Kings also give great attention to the prophets.

Such is the case this weekend. The central figure in this story is Elijah, the prophet. In the story, Elijah appears at the gate of a city and encounters a woman collecting twigs and branches to use as firewood.

She obviously is quite poor. First, she must forage for fuel, although this was not uncommon. Secondly, she told the prophet when he asked for food that she had only a handful of flour and a little oil. She also told him that she had to feed her son. The impression left is that she was a widow, and her son was a child.

In fact, she was so poor that she told Elijah that after she and her son consumed whatever she could bake using the meager amount of flour and oil on hand, she and the son would die. There was nothing else.

Elijah told her that she and the son would not die. He said that

if she fed the prophet, then God would provide. The story ended by saying that by sharing with the prophet, the woman’s flour and oil never ran out.

For its second reading, the Church this weekend gives us a passage from the Epistle to the Hebrews. Scholars do not know precisely who the author of this epistle was. Regardless of identity or personal circumstances, the author knew very well the history and traditions of Judaism, and the author was a skillful writer.

Building upon Jewish themes, the author writes about Jesus in the most soaring language.

The reading declares that God has ordained that all people must die, but God also has ordained that all may live if they turn to Jesus. This is possible because of the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary, and because of the reality of Jesus as a human and as the Son of God, in the mystery theologians call the Incarnation.

St. Mark’s Gospel offers us the last reading. It is a familiar story,

appearing also in Luke, but not in Matthew.

The message is clear. The poor widow who gave to the temple a small donation, but great for her in her poverty, is the paragon of love for God and trust in God. Jesus spoke of her as such.

Her example is a testament of absolute faith.

Reflection

The widow’s mite, read in this selection from Mark, often is used either to urge generosity in giving to worthy causes, or to define the motive for giving to the Church or to another activity for a noble cause.

While these interpretations are correct, the lesson is not just about money and about being generous. It also is about trusting God and about priorities in Christian living. We must trust in God despite the false warnings and contrary directions sent us by the world, the flesh and the devil.

Being generous with God also means being generous in trusting

God. It is much easier to donate to the Church or to charity, if we are so able, than to dismiss the conventions of our culture, or our own instincts.

We should trust in God and allow nothing to distract us from our Christian duty. Eternal life awaits those who truly follow Jesus.

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10
Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Pa 46:2-3,
5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9 Ps 34:2-3,
16-19 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1 Ps 119:89-
91, 130, 135, 175 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5b
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Lk 18:1-8

Preaching the strange word

About 15 years ago, I prepared an elective class at Mundelein Seminary, which I entitled "The Christology of the Poets and Preachers." In this course, I endeavored to explore the Catholic tradition's non-technical, more lyrical manner of presenting the significance of Jesus. I studied the literary works of Dante, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and G.K. Chesterton, and I also investigated in detail the sermons of many of the greatest masters: Origen, Augustine, Chrysostom, Bernard, Aquinas, Newman and Knox, among others. What struck me with particular power, and caused me, I confess, to re-think things rather thoroughly was this: none of these figures — from the late second century to the 20th century — whose sermons we specially revere and hold up for imitation, preached the way I was taught to preach.

I came of age and went through my theological and pastoral formation in the years immediately following the Second Vatican Council. The watchwords of the time were "relevance" and "experience." Practically every teacher and Church leader of the time insisted that our theological language had become increasingly irrelevant to modern people and that we had to find, accordingly, a way to relate the Bible to lived human experience. In line with instincts that go back at least to the beginning of the 19th century within Protestantism, we felt obliged to engage in a great "translation project," transposing the obscure and puzzling world of the Scriptures into the language and conceptuality of our time. The consequences of this shift for preaching were obvious. Sermons should be filled with references to the actual lived experiences of the congregation; they should be marked by stories and cultural references; and they should use a good deal of humor. Now don't get me wrong: the emphases of the post-conciliar period were not entirely misplaced, and the sermons that came out of that time were not entirely bad. But they were indeed egregious when seen in the context of the great tradition. It's simply the case that

none of the master preachers that Catholicism reverences actually preached in that way.

How did they preach? They took their listeners/readers on a careful tour of the densely-textured world of the Bible. The Scriptures, they knew, open up an entirely new acting area, filled with distinctive characters who do and say anomalous and surprising things. And they understood that through all of the twists and turns of the Biblical story, the strangest and most unnerving character of all comes into view: the God of Israel. To get these figures and to grasp the nettle of the great story, one has to enter into the jungle of the Bible with patience and under the direction of an experienced and canny explorer. And this was precisely the role of the preacher: to be a mystagogue, a knowing guide through the tangled forest of the Scripture.

I might propose an analogy with some well-known literary texts. Umberto Eco's novel "The Name of the Rose" is a wonderful amalgam of detective story, Bildungsroman, and metaphysical exploration; and it commences with a lengthy description of life in a 14th century Benedictine monastery. To those who questioned why this lengthy propaedeutic was required, Eco said, "My reader must go through a sort of monastic novitiate if he is to understand the story I'm trying to tell." J.R.R. Tolkien's masterpiece "The Lord of the Rings," which is a rollicking adventure story and an evocation of the Catholic faith, begins with about 75 pages describing the birthday party of Bilbo Baggins. When Tolkien was challenged on this score, he responded in a manner very similar to Eco: his reader, he explained, had to learn the languages, characters, weather, topography and history of his imaginative world; otherwise they would never get what Tolkien was trying to communicate. Though he never said so explicitly, we could deduce the same principle from Melville's lengthy (even tiresome) detailing of the arcana of whaling in the middle of Moby Dick. We

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might sum this up as follows: entering the world of a text is required if one is to understand the thematics of a text.

So a good preacher unfolds the patterns of meaning within the Biblical universe — precisely so as to draw our world into that world. The fundamental problem with much of the preaching after Vatican II is that it got this principle backward. It tended to make the Bible accessible to our consciousness and thereby tamed it and domesticated it, often turning it into a faint echo of what could be heard in any other religious text or within the culture itself. But if what the preacher is offering what can be found, often in more compelling form, elsewhere, people will leave the Church in droves.

The Methodist theologian Stanley Hauerwas relates a story of his time as Gifford Lecturer in Scotland. He had been invited to preach at the Cathedral of Edinburgh and discovered a practice that went back to the Reformation period: a sexton of the Cathedral literally locked Hauerwas into the pulpit and told him that he wouldn't let him out until he had preached the Gospel! Now I don't entirely subscribe to the 16th century Protestant idea of what the Gospel is, but I love the instinct behind that discipline. We shouldn't allow preachers to run away from the density, complexity and sheer weirdness of the Bible. We should lock them into their pulpits until they display the world of the Scriptures!

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has repeatedly reminded the public that religious freedom is not merely private. It is a freedom to serve in public, and indeed, in the healthcare setting, a freedom to care. Faith in the Lord who calls us to service forms the bedrock on which many of the Church's greatest contributions to the world have been built. We serve the poor, the vulnerable, and the sick because of our religion, not in spite of it. We cannot compromise the principles on which our institutions are based.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 8, 2015

Mark 12:38-44

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: a teaching about wealth and poverty. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| TEACHING | BEWARE | SCRIBES |
| LONG ROBES | SEATS | HONOR |
| DEVOUR | PRAYERS | SAT DOWN |
| OPPOSITE | THE TREASURY | MONEY |
| MANY | RICH | PEOPLE |
| LARGE SUMS | TWO COINS | POOR WIDOW |
| OUT OF | POVERTY | WHOLE |

TRUE WEALTH

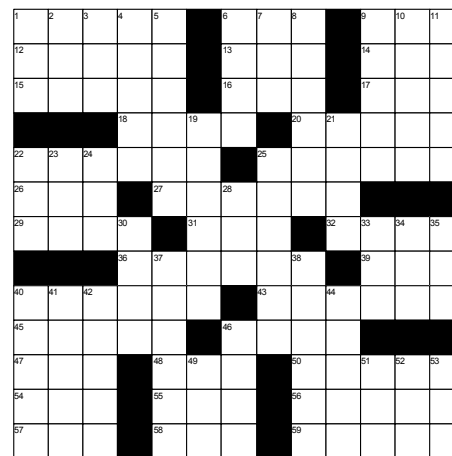
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Based on these readings: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a & 1Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

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| 1 Wind together | 22 California city |
| 6 Employ | 25 Fabric belts |
| 9 Pacific Standard Time | 26 Yes |
| 12 "King of Heaven and _____" | 27 Worlds |
| 13 Sun's name | 29 Ego |
| 14 Easter month | 31 Digit |
| 15 Widow was able to eat for ____ (2 wds) | 32 Novena |
| 16 Federal Bureau of Investigation | 36 Who you give gifts to |
| 17 Draw | 39 Dove's call |
| 18 Turn over | 40 Attract |
| 20 Child's game | 43 ____ & the four living creatures |
| | 45 Cow farm |
| | 46 "The Lord hears the cry of the ____" |
| | 47 Chinese seasoning |
| | 48 To be in debt |

- 50 Decks
54 ____ Wednesday
55 Ship initials
56 Boredom
57 Negative
58 # of widow's coins
59 Shoot clay pigeons

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- 1 British drink
2 I am the ____
3 Anger
4 Splendor of the firmament
5 Wisdom preferred to ____ and scepter
6 Defunct football league
7 Weep
8 Went to Zerephath
9 Piece together
10 Jump on graph
11 Braid
19 Detest
21 Association (abbr.)
22 Foreign Ag. Service
23 Seed bread
24 Elver
25 Music player
28 Fish eggs
30 "From the ____ winds"
33 Frost
34 Neither's partner
35 Dawn
37 Trial
38 Gentle inclines
40 Publicist
41 Loop
42 Moon will give no ____
44 Elijah asked for water to ____
46 Mexican money
49 Compass point
51 East northeast
52 Regret
53 "____ at my right hand"

Answer Key can be found on page 15.

Saint of the Week

Charles Lwanga and Companions

c. 1860 - 1886
Feast: June 3

Charles and 21 other Ugandan martyrs, ages 14 to 30, were officials and pages in the court of King Mwangwa II of Buganda. The king, after first accepting Christianity among his people, began to insist that converts abandon their new faith. He also preyed sexually on the young men at court. As head of the pages and their chief catechist, Charles tried to protect his charges. But, when they would not reject Christianity, they were killed in 1885-86; some were speared to death and others, like Charles, were burned alive. These first martyrs from sub-Saharan Africa were canonized in Uganda in 1964 by Pope Paul VI; they are the patrons of African Catholic Youth Action, converts and torture victims.



Sports

COUGARS REMAIN NO. 7 IN NAIA COACHES' FOOTBALL POLL Despite improving to 8-0 and remaining one of three unbeaten teams left in NAIA football, the University of Saint Francis is No. 7 in the NAIA Football Coaches' Top 25 for the third consecutive week, the university reported Oct. 26. The Cougars are just three ratings points back of the third unbeaten team — Doane (Nebraska) at No. 5 and eight back of No. 4 Grand View (Iowa).

St. Charles, St. Vincent take home diocesan playoff football crowns

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — It was a clean sweep for the CYO teams when their ICCL foes came to town for the much-anticipated annual diocesan showdown. As the 2015 football season came to a close, the best of the best from South Bend matched up against Fort Wayne's finest on the Kevin Donley field at the University of Saint Francis' Bishop D'Arcy Stadium on Sunday, Nov. 1.

The first game pitted the two leagues' tournament runner-ups — the St. Vincent Panthers vs. the Saints from Mishawaka Catholic.

Coach Kevin Thompson reported that his Panthers' offensive line — center Josh Scorgham, guards Steven Guisinger and Jordan Roy and tackles Alex Fasnaugh and Vincent Fiacable — set the tone on their first drive getting the ball with a short field and opening up a nice hole for Tang Mantuang to score on a three-yard run.

The other two St. Vincent scores came from the arm of Ben Schreck connecting with receiver Howard Steele to make the final, 24-0, Panthers.

Thompson also credited the Panther defense for the way they stepped up against the Saints' hard-running game. Corey Ryan led the way on defense with several key tackles along with help from ends Alex Fosnaugh and Carson Podschlne, then finishing off with great pass coverage from corner back Noah Drabecki, Jackson Paul and safety Hunter Burns.

Thompson admitted, "This was a very tough game to prepare for. We knew nothing about Mishawaka Catholic other than what we had read in *Today's Catholic* and their reputation of being a tough power running team. It took a total team effort this week on both sides of the ball."

St. Vincent finished with an impressive 6-3 record with all three losses coming at the hands of CYO powerhouse St. Charles. They met their 2015 goal of playing in a diocesan game capping off a successful rebuilding process after a one-win season a year ago.

"It was great to finish on a high note. Not many teams get to end their season with a win," concluded Thompson.

Mishawaka's unit logged a 6-2 overall record and was crowned the regular season ICCL league champs. Coach Tony Violi summarized, "It was a great season and



JOE ROMIE

At the diocesan football playoff games on Sunday, Nov. 1, at Bishop John D'Arcy Stadium at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, St. Charles Cardinals beat the St. Anthony Panthers of South Bend, 40-6. In the earlier consolation game, St. Vincent won over Mishawaka Catholic, 24-0. Above, the St. Charles defense swarms to bring down the St. Anthony ball carrier in the fourth quarter.

a great opportunity to come play St. Vincent and a great coach. We have a lot of respect for them. Although I wish we would have played a little better, our hearts were in the right place. It just wasn't our day. I'm proud of our kids."

Next up, Coach Sam Talarico shared that the St. Charles Cardinals brought home their second consecutive undefeated diocesan championship with a resounding 40-6 victory over a very tough St. Anthony squad.

Their current 20-game win streak, which started with the 2013 runner-up diocesan game, remained intact and has yet to be snapped after two full seasons of play in 2014 and 2015.

As they have been all year long, the Cardinals were led by their workhorse, Patrick "P-Fin" Finley, who had over 200-yards of all-purpose yards and three touchdowns including an incredible opening 70-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in which he broke numerous tackles and reversed the field to start the Cardinal scoring frenzy, 6-0. The talented tailback, who dominated in all three facets of the game, also had a 70-yard

kickoff return and a 50-yard rushing touchdown.

Talarico stated, "Patrick Finley is a very special football player who had a very special performance today. When you match superb speed with a level of aggressiveness and instincts that is off the charts, you get P-Fin."

St. Charles also had two scores from Patrick O'Keefe who scored on a 30-yard pass reception and a 50-yard bootleg run. Talarico added, "O'Keefe is a playmaker. He always makes the big play when you need it."

The Cardinals' final touchdown was "pick-six" from Hayden Ellinger who returned an interception for 30-yards for the score. Ellinger, Devon Tippmann, Lucas Krohn and Finley were extraordinary at the linebacker position all season. Krohn completed the Cardinals' scoring with a blocked punt that turned into a safety.

Talarico was also very pleased with the amazing play of his lineman. "Nolan Hoffman, Justin Baum, Owen Sharpe, Nolan Fischer, Jacob Lehrman were all outstanding in the trenches," the three-time diocesan championship

coach stated.

He added, "St. Anthony was an outstanding team. Coach (James) DeBoe does a great job."

In the loss, the Panthers kept from a shut out scoring on a quarterback sneak in the third quarter by Luke Leonard.

DeBoe simply stated, "We ran into a much better team today. St. Charles is a great program with an excellent coaching staff."

St. Anthony finished a stellar season posting a 6-2 record and was the ICCL tournament champs.

"I'm very proud of our team. Our eighth-grade group has been very successful over the last four years," concluded DeBoe. Their eighth graders finished with an impressive 27-5 four-year career record and three ICCL championships.

During their broadcasts this season, Redeemer Radio referred to the players in the youth program as the "Stars of Tomorrow." As they move on to the high school level, it will be fun to watch these young athletes on the Friday night gridiron where all four diocesan high schools are still in action — and it's November.

Marian high wins state championship in boys' soccer

BY JOE KOZINSKI

INDIANAPOLIS — As youngsters around the Midwest dressed as ghosts, goblins and popular minions, there was a group of 26 from Marian High School that were adorned in blue and silver brandishing tricks hoping to receive the biggest treat to be given on this holiday, an Indiana state boys' soccer title.

Instead on coming home with a pillow case full of candy the Knights of Marian brought back to Mishawaka a trophy that would be a testament of teamwork and perseverance for the ages as they accomplished the ultimate goal by winning their first state championship in boys soccer.

Marian defeated Indianapolis Ritter, 3-0, to earn the state title.

"I'm so excited for the kids," commented long-time Coach Ben Householter. "I never expected it, I knew we were talented and had a great group of guys but this is surreal."

"Marian has been blessed with some good teams in the past, but an injury here, a penalty there and some bad luck can result in a loss on the long road to state," impressed Householter. "I think that some of last season's disappointment drove our players to work harder and remain focused."

The first game of the sectional may have been the biggest hurdle for the Knights as they surpassed Bethany Christian, 1-0, in a highly contested match.

"The boys took the Bethany game as a warning signal of what can happen in the tournament," remarked Householter. "After that game, we really regained our focus and got on a roll."

The next big challenge would be in the regional semi-finals as goalkeeper Michael Cataldo stepped up and the victorious Knights won on penalty kicks in overtime to an impressive Boon Grove squad.

"Semi-state was another

SEMINARIAN VISITS ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL IN GARRETT



JILL HAMBLIN

St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett welcomed Seminarian Nathan Maskal, who visited with the fourth, fifth and sixth-grade classes. Maskal is spending a pastoral year at St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur. He told the students about his studies and the long process of becoming a priest. The students were fascinated and asked many questions. The seminarian also quizzed the students with some Catholic trivia. Students who wanted to learn more about his vocation were invited to a luncheon. In the photo, from left, front row, are the following: Max Carey, Matthias Hefty, Katherine Hileman, Jude Hoeffel, Ashley King, Katelyn Joseph, Garrick Roemer and EmmaRose Gowgiel; second row, Andrew Molargik, Cole Carey, Zachary Joseph, Jack O'Connor, Jessica Culbertson, Katherine Lewis, Lily Carey, Isabel Fielden and Barbara Berry; third row, Jacob Molargik, Douglas Merriman, Ethan Lester, Seminarian Nathan Maskal, Camdyn Phillips, Serenity Lewis and Sarah Schlosser.

PAPAL MASS REMEMBERS DECEASED CARDINALS



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Pope Francis leaves in procession after celebrating a Nov. 3 Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican in remembrance of cardinals and bishops who died in the past year. They included U.S. Cardinals Edward M. Egan of New York, Francis E. George of Chicago, William W. Baum of Washington, D.C., and Canadian Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte of Montreal.

MARIAN

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good day for us," explained Householter. "We lost a couple of defenders in the morning to injury and a couple of sophomores filled in and claimed the night-cap by allowing just two shots on goal."

"The foursome I'm the most proud of are the seniors: forward Augie Hartnagel, defender Christian Verstraete and midfielders Richie Ontiveros and Kevin Villa-Torres," added Householter. "They all took the younger players under their wings, worked with them and encouraged them and strengthened all three areas of the field."

The Knights' story was that of domination as through the

state tournament as they scored 30 goals to their opponents three including five shutouts along the way.

"It took all the efforts of the players that have gone through our program over the years to get to this pinnacle," stated the most-winning coach in Marian soccer history. "I've been coaching here for 18 seasons and the numbers of former players on hand for the championship game humbles me, we even had one from our first campaign in attendance"

With no other games to play, the Knights capped their magical run with a school best 20-2 record, a share on the Northern Indiana Conference Title and the biggest treat of all.

"Honestly, it still hasn't hit me yet," proclaimed Householter. "I guess next is a little R&R and then back to being a dad and a husband."



PROVIDED BY MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Marian High School's boys' scored their first Class 1-A Boys' State Soccer Championship on Oct. 31 with a 3-0 win over Indianapolis Ritter at Carroll Track and Soccer Stadium.

COMMEMORATING ALL SOULS DAY



JOE ROMIE

On the feast of All Souls, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a noon Mass in the Resurrection Mausoleum Chapel of the Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

Snowflake bazaar

Huntington — St. Mary Parish will have a snowflake bazaar with crafts, bake sale and raffle in the St. Mary gymnasium, 903 N. Jefferson St. Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 8, from 8-10 a.m. Lunch served at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Elizabeth Ministry plans memorial Mass

Mishawaka — The Elizabeth Ministry will have a memorial Mass on Monday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church. Intention of the Mass is for children of all ages who have died, including those who have been lost from miscarriage or abortion. A reception will follow for additional fellowship, comfort and support.

Music Boosters plan craft bazaar

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters Christmas Craft Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. Over 150 crafters, artisans and vendors. Proceeds will benefit the music programs at Bishop Dwenger High School.

St. Thomas plans holiday marketplace

Elkhart — The St. Thomas PTO will have a holiday marketplace Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school, 1112 N. Main St. Admission is free. Vendors of art, crafts and gifts, homemade food served and Santa will be there from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic Women plan bazaar

Bluffton — St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women will have a craft and arts bazaar Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 1300 N. Main St.

Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Nov. 12, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

Bishop Luers High School announces fall activities

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers French Club will have a rummage sale Friday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information contact Carrie Bubb at cbubb@

bishopluers.org. The Henry Keefer Scholarship exam will be Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8-11:30 a.m. Contact Jenny Andorfer at jandorfer@bishopluers.org for information. The open house will be Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the school. Contact Jenny Andorfer at jandorfer@bishopluers.org for information. The Turkey Trot will be Sunday, Nov. 22, from 6-10 p.m. at Columbia Street West, 135 W. Columbia St. Tickets are \$20 pre-sale or \$30 at the door. Visit www.bishopluers.org/athletics for tickets and information.

St. Mary of the Lake announces fall casino night fundraiser

Culver — St. Mary of the Lake Parish will have a fall casino night Friday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m. with a dinner buffet starting at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level at 124 College Ave. Tickets are \$10 and can be obtained by calling the parish office at 574-933-3818. Email jzehner@stmaryculver.org for information.

Holiday bazaar

Bristol — St. Mary Parish, 411 W. Vistula St., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Craft items, bake sale and lunch will be offered.

Pancake breakfast planned

Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975, 901 Jefferson St., will have a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 9-11:15 a.m. The cost is \$5 adult donation, children age 10 and under \$2. The pancake breakfast is on the third Sunday every month. This month proceeds benefit St. Michael Parish.

Turkey Bingo scheduled

Fort Wayne — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will have turkey Bingo Sunday, Nov. 22. Doors open at 12:15 p.m. and bingo starts at 1 p.m. Pizza by the slice and homemade baked goods will be offered.

Purse bingo raises funds

Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger High School will host purse bingo on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Prizes are designer purses such as Kate Spade, Cole Hahn, Coach, and more. Cost is \$20 per person. Limited reserved tables for 8 are also available. Refreshments will be sold. Purchase tickets online at www.bishopdwenger.com/purse-

bingo or call 260-496-4775. Must be 21 or older to attend. License #139237.

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 handmade crafts, bake sale and lunch. For more information contact Eli Tyle at 574-340-7555 or buddy-tyl@aol.com.

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.

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 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

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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. 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.

Discernment retreat and day of reflection planned

Mishawaka — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration will host an Advent Day of Reflection for single, Catholic women age 16-30 on Saturday, Dec. 12, at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Fort Wayne. For infor-

mation or to register visit www.ssfpa.org/retreat.

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.

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SAINTS

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lack of knowledge of Latin and returned home to Alençon.

Zélie, born in 1831, was also drawn to religious life but was rebuffed and told she had no vocation. Instead, she went to lacemaking school and became skilled in the manufacture of fine Alençon point lace.

The couple was married on July 13, 1858. Though initially determined to live a celibate marriage, they were soon advised by their priest to have children. Within the space of 13 years, Zélie gave birth to nine children, four of whom died in infancy. The remaining five daughters would all eventually enter the convent. Louis and Zélie both ran successful businesses, were known for their practice of the works of mercy, and participated zealously in the sacramental life of the Church.

Among the events organized by Little Flower Parish in October in honor of the Martins, perhaps the largest in scale was the dinner-theatre held on Oct. 24 in the parish social hall. More than 90 parishioners were involved in some aspect of the evening, from cooking and serving an authentic five-course French meal to writing, directing, and acting in a short play on the family life of the Martins. Around 300 people attended the event.

Bill Odell and his wife, Cathy, co-chaired the planning committee for

the dinner-theatre, which began meeting many months ago. Odell says that what strikes him most about the Martins is that "they were very real people with personalities that were thoroughly modern. Their holiness was in the context of family life, with all its trials and tribulations."

In the midst of the stresses families face today, Odell thinks that the Martins "can provide us moorings as people of faith and particularly as parents."

In his homily during Mass on Oct. 31,

Bishop Rhoades reflected on the sorrows that Louis and Zélie endured. In addition to their agonizing grief over the loss of four children, Zélie suffered greatly before dying of breast cancer at the age of 46.

Still mourning his beloved wife, Louis then had to release each of his daughters to the convent. He also experienced attacks of cerebral arteriosclerosis, suffering both physical and mental deterioration toward the end of his life.

Those who knew Louis and Zélie testified to the heroic virtue with which they faced these trials, never failing to attend Mass, pray daily with their children in the home, and even make lengthy pilgrimages. In his homily at the canonization, Pope Francis spoke of the Martins'

tireless dedication in "nurturing the vocations" of their children, for which they made many personal sacrifices.

One attendee at the French dinner-theatre, Ben Wilson, noted that despite the discipline and exactitude required by Louis' and Zélie's respective professions, they were generous and uncalculating when it came to responding to those in need, whether their children, employees, neighbors or the homeless.

Wilson said he is grateful for these new saints who were "equally sincere in the life of faith, for whom marriage or a spouse or work were not obstacles to holiness but were the path to it."

Bishop Rhoades closed his homily with an exhortation to

look to the example of the Martins as exemplary saints for our time.

"Louis and Zélie Martin's canonization is a wonderful blessing for the Church," he said. "What a beautiful example they are for spouses and parents, for business owners, and for the sick and suffering! They can be an inspiration for those mourning the loss of a child and for those suffering from breast cancer or mental illness. Truly they are an example and inspiration for the Church and the world during this time of crisis in marriage and family life."

"Louis and Zélie Martin's canonization is a wonderful blessing for the Church."

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Ireland

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