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Jubilee Masses for prisoners call attention to jail ministry

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

1976: that's the year when, at the age of 16, David was sent to prison. Forty years later, when he was released, things were different: His family members had passed away and his friends had scattered. He had no network, had never held down a job and had little knowledge of the changes that had happened in the world since he was incarcerated.

"It was overwhelming," he said. "I really struggled with knowing how to live with people out here. I didn't know how to do anything."

That's where the Allen County jail ministry team stepped in. "They helped me with everything," David said. "Applying for jobs, all sorts of paperwork, clothes on my back, a bicycle for transportation and paying rent so I wasn't on the streets."

"Even picking up and using a cell phone was difficult, because I had no contact with devices in prison. They weren't around 40 years ago," he continued. "In prison, they don't prepare you to be released. All I knew was the old-fashioned stuff from when I went in."

But, through tears, David

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Provided by Cory Martin

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a Jubilee Mass for inmates on Nov. 5 at the Elkhart County Jail. Afterwards, he visited with several inmate populations and gave them each a blessing.

Closing celebration of the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Nov. 12, 5 p.m.

All are invited to attend the closing Mass of the Jubilee Year of Mercy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 5 p.m. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will offer this as a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the blessings of the Jubilee Year.

The Year of Mercy officially concludes on the Solemnity of Christ the King on Nov. 20, with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of Saint Peter's at the Vatican; but the Jubilee Year is brought to a close in local dioceses around the world on the preceding Sunday, Nov. 13.



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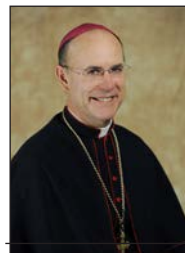
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Devotion to the Memory of the Dead



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is the text of the homily delivered by Bishop Rhoades at Mass on All Souls' Day, November 2, 2016, at the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne:

Pope Saint John XXIII once said that "devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit." We are here today because of our devotion to the memory of the dead, all our deceased loved ones, all those buried here in our Catholic cemetery and elsewhere. This devotion is indeed a beautiful expression of the Catholic spirit because it is an expression of our love. Praying for the dead is an act of love. It is one of the spiritual works of mercy.

We have a great responsibility in charity to accompany with our prayers and sacrifices those who have gone before us. We have a responsibility to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died and are not yet purified. This is a holy responsibility: to pray for the holy souls in purgatory, thus helping them to reach the heavenly kingdom, that they may see God face to face and obtain the joy of the saints in heaven.

All Souls' Day is an important day for us as Catholics. It expresses something very natural within us — the urge to pray for our departed loved ones. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI, once said that "praying for one's departed loved ones is a far too immediate urge to be suppressed; it is a most beautiful manifestation of solidarity, love and assistance, reaching beyond the barrier of death. The happiness or unhappiness of a person dear to me, who has now crossed to the other shore, depends in part on whether I remember or forget him or her; he or she does not stop needing my love."

So we are here today in this holy place, our Catholic cemetery, to remember and to pray for the faithful departed, for the holy souls in purgatory. We gather here in faith and hope, a faith and hope that is founded in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We just heard Saint Mark's account of Jesus' death and then the discovery of the empty tomb by the three women on Easter Sunday morning. They heard the wonderful words of the angel: "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him." We would not be here today if it were not for our faith in the resurrection of Jesus. It is the crowning truth of our faith.

We pray for the faithful departed because we believe that their life is changed, not ended. Their bodies are in the tombs of this and other cemeteries. The bodies of the dead decay, but their souls have gone to meet God. And, through the power of Jesus' Resurrection, on the last day, God will grant incorruptible life to their bodies by reuniting them with their souls. How this will happen exceeds our imagination and understanding, yet we believe with Saint Paul that Christ will change our lowly body to be like His glori-



Jodi Marlin

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the Holy Mass on Nov. 2, the Commemoration of All Souls, at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

ous Body. Our belief in the resurrection of the body is why the Church insists that we honor and treat with dignity the bodies of the deceased. Their graves are a sign of hope and promise in the resurrection.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer for the faithful departed. The practice of offering Masses for the dead comes down to us from the earliest centuries of the Church. On her deathbed, Saint Monica said to her son Saint Augustine: "Lay this body wherever it may be. Let no care of it disturb you: this only I ask of you, that you should remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." And Saint Augustine did. And at Mass we remember at the altar of the Lord our beloved family members and friends who have died.

Yesterday, the Solemnity of All Saints, and today, the Commemoration of All Souls, remind us that the communion of saints goes beyond earthly life, beyond death, and endures forever. It is a spiritual communion that was born in Baptism and is not broken by death. "All baptized persons

here on earth, the souls in Purgatory and all the blessed who are already in Paradise make one great Family. This communion between earth and heaven is realized especially in intercessory prayer" (Pope Francis). We are intimately united with one another in the Body of Christ. Our ecclesial solidarity through prayer is most evident and most powerful at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The love of Christ unites us in a bond that not even death can destroy. This bond is strengthened when we remember one another, including the faithful departed, in our prayers.

As we approach the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, I encourage all to practice the spiritual work of mercy of praying for the faithful departed, the holy souls who are eager for our prayers. Let us help them on their final journey with our love by accompanying them with our prayers and sacrifices.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Pope appoints Cardinal-designate Tobin as new archbishop of Newark

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark, N.J., and named Cardinal-designate Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis to succeed him.

Archbishop Myers, Newark's archbishop since 2001, is 75, the age at which canon law requires bishops to turn in their resignation to the pope.

The 64-year-old cardinal-designate, who is a member of the Redemptorist order, has been the archbishop of Indianapolis since 2012 and was named a new cardinal by Pope Francis Oct. 9. He also is former archbishop-secretary of the Vatican Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. As secretary, he was credited with helping change the tone of a Vatican-ordered apostolic visitation of U.S. women's religious communities from an investigation into a dialogue.

The changes were announced in Washington Nov. 7 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

The cardinal-designate will be installed as the sixth archbishop of Newark Jan. 6.

When then-Archbishop Tobin was announced as one of the 17 new cardinals named by the pope and to be inducted into the College of Cardinals Nov. 19, he tweeted this simple message: "I am shocked beyond words by the decision of the Holy Father.



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Cardinal-designate Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis is pictured in a 2010 photo at the Vatican. Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark, N.J., and named Cardinal-designate Tobin to succeed him.

Please pray for me." He said in a statement he had "come to love deeply" the Catholics in central and southern Indiana and was blessed with friendships with civic and religious leaders in the state.

In a Nov. 7 statement about his appointment to Newark, Cardinal-designate Tobin said that one of his favorite descriptions "of the experience of faith is 'a willingness to be surprised by God.' By that standard, the

last weeks have been exceptionally 'faith-filled.'"

He said "the first jolt" came when Pope Francis named him a cardinal, and the "second tremor" was the Oct. 22 call he received from Archbishop Pierre that the pope would be naming him to be archbishop of Newark.

"Receiving that second shock, I immediately thought of you, the people of this great Archdiocese (of Indianapolis) whose pastoral care was entrusted to me four years ago," he said. "I remembered how you welcomed me, offered your support in so many ways, forgave my mistakes and limitations and always assured me of your love and the precious backing of your prayer.

"The thought of leaving you devastated me. I have had many sleepless nights and shed more than a few tears."

Cardinal-designate Tobin said he has always understood his vocation "as that of a missionary disciple, one whom Jesus called to be with him so that he might send me out to preach and heal. Becoming your archbishop, I realized that this missionary also had to become a pastor," following the model of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

"Now, Pope Francis has asked me to become a missionary disciple and pastor in another local church. I hope that you will commission me — send me forth with your blessing to preach and heal in the Archdiocese of



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, November 13 to Friday, November 18 — Fall Assembly of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Baltimore, Maryland

Saturday, November 19: 11 a.m. — Mass with Profession of Third Order Secular Franciscans, Saint Francis Convent, Mishawaka

Newark. I know that I will leave a considerable chunk of my heart here in the Catholic communities of central and southern Indiana. I trust that God will fill that void with overflowing gratitude for the gift of sharing a portion of the pilgrimage with you."

He noted that the Indianapolis archdiocese had already planned a special celebration Dec. 3 to celebrate the feast of its patron, St. Francis Xavier, and "to ask a blessing on a new cardinal." "Now, that celebration will also be a moment for us to say goodbye in faith," he said.

In Newark at a news conference at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Archbishop Myers introduced Cardinal-designate Tobin, saying the state of New Jersey and the people of the four-county archdiocese "are very happy to welcome him." He said the cardinal-designate will find that the archdiocese's 1.5 million Catholics "are rich in faith, have a great love for the church," and live and share the Gospel.

In his remarks, Cardinal-designate Tobin said that with being named a cardinal and now the head of the Newark archdiocese, "I'm not sure my central

nervous system could take much more news."

He said when he was named to Indianapolis four years ago, he had "to fend off the dreaded 'v' question — 'What is your vision for the archdiocese?'"

"I don't have a vision right now for Newark. With the help of the Holy Spirit we will have one," he said, adding that he did not intend to offer a plan at the news conference "but to share convictions, principles that will guide my ministry forward ... to respond in love of God, who loved us first."

One of those principles, he said, will be "to encourage the journey of all" in the Newark archdiocese "to ever greater love, knowledge and faith in Christ."

Last December, Cardinal-designate Tobin made national news by defending the decision of his archdiocese to resettle a Syrian refugee family through the archdiocese's Catholic Charities agency — a decision that went against Indiana Gov. Mike Pence's ban on resettling Syrian refugees in the state.

ICC planted seeds for school choice, continues fight for life issues

BY VICTORIA ARTHUR

Bill Wood was a busy attorney and father of eight when he added another role in 1970: legal counsel for the relatively new Indiana Catholic Conference.

The ICC was still finding its way as the public policy voice of the Church in Indiana, and it was taking on an issue near and dear to Wood's heart: support for Catholic schools.

"The Catholic Church has always had such a vital interest in teaching and in schools," recalled Wood, now 88. "So the conference was always taking positions on education because of the Church's emphasis on the welfare of children."

It wasn't long before Wood found himself embroiled in a David-and-Goliath drama in the public arena. Catholics represented just over 10 percent of Indiana's population, but the Church played a major role in shepherding a landmark education bill through the state legislature.

House Bill 1341 would have



provided \$10 million from the state's treasury to assist nonpublic schools in their performance of a secular, non-religious public service: namely, educating tens of thousands of Indiana children. As is the case now, most of the state's nonpublic schools were operated by religious institutions, the majority by the Church.

The ICC, working in partnership with other stakeholders including Lutherans in the state, built a strong case that nonpublic schools provided a vital public service and saved Indiana taxpayers at least \$78 million annually. History was made on March 12, 1971, when the Indiana House passed the bill, marking the first time a bill

providing substantial state aid to nonpublic schools had passed an Indiana legislative chamber.

Although the bill was later voted down by the Senate, Wood said the ICC had made an impression at the Statehouse and laid the groundwork for future efforts in the area of education.

Nearly four decades later, not long after his retirement as the ICC's attorney, Wood witnessed the culmination of many years of hard work by ICC leaders and partners statewide: passage of groundbreaking school choice legislation that has served as a model for other states. The Scholarship Tax Credit and the Choice Scholarship (voucher) programs were enacted in 2009 and 2011, respectively, ensuring that families could select the right school for their children regardless of income.

In education and in so many other issues—from respect for life to income inequality—Wood says that the ICC has established a reputation for well-researched analysis and arguments and has become a respected voice in public policy.

"The legislators knew that if they wanted reasoned information about abortion, marriage or any other issue, they could turn to [the ICC] for leadership and guidance," said Wood, a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis.

He credits former executive director Raymond Rufo and others in the ICC's early years with "getting the legislature to understand that the Catholic Church has something to say on matters of faith and morals."

Calling for action

This fall, the ICC marks the 50th anniversary of its founding — and it continues to speak for the Catholic Church on a wide range of issues. That includes matters that have interested the Church since its inception to more modern-day concerns.

"All the same issues are there, because we are human beings," said Glenn Tebbe, the fifth and current executive director of the ICC. But he also identifies some of "the biggies" in the current landscape.

"We have a completely bro-

ken immigration system," Tebbe began. "In the area of protecting and defending life, we are looking not only at abortion but the death penalty, assisted suicide and reproductive technologies that are making people commodities.

"With regard to religious freedom, we are interested in ensuring that the Church is able to express the teachings of Jesus Christ, and what God expects us to do to fulfill our obligations and live out the truths of the faith."

With all issues, the ICC serves as the coordinating body for the five dioceses in the state — the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Diocese of Evansville, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Diocese of Gary and the Diocese of Lafayette.

ICC staff members identify issues that have a clear and compelling moral dimension where Catholic social teaching clearly calls for action, according to Tebbe. Because of limited resources, he explained, the ICC must be strategic, focusing on

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those areas in which the Church can make a difference.

"Our actions can be proactive or reactive," said Tebbe, a member of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg. "Sometimes we're the leader, but most of the time, we partner with other people. The death penalty is an example of where we will speak up when no one else will."

The ICC represents the Church at the Indiana Statehouse, and Tebbe is its public face. ICC efforts are generally most intense prior to and during a legislative session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Once issues and pertinent bills are identified, Tebbe says that ICC staff members develop positions and draft statements. In some cases, statewide information and action networks are activated so that Indiana Catholics at the diocesan and parish level can become involved in supporting or opposing a piece of legislation or other government initiative.

In the 1980s, the ICC launched the Indiana Catholic Action Network, which continues to be a vehicle for informing and mobilizing Catholics statewide. To learn more about I-CAN, go to www.indianacc.org. Through the years, I-CAN's operations have changed with the times. Phone, fax and the Internet all have

played a role.

Fred Everett has used all of those and more since becoming the ICC diocesan coordinator for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 1988. He recalls sending countless faxes to various audiences during periods when school choice was a hot-button issue, and activating phone trees at parishes throughout the diocese. Good old-fashioned paper memos were just as effective, he said, when they were disseminated through Catholic schools for students to take home to their parents.

"It's been very edifying for me to work with the [ICC team] over the years," said Everett, who along with his wife, Lisa, also serves as co-director of the Office of Family and Pro-Life in the diocese. "The ICC enjoys a certain reputation throughout the state as not only the voice of moderation, but an entity that can be trusted."

Focusing on the common good

Everett and Wood both recall how, in the 1990s, the bishops in Indiana were receiving a lot of questions about living wills. In this case, it was advances in medical technology that were driving the need for the Church to clarify its position.

Catholics were wondering what the Church thought about the morality of discontinuing life support in various circumstances, for example. The ICC took up the issue and, after much deliberation and consulta-

tion with the bishops, as well as medical experts and ethicists, the result was a standard form of a living will, also known more formally as an "advance directive," endorsed by the Church.

Wood added that many Catholic hospitals in Indiana now have a priest on staff to address matters of faith and morals.

Also during the 1990s, Everett said that the ICC, under the leadership of then-executive director M. Desmond Ryan, helped to block an attempt in the legislature to push for the removal of nutrition and hydration for people in persistent vegetative states. Again, Everett said, the voice of the Church was heard and made an impact.

Regardless of the issues and ever-changing technology, the ICC's overarching mission remains the same, according to Everett.

"We just do our best to make things better," he said. "In the end, it has always been about focusing on issues of the common good, and about getting people to act."

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This is the second in a series of articles reflecting on the Indiana Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana, which is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding.

Bishops to concelebrate Mass at historic African-American Catholic church

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops will concelebrate Mass at St. Peter Claver Church in Baltimore Nov. 14, the first day of their fall general assembly.

Established in 1888, St. Peter of Claver has the largest African-American Catholic congregation in the city and has a long-standing tradition of civil rights activism.

Named for the patron saint of slaves and ministry to African-Americans, today St. Peter Claver is twinned with St. Pius V. The parish community is in Baltimore's Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood, not far from where Freddie Gray Jr. was arrested in April 2015 and suffered fatal injuries while in police custody.

"I am grateful to be able to join my brother bishops on this occasion as we concelebrate Mass at such a significant church in Baltimore's history," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Together, we offer our solidarity and support to Baltimore's African-American community as we work in unity toward peace-

ful solutions in all our communities across the country," he said in a Nov. 3 statement.

On the agenda for the bishops' Nov. 14-16 fall meeting is a discussion of ways for the church to promote peace in U.S. communities torn apart by violence. It will stem from a report to be presented to the bishops from a task force formed this past summer after shootings by police and of police took place in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Minneapolis; and Dallas.

When Archbishop Kurtz announced creation of the USCCB Task Force to Promote Peace in Our Communities, he said there needed to be "ways of nurturing an open, honest and civil dialogue on issues of race relations, restorative justice, mental health, economic opportunity and addressing the question of pervasive gun violence."

The USCCB also declared Sept. 9 of this year as national Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities. On that day in Baltimore, Archbishop Lori led a prayer walk in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood. The event was hosted by St. Peter Claver and included a listening

session led by the archbishop.

When the U.S. bishops' initiative on peaceful communities was announced, Archbishop Lori sought the counsel of Bishop Madden, who has led more than 100 walks for peace since becoming an auxiliary bishop of Baltimore in 2005.

"I asked Bishop Madden, 'should we have a big pontifical Mass, or a banquet?'" Archbishop Lori said, anticipating the response. "No, he said, 'Let us do what we always do, walk, pray and remember what has to happen to work for a brighter future.'"

Trudy Scott, 55, a parishioner of the former St. Martin Church and now Transfiguration Catholic Community, where she does everything from lector to schedule hall rentals, is a veteran of many of those walks.

"We need peace in the streets, and the church's presence may be the turning point," Scott said during the Sept. 9 event. "We may get tired, but we can't give up," she told the *Catholic Review*, Baltimore's archdiocesan news website and magazine.

— *Contributing to this story was Paul McMullen in Baltimore.*

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Living the Year of Mercy

Comfort the Afflicted

Six new beatitudes for the modern age

On Nov. 1, at the end of an ecumenical trip to Sweden, Pope Francis enumerated a list of beatitudes for the modern age: Two of those speak to the care that should be shown to the afflicted, those who are suffering or down-trodden for any reason.

- "Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.
- "Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others."

These and the other four modern beatitudes "are messengers of God's mercy and tenderness," he told Catholic News Service.

Don't forget to show your work

BY MIKE NELSON

Recently, I did a quick Internet search of the spiritual work of mercy that tells us to "comfort the sorrowful." This search yielded several Scripture references and citations that are quite familiar to many of us.

Some of them included Psalm 34:18 ("The righteous cry out, the Lord hears and he rescues them from all their afflictions"), Revelation 21:4 ("He will wipe away every tear from their eyes"), and Matthew 5:4 ("Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted").

Others that turned up in my search were less familiar, but no less relevant. Among them: Joshua 1:9 ("Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go") and Philippians 4:7 ("The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus").

These, and many others, offer much to inspire and console us in difficult times that we, and others, face on our journey on this earth. This work of mercy telling us to comfort the sorrowful (or afflicted) can help us, in times of sorrow, find strength in words, but it also moves us to act to help others.

Every one of us faces difficulty in this life. There are difficult moments waiting for all of us, including some that may make



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Michael Stanek hugs his daughter Kennedy as they take a break from sifting through the rubble of their tornado-ravaged home in Vilonia, Ark., on April 30, 2014. The work of mercy telling us to comfort the sorrowful (or afflicted) can help us, in times of sorrow, find strength in words, but it also moves us to act to help others.

us feel, if only for a time, as if we are beyond consolation.

Jesus, while he used plenty of words in his teaching that can now help us to console others, performed plenty of actions, too — even miracles — to proclaim the word and the presence of God in the world. In His preach-

ing He also used parables, stories of action, to illustrate the depth of God's love for us.

None, to my mind, offers a more compelling portrayal of God's mercy than the story of the prodigal son, especially in its closing words: "He was lost and has been found" (Lk 15:32).

This parable suggests that when we comfort the sorrowful, or the "lost," if you will, we can make a positive impact. It calls to mind a "lost and found" story that my wife experienced many, many years ago.

In her role as a radio news reporter, my wife regularly read

public service announcements near the end of each newscast. One morning, the announcement she read was about an agency that offered crisis counseling.

She read it and continued on with her newscast. She pretty much forgot about the announcement until a few weeks later when a letter came to her in the mail.

The letter was from a listener who had heard her reading the announcement, which told the listeners where and how to get help for that particular issue. The listener wrote how troubled and desperate he had felt.

In fact, he said, he was almost to the point of giving up. "But there was something in your voice," he wrote in the letter, "that was so comforting, so encouraging, that I called the number you gave, and I got the help that I needed."

The listener said nothing about being Catholic or even religious. Very clearly, though, he had been touched by both the message and the messenger, the latter who believed (and, let me assure you, believes to this day) that words without actions mean little.

While we may not always be so lucky to see the fruit of our works of mercy, you can be sure that for some, they are much appreciated.

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For Carolyn Woo, the next step is 'refirement,' not retirement

BY RHINA GUIDOS

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Many mornings Carolyn Y. Woo has arrived to the relative solitude of a chapel at the Baltimore headquarters of Catholic Relief Services, and as the bustling city comes to life, she has looked inside the serene space for a particular quiet spot, the place where she arms herself with prayer.

"That plant is my coffee table," she said inside the chapel, pointing to a leafy pot nearby where she hides papers, coffee or whatever she might be holding on her way in.

"I do my readings for the day," she said, explaining her morning routine during an October interview with Catholic News Service, one of the last she'll do as CEO of the agency. "I sit with the Blessed Mother. There's one chair there ... that's where I do my prayer and then I start the day."

Prayer is something she's needed while managing one of the largest charities in the country. The days have meant little sleep and lots of meetings, lots of visitors, lots of travel and challenges, joy and sadness, some which she never expected she'd see at the official international humanitarian agency of the country's Catholic community.

The end of 2016 will mark the end of her five-year stint with CRS, but also more than four decades of a demanding professional life largely rooted in the halls of business academia and board rooms, and one which led her to the halls of Vatican, as well to the world's poorest communities. Soon she'll be trading that in for drawing classes, piano lessons, line dancing, flower arrangement and trying to learn to speak Spanish so she can sing with others at Mass.

"Everybody tells me that I'm going to be bored," she said. "But I'm so excited. They say women look forward to their retirement, while men dread it. I think of it as 'refirement,' not retirement."

The way Woo, 62, sees it, some of the best parts of her life are about to start.

"My life always had a set of professional identities: professor, administrator, dean and so on. ... I'm now going to that phase of my life where I'm going to let go of those titles for my most important roles: mother, wife, sister, aunt, friend and a servant of God," she said.

However, when you're the kind of person the pope has invited to help present one of his most important encyclicals — which Woo did when she helped present "Laudato Si" in 2015 — it's hard to just ride off, or line dance, into the sunset.

"I'll continue to serve on several boards. I write a column for



CNS photo/Allison Shelley, courtesy Catholic Relief Services
Carolyn Woo, the outgoing CEO of Catholic Relief Services, is shown sitting in the pews with Haitian earthquake survivors in this Jan. 14, 2015, photo in a Catholic church in Port-au-Prince. Woo was there five years after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake shook the impoverished nation. She will end her five-year term as CEO of CRS at the end of 2016.

CNS; that will continue. There are speeches, but more important, I want to experience and do things that I'm not good at," she said.

For now, she's busy wrapping up the past five years of her life, reviewing the challenges, successes and also the opportunities of managing the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency. She's been witness to the work of her colleagues in the 100 or so countries where CRS serves the poorest and most marginalized communities on the planet.

She said that while she didn't know as much as her colleagues about international relief and development when she took over in 2012, she knew about business, especially about strategy, which could help CRS position itself for the future. She comes alive when talking about the intricacies of strategy, and how she got students to explore it at the University of Notre Dame when she was dean of the top-rated Mendoza College of Business. She gave up tenure there after CRS tapped her to become its CEO in 2011.

"I actually don't know of any other Chinese immigrant who has given up tenure," she said. "I've worked for stability. Security and stability were my brass rings. Everything else just happened to come along because I tend to over-prepare."

At CRS she has aimed to make the agency a more effective organization, she said — one that develops its leadership from within, one that looks at the short-term and long-term benefits for those it serves and one that communicates its Catholic identity to the world.

"The most important thing

people in history: 65.3 million at the end of 2015, according to figures from the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. It surpasses the number of those displaced after two world wars, one that led to the founding of CRS in 1943, when the Catholic bishops of the United States established the agency to help war-torn Europe and its refugees recover. As it did in the past, CRS has helped the present wave of displaced people with basic necessities, as well education and counseling.

"The magnitude of the problems exceeds the resources in the world, but it does not exceed our ingenuity and our ability to solve problems, if we can work together," she said.

That's not an easy task when you consider that most people haven't come in contact with the displaced — whether refugees or migrants — making it hard to understand what they face, said Woo.

"They just watch this on television. There are different stories. There are stories about migrants. There are stories about

difficult day that began with an email about a blog post accusing CRS of storing and distributing condoms in Madagascar, saying that the bishops there were angry at the agency because Catholic Church teaching prohibits artificial birth control and the agency was violating that teaching.

"This was so far from the truth," she said. "You can imagine the type of sadness, to be accused of something that is completely false."

Meetings with the Madagascar bishops and New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan (then president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) had to be arranged, translators had to be hired and schedules across several time zones had to be arranged, all just to clean up a baseless attack, she said.

"The day when I got that email was a very bad day," she recalled. "In addition to addressing these particular issues, it's sort of a loss of idealism to recognize that there are bodies within the Church that would do that ... not only is it false, not only is it malicious, but actually it prevented us from spending our energies serving the people who needed help."

The Madagascar bishops refuted the reports and publicly supported CRS in 2013, but the attacks continued.

"I could not imagine this type of malice to be in the Church," she said. "I think that was the part that I was unprepared for."

While attacks may come and go, the mission of CRS remains, she said, and it's one that began with Christ and will continue when Sean Callahan, the present chief operating officer, takes over the top spot at the start of 2017.

"The mission of CRS comes from the Gospel, which is where Jesus told us to go out serve, particularly raising up those who are without power, those who are without wealth, those at the margins of society," Woo said.

It's a mission she hopes to continue but on a different path, and one kept in focus by the fleeting images of those she's met on her CRS journey; of families like hers, selling everything they own to help a son or daughter escape toward a safer or better future, of a young man who reminded her of one of her two sons but lives with shrapnel embedded in his body.

"We can pat ourselves on the back and say, 'We served 100 million people,' or we could ask the question 'what about the (others who aren't receiving help),' she says. "I hope that's one thing I've done, to say have courage ... step up. ... I'd like to have our colleagues not be afraid to hold ourselves accountable, because we do all this to serve (people) and to serve God. And if we trust in the Lord, the Lord will take us there."



CNS photo/Laura Elizabeth Pohl, courtesy Catholic Relief Services
Woo talks with women about Typhoon Haiyan during a February 2014 visit to Tacloban, Philippines, three months after the typhoon devastated the nation.

to me is that we represent the Church well, and that we understand the privilege of being able to serve the people that God sends to us, the people we serve," she said.

That means having enough resources to help alleviate poverty, to respond to increasing natural disasters such as the recent hurricane that swept through Haiti or the historic displacement of people around the world who are forced to flee their homelands.

Her tenure has seen one of the largest displacements of

terrorism. They're all kind of put together," she said. "I think when we run across situations where people don't see things the way we do, when they don't agree, I think the key is not to label them. It's not to get frustrated, but it's to say, 'Would you like to meet some of these people?'"

Fighting, attacking, labeling; none of it helps to carry out the work of the Gospel, she said, and she's certainly seen her share of it at the helm of the agency.

She remembers a particularly

Encuentro training to begin

The Office of Hispanic Ministry will be conducting a diocesan wide Encuentro process training for parish teams on Saturday, Dec. 3. This training is required for all parish cocordinators and is a great resource for their preparation for the parish Encuentro process from January to May. Training will be presented in Spanish. For more information contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 574-259-9994, ext. 211 and 217.

Film released, 'Under Caesar's Sword'

NOTRE DAME — The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture and the Religious Freedom Institute has announced the release of a new documentary film that explores how Christians respond to various forms of violence and persecution around the world. It is part of the "Under Caesar's Sword" project, co-sponsored by the center, the institute and produced by Jason Cohen Productions.

Each year, 100 million Christians worldwide are persecuted for their faith — enduring interrogation, arrest and even death. How do they respond to this suffering? What can we learn from them?

This film chronicles not only the hardships Christians face but also their creative, powerful or simply last-ditch efforts to survive, to build alliances that improve their security and to resist the violation of their religious freedom.

To help church groups and classes engage with this film, a discussion guide is available. Arrangements to show the film at churches, schools and organizations can be made by visiting ntrda.me/2femnOj.

To view a trailer the entire film, visit ntrda.me/2f9TTGw.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Principal wins Exemplary Administrator Award



Provided by Corine Erlandson

The Indiana School Counselor Association awarded St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School Principal Lois Widner the 2016 Exemplary Administrator Award on Nov. 4 for her hard work and dedication as a principal and for her support of the school's counselors and students. Widner was nominated for the award by school counselor Tara Walulik; she received it at a Gold Star Luncheon at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis. She is pictured with a large poster signed by all of the school's students, congratulating her on the achievement.

USF senior to host art auction for Syrian refugee relief

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis communications

senior Sarah Colagrossi is hosting the Hope for Syria Art Auction on Nov. 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Cinema Center, 437 E. Berry Street, Fort Wayne.

The art auction fundraiser is part of Colagrossi's senior project. The proceeds from the silent art

auction will go to Fort Wayne USA for refugee relief. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

For more information, visit [Facebook.com/hopeforsyria](https://www.facebook.com/hopeforsyria).

Sankofa event will focus on mercy

SOUTH BEND — Close the Year of Mercy and Kick off Black Catholic History Month with Sankofa 2016. Sponsored by the diocesan Black Catholic Advisory Board, Sankofa will occur Sat., Nov. 12, at Saint Joseph High School, 453 N. Notre Dame Ave. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the program concludes at 3:30 p.m. The day includes a morning keynote by Deacon Mel Tardy: "Black Lives and Church Matters: Moving from 'Lord Have Mercy!' to 'Thank You Jesus!'" Break-out sessions will include "A Taste of Africa: Stories From Togo," "Abortion, Healing and Forgiveness," "Cultural Competencies in Shared Parishes," "The Collateral Consequence of Having a Felony Record," and "How the African American Marriage Decline Affects Everyone." The closing Mass will feature the Notre Dame Voices of Faith Gospel Choir. All races and religious faiths are invited to. Lunch is provided. Cost for the day is \$15. For a schedule or to register visit www.dioce-sefwsb.org/dbcm or contact Mary Glowaski at 260-422-4611.

Institute to expand Science and Religion Initiative

NOTRE DAME — The McGrath Institute for Church Life has received a \$1.675 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation to expand its Science and Religion Initiative — a multifaceted program that trains Catholic educators to raise the quality of high school science and religion education and develop useful learning materials for engaging dialogue between the disciplines. The program seeks to frame science education within the broader context of Catholic theology.

St. Aloysius celebrates ACE Lift-off

YODER — St. Aloysius School, Yoder, celebrated the 2016-17 National Aerospace Connections in Education Lift-off event on Friday, Oct. 28, at 10 a.m. Distinguished guests, aviation demonstrations, displays and student activities were all included in the hour-long event.

The school community expressed its gratitude for those who serve our country, and the rest of the day consisted of student activities related to the science, technology, engineering and math curriculum.

St. Aloysius has weekly ACE lessons and activities throughout the year. The program is provided at no cost to schools across the nation by the Civil Air Patrol and a presenting sponsor, the Air Force Association. Aimed at grades kindergarten through sixth, the



Provided by Tina Voors

St. Aloysius students sit in a helicopter brought to the Fort Wayne-area school during its 2016-17 ACE Lift-Off event on Oct. 28.

grade-level specific program uses the aerospace theme to enhance all academic subjects with an emphasis on STEM, and also promotes good character, physical fitness and service to one another. St. Aloysius includes seventh- and eighth-grade classes in the curriculum. Master Sergeant

Anthony Vining of the 122nd Fighter Wing/CAP Squadron has taught the students for two years, bringing them hands-on STEM learning projects. This included a flight simulator, computer-based weather stations and cars, and an opportunity to build rockets.

Tools for Sacred Heart School



Provided by Sacred Heart School

Sacred Heart School, Warsaw, was presented with a \$1,000 check from Old National Bank's recent, five-state "Tools for Schools" contest. It will use the winnings for supplies and programs. Pictured from left are Kristine Alderfer, parent and volunteer; Jim Faroh, principal; John Warren, Old National Bank first vice president; and Wendell Bontrager, Old National Bank regional manager.

Pope: World needs a justice system open to hope, not just punishment

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After celebrating Mass with detainees and people who had been in prison, Pope Francis called on governments to mark the end of the Year of Mercy by extending clemency to deserving inmates.

The pope also called for renewed efforts to ensure justice systems not only punish crimes but also work to give prisoners hope for the future.

Civil authorities must work to improve living conditions for those serving time “so that the human dignity of prisoners may be fully respected,” the pope said Nov. 6 during his Sunday Angelus address in St. Peter’s Square.

The pope’s appeal for “an act of clemency toward those imprisoned who are considered eligible to benefit from this measure” came after his celebration of a jubilee Mass for prisoners. Some 1,000 current and former prisoners from 12 countries, as well as priests, religious men and women and laypeople who work in prison ministry, attended the Mass.

Detainees from several prisons in Italy and Spain were given special permission to attend the Mass for the Year of Mercy. Inmates from Italian prisons in Brescia, Busto Arsizio and Palermo served as altar servers, while a choir composed of prisoners and volunteers from the Dozza prison in Bologna provided the music for the celebration.

In his homily, the pope

reflected on the Sunday readings, which he said acknowledged “God as the source” of hope.

“Hope is a gift of God. We must ask for it,” he told the inmates and former inmates. “It is placed deep within each human heart in order to shed light on this life, so often troubled and clouded by so many situations that bring sadness and pain.”

The gift of hope, he added, is especially present “whenever someone makes a mistake” but feels the awakening of repentance and forgiveness through God’s mercy.

The jubilee celebration is a time for prisoners and those who have served time to remember that while a price is paid for breaking the law, “hope must not falter,” he said.

“Paying for the wrong we have done is one thing,” the pope said, “but another thing entirely is the ‘breath’ of hope, which cannot be stifled by anyone or anything.”

Those who are behind bars are not the only ones who are imprisoned, the pope warned. People can also fall into “a certain hypocrisy” that judges current and formerly incarcerated “as wrongdoers for whom prison is the sole answer,” he said.

“I want to tell you, every time I visit a prison, I ask myself: ‘Why them and not me?’ We can all make mistakes; all of us. And in one way or another, we have made mistakes,” the pope said, departing from his prepared text.

Hypocrisy can lead Christians to overlook the fact that people can change their lives, he said, but it also makes it impossible for them to see that they, too, are prisoners, locked up within walls of prejudice, ideology and the idols of “a false sense of well-being” and money.

“At such times, we imprison ourselves behind the walls of individualism and self-sufficiency, deprived of the truth that sets us free,” the pope said. “Pointing the finger against someone who has made mistakes cannot become an alibi for concealing our own contradictions.”

Prisoners and formerly incarcerated people should resist being held back by their past mistakes and instead look toward the future with hope, knowing that God’s mercy and forgiveness is greater, he said.

While the past cannot be rewritten, he said, learning from one’s mistakes “can open a new chapter of your lives.”

Through the power of faith, Pope Francis said, repentance by those who have offended and forgiveness by those who have been wronged is possible.

“When violence is met with forgiveness, even the hearts of those who have done wrong can be conquered by the love that triumphs over every form of evil,” he said. “In this way, among the victims and among those who wronged them, God raises up true witnesses and workers of mercy.”



Photos by Cory Martin

A Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Elkhart County Jail on Saturday, Nov. 5, is believed to be the first Mass celebrated at the facility.

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shared that, “I’m 56 years old, and I am very happy to experience God on a very different level, through being free. I can talk to him better. I love it out here. I often think about all the people God put in my life. You really can’t say thank you. It’s somebody starting your life for you.”

Allen County is one of six counties across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend that has a jail ministry team. It started about three years ago, and now parishioners from across Fort Wayne regularly help with every component: Bible studies, religious services, a book cart, on-the-block fellowship and more. The St. Vincent de Paul Society hosts an annual collection to help indigent inmates be able to have undergarments issued to them through the chaplaincy office.

Elkhart County is the newest of all the diocesan jail ministry teams. Recently founded through the work of Mark Griffin, the team of five or six individuals hosts discussions, religious services, and Bible studies for their incarcerated brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Huntington County, the jail ministry team does not currently go into the county jail; rather, their points of encounter include requests from family of inmates for spiritual accompaniment, pen-pal requests for soon-to-be-released inmates and reaching out to released inmates to recruit their wisdom and vision for building an impactful ministry.

For this Year of Mercy, the Huntington County team launched a special effort geared especially towards those with family members in jail. On Nov. 15, they will also host a law-enforcement appreciation dinner.

Jail Ministry volunteers in Kosciusko County are focused on long-term plans. Founded two and a half years ago, the team participates in monthly visits to Catholics who are incarcerated: holding prayer services, bringing the Eucharist and engaging in

times of reflection. They hope to form a LifeSkills class for people coming to the end of their sentence and aiming for a productive re-entry.

Marshall County, too, is in the early stages of forming its jail ministry. Gene Clingenpeel has been helping inmates as they face re-entry barriers such as finding housing and jobs. Working with Deacon Greg Gerherd of St. Joseph County, Clingenpeel and area churches are also trying to form a network that can more effectively reach out and walk alongside people as they re-enter society.

One of the oldest jail ministry programs in the diocese is in St. Joseph County. Coordinated by Deacon Greg Gehred, a team of priests and few Notre Dame graduate students visit the jail for Sunday Mass, Saturday fellowship and Tuesday one-on-one conversations.

“There is a need for mentors and people to help at the Juvenile Justice Center here in South Bend. There is also a crying need for more housing and support for men and women coming out of jail and out of the state prison system,” Deacon Gehred shared.

Audrey Davis is the Social Justice Ministries coordinator for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. She recognized that each jail ministry team comes into contact with these individuals in a different way, but that each one’s responsibility is similar. “Our response is to walk aside re-entry members and learn from them: What are the main barriers impacting families in poverty, leading them to jail, and what can we do to reduce those barriers?”

These teams aim to follow Christ’s model of “encounter, relationship, and response,” she added. “It is our constant vocation to form relationship with the families struggling from poverty and crime in order to understand how to form a social ‘response,’ not just to individual cases but through public expression of our values of forgiveness, human dignity and participation in family and community.”

To learn more and to become involved in jail ministry locally, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/jail-ministry.



CNS photo/Tony Gentile, Reuters

Pope Francis celebrates a Jubilee Mass for prisoners Nov. 6 in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican.



Jodi Marlin

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a Jubilee Mass for inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Pictured, from left, are Mark Griffith, volunteer jail chaplain and member of St. Mary of the Annunciation parish, Bristol; Jail Chaplain Cory Martin; Mike Rody, jail volunteer and member of St. Mary's; Bishop Rhoades; and diocesan Jail Ministry Coordinator Audrey Davis. Not pictured is Brad Todorovich of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, musical accompanist for the Mass.



Provided by Cory Martin

Following the Mass the bishop was able to spend time speaking with individual Elkhart County Jail inmates and give them a blessing. He is pictured with members of the male inmate population.



Bishop visits Elkhart County Jail

On the weekend of the Church's Jubilee for Prisoners during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass and visited with inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Accompanied by jail chaplain Cory Martin and Catholic volunteers, the bishop received a tour of the facility. He learned that the Mass during his visit was the first time the Eucharist has been celebrated in the Elkhart County Jail.

Bishop Rhoades expressed his gratitude to jail Chaplain Martin and Audrey Davis, diocesan Jail Ministry coordinator, for planning and organizing his visit. He also expressed his appreciation for the ministry of the Catholic volunteers who regularly visit the jail.

When asked about the purpose of his visit, the bishop simply answered: "Jesus said; "I was in prison and you visited me." He explained that visiting the imprisoned is one of the corporal works of mercy and expressed his hope that Catholic ministry will grow and expand at Elkhart County Jail and other correctional facilities throughout the diocese. He hopes that this will be one of the fruits of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Bishop Rhoades, who was active in prison ministry as a priest, explained how impactful this has been in his life: "It has helped me to grow in compassion as I learn about the lives of the inmates, many of whom did not benefit from the stable upbringing, loving home and good education that I experienced. I often think that I could be in their situation if their circumstances had been mine growing up.

"It meant a lot to me to celebrate Mass and pray with the men at Elkhart County prison," he continued. "They are hungry for the Word of God and eager to learn the faith. I encouraged the men not to waste their time while in jail, to use their time to pray, to read the Scriptures, and to study the faith. The men shared with me their hope that Mass would be celebrated regularly for them in the jail. The Mass we celebrated was the first opportunity that most were able to receive the Holy Eucharist in a long time. The non-Catholics who attended the Mass were also grateful. At the time of Holy Communion, they received blessings, and throughout the liturgy eagerly joined in the songs and prayers."

The bishop shared that he feels he receives more than he gives when he visits jails and prisoners: "Their sincere gratitude always moves my heart. They teach me not to take for granted the blessings we have, not only our freedom, but also the graces of the Eucharist."

In addition to his hopes for expanded jail ministry in the diocese, Bishop Rhoades also would like to encourage parishes to provide material and spiritual assistance to prisoners upon their release. He said: "Pope Francis is calling the Church to go out to the peripheries, to those on the margins of society. Clearly this includes outreach to prisoners. Upon their release, these men need a community of loving support and a community of prayer to help them in their resolve to live a better life and to avoid falling back into crime. I hope we will answer the Pope's call, really the Lord's call, to extend His mercy and love to these brothers and sisters in need."

Mishawaka pharmacy upholds Catholic teachings

BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

MISHAWAKA — Gazing upon a Norman Rockwell painting can evoke feelings of nostalgia. The images harken back to a simpler time in American culture, before the advent of smart phones and back when face-to-face communication built relationships. Without a constant rush to get everything done immediately, people took their time more often than not.

Pharmacist Dan Cline opened Mishawaka Family Pharmacy five years ago with these times in mind. It is a small, independent business that, according to Cline, has a “Norman Rockwell philosophy” so patients know someone is taking an interest in them as a person, not a prescription number.

Located in the medical office building on the St. Joseph Health System Campus, 611 E. Douglas Rd., Suite 104, Family Pharmacy has a pro-life mission that encompasses the health care needs of the whole person. Cline adheres to Catholic Church teaching and does not stock any oral, injectable or implanted contraceptives. Other barrier methods of birth control are also not stocked.

His concern for the dignity of human life does not end there, however. As a pharmacist, he assists patients as they journey through some of the most significant stages in life. He is often one of the first people to know when a patient is pregnant from simply noticing there has been a change in her medication regimen. He says that, at that moment, he considers it very important to offer his congratulations. According to Cline, “you never know when that encouragement of congratulations is the only time that they’re going to hear that in their pregnancy.”

For those facing the loss of their independence due to illness or aging, the business offers medication packaging services that can help patients who are feeling frustrated with managing multiple prescriptions. By utilizing this service, patients may be able to continue living independently for a little while longer.

An advantage of being an independent business is that he is not confined to a metric that dictates how much time each prescription should take to get processed, which may be the case with big-name pharmacies. In Cline’s words: “Our goal is to take care of you. It might take us an extra minute or two to finish



Jennifer Miller

Matthew Westenfield, left, and Mishawaka Family Pharmacy owner Dan Cline, right, operate the Mishawaka business as an extension of Cline’s Catholic faith.

up with the patient ahead of you, but I think they understand that they are going to get the same type of attention when it’s their turn.”

This is something that, according to Cline, is a goal of all pharmacists. “I think that all

pharmacists, at the root of what they do, really do care about the patient. The question is, are they allowed to because they may have quotas that they have to meet. They’re just restricted by other structures that they can’t control.”

Cline says he sees his job’s daily duties as works of mercy. “We support those that are sick, comfort the afflicted and I think, for me, pharmacy is one way to do that.” He also remembers the patients he has encountered, in his prayers. “For patients to know that you’re praying for them is huge, and I offer prayers for my patients and for their healing.”

In the five years Mishawaka Family Pharmacy has been in business, Cline said he has experienced some unexpected obstacles. Navigating the changing health care system has been a challenge, but he is pressing onward trying to adapt and ultimately hopes to become more pro-active in his approach. He is grateful for the support he has found through South Bend’s Catholic Medical Guild. “We are able to support each other, which is really beneficial.”

Mishawaka Family Pharmacy offers a variety of services, and its pro-life mission affords every stage of life the dignity it deserves. A friendly face, a supportive ear and a word of encouragement make it a special presence in the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese.

Faith takes center stage in Mel Gibson’s new film

BY JOSEPH MCALEER

NEW YORK (CNS) — Ever since the success of 2004’s “The Passion of the Christ,” viewers of faith have waited anxiously for a follow-up from the film’s director, Mel Gibson.

Recently, Gibson revealed that he is indeed planning a sequel — centered on the resurrection of Jesus — but its debut is still several years away.

In the meantime, fans will find at least a thematic successor to Gibson’s Bible-based work in his latest movie, “Hacksaw Ridge.” This new release could easily be subtitled, “The Passion of Desmond T. Doss.”

A committed Seventh-day Adventist and World War II conscientious objector, Doss (portrayed on screen by Andrew Garfield) was unwilling to take lives but anxious to save them.

Overcoming derision and abuse from his peers — and a push by his superiors to expel him from the Army with a dishonorable discharge — he was allowed to remain in the service as a medic. During the bloody Battle of Okinawa in the closing months of World War II, Doss saved scores of wounded soldiers in a manner so courageous that Congress eventually awarded him the Medal of Honor.

“Hacksaw Ridge” marks Gibson’s return to the director’s



CNS photo/Lionsgate

Director Mel Gibson, center, is seen on the set of “Hacksaw Ridge.” The movie marks Gibson’s return to the director’s chair after a 10-year absence.

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“It’s a very inspiring story and it seemed to be perfectly suited to the cinema,” Gibson told the audience at a recent screening of the drama held at the Sheen Center for Thought & Culture, a forum for discussion and the arts run by the Archdiocese of New York.

“It’s a love story, not a war film,” he explained. “I wanted to accentuate who Desmond was in the midst of this maelstrom of violence that reduces most men to the level of animals.”

“He was armed only with his faith, and went in and put his life on the line for his brothers. Who could possibly go into a situation like he did without something bigger to believe in?”

Gibson brought his signature visual style, laden with religious imagery, to the movie, which is told in two acts: Doss’ youth in rural Virginia, and the ferocious combat on Okinawa atop a cliff nicknamed “Hacksaw Ridge.”

“I had this vision of a Norman Rockwell painting jammed up against a Hieronymus Bosch

painting,” he explained. “You had ideal, sweet innocence, and then you had hell. You take the same people into the other painting. It’s the death of innocence, and I wanted to give people an idea of what that feels like, and what our veterans suffered as a result of combat situations.”

“Hacksaw Ridge” draws parallels to “The Passion of the Christ” in Doss’ perseverance, remaining true to his Christian faith despite extraordinary obstacles, and winning the respect of his comrades in the end.

“Desmond’s biggest hero was Jesus, and he was trying to emulate him in any way he could,” Gibson said in an interview with Catholic News Service. “Greater love hath no man than to give up his life for his friends, which is what he did — again and again and again.”

“He crawled into very dangerous and perilous situations to save others, which is the most selfless act of love you can have,” Gibson continued. “In that sense he emulated Christ perfectly.”

Wounded on Okinawa, Doss died in 2006 at age 87.

Joining Gibson at the Sheen Center was Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Robert Schenkkan (“All the Way”), who co-wrote the screenplay for “Hacksaw Ridge” with Andrew Knight.

Schenkkan praised Doss as a positive role model, especially for men: “He embodies the Christian ethos, which is all about subordination of self to a higher power, compassion, and self-sacrifice,” Schenkkan observed. “And I think that is a really important image of masculinity to put out there right now.”

For more information on “Hacksaw Ridge,” visit www.hacksawridge.com. For information on the Sheen Center for Thought & Culture, visit www.sheencenter.org.

Life is a gift

Recently I saw a patient in my office for a routine heart checkup. He had bypass surgery many years ago and was still doing well. As he got up from his chair and climbed up on the exam table, I could hear wheezing. When I examined him, I thought I was hearing upper airway stridor. This particular man has mild dementia and was diagnosed with Alzheimer's within the last few years. I suggested to the patient and his wife that we should investigate my physical findings with a chest X-ray. The radiologist who read the chest X-ray noticed the trachea was being displaced by a probable mass and suggested a CT scan to further investigate. The scan showed a massively enlarged thyroid gland pushing on the trachea and obstructing the main windpipe by 80 percent.

Trying to come up with the easiest and safest treatment, I initially thought that maybe we could use radioactive iodine and shrink the thyroid down, as we do with patients who are hyperthyroid with Graves' disease. I referred him to an endocrinologist who told me that the thyroid was too massively enlarged to try this treatment; in a nice way suggesting maybe I should stick to being a cardiologist rather than trying to play endocrinologist!

So now we are talking surgery. The problem with major surgery in a patient with dementia is that it is not uncommon for the dementia to exacerbate post operatively. These elderly people can become scared, confused and even violent, finding themselves

in the unfamiliar surroundings of the hospital setting. Sometimes, unfortunately, they never quite recover to their former mental state, and the surgical procedure ends up worsening their dementia permanently.

This had weighed heavily on the mind of his loving wife. She had been in touch with one of the well-known dementia associations, and their advice was not to pursue any surgery and just try to keep her husband comfortable and accept death.

One afternoon as I was seeing patients in my office, one of my nurses informed me that this patient's wife had called insisting on speaking with me right away. She was beside herself trying to make this very important ethical decision. Catholic scholars use the terms proportionate and ordinary or disproportionate and extraordinary to help sort out a decision like this.

This man's dementia was relatively mild and certainly not very advanced at this time. How fast it would progress was still unknown. His physical health, including his heart, was good. If we did nothing, I feared his death would likely be one of suffocation and be a miserable way for him to die, but not only that, awful for the family to witness. I believed in this case the benefits of surgery significantly outweighed the risks, and I also believed that surgery was a reasonable choice, and therefore proportionate and ordinary.

As I explained all this to his dedicated wife, there was a long pause in our conversation. I will never forget the question she asked me. "Are you giving

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DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

me advice as a doctor or as a Catholic?" I replied, "I am speaking to you as a Catholic doctor."

The surgery was not going to be easy. The sternum had to be opened just as with open-heart surgery, to get to the thyroid that had grown down into the chest. It took a team of doctors to complete the surgery. I was probably more nervous than they were. The very next day I went to check on my patient with great anticipation and peeked into his hospital room. He was sitting up in bed visiting with his lovely wife. He knew me at once as I walked in the room. I can't describe how relieved I was. His mental status did not deteriorate post operatively as we had feared it could. The pathology showed thyroid tissue and no cancer present.

A statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops which I quote often, helped guide me through this ethical dilemma. "The truth that life is a precious gift from God has profound implications for the question of stewardship over human life. We are not the owners of our lives and, hence do not have absolute power over life. We have a duty to preserve

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A good harvest

When you're sitting around the Thanksgiving table with your family this year and you say grace — making it a point to add "and bless those who prepared this meal" — go a step further and add a thought for "those who grew it," too. They could use it.

That's what 16 seminarians from the Midwest discovered as they paid a visit to a Minnesota farm. It was yet another day helping them prepare for the priesthood, and it turned out to be time well spent. Many of them will be assigned to rural parishes, for one thing. But beyond that, they found themselves dealing with much larger issues.

"Farmers have a lot of wisdom to share," said one of them. "They're not just in the office like a lot of people. They're connected with life."

The visit — to a 1,500-acre farm owned by Jim Glisczinski — was one stop in a weeklong series sponsored by the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity that concentrated on rural issues and the stewardship of creation. Glisczinski put the matter in perspective for the seminarians, who come from six different dioceses.

"We can put the seed in the ground and work the fields," he said. "But the rest is up to Jesus Christ."

Maria Wiering filed a report on the visit for *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the St. Paul-Minneapolis Archdiocese. In it, she referred to the nuts-and-bolts aspect of the tour — the nature of crop cycles, agribusiness and the challenges of farming in general — but also emphasized the



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GERALD COSTELLO, THE CHRISTOPHERS

basic qualities of life on a farm, and how it accords with the concerns of Pope Francis.

"'Laudato Si' is a game-changer," said Christopher Thompson, referring to the pope's encyclical on humanity's relationship with the environment. As academic dean of the school of divinity, he accompanied the seminarians on their visit. "I really think it's the charter for the third millennium and the new evangelization. The 'new evangelization' can't just be a concept or a program. It has to translate into a new and radical form of life."

Thompson made clear that farming is definitely a key part of that 'radical form' of life. "Agriculture is central to a people's culture," he said.

A seminarian on the tour, Matthew Quail from St. Paul, said the visit impressed upon him the importance of caring for the land and being connected to it. He called the life that farmer Glisczinski experienced "lived humanity in God's providence."

As for Glisczinski, he thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Responding to a question from one of the seminarians, he said

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Those who love God will triumph over sin's toll



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Luke 21:5-19

The Book of Malachi is the source of this weekend's first reading. Actually, Malachi was not a proper name for a person in ancient Israel. Rather, it was an abbreviation of an informal title, "Messenger of God."

This prophet is thoroughly in step with all the other prophets whose writings we now possess, in saying that humans are responsible for their own misery and disappointment in life. Their sinfulness, or indifference to God, leads them into trouble.

Sin takes its toll. One day, sinners will have to pay the piper. Part of the viciousness of temptation is that we are lulled into diminishing the effects of our sins.

Paul's Second Epistle to the Thessalonians supplies the next reading. Paul must have been an interesting personality: He hardly was withdrawing and quiet, yet, for all his assertiveness, he had the humility that rises from genuine wisdom and true faith. He knows that he owes everything to God's mercy, and he knows that the greatest reward in life is in being in peace with God. He offers himself as an example, because God will save others as God saved Paul.

In this reading, Paul goes to his well-schooled Hebrew roots, essentially repeating the theme stated centuries earlier by Malachi and the other prophets. Sin has brought grief to humanity, but God does not leave humanity to its peril. God sent messengers to the world repeatedly to lead people away from their foolish sinfulness. In the greatest act of

love, God has sent Jesus, the Son of God, to the world.

Jesus did not come and go. He left the community of faith that is the Church, guided by the Apostles, whom the Lord commissioned to lead all to everlasting life.

In the first generations of Christianity, disciples of Christ felt at the mercy of a hostile culture and even of hostile laws. Paul urges Christians to be brave. God is beside them. He will receive them in glory.

St. Luke's Gospel, the third reading, follows in this theme. While sin has reaped a whirlwind, relief is on the way. A new day will come dramatically and decisively. It will occur in nature. Earthquakes will shake the earth. Plagues will rage.

Among humans, close relatives will betray each other. Danger will be everywhere.

None of this, however, will threaten those who truly trust the Lord. Not even a hair of their heads will be harmed. God will triumph. Those who love God will triumph.

Reflection

The Church is concluding its year of instruction and worship. Next weekend, it will rejoice that God's salvation and mercy has been poured forth on the world, in and through Christ the King.

So, the Church's last statement of this fading year is its excited proclamation that, despite all the negative forces in the world, despite the attacks of the devil, even despite all the sin, Christ is king, standing as a rock of security on the edge of a raging sea.

For years now, Americans and others in the world have lived in uneasiness, if not fear. The sights of the crashing towers in New York, the bleeding victims of Paris and Istanbul and the slain in Iraq and Syria, haunt us.

These grim realities should teach us. As the prophets warned, as Paul emphatically declared, sin brings us death.

None of us can foretell the future, our own future, with exactitude. Our deaths may not come as the result of such evil,

terrifying circumstances, but we will die nevertheless.

Come what may, however, if we are in Christ, if we are with God, we shall live. If we are in Christ, we will live forever. It is Christian redemption.

Why then should we fear? Where, death, is your victory? Where your sting?

READINGS

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9

2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Lk 20:27-40

The multiple moral problems of surrogacy

Sometimes when there is infertility in marriage, couples make the decision to seek out the services of a surrogate in order to have a child. A surrogate is a woman who agrees to be implanted with an embryo produced by in vitro fertilization and to hand over the newborn baby to the couple upon completion of the gestation and birth. In recent years, gestational surrogacy has become a multi-million dollar industry, attracting a broad clientele ranging from married couples to single women, gay couples to anyone else with the desire for a baby and the ability to finance the undertaking. Surrogacy raises grave moral concerns, however, and powerfully undermines the dignity of human procreation — particularly when it comes to the women and children involved in the process.

One of the significant moral concerns around surrogacy is that it introduces fractures into parenthood by multiplying parental roles. Surrogacy coerces children into situations where they are subjected to the unhealthy stresses of ambiguous or split origins, perhaps being conceived from one woman's egg, gestated by another woman, raised by a third, and maybe even dissociated from their father by anonymous sperm donation. Such practices end up being profoundly unfair and dehumanizing for the children caught in the web of the process. One woman, who was herself conceived by anonymous sperm donation, describes her experience this way: "My existence owed almost nothing to the serendipitous nature of normal human reproduction, where babies are the natural progression of mutually fulfilling adult relationships, but rather represented a verbal contract, a financial transaction and a cold, clinical harnessing of medical technology." Moreover, women who sign up as surrogates often feel deeply conflicted about giving up the baby at birth and tearing asunder an impor-

tant, nine-month connection and relationship that had been carefully developed and nurtured.

There can be no doubt that the hawkers and promoters of surrogacy exploit vulnerable, financially challenged women, often in overseas settings, to undergo the risks of drug-induced artificial pregnancy. While the proponents of the procedure will often portray these women as motivated primarily by a desire to help others, surrogates themselves will privately note how they do it for the money, and in the absence of substantial payments, wouldn't be willing to move ahead with the arduous procedure.

Alex Kuczynski, describing her own experience of engaging a surrogate in a 2008 *New York Times* interview, speaks frankly: "We encountered the wink-nod rule: Surrogates would never say they were motivated to carry a child for another couple just for money; they were all motivated by altruism. This gentle hypocrisy allows surrogacy to take place. Without it, both sides would have to acknowledge the deep cultural revulsion against attaching a dollar figure to the creation of a human life."

Indeed, surrogacy involves turning human life into a commodity on multiple levels, as Kathleen Sloan recently described in testimony given to a Minnesota state commission studying the issue. A seemingly unlikely opponent of the procedure, Sloan works as a pro-abortion feminist and director of the National Organization for Women in Connecticut. On gestational surrogacy, however, she agrees with pro-life criticisms, noting how it involves "children intentionally severed from genetic and biological sources of identity, human rights be damned. In essence, it is the ultimate manifestation of the neoliberal project of capitalist commodification of all life to create profit and fulfill the narcissistic desires of an entitled elite."

Those narcissistic desires



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

are readily catered to by an IVF industry that generates offspring in the laboratory for clients. In this process, extra embryonic humans are produced, stored and oftentimes orphaned in freezers, or even discarded outright by throwing them away as "biomedical waste." In fact, the process of IVF, central to the practice of surrogacy, generally ends up killing more babies than it delivers. Coupled with the fact that contracting couples can pressure the surrogate mother to undergo an abortion if the in-utero child appears to be "imperfect," or to eliminate a twin through "selective reduction" in a multiple pregnancy, it can hardly be disputed that children are pawns in the merciless endgame of satisfying parental and customer desires and corporate profit motives.

A woman's reproductive powers and her God-given fecundity should never be reduced to the status of a "gestator for hire" or a "breeder" as they are sometimes called by industry insiders, nor should women be exploited by allowing payment for harvesting their eggs. A woman's procreative powers ought to be shared uniquely through marital acts with her husband, so that all the children born of her are genetically and otherwise her own. All children merit and deserve this loving consideration and assurance of protection at the point of their fragile and sacred beginnings.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for November 13, 2016

Luke 21:5-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 33rd Sunday, Cycle C: predictions that can seem frightening. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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our life and use it for the glory of God, but the duty to preserve life is not absolute, for we may reject life-prolonging procedures that are insufficiently beneficial or excessively burdensome." This surgery was beneficial, and considering the situation, I believed

it was not excessively burdensome; but no question, the opposite could have been argued by some.

This man continues to live and glorify God. His family will certainly be challenged in the months and years ahead as his dementia progresses, and they will be asked to selflessly provide love and support. With God's grace, this will be an opportunity for his wife and family to grow in their faith and spirituality.

Let us not forget: Life is a gift.

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he's been working on the farm since he was five, when he brought water to the calves born on land his father had bought. He now grows mostly corn and soybeans, and he's grateful that God has given him a good year. He also said he remembers

a time when the parish priest would visit a farm to pray for a good harvest — and in response one of his visitors read something from the Rural Life Prayerbook.

"Almighty and eternal God," the prayer said, "You are Lord of the harvest. Bless this crop of ours, Lord; make it plentiful and rich."

It's a good prayer, and a simple one. Just the kind you might want to keep and use on Thanksgiving Day.

Saint of the Week

Francis Cabrini

In 1946, Mother Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized; she is the universal patron of immigrants. She was born in Italy, the youngest of 13 children, and became a schoolteacher. Denied admission to two religious orders because of frail health, she was given charge of an orphanage in Codogno. In 1880 she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart with seven of her former orphans. The order spread rapidly from northern Italy to Rome, and then in 1889 to New York City, where Mother Cabrini became famous for her work among Italian immigrants. Before dying of malaria in Chicago, she had opened schools, orphanages and hospitals around the United States, South America and Europe.



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Sports

SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS PLAY VOLLEYBALL FOR A CAUSE The Sisters of the Holy Cross faced the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees, and bested them, in an epic volleyball matchup at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 13 in Angela Athletic Facility. The event was a fundraiser by the board for the sisters' missions, which operate in eight countries including the U.S., Ghana, Uganda, Mexico and Peru. The match offered another benefit as well — students spent quality time with the sisters, sharing laughs and maybe even sparking friendships.

St. Charles Cardinals take ICCL-CYO diocesan championship

BY JOE KOZINSKI

College bowl games are an opportunity to extend the season and play just one more game in warm, sunny weather against good competition. Saint Joseph High School cooperated with that exact setting Sunday, Nov. 6, as the South Bend-area Inter-City Catholic League faced off against diocesan rivals from the Catholic Youth Organization of Fort Wayne on a magnificent day that saw temperatures hit the 70s.

Tailgating, which is prevalent within walking distance to the Notre Dame campus, took up a new home in the high school's parking lot, as fans reflected on a season that brought kids together to work for common goals and form friendships that would last long after their helmets and shoulder pads were collected.

The St. Charles Cardinals brought their bravado on the long ride from Fort Wayne, having won all of their contests over the last three seasons; the Blazers of St. Matthew, meanwhile, still sported the glass slipper they adorned throughout the 2016 campaign, and hoped to topple the juggernauts.

The beasts from the East wanted to prove to their neighbors who would wear the crown. They started off with some hard sledding against the Black Swarm defense, picking up short yardage behind runs from backs Devon Tippman and Amir Drew and methodically moving the ball downfield.

On just the eighth play of the contest, quarterback Brenden Lytle hid the ball on his hip, and then on a naked bootleg bolted 26 yards, untouched, to the end zone. The points-after kick from Quinn Gillig was true, giving the Cardinals the early lead 8-0.

The Blazers' first possession started off deep in their own territory and was short lived, as Matt Jimenez and his posse corralled the St. Matthew offense at the point of attack and turned the ball over on downs, still at the 22-yard line.

After a pitch and catch from Lytle to Sam Pesa left the pigskin nestled at the one, Tippman took the ball off tackle and walked into the end zone, that added with another Gillig kick, made it 16-0 with still two seconds left in the first quarter.

The Blazers were then in a bit



The St. Charles Cardinals pose after winning the ICCL-CYO championship game Sunday, Nov. 6.

Photos by Ray Derucki

of a pickle caused by the overwhelming presence that is St. Charles, but the resilient team did not falter. They mounted one of their own patented drives as the big three, running backs Joey Bartkowski, Isau Gonzalez and quarterback sensation Bryce Martens, juked and weaved over 18 plays down to the one of the Cardinals.

With just 21 ticks left before the half, Martens followed his blockers and squeezed into the end zone, capping the drive and laying doubt as to the outcome, 16-6.

The tale of St. Matthew's magnificent season had been getting down early and then mounting miraculous comebacks in the second half. With that in mind, the Blazers had the Cardinals right where they wanted them. The only problem was that St. Charles was on the opposite side of the ball, and on the second play from scrimmage after intermission, Cardinal Lytle, playing safety, picked off an errant Martens pass, extinguishing the Blazer drive.

It only took three plays to dash the Blazers' dreams: a screen to Callen Stauffer, a 20-yard dash by Tippmann and then, the icing on the cake, a sprint of 43 by Drew to push the score to 24-6.

The next series for the Blazers was the beginning of the end. Martens was hit hard by the relentless Cardinal defense making it his last play of his eighth grade season and giving St. Matthews limited options on offense.

After a quick four and out while running the wildcat formation, Henry O'Keefe bolted 19 yards to pay dirt, increasing the Cardinal lead to 30-6.

St. Matthews never gave up; but the remainder of the game was a back-and-forth battle, giving a little, taking a little, with the sole highlight coming on a huge 20-plus yard field goal by Gillig.

"They were pretty good. Our players had a lot of fight in them, but when Martens went down we had to go to our plan D," remarked Blazer Coach Ben Domonkos. "I'm glad we got to play in this type of atmosphere, I'm so proud of our kids and what they accomplished this season."

"We were impressed with the effort St. Matthew players had, their emergence is a good sign for Catholic football," quipped Sam Talarico, long time skipper of St. Charles. "We have been undefeated for the past three years, but are players have been able to stay passionate week in and week out."

"I like to credit our success to the big families that make up our team," Talarico added, tongue-in-cheek. "In a big family you have to fight a little harder at the dinner table."

In the consolation game, the Panthers of St. Anthony outlasted St. Vincent on a last-second field goal by Charlie Leonard. Panther teammate Brandon Prokop added a touchdown of 40 and the Falcons' Luke Woenker tallied one in defeat.



St. Charles' Callen Stauffer attempts to catch a Brenden Lytle offering defended by Blazer Bernard Coutee.



Matt Jimenez of St. Charles knocks Blazer Bryce Martens out of the game.

A friendship found on the court

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

MONROEVILLE — St. Thomas Aquinas once said, “Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious.”

This quote is telling of the bond between Heritage High School teammates Alivia Beard and Maggie Castleman. The only two freshman on the school’s varsity volleyball team, the girls were at one time rivals when they competed in grade-school Catholic Youth Organization sports. In grade school, Castleman played for the St. Rose/St. Louis Twins and Beard played for St. Joseph Hessen Cassel.

“I always thought Alivia was the nicest player on their team, but I was always intimidated by her in grade school ... I couldn’t wait to get to high school to play with her instead of against her,” Castleman commented.

Beard’s opinion of Castleman was similar.

“Honestly, when we were in about the fourth grade, I was always nervous to play Maggie because I knew how talented of a player she was — only to realize later that she may be a beast on the court, but has a super warm heart,” she said.

They became teammates for a limited time, while playing travel league volleyball before their high school careers, which is when their competition transitioned to a friendship. “I will

forever cherish and remember the fun and friendly competition between our two rival schools,” Beard reflected.

Not only did the girls compete in the regular CYO season, but also frequently in championship games. Unofficial records show their two schools battled each other in most CYO championships throughout their entire grade school careers, from fourth through eighth grade.

Now, Castleman and Beard, consider themselves “besties;” and perhaps it was about time, as they have older siblings in the same grades and so have known each other for some time. Coincidentally, all four parents are HHS graduates.

This past season, the girls were two of six starters for the varsity team, all of which are former CYO players. And despite the fact that Heritage High School is a public school, the team prays before and after each game.

“I love that our team starts and ends every game with prayer. I know that whatever the outcome of the game is, win or lose, it is God’s plan for us,” Castleman said.

Both girls say they always make it a point to pray on their own as well. “We say a prayer before and after our games and give the glory to God win or lose,” Beard said.

The Heritage varsity volleyball team’s season finished 30-9, winning their conference tournament — for the first time since 2007 — and placing as runner-up in the sectional championship

ICCL soccer champions



Provided by Paul Tincher

All four of the ICCL soccer championships were played on Sunday, Oct. 30. St. Joseph School won both seventh-eighth varsity boys and girls games. The boys defeated St. Adalbert 4-2, with Kyle Smith scoring three goals and Ethan Horvath scoring one. The boys’ coaches are Eric Horvath, Boniface Njuguna and Randy Murphy. The seventh-eighth varsity girls defeated Christ the King 4-0. Georgia Place scored three goals and Claire Chadwell scored one. The coaches are John Lloyd and Ken Fry. Mishawaka Catholic won the fifth-sixth JV boys game over St. Joseph, by a score of 2-0. The fifth-sixth JV girls game was won by St. Pius X over St. Joseph, by the score of 1-0. Pictured are the varsity St. Joseph teams.

Dwenger cheerleaders win ninth state championship



Provided by Amy Gonzagowski

The Bishop Dwenger Varsity Cheer team won its ninth state championship Saturday, Nov. 5, at New Castle Chrysler Arena. The girls won by a decisive five points and had a near flawless performance. At the junior high/freshmen and JV state championships two weeks ago, Woodside Middle School won the Junior High division and Bishop Dwenger won the Freshmen division.



Provided by Michelle Castleman

After the loss of seven seniors, 2016 was expected to be a rebuilding year for Heritage; but the longtime friendship between freshmen and former CYO rivals Maggie Castleman (3) and Alivia Beard (12) and familiarity with each other’s play, have been key factors in the young team’s success. Here, the duo block a shot sent by the Bishop Dwenger team.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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Holy Name Society fish fry

NEW HAVEN — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Nov. 18, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$9, children 5-12 \$5.50 and children under 5 free. The society will meet Sunday, Nov. 13, from 7-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

'Let the Children Come to Me!'

HUNTINGTON — Father Daniel Whelan will lead a children's Holy Hour at St. Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield St., on Sunday, Nov. 20, Solemnity of Christ the King, from 4-5 p.m. Fellowship and treats will follow adoration.

Ham and turkey dinner

NEW HAVEN — The St. Louis Besancon ham and turkey dinner fundraiser will be Sunday, Nov. 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, and children under 4 eat for free. Various raffles, the Country Craft Store and a silent auction with items and services donated by over 45 local businesses and supporters will be offered.

A night of family theater entertainment and soup

FORT WAYNE — St. Therese Parish will host "The Mis-Adventures of Rebel Rachel" and "Christmas in His Eyes," plays by Father James Bromwich and brought by Merry Mortal Entertainment, on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall, 2222 Lower Huntington Rd. A Master Chef soup contest will also be held. Bring a good-will offering and enjoy masterfully crafted soups.

Fall Knight out

FORT WAYNE — St. John the Baptist Parish will have Fall Knight Out featuring music of the Tommy Saul Trio on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 7-10 p.m. in the PAC. Big screen sports, corn hole and games, music and dancing, beer and wine, a cigar tent and chili and dogs. Tickets are \$10 and include a bowl of chili, a hot dog and adult beverage. Additional food and beverages are \$2 each. Proceeds benefit the parish and the new Bishop John M. D'Arcy council of the Knights of Columbus. Contact John Shank at 260-341-4429. Must be 21 and older.

Win a Thanksgiving turkey

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E Wallen Rd., will have Knights of Columbus Turkey BINGO on Sunday, Nov. 20, in the parish hall, door No. 9 at 5 p.m. Calling starts at 6 p.m. Cash prizes, snack bar, must be over 18 to play.

Bishop Luers Open House set Nov. 17

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School will have an open house Thursday, Nov. 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The formal presentation begins at 7:15 p.m. Break-out sessions will be offered throughout the evening. Visit www.bishopluers.org for information.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

SOUTH BEND — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 18, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$9, children 5-12 \$4.

Survival guide for divorced

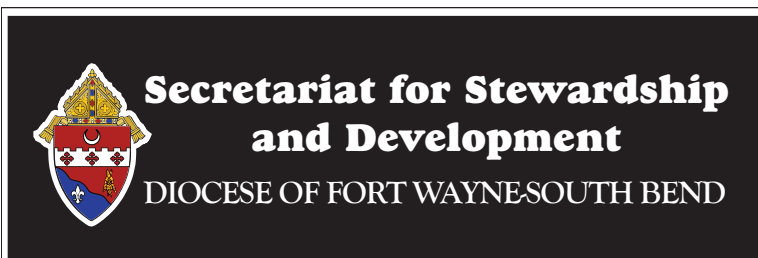
FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E Wallen Rd., will offer The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide sixth session, "Dealing with Your Family," on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 7-9 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. in the parish library. For information visit www.saintv.org or call 260-489-3537 ext. 208. The Divorced/Separated Catholic Support Group will not meet during the month of December.

Turkey Trot raffle planned

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Luers High School Turkey Trot will be Sunday, Nov. 20, at Columbia Street West from 6-10:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$20 or \$30 at the door. Music by Actual Size. Individual sponsorships are available. For tickets and information contact Mike Gigli at 260-672-2473.

Bereavement support group to meet

FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent Bereavement Support Group will



The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is seeking a director for the Secretariat of Stewardship and Development. This executive level leadership position is responsible for ensuring that the diocese has the necessary financial resources to fulfill our mission of spreading the Gospel throughout our community and beyond. The position will oversee and implement the Annual Bishop's Appeal, major gifts, planned giving, other special initiatives and cultivating new donors. The director will manage a small staff in addition to providing support and guidance to our parishes, clergy, schools and administrators.

Candidate must be an active parishioner at a Catholic church in good standing.

A Bachelor degree and more than 5 years of development/fundraising experience in a non-profit organization are required.

Resume, cover letter with salary expectations and references may be sent to the attention of Msgr. Robert Schulte at mraatz@diocesefwsb.org by Nov. 14.

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Submit obituaries to mweber@diocesefwsb.org

meet for six consecutive weeks beginning Tuesday, Nov. 8. Meetings will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Library, 1502 E Wallen Rd. Your loss need not be recent for the sessions to be helpful. For information, email Carrie at carrieboedeker@msn.com or call 260-418-8054.

Advent Lessons and Carols

FORT WAYNE — Begin the Advent season with John Angotti for "Advent Lessons and Carols: A Journey to Christmas via Music and Scripture" on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E Wallen Rd.

'The Little Mermaid Jr.' performed

FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent Drama Club is proud to present Disney's "The Little Mermaid Jr." on Saturday, Nov. 19 in the parish hall, 1502 E Wallen Rd. at 2 or 7 p.m. General admission \$5, children 5 and under free.

Friendsgiving tailgate

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish invites young adults to the 2016 Young Adult Friendsgiving Tailgate on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 3:30-8 p.m. at the Life Center. See old friends and make new ones at this family-child friendly event. Notre Dame vs. Virginia Tech game will be on the big screen, as well as activities for the little ones and a corn hole competition for the adults. Sign up to bring your favorite Thanksgiving or tailgate dish to share. More details at www.saintv.org, click on the tab for Young Adults.

Corpus Christi holiday bazaar

SOUTH BEND — Corpus Christi Parish will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 50 quality handmade craft vendors, Altar and Rosary Society raffle and eighth-grade class to sell lunch to help fund their class trip.



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Congratulations Marian High School Boys Soccer

Team repeats as Class 1-A state champions

What a great time to be a Marian Knight: On Saturday, Oct. 29, the boys soccer team completed its journey of back-to-back state championships with a 4-0 victory over Providence High School at Carroll Stadium on the campus of IUPUI.

The team finished the 2016 season with an 18-5 record. In addition, several team members won NIC honors. They are:

First Team — Max Frausto, Cristian Juarez and Oscar Tavarez

Second Team — Jordan Morris and Johnathan Tavarez

Honorable Mention — Ned Morrison

The road to the championship started with the Class 1-A sectional at Newton Park in Lakeville, where the Knights defeated LaVille 4-0 on Oct. 3. They beat Elkhart Christian 5-2 on Oct. 5, and Bethany Christian 5-0 on Oct. 8.

Regional competition consisted of two games. The Knights bested Gary Andean 2-0 on Oct. 13, and then North White High School 3-1 on Oct. 15. This was the sixth regional title in school history for boys soccer.

The Knights defeated

Westview High School 3-0 and Heritage Christian 4-1 in semi-state competition on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Argos High School, which put them on a journey to Indianapolis on Oct. 29 for their second opportunity to win a state championship. The boys took on Providence High School for the Class 1-A championship at 10:30 a.m., and goals were scored by Junior Ontiveros; Johnathan Tavarez; and Jordan Morris, who had two. An excellent defensive effort, lead by the goal keeping of Hunter Renner, held down the high-scoring Providence team that had racked up 32 goals in their previous six tournament games.

Congratulations to Coach Ben Householter and the boys on a terrific accomplishment. An assembly has been scheduled in their honor, in Marian's main gym, on Nov. 11 from 2:30-3 p.m. Parents, friends and community members are encouraged to attend.

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, expressed pride and joy at the team's accomplishments and their victory at the state championship game.



Photo provided by Kyle Hanyzewski

The Marian Knights boys varsity soccer team reacts after winning the Class 1-A state championship in Indianapolis on Saturday, Oct. 29.

"I know that it came as the result of much hard work and the excellent skills of the players and coaches," he said. "I am especially proud of the team's good sportsmanship and repre-

sentation of the mission and values of Marian High School. To the team and coaches and to all your supporters, including the whole community of Marian High School, I say congratula-

tions. I am proud of you and so is the whole Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. May God bless you with His grace and Mary our mother watch over you!"



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