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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, approximately 50 priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and hundreds of the faithful celebrate the dedication Mass of the new St. Pius X Church, Granger, on Saturday, March 25. The new church, which features an exquisitely designed worship environment, was constructed to relieve crowding and accommodate the parish's approximately 10,000 individual parishioners.

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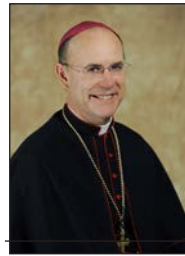
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# Remembering Cardinal William Keeler



## IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

While in Baltimore last Thursday for a meeting of the Catholic Relief Services Board of Directors, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore called to inform me of the death of his predecessor, Cardinal William Keeler. In his kindness, Archbishop Lori reached out to tell me before I heard it in the news. He knew that Cardinal Keeler was a kind of "spiritual father" to me, going back to my years as a seminarian and young priest. The Cardinal was the same age as my parents, to whom he showed much kindness through the years, especially when I was away for several years of study in Rome.

Cardinal Keeler and I grew up in the same hometown: Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and the same parish, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and we went to the same schools: St. Mary's School and Lebanon Catholic High School. Cardinal Keeler was always fondly remembered by the people of Lebanon as an incredibly bright student, an Eagle Scout and a devout "son of Saint Mary's." He came to be considered "a hometown hero" when he became a bishop, archbishop, and cardinal and as he became renowned in the Church both nationally and internationally.

I have many fond memories of Cardinal Keeler, going back to when I was interviewed by him and the seminary review board in 1977 when I applied to study for the priesthood in the Diocese of Harrisburg. I recall his concern when he learned that my maternal grandfather was Greek Orthodox, an immigrant from Greece. As a skilled canon lawyer, he wanted to make sure that I was indeed a Latin Catholic and not properly a member of the Greek Catholic Church. Thankfully, things checked out canonically! In the years that followed, the future Cardinal always remembered my Greek ancestry and was insistent that I learn Biblical Greek well, considering my roots!!

I was ordained a priest by then-Auxiliary Bishop Keeler in 1983 in our home parish church in Lebanon. I remember his pastoral sensitivity to my "ecumenical family" since my father's side was Lutheran. Already back then, he was a leader in ecumenical relations and dialogue in the United States. He would also become a renowned international Catholic leader in ecumenical and inter-religious relations. His passion for ecumenism began when he was a young priest at the Second Vatican Council. He accompanied Harrisburg Bishop George Leech as a "peritus" (an expert advisor). At the Council, Monsignor Keeler would translate and explain the speeches and documents to English-language journalists covering the Council.

In my second year as a priest, happily serving at St. Patrick Parish in York, Bishop Keeler, who had become the diocesan bishop in 1984, decided to send me back to Rome for graduate studies in canon law. Since I loved parish work, I wasn't very thrilled to leave. I was also more interested in theology than



Provided by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

**Cardinal William Keeler congratulates Father Kevin Rhoades after ordaining him to the priesthood on July 9, 1983, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Lebanon, Pa.**

canon law. I must confess that I bargained with the bishop, asking him to allow me to finish my licentiate in theology before studying canon law. With his typical compassion and understanding, he agreed!

When I returned to Harrisburg in 1988 after completing the three years of graduate studies, Bishop Keeler assigned me to work as an assistant in his office (as a "priest secretary) and also to serve as Vicar for the Spanish-speaking communities in three counties in and around Harrisburg. For a year, I worked in the chancery during the day and served the Hispanic community in the evenings and on weekends.

During that year, I saw up-close Bishop Keeler's incredible work ethic and his amazing leadership of the diocese. I assisted him mostly with theological and canonical research and writing related to his growing national and international responsibilities. I often drove him to Confirmations and other events around the diocese. In the car, he always prayed the Liturgy of the Hours aloud so that I could pray along with him. Frequently, he had me make detours to hospitals or rectories so he could visit sick priests. In the car, he would often make phone calls to offer words of comfort to people who were sick or were mourning the death of a loved one. He was particularly devoted to cancer patients and continued the ministry he had done as a priest as a spiritual director of cancer survivors.

At the end of that year, Bishop Keeler was transferred to Baltimore. He became Archbishop of the oldest and premier diocese of the United States. There was a lot of sadness, but also a lot of pride, in Harrisburg at

his becoming Archbishop of Baltimore in 1989 and also later in 1994, when he was created a Cardinal. Many of the faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg attended both his installation in Baltimore and also went to Rome for the consistory at which he was created a cardinal.

Surprisingly, a few years later, I again came under Cardinal Keeler's tutelage when I was assigned to teach, and later became Rector, at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Mount is located in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Archbishop served ex officio as Chancellor of the Seminary. During the 9-1/2 years that I served at Mount Saint Mary's, I had frequent contacts and meetings with Cardinal Keeler. As Rector, I learned a great deal from Cardinal Keeler's wise counsel and benefited again from his teaching and example. He was always very supportive of the Mount and always willing to help in our fund-raising and other needs. The seminarians always looked forward to his visits and also greatly appreciated his including us at events in Baltimore, including the visits of Pope John Paul II in 1995 and of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in 1997.

One of my most poignant memories of Cardinal Keeler took place on October 30, 1994. I was at home with my family in Lebanon as my mother lay dying. That was the same day that it was announced that Archbishop Keeler was named a cardinal and it was all over the news. Late that day, with my family, after praying the rosary at my Mom's bedside and blessing her, she passed away. About an hour later, I received a phone call from Cardinal Keeler who expressed his deep sympathy and his prayers. My mother loved Cardinal Keeler, so his call meant a lot to me and my family. I was surprised that, on such a busy day of media interviews and activities, the Cardinal had heard of my Mom's death and called us so quickly. When I mentioned this and congratulated him, he said to me that what my family and I were going through was much more important than his becoming a cardinal: the passing of my beloved mother into the arms of the Lord. I will always remember Cardinal Keeler's compassion and kindness on that difficult day in my life.

I am very grateful that Cardinal Keeler, who ordained me a priest, was a co-consecrator at my episcopal ordination on December 9, 2004, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg, the same place he was ordained a bishop 25 years earlier. He was the 7th and I was the 9th Bishop of Harrisburg. As Bishop of Harrisburg, I was blessed to see Cardinal Keeler fairly often. He came to my installation here in Fort Wayne on January 13, 2010. By that time, he was retired and in somewhat declining health, but he made the effort to support me in my new assignment.

During this past week, Cardinal Keeler has been remembered in the news for his many achievements as an archbishop and cardinal: as an ecumenical and inter-faith leader and pioneer; as a leader among the U.S. Bishops, including his service as Chair of many committees and eventually President of the USCCB; as restorer of the first cathedral of the United States, the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore; as host of Pope St. John Paul II's visit to Baltimore; as advocate for the poor to attend Catholic schools; and for many other accomplishments. I would add to these



"We pledge most solemnly to one another and to you, God's people; that we will work to our utmost for the protection of children and youth. We pledge that we will devote to this goal the resources and personnel necessary to accomplish it."

— Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People: Statement of Episcopal Commitment, USCCB, June 2002

April is recognized as National Child Abuse Awareness month. Over the next several issues, *Today's Catholic* will publish suggestions about how to keep your child from being a victim of abuse, and take a closer look at how the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend implements the tenets of child protection in our parishes, schools and Catholic organizations.

Here at *Today's Catholic* we recognize that the topic of child abuse is a sensitive one, and that even printing stories about it might evoke some emotional responses. Some might even prefer for us to remain silent on the issue, simply because it's uncomfortable to talk about abuse that happens to children. However, when it comes to cases of abuse of children, silence is not an option. We believe that these stories need to be handled with respect for the dignity of each person, but even more, they need to be told.

We encourage you to take the time to read through our special features over the next few issues. Share what you learn with your family and loved ones and help them become empowered to help build an environment of safety within our parishes, schools and organizations. Beyond that, join us in prayer for the victims of abuse and for our church that we continue to promise to protect our youth.

### Know the drill

As a society and as parents, we have clear ideas about how to protect our children from some dangers. We take measures to make our households, schools and communities physically safe. We know that children learn through repetition and we want our children to be prepared in the face of danger, so we educate our children on things like fire safety. We make a fire escape plan, and we practice fire drills. We make sure our children know how to call for help. We can address the dangers of child abuse in much the same way.

### Creating safe environments

There are many strategies we employ to make our homes,

schools and communities, fire safe. We inspect for hazardous conditions and equip facilities with smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, sprinklers and alarms. In our homes, schools and churches we can make similar efforts to prevent abuse. The vast pool of parents, staff and volunteers within our diocese who have been trained in safe environment principles serve as our inspectors, detectors and extinguishers with regard to abuse. As a group, they have participated in a screening process that makes it less likely that potentially abusive adults will view our schools and churches as an easy way to access children. They work together to scrutinize the settings where they serve children to reduce the risk of abuse. They monitor their own interactions with children and the interactions of other adults to detect warning signs, and are trained in how to seek help if a child needs to be rescued. We can do much for abuse prevention efforts and child safety by supporting those individuals in their efforts to create a safe environment for the Catholic children they serve. We can further promote the safety of all God's children by communicating the expectation that all organizations who serve children take similar actions.

### Education

Most safety efforts depend on education and awareness. We need to know the signs of danger if we are to have any hope of escaping or avoiding it. We learn early in life "where there is smoke there is fire." Signs of abuse are not always so easy to identify. In our schools and parishes, we strive to model right relationships for our children. We educate them about right relationships and help them identify signs that a relationship isn't right. Just as in the case of fire, we don't place the burden of preventing abuse on the shoulders of our children, and we don't expect them to put out the flames; but we do want them to know the warning signs so they know when to call for help. For more information on the qualities of right relationships and warning signs of abuse contact

your parish, school or diocesan child protection office.

### Safety plans

Few of us would hesitate to educate the children in our lives about the danger of fire and how to escape. Child abuse is a more difficult subject to address. Abuse is an interpersonal danger. We wish our children could be shielded from the awareness that such evil exists. We want our children to love and trust others and we don't want them to be fearful or anxious. But just as with fire, we risk our children being hurt if we don't provide them a plan for safety. Fortunately, identifying a safety plan is one very effective strategy for reducing anxiety. Children take great comfort in knowing that there is a plan and the mere act of formulating a plan increases the likelihood that they will know what to do to be safe in the face of danger.

Take some time to help the children in your life identify a plan for safety in risky situations. Make use of general safety principles like "safety in numbers," "when in doubt, check it out (with parents or a trusted adult)," and "BOLT — Be aware of danger signs, object to hurtful actions and inappropriate requests, leave dangerous situations, tell a parent or trusted adult."

### Drills

Children learn through repetition, and we all know "practice makes perfect." As you enter new situations with a child, rehearse safety plans. Make sure they "know the drill." Whenever possible, point out concrete aspects of each safety plan within the environment (for example, "There's a police officer, they'd be a good person to go to for help;" "That's a very tall flag pole — that would be a good place for us to meet if we get separated;" "That looked like a dangerous situation, let me know if something like that ever happens to you.")

As you continue through the month of April, focusing your thoughts and prayers on the problem of child abuse, consider



### Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, April 2: 10:30 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw  
 Monday, April 3: 8 a.m. — Meeting of Indiana Bishops and Major Superiors, Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis  
 Monday, April 3: 4:30 p.m. — Mass, Marian University, Indianapolis  
 Thursday, April 6: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Queen of Peace Church, Mishawaka  
 Friday, April 7: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Elkhart  
 Saturday, April 8: 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Elkhart

## 10 WAYS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

1. Know where your child is.
2. KNOW WHO YOUR CHILD IS WITH.
3. Be Aware  
of adults who single out your child with -attention -gifts -special privileges
4. Be Sensitive to changes in your child's attitude or behavior.
5. TEACH YOUR CHILD ABOUT RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS.
6. LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD.
7. Practice basic safety skills.
8. TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHEN TO SAY "NO" TO AN ADULT.
9. Give your child your unconditional love and attention.
10. BE INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S ACTIVITIES.

Information provided by the Diocese of Grand Island, Neb.

how you may be part of the solution. Learn more about creating safe environments for children, model right relationships, increase your awareness of warning signs, and formulate a plan for how you would respond if you encountered a child at risk. To promote the safety of all God's children we must all "know the drill."

Abuse is never the fault of the victim. It is always the responsibility of the offender. The reality is that most victims of abuse know their abuser. One in four females and one in six males report being abused as a minor.

If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse there are

things you can do, even if the abuse happened years ago. Call the police to report the abuse. If the abuser was in a position of authority in an organization, report the abuse to that organization. Call an abuse crisis hotline.

If it happened in a Catholic church or school, contact the victim assistance coordinator for the diocese.

*Content provided by Stephanie A. Patka, director of communications for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Elizabeth A. Heidt Kozisek, Safe Environment coordinator for the Diocese of Grand Island, Neb.*

# Cardinal Keeler, retired archbishop of Baltimore, dies at 86

BY GEORGE P. MATYSEK JR.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal William H. Keeler, Baltimore's 14th archbishop, who was an international leader in Catholic-Jewish relations and the driving force behind the restoration of America's first cathedral, died March 23 at his residence at St. Martin's Home for the Aged in Catonsville. He was 86.

The archdiocese said the cardinal will lie in repose March 27 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption in Baltimore. His funeral will be celebrated March 28 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, also in Baltimore.

"One of the great blessings in my life was coming to know Cardinal Keeler," said Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori in a statement. "Cardinal Keeler will be greatly missed. I am grateful to the Little Sisters for their devoted care for the cardinal."

Cardinal Keeler was the bishop of Harrisburg, Pa., when he was appointed the 14th archbishop of Baltimore in 1989. Pope John Paul II made him a cardinal in 1994. He retired in 2007. As president of the U.S. bishops' conference from 1992 to 1995, he participated in a wide range of national and international issues.

As part of his work with what is now the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Keeler developed a reputation for effectively building interfaith bonds. He is particularly noted for his work in furthering Catholic-Jewish dialogue. He was appointed moderator of Catholic-Jewish Relations for the USCCB.

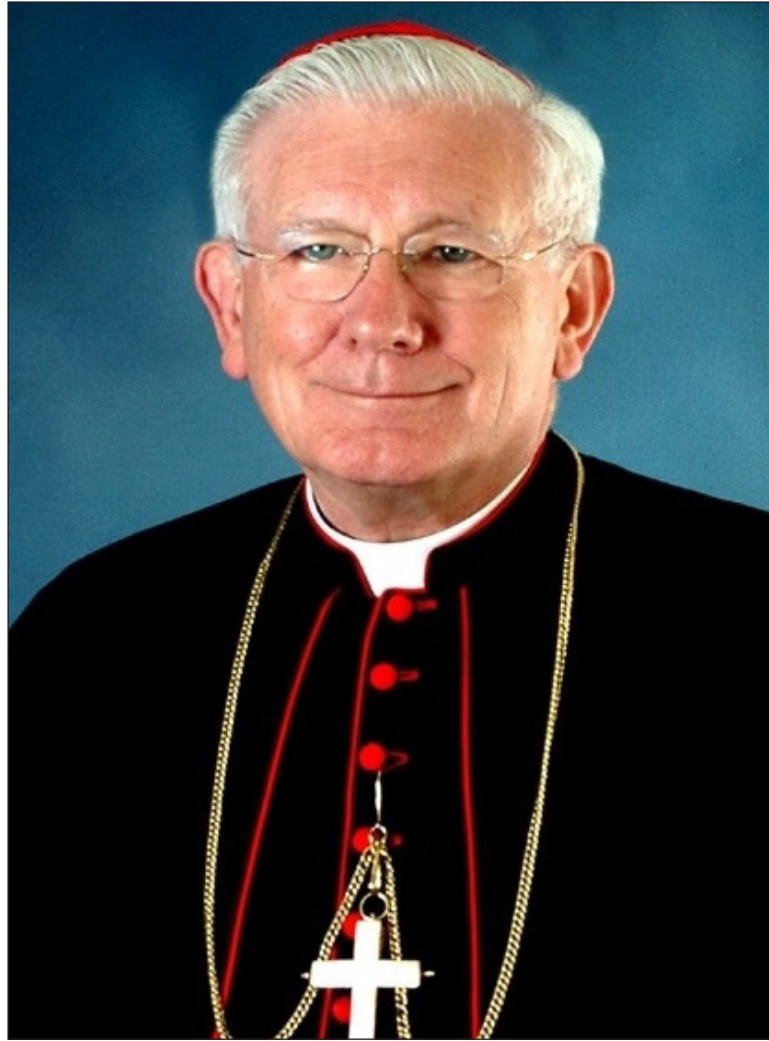
"As a priest, bishop of Harrisburg and archbishop of Baltimore, the cardinal worked to bring the hope of Christ to people's lives," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston/Houston, who is president of the USCCB. "He also built bridges of solidarity to people of other faiths as a leader in ecumenism and interreligious affairs."

"Cardinal Keeler was a dear friend. The most fitting tribute we can offer is to carry forward his episcopal motto in our daily lives: 'Do the work of an evangelist,'" Cardinal DiNardo said in a statement.

He called the late cardinal "a servant of priestly virtue and gentlemanly manner" who is remembered by the USCCB for "his generosity of spirit in service to his brothers and the people of God."

Cardinal Keeler's death leaves the College of Cardinals with 223 members, 17 of whom are from the United States. The College of Cardinals has 117 members under the age of 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave.

In his statement, Archbishop Lori remarked on "the respect and esteem" in which the cardinal was held by his brother



CARDINAL WILLIAM H. KEELER

bishops, and praised his leadership in Jewish-Catholic relations and in Orthodox-Catholic relations. Archbishop Lori also said he was known for his "prowess as a church historian" and had a "deep love and respect for the history and heritage of the Archdiocese of Baltimore."

Cardinal Keeler was an ardent promoter of the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of all human life. He twice served as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities and testified at all levels of government on legislation ranging from abortion to euthanasia to capital punishment.

Among the cardinal's many accomplishments in the Baltimore Archdiocese, Archbishop Lori highlighted "the wonderful visit of Pope St. John Paul II to Baltimore in 1995, the restoration of the Basilica of the Assumption and the creation of Partners in Excellence which has helped thousands of young people from disadvantaged neighborhoods to receive a sound Catholic education."

"When I would visit the cardinal at the Little Sisters of the Poor (in Cardinal Keeler's retirement), I gave him a report on my stewardship and told him many times that we were striving to build upon his legacy — a legacy that greatly strengthened the church and the wider community," Archbishop Lori said.

Born in San Antonio and raised in Lebanon, Pa., William Henry Keeler knew from an early age he was called to the priesthood. In a 2005 interview with

the *Catholic Review*, Baltimore's archdiocesan newspaper, he recalled visiting his grandfather's farm in Illinois when the local Catholic pastor stopped by for a visit — pointing to the 4-year-old boy and announcing that he would one day become a priest.

He was ordained a priest in Rome July 17, 1955. He served as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Marysville, Pa., before taking on other assignments as secretary to Harrisburg Bishop George L. Leech and as a "peritus," or special adviser, during Second Vatican Council meetings in Rome.

He later was named vice chancellor and vicar general of the Harrisburg diocese and named an auxiliary bishop for the diocese in 1979. Four years later he was appointed its bishop.

"He was a true churchman whom we are greatly honored to have called a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg," said Bishop W. Ronald Gainer, head of the diocese since 2014. "His roots and Catholic education in Lebanon, Pa., prepared him to do great work for the people of God."

"This area and diocese benefited significantly from his leadership and passion for service and evangelization," Bishop Gainer said. As a priest and bishop, Cardinal Keeler "worked fruitfully to advance increased cooperation and warmer relationships between different Christian communities, both locally and nationally. ... I thank God for his priestly life and ministry and for



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, then bishop of Harrisburg, Pa., left, and Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore are seen during the 2004 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual fall general meeting. Cardinal Keeler, who retired as archbishop in 2007, died March 23.

his inspiring service to all."

As Baltimore's archbishop and head of the nation's first archdiocese, the 1995 papal visit to Baltimore — at Cardinal Keeler's invitation — was one of the prelate's proudest moments. St. John Paul II celebrated Mass at Oriole Park at Camden Yards, visited the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, shared a meal at Our Daily Bread and encouraged seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary in Roland Park.

A prodigious fundraiser, Cardinal Keeler established what is now known as the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In 1997, he launched a major capital campaign known as Heritage of Hope that raised more than \$137 million from more than 39,000 gifts and pledges.

The cardinal also established the Partners in Excellence program, which provides tuition scholarships for children in inner-city Catholic schools. Since its inception in 1996, Partners in Excellence has provided more than \$26 million in tuition assistance.

One of the cardinal's last major efforts was the \$32 million campaign to restore the basilica. After more than two years of construction, the building was rededicated Nov. 4, 2006 — 200 years after the basilica's cornerstone was laid. More than 240 bishops from across the nation were there for the celebration, marking the first time all the country's bishops gathered in the basilica since 1989, when the archdiocese marked its bicentennial.

Cardinal Keeler suffered serious health problems in the latter years of his ministry. He underwent knee replacement surgery in 2005 and had to have brain surgery in 2006 following a car accident in Italy that resulted in the death of a friend, Father Bernard Quinn of Harrisburg.

In the early part of his retire-

ment, Cardinal Keeler remained focused on many of the same priorities he had always held: promoting better relations between the Catholic and Jewish communities, celebrating Mass every day and staying in touch with friends.

In his final years, one of the U.S. church's great communicators was frustrated by finding it difficult to find the words to express himself.

"His final years of illness were lived in silent, Christ-like dignity and acceptance to the will of God," said Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, Cardinal Keeler's immediate successor in Baltimore, who is grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Referring to Cardinal Keeler's accomplishments as "monumental," Cardinal O'Brien added that he prays that the cardinal "enjoy a joyful, eternal rest in the Lord he served so generously."

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accolades my personal remembrance of Cardinal Keeler as a man of prayer, a true pastor who was always showing kindness to people, especially to those who were hurting or suffering in any way; a *gentleman* in the best sense, considerate and thoughtful; and a shepherd who always strove to serve the Good Shepherd and to build up His flock in unity. He was always building bridges among people of different faiths. He himself was a bridge, an instrument of God's love and grace in the lives of the many people he cared about, including me.

Please join me in praying for this humble priest and bishop, Cardinal William Keeler. May he enter into the joy of his eternal Master and receive the rich reward of his labors!

# Physician-assisted suicide proposals fail to advance in General Assembly

INDIANAPOLIS — House and Senate proposals to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Indiana failed to advance during the 2017 session of Indiana General Assembly. The Indiana State Medical Association and the Indiana Catholic Conference, among others, opposed the legislation.

Members of the Indiana House and Senate introduced bills which would have allowed a person with a terminal illness to request a lethal dose of medication from his or her attending physician to end the individual's life provided certain criteria was followed.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the ICC who worked with members of the ISMA to urge lawmakers to halt the legislation, said there is a new threat to human dignity in the form of physician-assisted suicide. Some who fear death or the potential pain of a living with a terminal illness, may believe self-induced, drug overdose at the hand of a physician is the answer.

In September 2016 the ISMA voted to adopt a formal statement expressing its opposition to physician-assisted suicide. ISMA outlined numerous reasons why it opposes legalizing the lethal practice. Medical professionals stated that they should focus their attention on providing care and comfort to patients rather than be a source of lethal drugs. Legalized physician-assisted suicide could create situations of conflict of interest for doctors treating challenging patients and provide a shield for physicians to help kill their difficult patients. Doctors also recognize that persons who are diagnosed with a terminal illness may live many months or even years beyond the initial diagnosis, and sometimes, patients are misdiagnosed.

ISMA believes legalized physician-assisted suicide would foster abuse of elderly and disabled persons because it provides abusers with access to lethal drugs. Furthermore, given that there would be little to no oversight, or witnesses required once the lethal drugs leave the pharmacy, physicians fear a relative who is an heir to the patient's estate or an abusive caregiver could acquire the lethal drugs and administer them without the patient's knowledge or consent.

Physician-assisted suicide runs contrary to the basic medical ethics of doctors. For over 2,000 years physicians have professed the Hippocratic Oath, the first tenant which is "primum non nocere" or "first, do no harm". The oath explicitly forbids physician-assisted suicide.

Other countries that have legalized physician-assisted suicide indicate initial safeguards established to protect vulnerable patients erode. One study of Belgium's practice of

physician-assisted suicide published in the May 2010 issue of *Canadian Medical Association Journal* showed that over a third of euthanasia deaths in Belgium were performed without an explicit patient request. Of the deaths without a specific patient request, the decision was not discussed with the patient 77 percent of the time.

Tebbe said when people are facing a terminal illness; a caring community needs to devote more attention, not less, to them. Even when a cure is not possible, medicine plays a critical role in providing "palliative care" — alleviating pain, meeting basic needs, including emotional and spiritual needs at the end of one's life.

"I am grateful that the physician-assisted suicide proposals failed to get a hearing this year," said Tebbe. "We need to stand up for the inherent dignity and respect due each person, especially the most vulnerable."

"To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide" by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, says, "Catholic teaching views suicide as a grave offense against love of self, one that also breaks the bonds of love and solidarity with family, friends, and God (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2281). To assist another's suicide is to take part in 'an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested' (John Paul II, "Evangelium Vitae," 66)."

Catholic teaching is not the only faith tradition that is opposed to physician-assisted suicide. Many other Christians as well as Muslims, Jews, Hindus and adherents of other faiths also oppose it.

Indiana Alliance Against Assisted Suicide, an advocacy organization working to pre-

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vent legalizing PAS in Indiana, asserts that if physician-assisted suicide is made legal, based on what has occurred in other states with legalized physician-assisted suicide, it quickly would become another form of treatment. In Oregon where physician-assisted suicide has been legal for a decade, two cancer patients were denied insurance coverage for potentially life-saving treatment, but were granted coverage for the much cheaper option of physician-assisted suicide.

Tebbe, who serves as a member of the Indiana Alliance Against Assisted Suicide said while the Indiana General Assembly did not move the bill this year, he expects the bill or others like it to surface again next year. "By raising awareness of the benefits of palliative care, and the ill effects of physician-assisted suicide, we hope to better equip people to support vulnerable persons through palliative care."

The ICC offers several resources to stay up to date with legislative action reports, review position papers or join the Indiana Catholic Action Network. As a part of its 50-year anniversary, the ICC produced videos to explain the role and importance of its involvement in public policy making. Visit [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org).

# Former Fort Wayne pastor dies

Father Simeon Cleves, OFM, former pastor at St. Theresa Parish in Fort Wayne, died Friday, March 24, at St. Margaret Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio. One of eight children of Edgar and Regina Cleves, Father Cleves was born in 1928 in Covington, Ky. He graduated from Covington Latin School and studied briefly at St. Francis Seminary in Cincinnati before entering the novitiate in 1946. After ordination in 1955, Father Cleves served as assistant pastor in Kansas City, Mo., and Lake Village, Ark., before being named pastor of Sacred Heart in Gallup, N.M. He ministered as pastor or assistant pastor in Missouri, Kansas, New Orleans, Fort Wayne and Louisville, Ky., before moving into hospital chaplaincy in Baton Rouge and at The Christ

Hospital in Cincinnati, where he ministered for 17 years.

Father Cleves is survived by his brothers Edgar and Charles, and his sister, Sr. M. Jeanne Frances, SND, and many nieces and nephews.

The reception of his body was Tuesday, March 28, at 6 p.m. at St. Margaret Hall Chapel, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 7 p.m. Interment took place on Wednesday, March 29, at 10 a.m. in the friars' plot at St. Mary Cemetery in St. Bernard, Ohio.

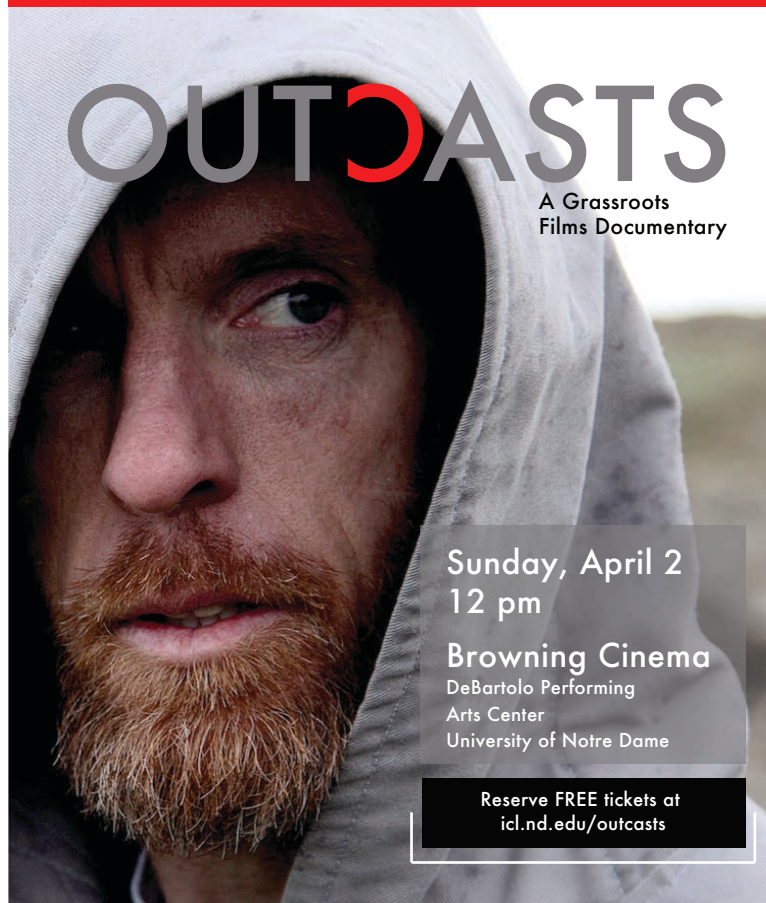


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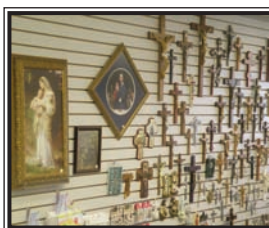
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## Pope recognizes miracle attributed to Fatima visionaries

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has approved the recognition of a miracle attributed to the intercession of two of the shepherd children who saw Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. Pope Francis signed the decree for the causes of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto during a meeting March 23 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the Vatican said. The recognition of the miracle makes it likely that the canonization ceremony for the two children will be scheduled soon. The cardinals and bishops who are members of the congregation must vote to recommend their canonization and then the pope would convene the cardinals resident in Rome for a consistory to approve the sainthood. Many people are hoping Pope Francis will preside over the canonization ceremony during his visit to Fatima May 12-13. The pilgrimage will mark the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions, which began May 13, 1917, when 9-year-old Francisco and 7-year-old Jacinta, along with their cousin Lucia dos Santos, reported seeing the Virgin Mary. The apparitions continued once a month until Oct. 13, 1917, and later were declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church.

## Pope asks children to promise Jesus they will never be bullies

ROME (CNS) — Pope Francis asked 45,000 children preparing for confirmation to promise Jesus they would never engage in bullying. Turning stern during a lively and laughter-filled encounter March 25, Pope Francis told the youngsters he was very worried about the growing phenomenon of bullying. He asked them to be silent and reflect on if there were times when they made fun of someone for how they looked or behaved. And, as a condition of their confirmation, he made them promise Jesus that they would never tease or bully anyone. The pope ended his daylong visit to Milan by participating in an expanded version of the archdiocese's annual encounter for pre-teens preparing for confirmation. An estimated 78,000 people filled the city's famed San Siro soccer stadium; the archdiocese expects to confirm about 45,000 young people this year.

## 'Lots of tears' at chapel services, says priest serving Parliament

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — The Catholic duty priest to the British Parliament said people were weeping at prayer services the day after the Westminster terror attack. The priest, Father Pat Browne, said he arrived at

## Israel Holy Sepulcher



CNS photo/Sebastian Scheiner, Reuters

The restored Edicule is seen during a ceremony marking the end of restoration work on the site of Jesus's tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher March 22.

Parliament about two minutes after the March 22 attack and was sent home by police. He returned March 23 for three prayer services for those killed and injured when an assailant mowed down people on Westminster Bridge, crashed, and killed a police officer near Parliament before being killed March 22. Father Browne conducted the services in Parliament's Chapel of St. Mary's Undercroft with the Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Speaker's chaplain and an Anglican. "There were lots of tears," Father Browne told Catholic News Service in a March 23 telephone interview. "There were a lot of staff there, members of Parliament, peers. People were very shaken. For some it was the first time they could sit down and reflect on what had happened. They didn't feel, until they got home last night, what had really happened. They are very shaken people."

## World faces pressing need to protect water, Vatican official tells U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — The right to clean water is a basic and pressing need for all people of the planet because without water "there is no life," said the Vatican's permanent observer to the United Nations. Addressing a U.N. meeting on water-related issues under the world body's sustainable development goals March 22, Archbishop Bernardito Auza called on all nations to rec-

ognize the responsibility to care for and share water because it is a life-sustaining resource. The archbishop's comments came as World Water Day was being observed. The day has been set aside by international agencies and governments to focus attention on the need for universal access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in developing countries. Events also focus on advocating for sustainable management of freshwater resources. WaterAid, a London-based international organization that helps communities access clean water and proper hygiene, said about 633 million people — nearly 10 percent of the world's population — cannot get the water they need. The group made the comments in a report released March 22. Archbishop Auza said there is an urgent need to protect and care for the earth, particularly its water supplies. "Access to safe drinking water is a basic human right and a condition for sustainable development," Archbishop Auza said. "Thus, it needs to be put front and center in public policy, in particular in programs to life people out of poverty."

## Deluges in Peru trigger flash floods, landslides; at least 85 dead

LIMA, Peru (CNS) — Felicita Chipana was at work when the Rimac River began to rise. By the time she got home, her kitchen was gone, swept away by flood-

waters that left scores of families homeless on the east side of this sprawling capital city. "We have no water, no electricity, and there are mosquitoes everywhere," she said as a bulldozer cleared sediment out of the river channel below what remained of her rustic house. Her granddaughter had developed a fever after being bitten by mosquitoes, and her daughter had taken the child to the hospital. Picking her way over boulders carried down the river by the flood, Chipana joined neighbors, who had also lost their houses, as Catholic Church workers coordinating emergency aid noted their names and the number of people in their households. All morning, dozens of volunteers from several Lima parishes had gathered at Santa Maria Parish in Huachipa, in the Diocese of Chosica on Lima's east side, the area hardest hit by flooding in March. They sorted and bagged donations of food and water for emergency distribution, setting aside huge sacks of clothes and bedding for later. Unusually warm water in the Pacific Ocean off Peru is causing heavy rains on the usually arid coast, swamping cities that have poor drainage and destroying wood or mud-brick houses not built to withstand a downpour. As of March 23, 85 people were reported dead, 270 injured and 20 missing in the deluges. Nationwide, 111,000 people had lost their houses and another 670,000 had suffered damage to their homes.

## Church leaders: Restoration on Jesus' tomb signals new cooperation

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Less than a year after restoration work began, the Edicule — the traditional site of Jesus' burial and resurrection — was inaugurated in an ecumenical ceremony led by representatives of the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian churches, including Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. The 200-year-old structure was rehabilitated for the first time after Israeli authorities deemed it unsafe and leaders from the three churches that share custody of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher came to an agreement for the work to proceed. Some did not believe the churches could overcome their centuries-old disagreements, but the project was a sign that "with God, nothing is impossible," Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, apostolic administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, said at the March 22 ceremony. "Things do not change by themselves. If we are here for this celebration, it is because the different churches and leaders were able to hear the voice of God and understand and realize and accept that it was time to build new relations between us of trust and respect," he said.

## Famine, worsened by war, threatens South Sudanese, official says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Some 5 million people in South Sudan — half of its total population — are on the brink of starvation and a quarter of a million children are already severely malnourished, a representative from the U.S. bishops' Catholic Relief Services said. Famine has already gripped 100,000 people in Unity State and other parts of the nation, and if emergency food and aid don't get to people soon, "people will start starving to death or they will die of dehydration," Jerry Farrell, country representative in South Sudan for CRS, told Catholic News Service March 21. Farrell and other representatives from dioceses, CRS, Caritas and other Catholic aid and development agencies working in South Sudan were in Rome for a meeting March 21-22 hosted by Caritas Internationalis to discuss the worsening crisis in the country. Despite the ongoing civil war, if the security situation does not escalate, Pope Francis hopes to visit the ravaged nation sometime in October, Bishop Erkolano Tombe of Yei, South Sudan, told Reuters March 21. "We have been informed (by a Vatican official) that he will come in October, but we don't know the exact date yet," said the bishop, who was in Rome attending the Caritas Internationalis meeting. If the security situation "remains as it is now, he will come," he said.

## Was your mother a member of the Christ Child Society?

SOUTH BEND — In celebration of its 70th anniversary, the Christ Child Society of South Bend will be featured in an exhibit at The History Museum, located at 808 W. Washington St. near downtown South Bend. Photographs from 1947 and the following decades will be included, as well as the story of how the organization has served over 200,000 children. The exhibit will open on Thursday, June 15, with a ribbon cutting during a reception and silent auction, and will continue throughout the summer.

Do you have memories of your mother making crafts for the Christmas Bazaar, knitting infant sweaters or volunteering every Wednesday at the clothing center? If so, she is part of Christ Child Society history and may be pictured in the exhibit. Descendants of all past and current members are welcome to visit the exhibit and share in the celebration of clothing children for 70 years.

To receive an invitation to the celebration on June 15, send your name and address to Megan at [info@christchildsb.org](mailto:info@christchildsb.org).

## 'Bored Again Catholic' author coming to St. Thérèse

SOUTH BEND — In his book, "Bored Again Catholic," Timothy O'Malley, Notre Dame professor of theology, provides a lay primer for participating in the liturgy. He looks at each part of the Catholic Mass, from the entrance to the concluding rites, not only explaining the why and how but uncovering opportunities to employ "good boredom" in praying the Mass.

O'Malley will be at St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church, 54191 Ironwood Rd., at 7 p.m. April 18 to walk through and discuss, with examples from his book, every part of the Mass. The more one understands, the better the celebration of Mass can be. The public is welcome.

## Father Gregory J. Boyle to receive Notre Dame Laetare Medal

Father Gregory J. Boyle, SJ, founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, Calif., will receive the University of Notre Dame's 2017 Laetare Medal — the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics — at Notre Dame's 172nd University commencement ceremony on May 21.



FATHER GREGORY J. BOYLE, SJ

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Principals celebrate assistants at luncheon



Provided by Trois Hart

Principals of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend made possible a celebration luncheon for 23 administrative assistants on March 10 at the University of Saint Francis. Superintendent Marsha Jordan welcomed the group and personally thanked them for their service to education. Trois Hart, associate vice president at the university, was emcee of the event, which included a photo montage of students from the 16 schools represented at the luncheon. Kyle Heimann of Redeemer Radio entertained with stories of being a student, parent and now board member at a Catholic elementary school. "It takes very special talents to serve the Catholic community in this role. You are the anchor of the school, and everyone knows it," stated Heimann. Everyone attending received a gift bag of items from USF and *Today's Catholic*.

"For nearly 30 years, Father Boyle has served men and women who have been incarcerated and involved with gangs, and, in doing so, has helped them to discover the strength and hope necessary to transform their lives," said Notre Dame's president, Rev. John I. Jenkins, CSC. "Father Boyle's solidarity with our sisters and brothers at the margins of society offers an inspiring model of faith in action. We are grateful for the witness of his life and honored to bestow this award on him."

Upon learning of the award, Father Boyle said, "You want a university to be in the world what you invite the world to become. Notre Dame is like that. It's an honor to be recognized as the Laetare Medal recipient and I'm very grateful."

The Laetare Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent on the church calendar. "Laetare," the Latin word for "rejoice," is the first word in the entrance antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which ritually anticipates the celebration of Easter.

Established at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal was conceived as an American counterpart of the Golden Rose, a papal honor that antedates the 11th century. The medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

## Saint Anne residents bake for soup kitchen



Provided by Kathy Retzios

Several residents of Saint Anne Communities in Fort Wayne baked, frosted, decorated and delivered 440 cookies to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen two weeks ago for a St. Patrick's Day treat. The Saint Anne Resident Council donates money to various charities, but this time several of the members decided to give the organization's donation a personal touch. While the women were at the soup kitchen they toured the facility and the staff explained its mission. The participants said they considered it a wonderful experience and plan on doing similar service projects in the future.

## New Haven Destination Imagination team heads to state



Provided by Janice Comito

The Destination Imagination Team of St. John the Baptist School, New Haven, competed at the regional level recently and won first place. The team also won a DaVinci Award for creativity. Participating students performed a skit and planned a service project, which was to make "Birthday Bags" — which included items to help a family celebrate a child's birthday — for distribution to needy families. The team will compete at Destination Imagination state competition in April.

# Palm Sunday prayer will honor faith, example of Christian martyrs

BY JENNIFER MILLER

**M**artyrdom, or dying for one's faith, happens everyday around the world to Christians.

- An average of 10 people are killed every day by Islamic extremist group Boko Haram in Nigeria.

- This past July an elderly French priest, Father Jacques Hamel, was brutally attacked and murdered while celebrating Mass outside Rouen, France.

- In 2016, 31 official Catholic personnel were killed and 14 priests slain, along with nine male and female religious, three charity workers, a seminarian and four catechists. Thirteen were killed in Latin America, the most dangerous region served, including seven in Mexico alone. The number of Catholic laity killed in the same year is untold, but estimated to be in the thousands.

- Two Easters ago, in 2015, 69 people were killed in Lahore, Pakistan, for their faith.

- Before 2003, there were about 1.2 million Christians in Iraq. Within 10 years, their population decreased to around 500,000.

Often the church's beginnings are remembered for persecution by the Roman emperors, but the silent reality of modern-day martyrdom also exists. Pope Francis, speaking of French priest Father Hamel after his death this past summer, said: "The number of martyrs today is greater than in the early centuries. When we read the history of the early

centuries, here in Rome, we read about so much cruelty to Christians. It's happening today too, in even greater numbers.

"Today there are Christians murdered, tortured, imprisoned, beheaded because they don't deny Christ," the pope continued. "This man accepted his martyrdom next to the martyrdom of Christ, on the altar. He was beheaded on the cross, as he was celebrating the sacrifice of Christ's cross.

"Jesus Christ is the first martyr, the first who gave his life for us. And in this mystery of Christ begins all the history of the Christian martyrdom. From the first century until today. We want to think of them and be close to them with our affection, our prayer and also our tears," the pontiff said. "In these days, in Iraq, the Christians celebrated Christmas in a cathedral that had been destroyed. That's an example of fidelity. The hardships and dangers notwithstanding, they offer courageous witness by belonging to Christ, and they live the Gospel committing themselves in favor of the least, of the most overlooked, doing good to all without distinction. They testify," he noted, "to charity in truth."

On April 9, at 7:15 p.m., in St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will preside at the local observance of this worldwide memorial to Christian martyrs by praying what is known as the Prayer for the Martyrs, a prayer in memory of those who gave their lives for the Gospel. Everyone is welcome



Provided by Jennifer Miller

**This image shows Msgr. Oscar Romero and the families of El Salvador who were tortured and killed during that country's civil war in the 1980s.**

to attend.

In connection with the Community of Sant'Egidio, which has remembered the modern martyrs since 2000, the prayer will recognize each continent and country where fellow Christians' lives were lost. They do this in relationship with all the communities of Sant'Egidio throughout the world.

A deeply moving way to begin the start of Holy Week, the Prayer for the Martyrs takes place on the evening of Palm Sunday. The choice of day is intentional, so the blood and sacrifice offered by thousands throughout the world can be directly connected with Jesus' gift of His body and blood.

The prayer originated in anticipation of the jubilee year of 2000, when Pope John Paul II created a commission to the

all around the world. They then held the first Prayer for the Martyrs in the Coliseum.

Afterward, Pope John Paul II entrusted to the Community of Sant'Egidio custodianship of the memory of the martyrs and witnesses of the faith of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Some of these include Bishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador and Cardinal Ocampo of Mexico, who were killed by drug traffickers; evangelical pastor Paul Schneider; and Austrian layman Franz Jagerstatter, killed by Nazis.

St. John Paul II said: "At the end of the second millennium, the church has once again become a church of martyrs. The persecution of believers — priests, religious and laity — has caused a great sowing of martyrdom in different parts of the world. The witness to Christ borne even to the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants."

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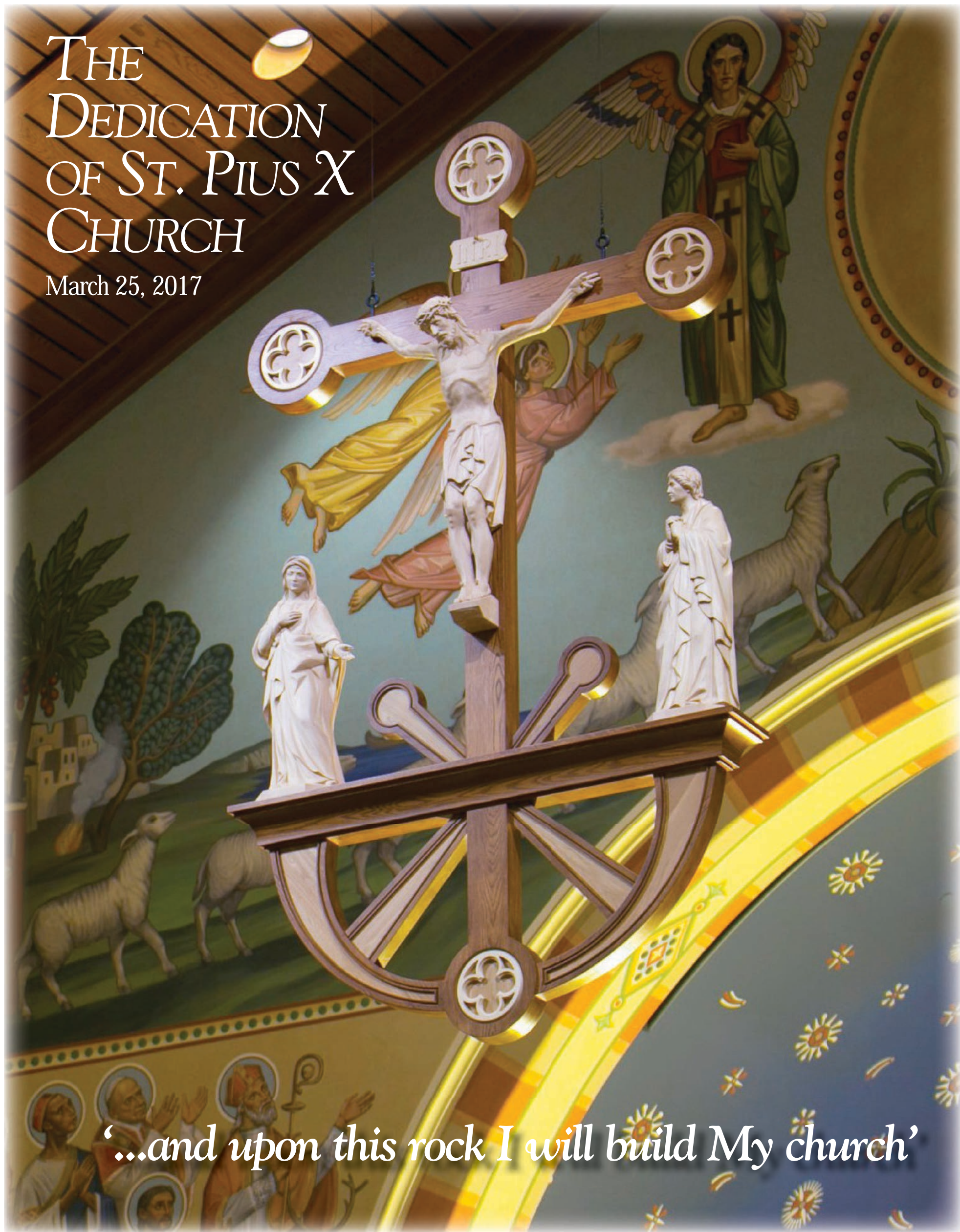
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# THE DEDICATION OF ST. PIUS X CHURCH

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# 'A place whose beauty gives honor and glory to God'

## Granger parish celebrates new worship space

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

On Saturday, March 25, the gloom of a morning rain contrasted the energy and excitement of Granger's St. Pius X parish community as members gathered to celebrate the long-awaited dedication of their new church. This two-year construction project culminated with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

"This new church will edify the parishioners and, even more, will be a place whose beauty gives honor and glory to God," the bishop wrote in a letter to the community.

He went on to write that the church will also "help the parish continue its great mission."

Parish pastor Msgr. William (Bill) Schooler, who came to St. Pius in 2001 and has overseen much of the church construction project, was visibly elated as he concelebrated alongside Bishop Rhoades, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon of the Diocese of Joliet, fellow parish priest Father Bill Meininger and approximately 50 diocesan, visiting and Holy Cross priests whose presence underscored the parish's Holy Cross roots.

The celebration began with the Angelus at noon. From the outdoor courtyard of the church, via projection screen, Bishop Rhoades led the congregation gathered inside the church in prayer. At the conclusion of the Angelus, Bishop Rhoades, alongside his fellow celebrants, proceeded into the church. As the celebrants entered, the congregation rose to sing "Let Us Go Rejoicing," a hymn whose verse, "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord," accurately described the moment.

During the Blessing and Sprinkling Rite that followed the procession, Bishop Rhoades prayed: "Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this solemn rite of dedication, let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water created by his hand. It is a sign of our repentance, a reminder of our baptism and a symbol of the cleansing of these walls and this altar."

During his homily Bishop Rhoades drew connections between the new church building becoming a true place of worship — a dwelling place of the Lord — as it goes forward from the dedication Mass, and the transformation that catechumens undergo as they prepare to eventually become dwelling places for the Lord as members of the Catholic Church. He also highlighted the similarity of the joy brought by



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**The Triumphant Lamb mosaic graces the front of the new altar at St. Pius X Church.**

the dedication day celebration to the joy of Easter.

"This building is like our catechumens and today is like the Easter Vigil for this beautiful building made of stone, wood, steel and tile," he said. "Already, the walls and the altar have been sprinkled with the holy water that is used in baptism. Soon, the walls and the altar will be anointed with the same holy chrism that is used at baptisms, confirmations and priestly ordinations. This building will thus become a church, a house of God."

"At this Mass, this church is being dedicated and consecrated to the Lord," he went on to say. "It will become a sacred building and reserved for sacred worship. And this block of stone will become an altar, which henceforth will only be able to be used for the eucharistic sacrifice, the banquet of the Lord."

The bishop later recognized the hard work of Msgr. Schooler in making the construction of the church possible, by drawing a parallel between his leadership and that of great biblical leaders.

"I am very grateful to Msgr. Schooler, who has been both your King David and King Solomon in this wonderful project." His words were followed by long applause and visible appreciation on the part of Msgr. Schooler. In his closing remarks at the end of Mass, Msgr. Schooler referred to his staff as "amazing." He also recognized the "sacrifices of the parish" to see the project through to completion.

"You see Father Bill, Jeremy (liturgy and music director) and our principal — you see their faith and everything come alive in their actions," Stonehill said. "It's just kind of a reflection of who we are as a church... a celebration of our faith as a family."

The growth of the parish, indicative of the growth of the Granger area, is certainly evident and parallels the need to implement this project years ago.

"When I was first ordained and serving as the associate pastor of St. Matthew Cathedral and chaplain at Marian High School, traveling to St. Pius X in Granger to help with a penance service was a trip to a small parish in the middle of the countryside," Msgr. Schooler said. "Returning as pastor in 2001, I encountered a very different reality. We have been working on adjusting to the new reality of 3,200 families by dedicating a new Parish Education Center in 2008 and dedicating a new church on March 25th of this year."

Eighteen-year parish member Mike Stesiak described the dedication as "beginning a new series or a new chapter of the church." His brother, Jeff Stesiak, said one of his favorite aspects of the new church was the altar. He also applauded Msgr. Schooler for his leadership.

"He is such a dynamic leader of this parish. He's brought everyone together and I don't know that it could have been done without him, to be honest with you," Stesiak explained.

### Building toward dedication day

In anticipation of the dedication, the parish sought active member engagement through a construction guessing game and a parish-wide vote to name two of the four new church bells. Additionally, parishioners

could participate in Name That Mass Tune, a game rolled out on social media that involved guessing various church hymns — some of which were incorporated into the dedication Mass.

Union Iron Workers celebrated no injuries or lost time while constructing the church, and, following its tradition, placed a Christmas tree and American flag on the last steel beam secured into the church's structure last year — an occasion watched by the school community.

Paul Johns has been a sacristan for a few years at St. Pius and serves as a member of parish council. He has witnessed the construction of the new church firsthand.

"I've been able to come in at various stages throughout the development of the building process... from when they were pouring floors to where it is now. It's really been a great process, to see everything come together and how beautiful the end result has been."

Ellen Bruneel, who also serves as a sacristan, was similarly enthusiastic.

"Really, every little detail has so much meaning. Any one piece of it doesn't represent the whole, just like the community of the church," she said. "Every different piece of the architecture was so well thought of. Every component of it is individually beautiful and comes together to create something even greater, just like the body of the church and its members."

### Architectural elements

With a prominent brick façade and magnificent bell tower complete with cast iron bells, the new church can hold 1,320 worshipers among its 112 pews and 104 seats. With a parish that has more than doubled over the past 10



The offertory gifts are presented to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

years to approximately 10,000 individual parishioners, the construction was a necessary next step in continuing to build community at the parish and accommodate its growth.

Modeled in the Romanesque style, the church incorporates its long-time relationship and history with the University of Notre Dame. Above the altar, in one of the murals depicting several saints, is Blessed Basil Moreau, the priest who started the Holy Cross Order of which the University of Notre Dame's founder, Father Edward Sorin, was a member. There is also a small prayer space with a statue of St. André Bessette, a Holy Cross brother and the first Holy Cross saint. Additionally, the base of the crucifix above the altar is modeled after the Holy Cross coat of arms.

Also relevant to St. Pius' connection to Notre Dame are the set of organ pipes gifted to the parish from the university. St. Pius worked with an Illinois-based supplier to have the previously used pipes combined with refurbished pipes from the parish's old organ. The base of the organ is new.

The parish engaged several local entities to assist with the edifice's creation, including Alliance Architects to design the church and a local woodworker to craft the crucifix suspended over the altar and the bases for the Stations of the Cross.

Along the main aisle of the church are murals of the 12 Apostles, with the Gospel writ-

ers located closest to the altar. Mosaics of the covenants, including that of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David and Jeremiah, line the floor leading to the altar. Decorative mosaic vines line the inside walls of the building. In the entryway of the courtyard connecting the new church to the old church — which will soon be completely transformed into the parish gathering area — there is a mosaic depicting the devil as a snake. The mosaic says, in Latin, "step on his head."

The altar from the old church will be reused in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the new church, located in the apse of the sanctuary. In his words to the congregation, the bishop applauded the parish for giving the faithful 24-hour access to this new chapel.

Father Daniel Scheidt, former associate pastor of the parish, served as liturgical designer for the new St. Pius X, and as such was very influential regarding the artwork incorporated throughout the church. "He came up with a lot of these ideas," Msgr. Schooler said.

"Father Dan Scheidt had a lot to do with the planning of the art, choice of saints and the overall schema for all the artwork," Father Meininger added. He emphasized how the artwork brings elements of beauty and education to the church space.

"I am so thrilled that we were able to work into our bud-



get to have so much decoration, so much artwork. Not just for the mere fact that it's beautiful; but it teaches.

"The saints that we chose and the different things that we have, such as the fir, elm, apple and birch (trees) at the crossing at the front of the church, represent street names of roads around the area," he went on to say, "Not only does the artwork teach us about our faith, but it sort of tells the story of this community... it very much cements us in history."

### Historical overview of the parish

Formally established in 1956, and much like the

University of Notre Dame, the parish is rooted in the vision of Father Edward Sorin. St. Joseph's Farm in Granger, which Father Sorin shared with his Holy Cross brothers, sisters and fellow priests starting in 1870, allowed the Holy Cross Order to serve the surrounding rural community. It was not until 1936 that the farm started to be referred to as a parish community, and 20 years passed before it officially became known as a parish.

Over time, the small chapel at the farm became too small for the growing faith community. A plot of land off Fir Road was gifted to the parish in the early 1950s; the same plot of land on which the church sits today.

The growth of the parish paralleled the growth of the area, and a new rectory was completed in 1970 to accommodate it. This was followed by the construction of a parish center and gym in 1986, and a new church and adjoining offices between 1989 and 1991.

Msgr. Schooler was the first diocesan priest assigned to the parish. Before he came, all parish priests were of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The fact that the parish has, as he mentioned in his final comments during Mass, "not forgotten our Holy Cross roots" by incorporating facets of the Holy Cross influence into the new

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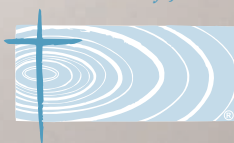
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# 'BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL



Msgr. William Schooler, left, pastor of St. Pius X Parish and the priest to whom pastoral care of the church is entrusted, and Father William Meininger, parochial vicar, open the doors of the church as part of the Introductory Rites of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar.



Concelebrating priests and deacons gather with Bishop Rhoades at the altar during the Liturgy.



Above left, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades places a relic of St. Pius X into the altar of the new church. The relic was transferred from the altar of the old church into the new one, and its location marked and anointed.



Twelve locations, including the altar and church walls, were then anointed by Bishop Rhoades to signify that that they are given over entirely and perpetually to Christian worship.



The expansive archways and apse of the church were designed by Daniel Scheidt, liturgical designer. St.

# ALL THINGS NEW'

— REV. 21:5A



of the Eucharist.

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Bishop Rhoades processes with the Blessed Sacrament to its new place of repose — the new tabernacle — at the end of the dedication Mass.



Msr. Schooler concludes the Mass with words of thanks to St. Pius X parishioners for their support of the building project that made the new St. Pius X Church a reality.



The church feature thoughtful historic and liturgical decoration, spearheaded by Father Pius X is the first church built in the diocese since St. Anthony of Padua, Angola, in 2010.

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church, is symbolic of the current community's appreciation of that Holy Cross connection.

Father Peter Jarrett, who served at St. Pius from 1995-2001, was the parish's last Holy Cross pastor. A concelebrant of the dedication Mass, Father Jarrett described the new church as a "tribute to the parish community's dedication in faith, to Msgr. Schooler, and to Holy Cross."

### Planning and funding

Starting approximately five years ago, several committees were formed to plan for the parish facilities expansion and to oversee funding and the construction of the project. The project began following a parish strategic planning process in 2011. The formation of a Facilities Committee followed in 2012, which involved a thorough investigation of existing space needs within the parish. The Campaign Leadership Team led a parish capital campaign beginning in 2013. The Building Committee met to advise Msgr. Schooler and the architects on specifics of the building plans. In addition to the architects and many members of the parish staff, several parish members served on these committees. Kim Mauch, St. Pius director of communications and marketing, explained that parish members were engaged as "part of the stewardship philosophy at St. Pius."

The campaign launched in

July 2013 after receiving approval from the diocese. The project was based on dual financing, with funding stemming from pledges and parish savings.

The cost of the three-part project totaled \$19 million, including construction of a new rectory, new church, renovation of the existing church and offices and a two-story addition to the Parish Education Center. Over 1,600 parish families and members of the community have participated in the capital campaign, pledging over \$14 million so far.

Embracing stewardship as a way of life, but recognizing that each individual parish member or family could contribute a different amount, the parish did not incorporate naming opportunities for large gifts.

"Of course we could not have built this church without large gifts, for which we are extremely grateful. Yet, when we invited our parish community to participate in the campaign, we did not ask for equal gifts, but for equal sacrifice," Betsy Quinn, director of stewardship and evangelization, said.

Construction schedules ran on time, for the most part, and the parish expects the same for the remainder of the project. The renovation of the old church into a gathering space, a baptistry, a parish library and meeting rooms is underway and on target to be completed later this summer.

Renovation has also begun on the parish offices. Their redesign will include a reception area, central working area with designated offices, a workroom, two conference rooms and additional storage space.

Before the capital campaign launched, parish staff had to complete work with consultants

and assess needs. "Once a month, we would tour the facility at 6:30 a.m. in the morning and decide what exactly do we need, where do we need more space, how can we prioritize these things," Father Meininger said. As they reviewed those needs, the parish continued to grow and decisions had to be made with little knowledge of the growth trajectory. Estimating the number of seats that would be needed in the church years after the capital campaign launched was a challenge.

"That was one of our huge decisions that we had to make," Msgr. Schooler said. "Cost was a major factor... when I came in 2001, we knew even at that time that the facilities were not adequate for the size. When they (first) built St. Pius they had thought that they were going to build another parish in Granger."

### The future — an opportunity to use resources for good

The bishop noted the progression of the parish's development in his letter to the St. Pius community.

"When we think back to the first parishioners and your ancestors in faith at St. Pius, we see that they were not only thinking about themselves. They were thinking about their children, grandchildren and future generations. They made incredible sacrifices and every generation is called to do the same, making the new church a gift to future generations," he said.



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Msgr. Schooler, second from right, poses with several past and present parochial vicars of St. Pius X in front of the mosaic of St. Pius X. From left are Father Terrence Coonan, current parochial vicar Father William Meininger and at right, Father Daniel Sheidt.

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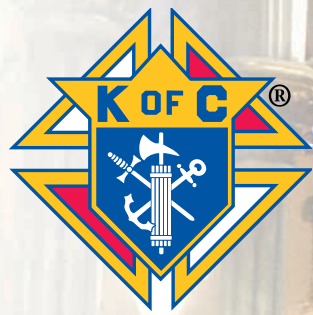


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# In MY diocese

## St. John the Baptist, South Bend

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### Community engagement is the mission of St. John the Baptist

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

The South Bend road appropriately named St. John's Way, leads the way to the parish and school community of St. John the Baptist.



FATHER GLENN KOHRMAN

"St. John the Baptist is a parish with a small school that we hope to see grow," Father Glenn Kohrman said. "Its staff is extremely dedicated, and the students vibrantly participate in our school Masses."

One of those dedicated staff members is Father David Violi, the new associate pastor of St. John the Baptist. Both Father Violi and Father Kohrman also serve at Holy Family Parish in South Bend. "I am very excited to be assisting Father Glenn in his ministry at these wonderful parishes," Father Violi commented.

Not only are the staff of St. John the Baptist exceptional, but likewise are the parish premises.

"The grounds at St. John's are amazing; we have a ball diamond, a soccer field and a lot of space that someday, hopefully, will have a nice gym that could serve as a community center," Father Kohrman said.

This summer the parish will share its athletic facilities with the local community, when it hosts a summer camp for children on the west side of South Bend. Associated fees will be nominal, in order to make the camp affordable and accessible to more families.

"I do not have the details of the sports camp yet, but there will be a cost, but it should not be prohibitive," Father Kohrman explained. "If people would like to attend, we would do what we can to make that possible."

In addition to sports camp participants, the parish will host several other guests soon, in varied capacities.

At the end of March the parish has planned for a small missionary group to lead several weeks of talks for the community. The group includes a family with seven children, two seminarians and a priest. The individuals will lead a series of talks as part of the Neocatechumenal Way, which is an evangelization and adult formation movement within the Catholic Church.

Father Violi said he and Father Kohrman "are greatly looking forward to the start of the Neocatechumenal Way catechetical talks this coming week." Members of the missionary group will go door-to-door to personally invite people from the surrounding area to participate. The one-hour talks will



The altar of St. John the Baptist Church.

take place biweekly in the parish's Father Jacobs Hall. More information can be found on the parish's website, [www.stjohnsb.com](http://www.stjohnsb.com), by clicking on the bulletin.

As part of a different outreach, Father Kohrman mentioned the parish will soon begin to house some Franciscan Brothers entering formation through the University of Notre Dame. The brothers will stay at St. John the Baptist's convent, right on the parish's grounds.

"The brothers will be in residence onsite, but also will provide a real presence to

those in our neighborhood," he explained.

Certainly St. John the Baptist is a parish that very much values community and brings joy to its members through opportunities to engage in prayer and fellowship.

Father Kohrman's email signature line says it all: "Holiness is happiness!"



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St. John the Baptist Church is a simple structure that hosts a vibrant community.



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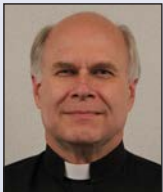
## Corpus Christi, South Bend

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### The neighborhood parish of Corpus Christi

BY TRISH LINNER

Corpus Christi Parish is situated in a subdivision on land surrounded by large trees, creating such a tranquil setting that one almost forgets that the bustle of city life lies just a few blocks away. "It is incredibly peaceful here," said longtime parishioner Becky Megyese. "I knew this was my home the first time I came here."



FATHER DARYL RYBICKI

#### History

Corpus Christi Church was established in 1898 by Belgian immigrants. The church was originally called Sacred Heart and was located on Thomas Street, in the downtown area. The young Father Henry Paanaker, CSC, who was ordained at Notre Dame in 1896, was its first pastor.

As the years passed many parishioners took to moving out of downtown. Bishop Leo A. Pursley suggested in 1960 that it might be time to look for a new location for the parish, somewhere in northwest South Bend. Msgr. Elmer G. Peterson found the church's present location, and the diocese purchased the 29-acre farm.

A groundbreaking for the new parish took place in June 1961. The school was finished first, in September 1962, and Mass was held in the school basement. Msgr. Elmer Peterson served as Corpus Christi's first pastor. Succeeding pastors were Father Joseph Horvath, Father Denis Blank, Father Camillo Tirabassi and current pastor Father Daryl Rybicki.

The parish continued to grow, and by 1980 there was need for a larger church building. Unfortunately, the church lacked the necessary funds to build. However, the power of prayer is not to be underestimated. Six members of the Legion of Mary read about the practice of perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and in February of 1981 a Holy Hour Program began at the parish that has continued uninterrupted ever since. Due to the power of prayer, persistence and dedica-



Photos by Trish Linner

This statue of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to Father Denis Blank, a former pastor of Corpus Christi Parish. The statue is in a courtyard between the church and school.

tion, permission was eventually given to build a new church. Ground was broken on Sunday, July 22, 1984, during a ceremony at which Bishop Joseph R. Crowley officiated. The church was dedicated on June 9, 1985. Father Blank called the new church, "The House That Prayer Built" and dedicated it to his parishioners of such great faith.

#### Parish life today

The parish continues its long-standing devotion to the holy Eucharist through an adoration chapel. "It is a great blessing," said Father Rybicki, who has been at the parish since 2009. "I am told that Corpus Christi

was the first parish in the area, perhaps, the first in the diocese, to have an adoration chapel and regular adoration times." The chapel is open for adoration from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. most days, with adoration beginning on Sundays at 1 p.m., after Masses are concluded.

Corpus Christi has a long history of members' involvement in all aspects of the parish, even the architecture. Parishioner Madelyn Nowinski designed the beautiful stained glass windows in the church and the outdoor statue of the Blessed Mother which serves as a memorial to Father Blank.

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Teresa Foley's fourth-grade class at Corpus Christi School gathers after the weekly all-school Mass.



  
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This stained-glass window at Corpus Christi Church, South Bend, was designed by parishioner Madelyn Nowinski. This window is next to the door that leads into an adoration chapel.



These stained-glass windows in the church were also designed by Nowinski.

# CHRISTI

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Father Rybicki calls the parish "ideal" for him. "It is small enough for me, as pastor, to get to know a large number of my parishioners, but large enough to provide many opportunities for ministry and involvement of the parishioners. In many ways, a parish this size allows me to function as 'pastor' or 'shepherd' of the flock entrusted to my care, since I usually celebrate all our weekend Masses as well as our daily Masses and other devotions and activities," he said.

The parish currently serves 650 families, and many second

and third generations attend the church and school. The school has been open for 56 years. Students attend Mass twice a week and engage in traditional Catholic observances such as a full May procession and crowning of Mary, and a procession through the neighborhood for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in June, followed by a parish picnic.

"My four children graduated from Corpus Christi," said parishioner Becky Megyese, "and all my grandchildren will graduate from here as well. This parish means so much to me and my family. When we have problems, the Blessed Sacrament is always available to us. Father Daryl is the most compassionate and caring pastor any parish could have. He works tirelessly in his efforts to bring us closer to God."



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# 'I'm not 'intrinsically disordered!'

I have met several priests over the years who ended up leaving the active ministry of the priesthood. Two of them have been on my mind and in my prayers recently, having left the priesthood and the church over issues connected to homosexuality. I ran into one of them some time ago, by chance as we were boarding the same flight. Filling me in on the decisions he had made, he shared: "I was never happy with the Catholic Church's view that homosexuality is inherently..." and then he paused, "... what's the phrase they use?" I replied: "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." "Ah, yes, intrinsically disordered," he replied. "It's a harsh institution that would call me intrinsically disordered, and I couldn't remain in a church that held those views." The second priest who left had similarly decided how the church, on account of his homosexuality, saw him as intrinsically disordered — which he took to mean that he was an evil person.

I was saddened at the way both of these former priests misconstrued the teachings of the church, and disappointed that they couldn't see how we are not defined by our inclinations and proclivities, even if some of them may be disordered and in need of purification. As fallen creatures, every person faces disordered desires within, and no one is perfect except, we Christians believe, Jesus himself.

Once when I was speaking with a person who was paralyzed, he shared how members of the disability community had given him some good advice after his accident: "Don't say you are a disabled person, because that lets the disability define you. Say instead that you are a person with a disability." With a similar emphasis, people shouldn't pigeonhole themselves by saying: "I'm a homosexual," but instead say: "I'm a person

with homosexual inclinations." Our inclinations don't define us, since we are free to decide whether we will act on them or resist them. The process of resisting our disordered desires can be very difficult, but contributes significantly to our own growth and spiritual maturation.

When referencing men and women "who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies," the Catechism of the Catholic Church emphasizes that such individuals must be accepted "with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition." These persons, thus, are children of God, unique and loved by the Lord and called to the pursuit of goodness, chastity and holiness.

The notion of an "intrinsically disordered" act (sometimes also called an intrinsically evil act) has been part of the church's moral teachings for millennia. Such acts, as Pope John Paul II noted in his 1993 encyclical "Veritatis Splendor," "are by their nature 'incapable of being ordered' to God, because they radically contradict the good of the person made in his image." Even the best of intentions, he stressed, cannot transform an act that is intrinsically evil into an act that is good or justified.

Many kinds of acts fall under the heading of an "intrinsic evil," representing seriously damaging choices for those who pursue them and for those around them. A few randomly chosen examples would include: prostitution, torture, slavery, trafficking in women and children, adultery, abortion, euthanasia, and homosexual acts. As noted in the catechism, homosexual acts "are contrary to the natural



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FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity." Or as noted in another important teaching document called "Persona Humana," "homosexual relations are acts which lack an essential and indispensable finality."

Even though men and women may engage in intrinsically disordered acts at various points in their lives, that fact clearly does not make them "intrinsically disordered persons," or "evil individuals." We're reminded of the old adage that we are to love the sinner and hate the sin. The catechism sums it up well: "Man, having been wounded in his nature by original sin, is subject to error and inclined to evil in exercising his freedom," but the remedy is found in Christ and in "the moral life, increased and brought to maturity in grace."

Thus, intrinsically disordered acts, while always destructive to ourselves and to others, do not put us outside of the eventual reach of grace and mercy, nor beyond the healing effects of repentance. Rather, those acts and their harmful effects should beckon us towards the loving gaze of the Lord as he invites us to seek a higher path, one in which we renounce wrongdoing and resolutely embrace the freedom of the sons and daughters of God.

**Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.** serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

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the dance studio, I was inspired by her to try harder, to press on. By forming good habits of discipline and self-mastery, we can all develop beautiful strength, of body, soul and character, which will last not just for a performance, or even a lifetime — but for all of eternity.

**Theresa Thomas** is the wife of David and mother of nine children.

Through your intercession, I pray that I may always be loyal to my faith in all things. Amen."

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**Melissa Wheeler** is the diocesan director for Catholic Relief Services.

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Tekakwitha, perhaps you could pray this prayer this week as part of your Lenten practice.

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Gospel for April 2, 2017  
John 11:1-45

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A: Martha and Jesus at Lazarus' tomb. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SISTERS	IS ILL	JESUS
ILLNESS	GLORY	MARTHA
LAZARUS	JUDEA	TOMB
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THE LIFE	NEVER DIE	THE CHRIST
WORLD	COME AND SEE	A CAVE
STONE	LOUD VOICE	LET HIM GO

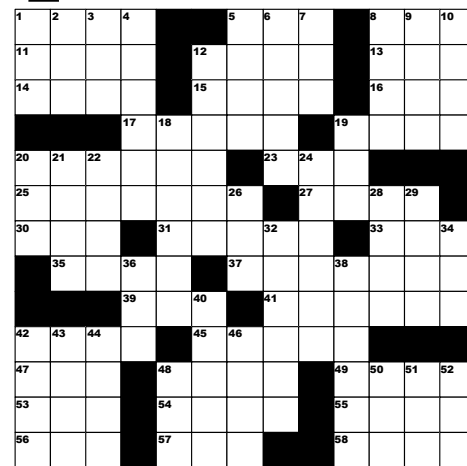
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## The Cross Word

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Based on these readings: Ez 37: 12-14; Rom 8: 8-11; Jn 11: 1-45 & Is 50: 4-7; Ph 2: 6-11; Mt 26:14-27 6:6

### ACROSS

- 1 Pathogen
- 5 Compass point
- 8 Crow's call
- 11 Decorative needle case
- 12 Dueling sword
- 13 Chimp
- 14 God will settle people here
- 15 Fishing gear
- 16 Very important person
- 17 Growing older
- 19 Moss
- 20 Aim to do
- 23 Ingest

### 25 Choir specializing in church music

- 27 "On the \_\_\_ day"
- 30 Peter used sword and this cut off
- 31 Type of infection
- 33 Goat child
- 35 Allot judgment
- 37 Prophet and Temple priest
- 39 West southwest
- 41 Meeting plan
- 42 Big hairdo
- 45 Loafer
- 47 Also
- 48 Healing plant
- 49 Novena days #

- 53 "Lazarus, come \_\_\_!"
- 54 Torah table
- 55 Economics abbr.
- 56 Before (prefix)
- 57 South southeast
- 58 \_\_\_ and harp: psalm instruments

### DOWN

- 1 Hair goo
- 2 Arrival time
- 3 Operate
- 4 Hanging there in \_\_\_
- 5 Made a web
- 6 Woolen cloth
- 7 Teensy
- 8 Tomb was in a \_\_\_
- 9 Capital of Western Samoa
- 10 Jesus \_\_\_
- 12 "My God, My God" (2 wds)
- 18 "I will open your \_\_\_"
- 19 School group
- 20 Expert
- 21 Pillow covering
- 22 Read over attentively
- 24 Assert
- 26 Bard's "before"
- 28 Pelt
- 29 Bandages were, around the body
- 32 Rhododendron
- 34 Defense Logistics Agency
- 36 Jesus waited ? days after hearing of Lazarus
- 38 Corn seed
- 40 Ploys
- 42 On top
- 43 \_\_\_ days Lazarus was in tomb
- 44 Memorization
- 46 Top of St. Peter's
- 48 Brakes system
- 50 Covered with sleet
- 51 Neither's partner
- 52 Compass point

Answer Key can be found on page 23

# Dual-language immersion track proposal well received

BY MOLLY WYNEN

SOUTH BEND — Holy Cross School, South Bend, held an open house on March 15 to inform the community about a new dual-language immersion track being developed for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes beginning next fall. Families were invited to tour classrooms, receive information about financial aid, hear presentations, enjoy fellowship while eating tamales and speak with experts regarding the details of the new track. Many families, both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking, were in attendance and the new track was received with excitement.

The dual-language immersion opportunity, which will complement the existing English-language track, is a result of collaboration with the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies and the Alliance for Catholic Education. Dr. Luis Fraga of the Institute for Latino Studies and Dr. Katy Lichon of ACE were present at the open house to share their knowledge of immersion programs and to answer questions for families. The University of Notre Dame is helping Holy Cross School structure its program, and will be available as a resource in the developmental years.

Fraga and Lichon presented information about the program in both English and Spanish, discussing the benefits of dual immersion in schools. With a Spanish-to-English ratio of 90/10 in the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes, which moves gradually to a 50/50 split by the fifth grade, students in the program will be literate and fluent in both languages by around the fourth or fifth grade. In the beginning, the English portions of the track will come from specials classes such as gym, art and music, in which students

from both tracks will participate together.

Holy Cross School will utilize Add.a.lingua, a company based out of Zeeland, Mich., to help implement the dual-language track.

Three teachers, Jo Jones, Febe Gomez and Angela Gonzalez Urbina from Corpus Christi School in Holland, Mich., were present to answer questions regarding the successes of dual-language immersion in their school. Corpus Christi School is in the third year of offering Spanish immersion. It has also had success by offering a more authentic Spanish class with a native Spanish-speaking teacher for those in the traditional track. Jones said that learning from native speakers at a young age gives children a gift of language in a natural way.

"Our students change from Spanish to English like they change socks. If a student were to go into the hallway and ask me a question in Spanish through the door, I would not know what that child looked like based on their accent."

Children's brains between the ages of 3 and 6 are so open to learning that they will be able to fully grasp the basis of both languages when given the opportunity.

"Our school has also benefited from the cultural shift of incorporating the dual-immersion track," Jones said. Her school has also seen an increase in Latino parent volunteers since the switch. Previously, many Spanish-speaking parents were hesitant to volunteer, but the new track requires aides to be native Spanish-speakers. The inclusion has led to overall better collaboration and a stronger sense of community.

Although the educational impact of the dual-language immersion program is significant, Dr. Michael Griffin, a member of the Holy Cross School



Photos by Kevin Haggenjos

Dulce Curry (left) speaks with Abigail, the mom of Ximena, the very first student to enroll in the new immersion program at Holy Cross School.



Maria Guadalupe Abrajan, Holy Cross School grandmother, shares tamales with crowds gathered to learn about the new Spanish-English immersion program.

Board, says the motivation for the program lies on a deeper level.

"Holy Cross School has the opportunity to incarnate the Gospel and the vision of Pope Francis and Bishop Kevin Rhoades for the church of the future. ... Catholic

schools have a reputation of being 'private' schools, but they are not. We are a community school. We are different cultures, but one faith."

Griffin feels that Holy Cross, as a school with a large mix of cultures, has always been a place that promotes social justice and inclusion. Now it has an opportunity to expand that even more and to be innovative in the realm of Catholic education.

According to Fraga, only 3 percent of Latino youth attend Catholic schools, although Latinos make up 35 to 40 percent of all Catholics in the United States. Minorities tend to feel excluded from Catholic schools, but it should not be that way, he said. The dual-language immersion program is an opportunity to "build communities of access and inclusion across all Catholic faithful."

Principal Angela Budzinski, as well as current teachers at Holy Cross School, have been supportive of the addition of the dual-language track as a way to utilize extra classrooms at the school while providing the best holistic education.

Holy Cross will be the first area Catholic school to offer such a program, but hopes are that more Catholic schools will follow suit.

Some spaces are still open for both the dual-language and traditional tracks, but parents are encouraged to contact the school soon if interested in visiting or registering. Call Holy Cross School at 574-234-3422 for information.

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**Fatima apparitions subject of reflection**  
**NOTRE DAME** — Marian author and international speaker, Janice T. Connell, will reflect upon Our Lady's apparitions to the three children of Fatima 100 years ago Thursday, April 20, at The Sacred Heart Parish Center from 5-8:30 p.m. For more information call Lindsey at 574-229-5391.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter plans weekend**  
**FORT WAYNE** — Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Northern Indiana is taking applications

for April 21-23. Apply online at [wwme-ni.org](http://wwme-ni.org) or contact Greg and Jen at 260-422-0803. For information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

**Concert planned at St. Jude**  
**SOUTH BEND** — Dan Oberreuter from Portland, Oregon of the musical ensemble "Thirsting" will offer a concert at St. Jude Parish on Sunday, May 14, in the church at 6 p.m. Refreshments will follow in the narthex. Oberreuter is a contemporary

musician with a deep Eucharistic and Marian piety. Contact the faith formation office at 574-291-0570 for information.

**Matthew Kelley is coming to St. Vincent de Paul Parish**  
**FORT WAYNE** — Matthew Kelly's presentation, "Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose," with special musical guest Eliot Morris, will be Saturday, Sept. 9, from 7-10:45 p.m. in the church, 1502 E. Wallen Rd. Tickets are \$39 and include all retreat materials. Tickets may be purchased at the parish office, online at [www.DynamicCatholic.com/FortWayne](http://www.DynamicCatholic.com/FortWayne) or by calling 859-980-7900.

**Day of Reflection**  
**MISHAWAKA** — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, April 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Vibrancy of Life." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by March 31 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

## REST IN PEACE

**Decatur**  
 Dolores W. Mankey, 90, St. Mary of the Assumption

Stephen K. Bentz, 69, St. Mary of the Assumption

**Fort Wayne**  
 Kathleen B. Angel, 85, Queen of Angels

Annita Willis, 60, St. Charles Borromeo

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 Mary Louise Bushee, 97, Sts. Peter and Paul

Betty Lu Glass, 91, Sts. Peter and Paul

**Mishawaka**  
 Sister Marita Stoffel, OSF, 103, St. Francis Motherhouse

**South Bend**  
 Joyce M. Sarvari, 81, Our Lady of Hungary

Theresa M. Mackowiak, 87, Holy Family

Mary A. Chapman, 88, St. Anthony de Padua

Mary Prikosovich, 84, Our Lady of Hungary

Julia Ameduri, 99, St. Joseph

Ann Nodd, 93, Holy Family

Joseph de la Cruz, 14, Our Lady of Hungary

**Rummage sale, clothing drive announced**  
**MISHAWAKA** — St. Monica Church, 222 W. Mishawaka Ave., will have a rummage sale on Friday, March 31, from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, from 9-2 p.m. Early bird shopping on Friday is \$5. The Rosary Society will have a bake sale and a chili and hot dog lunch. On Saturday, a St. Vincent de Paul truck will collect clothing donations for Eric's Promise during the hours of the sale. Someone will be available to help with donations.

**First Saturday rosary group announced**  
**ROME CITY** — Our Lady, Mother of Mercy Center will begin a first Saturday rosary group at the Victorian, 2730 E. Northport Rd. on the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Breakfast will follow praying the rosary.

**Good Friday events planned**  
**FORT WAYNE** — Experience the Crucifixion through a live chalk drawing Friday, April 14, at 6:15 p.m. at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State St. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7 p.m.

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Following Mass, each participant received a Pueri Cantores medal.

Guest conductor John Robinson leads the student singers through several practices prior to the afternoon Mass.

