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Five ordained to the diaconate



Joe Romie

The bishop and deacons stand together with the newly ordained deacons on the cathedral plaza after a Mass of Ordination on Saturday, May 20. In the front row, from left, are Deacon Eric Burgener, newly ordained Deacon Patrick Hake, newly ordained Deacon David Huneck, newly ordained Deacon Nathan Maskal, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, newly ordained Deacon Thomas Zehr, newly ordained Deacon Jay Horning and Deacon Dennis Di Benedetto. In the back row are seminarian altar servers.

BY DEB WAGNER

Diocesan seminarians Nathan Maskal, of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Thomas Zehr, of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Jay Horning, of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, and Patrick Hake and David Huneck, both from St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne,

were ordained to the diaconate Saturday, May 20, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

A full cathedral included celebrant Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, concelebrating diocesan priests and visiting priests, diocesan deacons and seminarians and area Knights of Columbus. Also attending the joyful celebration were members of several other

religious communities, as well as parents, families and friends of the five candidates.

The Rite of Ordination during the Mass began after the Gospel, during which each man was formally chosen for ordination. Father Andrew Budzinski, vocations director, publicly attested to the worthiness of each of the elect and presented all the men to Bishop Rhoades.

After the homily, Hake, Horning, Huneck, Maskal and Zehr individually declared their promises to assume the responsibility of the office of deacon. These promises included celibacy, and respect and obedience to Bishop Rhoades and his successors. A cantor from the Cathedral Choir sang the litany of saints

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St. Therese School mourns passing of new principal

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

Education is more than a profession: It is a vocation. This reality is imbued throughout the faculty and staff of St. Therese School, Fort Wayne, where the staff's mission is "to learn and share the Gospel and serve all God's children." Part of responding one's vocation, however, is following God's sovereign will to wherever he may desire, even if that place is heaven.

That devotion, during the current school year, has been challenging for the school. On Aug. 24, 2016, St. Therese lost its principal, Chuck Grimm, to a four-year battle with cancer. On Dec. 28,



JEANETTE
DONOVAN

new principal of St. Therese School, suffered a heart attack, going to her eternal home at the age of 53.

"Chuck, Jeanette and Kim had been colleagues for quite a few years at St. Therese, and each brought their own unique gifts that enriched the school," stated Marsha Jordan, superintendent of

2016, Kimberly Cragun-Reber, a middle school English teacher at St. Therese, also lost her battle with cancer. Most recently, on Sunday, May 14, Jeanette Donovan, the

schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, "Though the loss of each of these individuals has been difficult for staff and students, there is comfort in knowing that they are now experiencing the joy of eternal happiness in heaven."

Born in Indianapolis, Donovan was the daughter of the late John "Jack" Donovan and Mary Donovan, who later transitioned their family to the Fort Wayne area. Jeanette Donovan attended and graduated from Bishop Dwenger High-School. She earned her bachelor's degree from Purdue University and two master's degrees from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

For over 30 years, Donovan poured her passion for education into the students and schools of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Her career in education began at Sacred Heart in 1985. She then moved to Benoit Academy, where she served as a teacher and, later, principal. In 2008 she moved to St. Therese, where she began teaching fourth grade.

When Grimm passed away, Donovan assumed the role of principal — at that point, an interim position.

For Donovan, education was a passion and her vocation, and

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Father Solanus Casey recalled as beloved friar who showed mercy

BY MIKE STECHSCHULTE

DETROIT (CNS) — Sixty years after his death, Capuchin Father Solanus Casey is on his way to sainthood.

Pope Francis announced May 4 that Detroit's beloved friar, who earlier had been named venerable, met the requirements for beatification and will be named "blessed" — the second U.S.-born man to achieve such a designation and the first person from Michigan.

Although Father Casey was born in Oak Grove, Wis., in 1870, he spent most of his adult life and ministry in Detroit, caring for sick, poor and downtrodden people and lending a listening ear and caring heart to the thousands who came to him for counsel, wisdom and aid.

Among the hundreds, if not thousands, of healings attributed to Father Casey during and after his lifetime, Pope Francis recognized the authenticity of a miracle necessary for the friar to be elevated from venerable to blessed after a review by the Vatican's Congregation for Saints' Causes was completed earlier this year.

"The beatification of Father Solanus Casey is an incomparable grace for the church in the Archdiocese of Detroit and for the whole community of Southeast Michigan," Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron said in a statement. "He is an inspiration to all us Catholics — and to all — of the power of grace to transform one's life."

The miracle needed to raise Father Casey to blessed involved a woman with an incurable genetic skin disease. The woman was visiting friends in Detroit and stopped at Father Casey's tomb to pray for others' intentions. After her prayers, she felt the strong urging to ask for the friar's intercession for herself, too, and received an instant and visible healing.

The miraculous nature of her cure was verified by doctors in her home country, in Detroit and in Rome, all of whom confirmed there was no scientific explanation.

In a blessed coincidence — or perhaps not — Father Casey himself died of a skin disease in 1957.

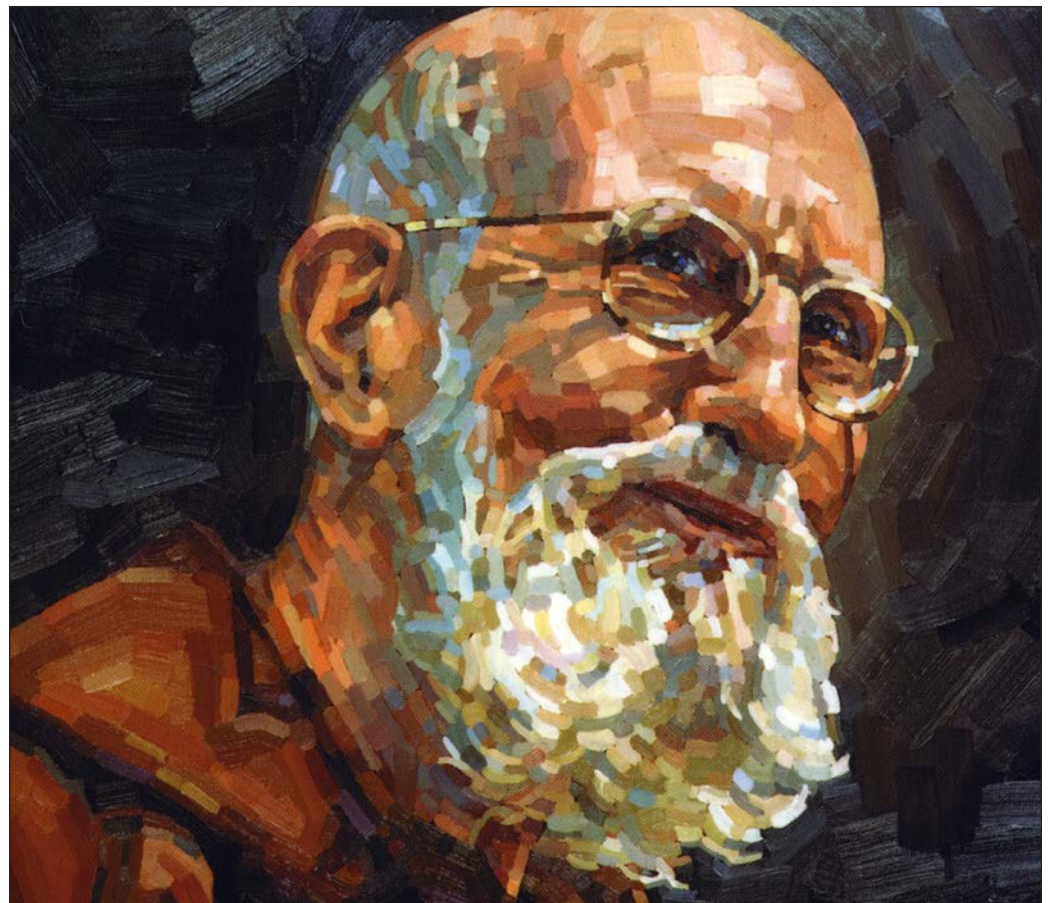
The beatification, which will take place during a Mass in Detroit later this year, is the final step before sainthood. A declaration of sainthood requires a second miracle attributed to Father Casey's intercession.

Capuchin Father Michael Sullivan, provincial minister of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph in Detroit, said the friars were elated with the news.

"Long before we knew and loved Pope Francis, we had the example of Father Solanus, who lived the Gospel of mercy," Father Sullivan said. "Known for his compassion and simplicity, he drew many thousands to God. Rather than call attention to himself, he taught people to thank God for his blessings. We are overjoyed at the news that Father Solanus' holiness is recognized by the Holy Father."

Not only did Father Casey teach others to thank God, but he often urged them to thank God "ahead of time" for the blessings they were yet to receive — an admonition adopted often by Archbishop Vigneron and others invoking the friar's memory.

Born Bernard Francis Casey Nov. 25, 1870, Father Casey was the sixth of 16 children to Irish immigrants Bernard James Casey and Ellen Elizabeth Murphy. He enrolled at St. Francis High School Seminary near Milwaukee in 1891, but because of aca-



The likeness of Solanus Casey is seen on the book cover of "Thank God Ahead of Time: The Life and Spirituality of Solanus Casey." Pope Francis has advanced the sainthood cause of the Wisconsin-born Capuchin priest.

demic limitations, he was advised to consider joining a religious order instead.

After reflecting before a statue of Mary, he felt the urging to "go to Detroit" and heeded this advice, joining the Capuchin order in 1897. He was given the religious name Solanus.

Although he continued to struggle academically, Father Casey was at last ordained in 1904 by Milwaukee Archbishop Sebastian G. Messmer as a "simplex priest," meaning he could celebrate Mass but could not preach doctrinal sermons or hear confessions.

After serving for two decades in friaries and churches in New York, Father Casey was transferred back to Detroit in 1924, where he began working as the porter, or doorkeeper, of St. Bonaventure Monastery.

It was in this role — which eventually became the title of a 1968 biography written by James Patrick Derum, "The Porter of St. Bonaventure's" — that Father Casey cemented his reputation for holiness and compassion. Charged with greeting those who came to the monastery's doors, Father Casey conducted well-attended services for the sick and became known for his gentle, wise counsel and genuine concern for those who sought his aid. He helped establish the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in 1929 to feed hungry people during the Great Depression, a work that continues in Detroit today.

By the time of his death July 31, 1957, devotion to Father Casey had grown to the point that more than 8,000 people attended his funeral, including those who traveled from afar to hear his guidance and keep his memory.

"Over the years the fame of Father Solanus has extended around the world, and now has devotees in 27 countries," said Capuchin Friar Larry Webber, who, with Capuchin Brother Richard Merling, is a vice postulator for Father Casey's beatifica-

tion and canonization cause. "Thousands of favors attributed to the intercession of Venerable Solanus have been reported to the office of the cause for sainthood of Father Solanus."

Officials began collecting and organizing material for Father Casey's cause in 1976, and by 1983, an official archdiocesan investigation was opened into the life and virtues of the priest. During this phase, 53 witnesses gave sworn testimony to his heroic virtues, and the next year their testimonies were sent to the Vatican.

As part of the process, Father Casey's tomb was opened July 8, 1987, and his remains were moved to their current resting place inside the north transept of St. Bonaventure's Chapel.

Led by Capuchin Brother Leo Wollenwebber, a three-volume "positio" was presented to the Vatican congregation, which affirmed Father Casey's heroic virtues in 1995. On July 11, 1995, Father Casey was named "venerable" by St. John Paul II, allowing for public devotion and advancing the cause for beatification.

Twenty-one years later, Sept. 22, 2016, a panel of medical experts approved a miraculous healing attributed to Father Casey. A panel of theological advisers concurred Jan. 19, paving the way for the Vatican congregation to recommend beatification to Pope Francis.

"This declaration means that the local church, here in Detroit and in Capuchin Franciscan fraternities around the world, may offer prayers and Masses invoking the intercession of Father Solanus," Brother Merling said.

Mike Stechschulte is managing editor of *The Michigan Catholic*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The commencement of the Notre Dame Class of 2017

BY JESSICA SIEFF

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame celebrated its 172nd Commencement Ceremony Sunday, May 21, inside the Notre Dame Stadium, with an audience of approximately 24,000 family, friends, faculty and graduates.

The previous evening, on Saturday, May 20, the Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, addressed the graduates at a commencement Mass. On Sunday, the commencement ceremony began an hour later than originally scheduled, to keep the celebration in the stadium and avoid rain, which fell even as guests arrived to watch their graduates take to the field.

As all 2,081 degrees were conferred and President Rev. John I. Jenkins, CSC, issued his charge, thick, stubborn clouds that had been present for most of the morning finally parted, allowing the sun to shine down on the Class of 2017.

"I have great weather news," said Thomas Burish, Charles and Jill Fischer Provost of the University, as the ceremony began. "Father John has decreed no more rain today."

Salutatorian and Hesburgh-Yusko Scholar Jose Alberto Suarez offered the commencement invocation to the graduating class, and valedictorian Caleb "C.J." Pine encouraged the Class of 2017 to give of themselves and be of service to others and of service to justice during the valedictory address.

"Our calling as we leave this stadium is to get these gowns dirty together, as we wade into muddy waters, as our learning becomes service to justice," Pine said. "When we follow the deeper callings of justice and proclaim the deeper magic of love and sacrifice that connect all of us — no matter which corner of the world we come from, then we will be true to what we have learned at Notre Dame. Then we will be true to our humanity, to the person that God has called each of us to be."

Pine, a Truman Scholar and Gilman Scholar, member of the Glynn Family Honors Program and a Hesburgh-Yusko Scholar, spoke about how his experience as a student at Notre Dame shaped his vision for life, as well as the deeper magic and transformative power that comes with being a Notre Dame graduate. Pine also encouraged the Class of 2017's Fighting Irish to fight for others.

"As you and I leave this stadium, we must fight for others, for their unalienable rights, so that their future becomes their own," Pine said. "Our generation must stand against the scapegoating of Muslims. Our concern



Matt Cashore, University of Notre Dame

Vice President Mike Pence receives an honorary degree at the University of Notre Dame commencement ceremony Sunday, May 21.

for freedom of religion must mean freedom for all religions, not just our own, otherwise none of us is free. We must commit ourselves to make certain that all of our friends and classmates at Notre Dame receive equal rights and respect when they leave this stadium with us."

In his introduction of Vice President Mike Pence, Father Jenkins also recognized the reality of "a fractured nation, with deep divisions and raw political feelings," in the midst of difficult times.

"Because values some hold deeply are often pitted against those others hold just as deeply, and because the decisions before us are so consequential, our debates are passionate and political contests intense."

Jenkins urged those listening to strive for something higher, embracing ideas and listening to differing views.

"We must speak the truth we know and challenge the injustice we see," he said. "But we must also listen to those who disagree, care for the bonds that join us together and find ways to build a society where all can flourish — even the people who don't look like us, think like us, or vote with us."

Pence was the first U.S. vice president to deliver the commencement address at Notre Dame.

"For this son of Indiana, it is great to be back home again," he said. "But I have to tell you, it's deeply humbling for me to participate in the 172nd Commencement here at the University of Notre Dame in her 175th year."

He noted that the accomplishment of those graduates receiving their degrees was a feeling shared by their parents who had supported, encouraged and prayed for them as they pursued their education. "My charge to all of you is simply this," he said, "be exceptional from this day forth."

The vice president urged graduates to carry the values and ideals students had learned during their time at Notre Dame into their future lives and careers; to

be leaders in their communities, families and professional fields; and to hold on to the Catholic faith and values instilled in them.

"If you hold fast to him, to the faith you've deepened in this place and to all you've learned and the examples you've seen, I know you will not only persevere, you will prevail, and you will lead your families, your professions and our country to unimaginable heights. University of Notre Dame Class of 2017, this is your day. So go, Irish. The future is yours."

Approximately 100 graduates left the ceremony in protest during the vice president's speech.

Pence received an honorary degree along with former NASA administrator and astronaut Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden Jr.; Cardinal Kevin Farrell; Alice Gast, president of Imperial College — London; Rev. Martin Junge, general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF); Philip J. Purcell, Notre Dame graduate, member of the University's Board of Trustees and founder and president of Continental Investors; and Martha Lampkin Welborne, Notre Dame graduate and senior vice president for corporate real estate and global facilities with The Walt Disney Co.

Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ, founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, received the prestigious honor of the Laetare Medal.

The ceremony concluded with a charge by Jenkins, who echoed the sentiments of previous speakers and implored the Class of 2017 to continue the Notre Dame tradition.

"Take what you have learned here at Notre Dame and let it enable you to go forth and do good," he said. "Always be generous as you can with you time, talent and all you have. In your family life, your professional life and your spiritual life, every day of your life, never forget that your charge as Notre Dame graduates is to be a force for good."

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Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, May 28: 10:30 a.m. — Mass, St. Mary Church, Lebanon, Pennsylvania
 Wednesday, May 31: 2 p.m. — Blessing of the New Branch Office of Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, South Bend
 Wednesday, May 31: 6 p.m. — Mass, Women's Care Center Chapel, South Bend
 Thursday, June 1: 7 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Marian High School, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
 Friday, June 2: 3 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Northeast Indiana Catholic Educators, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
 Saturday, June 3: 11 a.m. — Priesthood Ordination, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne



Deacon assignments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignments of transitional deacons for the summer of 2017:

- Deacon Patrick Hake** to diaconal ministry at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.
- Deacon Jay Horning** to diaconal ministry at Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw.
- Deacon David Huneck** to diaconal ministry at Corpus Christi Parish, South Bend.
- Deacon Nathan Maskal** to diaconal ministry at St. Pius X Parish, Granger.
- Deacon Thomas Zehr** to diaconal ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne.



Priest appointment

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointment:
Reverend Vincent Coppola, CSC, from Administrator to Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, South Bend, effective July 1, 2017.

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Immigration, religious liberty and synod on agenda for bishops' meeting

BY RHINA GUIDOS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The proverbial plate is full of issues for U.S. bishops to tackle at their upcoming spring assembly June 14-15 in Indianapolis.

They will discuss issues ranging from immigration to religious freedom, as well as the Synod of Bishops on youth and the Fifth National Encuentro gathering, both coming up in 2018.

"We're certainly going to talk about the upcoming convocation in Orlando, some of the specific plans," said Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, N.M., referring to the "Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America" July 1-4 in Orlando, Fla. "Other topics of interest for all of the bishops have been the fifth Encuentro, coming up in 2018, how things are developing in that."

Bishop Cantu, chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will address the persecution of Christians abroad.

"With regard to our bishops' meeting, there is the concern of the plight of Christians in parts of the world where they've been persecuted, whether it's in Africa or Syria or in any other part of the world," he said.

Bishop Cantu said he will give updates about the work of his committee, which has taken him to see some of the hardships Christians face in places like Asia and the Middle East. After making his annual trip to the Holy Land in January, Bishop Cantu said he traveled to Iraq and Kurdistan. He witnessed some of the work by church members, which included the building of

schools, churches and universities for displaced communities of Christians forced to leave their homelands.

"The archbishops have done heroic work," he said.

For example, Archbishop Bashar Warda of the Chaldean Archeparchy of Irbil, Iraq, built a university so that young people who were displaced from Mosul could continue to study, said Bishop Cantu.

"He did that in very short order. He talked to me about that two years ago, that he wanted to create a university and so when I was there in January, I asked him how those plans were going. He said, 'Oh, we've been up and running for a year and half.' I was just absolutely astounded. He's got this, a vision, this 'do it' mentality. They've just been working constantly to give Christians every opportunity and every reason to stay in Iraq."

Another archbishop had access to a small plot of land, and there, he built a church, he built an elementary school and a university.

"It's amazing, just absolutely amazing, what they've done in such short time and to keep their people together and to give them a sense of identity and of support," he said.

Bishop Cantu also met with church members in dangerous zones to talk about what Americans have been advocating, particularly for establishing safe zones for Christians in Syria and Iraq, on their behalf.

"They said they don't like that idea, they don't think it's a good idea to have a specifically Christian zone because that would make them a target for their enemies," he said. "They want to live in an integrated

society with proper security and full citizenship ... that's what they believe will give them the greatest security, so we wanted to clarify that, as a point for safety for them, a clarification for their voice."

The bishops also will discuss the 2018 Synod of Bishops, in which the pope wants discussion about "young people, faith and vocational discernment," as the theme of the gathering.

The bishops also will discuss and vote on whether to establish the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty as a permanent USCCB committee. They also will consider for discussion and votes revised Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments With Persons With Disabilities; a collection of blessings in Spanish; and a new translation of the Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick, and of consecrating the chrism.

The public sessions of the bishops' assembly will be all day June 14 and half a day June 15. An executive session may include "the inroads we have made into having a relationship with the new administration" in the White House, as well as the challenges, said Bishop Cantu, who also may give an update on his March meeting with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

"We certainly expressed our concern last November about the attitude and the plight of immigrants," he said.

The bishops also may receive an update on President Donald Trump's executive orders dealing with his travel ban, which is tied up in the courts, yet is affecting refugees coming into the country. The bishops have issued statements opposing the original order and its revision.

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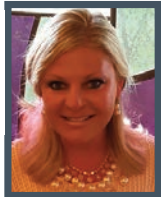
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she had a knack for making learning fun. Kim Kiracofe, secretary of St. Therese School and a long-time co-worker of Donovan, remembers working with Donovan at Benoit Academy, watching the creative ways she helped her students learn. She remembers, "hearing Jeanette across the hall playing spelling games: She wrote spelling words on the board, and they had to smack the right word with a fly swatter. She made learning fun."

Donovan's passion for education carried into the summer, when, for the past seven years, she has involved in St. Henry's Summer Clubhouse as a teacher and as director, a position she had been planning to assume

again this summer. She was also a board member for the St. Henry Community Center and Gardens.

Jordan remembered: "It was easy for Jeanette's students to know that she cared deeply for them because she always listened first, counseled them wisely and helped them make a plan to improve. It might be a quick check-in with her in the morning, or special time with her in the afternoon. It could be a treat for mastering a lesson, making the honor roll, or showing service or kindness toward another student. Every student, I'm sure, thought they were her favorite, because she went out of her way to connect with them all."

Jordan continued: "Jeanette loved teaching math and used different techniques and games to make math fun for her students. When Chuck Grimm became so ill at the beginning

of the school year, he asked Jeanette to step into the role of principal for him. Jeanette agreed to do this, because of her friendship with Mr. Grimm and commitment to St. Therese, but she also made me promise her that she would be able to go back into the classroom to teach because that was her passion and strength."

A Feb. 19 Today's Catholic article stated that, according to Principal Donovan, "the ultimate goal at St. Therese School is to develop students that are faithful, productive and responsible students." She stated, "We want them to be proud to say, 'I am a St. Therese graduate,' and we want to be proud to say, 'They are our St. Therese graduates.'"

A Mass of Christian Burial for Jeanette Donovan took place on Friday, May 19. She was laid to rest in Catholic Cemetery.

Archdiocese speaks of Netflix series on murdered nun

BALTIMORE — (CNA/EWTN News) — No one knows who killed Sister Catherine Ann Cesnik.

A young nun who was on a year's leave of absence, Sister Cathy, as friends called her, was murdered sometime while running an errand on the evening of Nov. 7, 1969. She was 26 years old.

Her body was found in a dump two months later, though authorities have never been able to identify her killer.

This summer, a Netflix documentary series called "The Keepers" is reopening the case, talking to witnesses and examining the evidence before the case goes cold forever.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Sister Cathy are precarious.

A member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame since the age of 18, Sister Cathy and her friend Sister Helen Russell Phillips both took a leave of absence in 1969 and moved out of the convent into an apartment together.

A thoughtful and well-liked teacher, Sister Cathy had taught English at Archbishop Seton Keough Catholic High School for several years before transferring to Western Public High School in 1969.

The chaplain of Keough at the time, Father A. Joseph Maskell, was later accused by former students of numerous counts of rape and sexual abuse during his time at the school, which first came to light through accusations made in the early 1990s. Father Maskell was subsequently removed from ministry, and fled the United States. He was never

charged with a crime before his death in 2001.

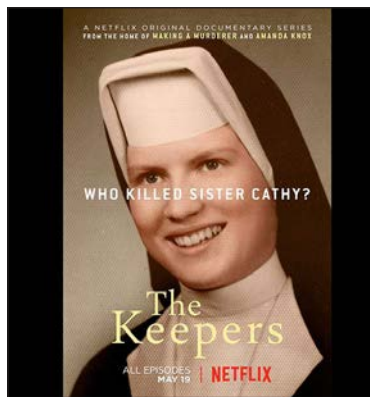
Father Maskell has been a longtime suspect in Sister Cathy's death. Former students of Sister Cathy believed she knew about the abuses of the priest, as many of the young women felt comfortable confiding in her. Many believe that Father Maskell, who was also the chaplain of the Baltimore police at the time, murdered Sister Cathy to keep her quiet and used his connections to cover up his crimes.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has always denied claims of a widespread conspiracy to cover up Sister Cathy's death and to hide the crimes of Father Maskell, and it maintains that the archdiocese had no prior knowledge of the sexual abuse of Father Maskell or his connection to Sister Cathy until the '90s, when several victims came forward. There is no hard evidence to suggest that the archdiocese was involved in a cover-up of the case.

"Suggestions of a cover-up by the archdiocese are speculative and false," the archdiocese said in a recent statement outlining talking points before the release of the Netflix series.

"The Baltimore Sun has retracted its 'errors' for reporting that certain police supervisors suggested archdiocesan interference in 1969-70 since the people cited had actually retired before (sometimes years before) the relevant time-frame," the archdiocese said.

"The Sun also noted the numerous police officials who stated they knew of no such interference. There is no sug-



gestion that the archdiocese interfered in any way when the subsequent investigations were occurring in the 1990s. The archdiocese reported the initial sexual abuse allegation to the authorities in 1993, removed Maskell from ministry and held a public meeting in 1994, and has been transparent with an Independent Review Board since that time."

Baltimore City police began working the case, focusing on suspects in the Catholic Church. The Baltimore County police took over the case when Sister Cathy's body was found two months after her disappearance.

According to reports, she was found with trauma to the head, possibly from a hammer. The discovery of her body barely made the news — the local papers were on strike at the time.

Because the alleged abuse of Father Maskell had not been reported to the archdiocese or the authorities in 1970, when Sister Cathy's body was found, Father Maskell was not originally investigated as a suspect in the case.

Earlier this month, local media reported that the Baltimore

County police exhumed Father Maskell's body to conduct DNA testing, ahead of the Netflix series that closely links him to Sister Cathy's murder.

Lacking leads and new evidence, the case went cold around 1975, but was picked up again in 1992, after a woman named Jean Wehner came forward and reported that she had been abused at the hands of Father Maskell.

The archdiocese removed Father Maskell from ministry and sent him away for counseling and evaluation. Having no hard evidence against him, he returned to ministry in 1994.

At that time, Wehner revealed to police that Father Maskell had taken her to see Sister Cathy's body to "show her what happened to people who crossed him," according to *The Washington Post*, and several other abuse victims came forward to accuse the priest.

The Baltimore County police then questioned Father Maskell about the case, but he denied both the allegations of murder and of sexual abuse. He was permanently removed from ministry by the archdiocese in 1994, and he fled to Ireland in 1996 without the knowledge of the archdiocese.

The archdiocese has offered to each victim an apology and an opportunity to meet with the archbishop, and has offered to pay for counseling assistance for anyone who may have been abused by Father Maskell. Some victims have sought direct finan-

cial assistance through a voluntary, pastoral mediation program established by the archdiocese. To date, the archdiocese has provided over \$97,000 in counseling assistance and over \$472,000 in direct financial assistance to those who may have been abused by the priest.

"It became a healing process for a number of them," Sheldon Jacobs, an attorney for the victims, said of the settlements reached in 2016.

"Quite a few of them thought it was a cathartic experience," he told *The Washington Post*.

The archdiocese said that it was willing to provide comment and to answer questions for the producers of the new Netflix series about the case.

"Unfortunately, the producers asked very few questions of the archdiocese before releasing the series and did not respond to the archdiocese's request to receive an advanced copy of the series. Advanced copies were provided to media outlets," the archdiocese notes on its website.

Ahead of the series, the Archdiocese of Baltimore has published answers to several frequently asked questions regarding the case of Sister Cathy, and has reiterated the importance of its "zero tolerance policy" and sexual abuse screening and prevention training for its volunteers and employees.

The seven-part Netflix series "The Keepers," directed by Ryan White, debuted on May 19.

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Pope announces new cardinals from Mali, Spain, Sweden, Laos, Salvador

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis announced he will create five new cardinals June 28; the new cardinals-designate come from Mali, Spain, Sweden, Laos and El Salvador. Unusually, the group of prelates announced by the pope May 21 includes an auxiliary bishop whose archbishop is not a cardinal; he is Cardinal-designate Gregorio Rosa Chavez, 74, the current auxiliary bishop of San Salvador. The other churchmen who will receive red hats are: Archbishop Jean Zerbo of Bamako, Mali, 73; Archbishop Juan Jose Omella of Barcelona, Spain, 71; Bishop Anders Arborelius of Stockholm, Sweden, 67; and Bishop Louis-Marie Ling Mangkhanekhoun, apostolic vicar of Pakse, Laos, 73. After briefly talking about the day's Gospel reading, leading the crowd in St. Peter's Square in reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer and greeting various groups present, instead of wishing everyone a good Sunday and a good lunch — the normal procedure at the noon prayer — Pope Francis made his announcement. The five new cardinals coming from "different parts of the world demonstrates the catholicity of the church spread across the globe," Pope Francis said. And the practice of assigning to each of them a church in Rome "expresses that the cardinals belong to the Diocese of Rome," which, as St. Ignatius of Antioch explained, "presides in charity over all the churches."

Bishops tell lawmakers to focus on poor in upcoming budget

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Decrease military spending and help the poor, said the U.S. bishops in a May 19 letter addressed to Congress, before lawmakers prepare to work on the federal budget for the upcoming 2018 fiscal year. The budget requires difficult decisions, but lawmakers must "give central importance to 'the least of these,'" said the letter sent to all members of the Senate and the House of Representatives on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and signed by the chairmen of six USCCB committees. The letter urged lawmakers to "promote the welfare of workers and families who struggle to live in dignity." Increasing funding for defense and immigration enforcement while cutting "many domestic and international programs that assist the most vulnerable, would be profoundly troubling," said the letter signed by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York and Bishops Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, N.M.; Christopher J. Coyne of Burlington, Vt.; Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Fla.; George V.

World Youth Day logo shows symbols for Mary, Panama



CNS photo/courtesy World Youth Day USA

A logo depicting symbols for Mary, Panama and the Panama Canal was selected as the winning design to promote World Youth Day 2019. The design by Amber Calvo, 20, a Panamanian student studying architecture, was chosen for the event that will take place Jan. 22-27, 2019. Calvo's design is in the shape of a stylized heart: The artwork includes a silhouette of Mary, right, at the moment she says, "Thy will be done" to God. The Panama Canal flows through Mary, symbolizing the pilgrim's path through Mary to Jesus. At left is an image of the Pilgrim Cross. The Isthmus of Panama is represented at top, in the shape of a stylized "M." The image refers to the Panamanian theme, "Bridge of the World, Heart of the Universe." It also suggests the name of Mary and her motherly heart leads the pilgrim to Jesus, her son.

Murry of Youngstown, Ohio; and Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas. Decisions should be "guided by moral criteria that protect human life and dignity," they said, and making deep cuts to programs that help the poor "would harm people facing dire circumstances."

Malnutrition in Venezuela at humanitarian crisis level, Caritas says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With soaring food prices and a free-falling economy, child malnutrition in Venezuela has crossed the threshold of a humanitarian crisis, the local chapter of Caritas Internationalis said. The latest figures from a Caritas Venezuela report published May 16 show that in four states, including the country's capital, Caracas, 11.4

percent of children under the age of 5 "are suffering either from moderate or severe acute malnutrition. We are extremely worried, which is why we are going public with this series of reports. We have been monitoring levels of malnutrition and providing assistance to under-5s since October across four states: Distrito Capital, Vargas, Miranda and Zulia," said Janeth Marquez, director of Caritas Venezuela. The number rises to 48 percent when children under 5, who "are at risk or suffering lower levels of malnutrition, are included," the report stated. "You see the wasting and in some cases the edema — all the classic images of starving children. In the villages, it's the children who are worst affected, but also the adults are very wasted," said Susana Raffalli, a humanitarian specialist in food emergencies for Caritas Venezuela.

Alito: Freedom of religion, speech key to democracy but now under threat

WYNNEWOOD, Pa. (CNS) — The graduating class at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Philadelphia Archdiocese received a special treat at the Concurus graduation ceremony held in the seminary chapel May 17. U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. received an honorary doctorate of letters and delivered the formal address. The award to Alito was "in testimony to and recognition of his many outstanding contributions to society," Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput said in his introduction, "especially in protecting the sanctity and dignity of human life, the full responsibilities of the human person and promoting true justice and

lasting peace." In his address Alito spoke of the freedom of religion as enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution and encroachments on that freedom today. A southern New Jersey native, he is well versed in the history of religious toleration as it developed in Philadelphia, and the important role that religion played in the development of the Constitution, including the visits by the Founding Fathers to the city's various churches, among them Old St. Mary's, tracing back to the Revolution. Part of freedom of religion is "no one is forced to act in violation of his own beliefs," Alito said.

Trump's reinstated 'Mexico City Policy' implemented

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Reinstatement of the "Mexico City Policy," as provided for in President Donald Trump's Jan. 23 executive memorandum, took effect May 15. "(It) ensures that U.S. taxpayers will no longer subsidize foreign nongovernmental organizations that perform or promote abortion on demand," said the co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. Trump's memorandum also expanded the policy, now called "Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance," according to Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, who is the caucus co-chair. "This humane policy seeks to respect and protect the precious lives of unborn girls and boys from the violence of abortion," Smith, a Catholic, said in a statement. "The new policy doesn't cut global health assistance by so much as a penny." The policy was first put in place by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. It was named for the city that hosted the U.N. International Conference on Population that year and where Reagan, then in his first term as president, unveiled it.

Upcoming St. Louis Taize event 'first step' to heal racial divides

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although it has been three years since the riots broke out in Ferguson, Mo., many of the wounds have still not healed. The racial divides — at front and center during protests of the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teenager by a white police officer — still linger. As a way to move the city toward healing, St. Louis Archbishop Robert J. Carlson has called on outside help, inviting brothers from Taize, an ecumenical community in France, to come to St. Louis. Many Catholics might be familiar with Taize because of its members' songs, often based on the Psalms and known for their simplicity and repetition. The order's charism is reconciliation. The brothers accepted the archbishop's invitation are preparing for the May 26-29 Pilgrimage of Trust — days of prayer and workshops and a walk through the city May 28.

Scheiber Family Endowment awards 2017 scholarships and grants

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington County Community Foundation is pleased to announce Melanie Lisinicchia, Shafer Garrett and Katie Hunt as the 2017 recipients of the Donald E. and Lou Rayne Scheiber Catholic Education Scholarship. Lisinicchia will receive a scholarship worth \$1,500, while Garrett and Hunt will both receive \$1,250 scholarships.

Lisinicchia will attend Indiana University, majoring in biology and molecular genetics with the goal of one day becoming a genetic counselor. She is the daughter of Brandon and Tabatha Lisinicchia of Huntington.

Garrett has been accepted to attend the University of Notre Dame, majoring in chemistry and business. He hopes to open his own medical practice, specializing in neurology and neurosurgery. He is the son of Robert and Paula Garrett of Huntington.

Hunt will attend Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, majoring in elementary education. She would like to return to Huntington after receiving her degree and work as an elementary teacher within the Huntington County Community Schools Corporation. She is the daughter of Christopher and Lisa Hunt of Huntington.

Also awarded were the Donald E. and Lou Rayne Scheiber Charity Grants to support Huntington Catholic School and the Bishop Luers High School Luers Night event.

Created in 1997, the Donald E. and Lou Rayne Scheiber Catholic Education and Charity Fund accomplishes dual purposes. First, the fund promotes educational opportunities for Huntington County students who are members of one of three local Catholic Church parishes (St. Joseph in Roanoke, St. Mary and Sts. Peter and Paul in Huntington). Second, the fund provides charitable grants to Catholic organizations that promote the accepted teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Right to Life Honors teens for pro-life leadership

SOUTH BEND — Part of St. Joseph County Right to Life's mission is to change hearts and minds, cultivating pro-life virtue in communities and encouraging a lifestyle that recognizes the sanctity of the gift of life. Pro-life teens take up a special role in living out this mission as future



DONALD AND LOU RAYNE SCHEIBER

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Deacons, seminarians graduate



Provided by Susie Nield

Several seminarians and deacons of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend graduated from Mount St. Mary's University or Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., with undergraduate and graduate degrees in May. In the front row, from left, are Msgr. Andrew Baker, rector and vice president of Mount St. Mary's University; Deacon Dennis Di Benedetto; seminarian Michael Ammer (not of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend); Mount St. Mary's University Interim President Dr. Timothy Trainor; Most Reverend William E. Lori, STD, Archbishop of Baltimore and chancellor of the seminary; and Deacon Eric Burgener. In the back row are seminarians Logan Parrish and Thomas Zehr.

leaders who are committed to defending the inherent dignity of all human beings.

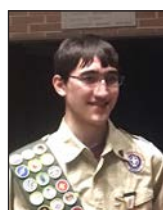
St. Joseph County Right to Life honored several of these teens and the fruits of their prayer and service on April 27 at the 10th annual Respect Life Prayer Dinner. As part of its annual essay contest, the organization asked teens to respond to real-life situations with truth in charity. Middle school students wrote responses to an editorial that argued, "My body, my choice!" High school students put themselves in the place of the pastor as they crafted homilies imagining that a new abortion facility returned to the local area. Silas Greathouse, homeschool; Mary Sgroi, Trinity Lutheran School, Elkhart; Felicity Nolan, Corpus Christi School, South Bend; and Benjamin Britzke, St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart; were awarded for their exceptional entries.

In addition, St. Joseph County Right to Life recognized Bonita Murphy of Saint Mary's College with the Brother John Lavelle, CSC, Scholarship. Some of the highlights of Bonita's pro-life

leadership were running the crib club store, creating ultrasound scrapbooks and designing and executing a six-week ballet class for children at the Women's Care Center, attending countless local and national demonstrations to speak out as a voice for the voiceless unborn and taking an active role in the Belles for Life Club at Saint Mary's College.

SJHS student earns Eagle Scout Award

SOUTH BEND — Skyler Mead, a student at Saint Joseph High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 750, has earned the Eagle Scout Award.



SKYLER MEAD

To earn scouting's highest honor, he refurbished a bridge at the Elkhart Conservation Club and made a set of nature trail steps.

"I chose to do this project because my troop camps at the Elkhart Conservation Club often,

and I wanted to give back to the conservation club for allowing us to use it as often as we do," said Mead.

He got involved in Boy Scouts in the first grade as a Tiger Cub, joining because four of his friends had joined. One of his most memorable moments was going to summer camp with his troop. It allowed him to interact with the other troops from the district and share different, yet similar, experiences, as well as advance through the scouting ranks. He has achieved 45 merit badges and several honors. Currently, he is in a Crew Troop and Order of the Arrow, along with being an active member of his own troop.

"Scouting has influenced my life by allowing me to be able to go out of my comfort zone and try something new like rock climbing, hiking, canoeing and many more activities that I probably would not do very often if at all if I wasn't a Boy Scout," noted Mead. His plans for the future are to attend college, become a mechanical engineer and remain involved with scouting as an adult leader.

Luers student's mission work project awarded

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School freshman Jessica Hartmus has taken her science fair projects to the missionary lands of Africa. At the encouragement of Father Sebastian Twinomugabi, known in Uganda as the "brick priest" and who was the parochial vicar at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Huntington, Jessica has been involved in a brick-building project that aids the people of the Diocese of Fort Portal in Uganda in building stronger homes and structures.

Father Sebastian approached Jessica with the idea of assisting him with the engineering needs of the Ugandan people when Jessica was in seventh grade at Huntington Catholic School. He noticed her engineering mind and tapped into her creativity to help with the brick-building project.

For the last two years Jessica's science fair projects have involved designing a drying rack for the bricks. The bricks must cure for a certain amount of time to be utilized for building homes or other structures.

At the regional science fair Jessica received the University of Notre Dame College of Engineering Top Engineering Award, which was selected from all the projects at the fair in grades 4-12. She received a \$250 cash prize.

Jessica said she purchases scrap wood at local home building stores to construct the models and uses her own funds to buy the wood. Because of the size of the projects, she assembles the models at the family's business, Economy Machine Products Inc., in Roanoke.

Her goal at the science fair was to spread the word about her project and needs of the people in Uganda. Although she did not advance to the international science fair this year, several judges, even though she was not on their schedules to judge, wanted to hear more about her brick-making project.

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel essay winner

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School has announced fourth-grade student Bridgette Haynes as the runner-up essay winner in the Indy 500 Education Program



BRIDGETTE HAYNES

Contest. Bridgette wrote her essay on why physical education teacher Tony Johnston should be the grand marshal of the 500 Parade, and honored his service as a veteran to our country. Bridgette competed against fourth-graders from across the state and won a large Indy 500 festival gift basket.

'Blessed and prepared': Deacon Dennis Di Benedetto

BY JENNIFER MILLER

His very name speaks of God. Benedetto meaning "blessed" in Italian, and Deacon Dennis Di Benedetto, of Italian-Sicilian heritage, feels just that. The past year, living and serving as a deacon, studying as a graduate student and preparing for the priesthood, he has known God's great love and mercy calling him to be one of his own shepherds.

Deacon Di Benedetto is originally from Medford, in southern New Jersey, the son of Michael and Nancy Di Benedetto. Raised in a practicing Catholic family, he often accompanied his mother, an English as a Second Language teacher, to immigrant homes in his community. There, as his mother taught English, he would play with the other children, who often did not know English either. Through this first-hand experience he learned how to live the Catholic faith and serve God's people, and that caring and sharing God's joy is an international language.

Attending Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md.,



**DENNIS
DI BENEDETTO**

Deacon Di Benedetto was a philosophy major with a history minor. Returning there years later after discerning a vocation to the priesthood, as a graduate student and seminarian with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was a treat, he said. Many of his courses utilized his previous studies: One of his favorite courses on ecumenism. The multicultural world of his early upbringing offered him a unique lens with which to study this area of theology.

Another highlight of the past year was a 20-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land with his fellow seminarian classmates. Simply being in Galilee and standing at the shore of the Sea of Galilee was an incredible experience, he said. "I better understood the dynamic between Jesus and the apostles. Being in a group of guys together, walking the same area where Jesus walked,

I felt part of that same fraternity." They also visited the exact sites described and mentioned in the Bible, "names I might have skipped over before," such as the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes and of Caesarea Philippi. The latter site was especially poignant for Deacon Di Benedetto, as it is close to the Syrian-Israeli border. "We actually looked over the border and could see Syria."

A final, important part of Deacon Di Benedetto's preparation for priestly ordination this year was a 2016 seminar at Mount St. Mary's with Msgr. Michael Heintz of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The Pastoral Assessment Integration Seminar focused on priestly pastoral parish preparations, where situations and responses could be discussed. Deacon Di Benedetto said it was especially helpful to study, as a group, the very practical, real-life

issues that they might encounter in ministry, from both a theological and pastoral lens.

Deacon Di Benedetto also served as a deacon on the weekend in two parishes in the Diocese of Harrisburg Pa.: St. Mary Parish in Fairfield and St. Rita in Blue Ridge Summit.

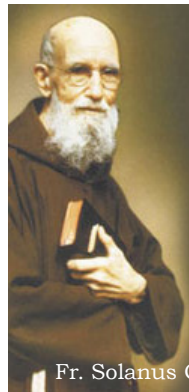
"There is a wisdom in the church, a reason we have typically a full year of the diaconate to be in the sanctuary, performing the sacraments," he reflected. Although he found himself gradually embracing his new role, he also came to appreciate that "perhaps it would be too much, all of a sudden, to one day be ordained a priest!"

In a week, he will receive the sacrament of holy orders, having his hands anointed with holy oil; he will receive the new vestments of the order and his soul will be sealed forever with an indelible mark. "I feel peaceful,

kind of surreal," he reflected.

"I know there are many people I haven't even met who are praying for me, and that really touches my heart. I am certain I have never had more people praying for me in my life than I do right now, and I certainly feel that grace. It must be the reason I'm not nervous."

Deacon Di Benedetto also credits his investiture into the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, a cloistered order of women religious in Fort Wayne. "Four years ago, when I was wrestling with the decision to transfer from my former religious community (the Pittsburgh Oratory of St. Philip Neri) to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the nuns were some of the only people who knew I was considering this. I always say they 'prayed me into the diocese.'"



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Deacon Burgener anxious to ascend the 'mountain' of faith'

BY JEANNIE EWING

Life often resembles a mountain, insurmountable to climb and yet beckoning a person to try. At least, that is how Deacon Eric Burgener views his life and his call to the priesthood. Though his call began during the tumultuous 'tween years, his initial "yes" to God wasn't fully realized until young adulthood.



ERIC BURGENER

"I remember being at a school Mass at St. Charles, and I just realized the priesthood was where I needed to be. After receiving Communion, my eyes filled with tears of joy, but I knew it wasn't cool to be seen crying," he said.

Shortly after that seed of religious vocation was planted, St. Charles' beloved Monsignor Hession passed away. Deacon Burgener attended the funeral.

"I thought again more seriously about the priesthood there, but I ran away from it." The world, and pressure from friends, were enough to keep Deacon Burgener away from his vocation — for a time.

"My mom has always been highly instrumental in my

vocation to the priesthood," he said. "I received a lot of flyers about discernment retreats for the priesthood when I was in high school, but I threw them all away. My mom must have known that I was rejecting my call, because she secretly retrieved them all, and I eventually attended one."

Vocational calls can be akin to facing the reality that the life God asks of his children far surpasses the life that they imagine will make them happy. Deacon Burgener pursued much of what the world promises will fulfill a person, but he discovered that true happiness and deep, abiding peace result instead from a wholehearted "yes" to God.

"It was like I was running away from the mountain God wanted me to climb," he explained. "I started off making the ascent, but then I stumbled and fell upon the rocks of earthly pleasures. Eventually, I hit rock bottom."

During college, Deacon Burgener's journey hit a crossroads. He chose to be faithful to Mass attendance, but his college roommates and friends laughed at him. In turn, he became ashamed and didn't want to admit what he was doing.

The turning point occurred when he chose to enter into solitude with Jesus in front of the tabernacle at St. Paul's Catholic

Church in Bloomington, close to where he attended college. "I asked God, 'What do you want me to do?' and immediately I saw myself in sixth grade again, when I knew God wanted me to be a priest," he shared. "It was as if God replied to my heart, 'Do you want to follow me? Be my priest,' and I said 'yes.'"

During his senior year of college he became a daily communicant, attended confession regularly and received spiritual direction from the Dominican priests who ran the Indiana University Newman Center.

"We're all called to go up that mountain," he continued, reflecting on his path to priesthood, which culminates Saturday, June 3, in his ordination at the Cathedral of the Immaculate

Conception, Fort Wayne. "The beauty is that the source and summit — the Eucharist — gives us an adrenaline shot in the heart to wake up and follow God's call. The mountaintop is heaven. The priesthood is the active work, the active ministry that heals others' wounds by way of the Eucharist."

What about the struggles along that arduous climb up the mountain? Deacon Burgener responded: "As a priest, you have to be the priest and the victim. I have to realize that there will be suffering, there will be doubts. To arm myself, I have to remember not to put too much stock in the enemy's attacks, and that God is stronger. I also need to stay close to Our Lady. She's the enemy of the enemy."

Deacon Burgener recommended asking for grace when a person is discerning a vocation. "Then God makes our vocation evidently clear. In the dark moments of our lives, when we say 'yes' to God, it means more than during the times of consolation we experience.

"What you fall in love with will dictate what you do in this world, the type of person you will be," he said. "What you love determines who you are and will bring you happiness if you love God. I lived and experienced what the world has to offer, and it's nothing in comparison to what the church has to offer. The climb is worth the view, when you reach the top of your mountain."

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Victory Noll assisted-living facility blessed

BY PATRICK MURPHY

For more than 70 years, a scenic, 100-acre-plus site in Huntington has been the mother house for the Victory Noll Sisters, an order that serves the poor and disadvantaged.

By this summer, a new building on the pristine site, which is known as Victory Noll Center, will be completed and house the newest assisted-living facility operated by Saint Anne Communities.

"It will be a place of caring, faith and love. A place where the staff cares for residents and the residents care for the staff — and each other," said Bishop Kevin D. Rhoades, who blessed the new assisted-living facility Thursday, May 18.

While the public open house is scheduled for some time in July, about 100 visitors, nuns and staff were allowed to preview the 30-bed facility that is currently under construction.

"This is an exciting day for us," said Sister John Francis Radler, OLVN, during the event.

The building's design and decor blend nicely with the other buildings, Bishop Rhoades noted, referring to the distinct architecture of other structures on campus. Those buildings have a decided southwestern style, a reflection of the order's roots in the southwestern part of the United States.

The order — formally known as the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters — was founded in 1922 by Father John



Patrick Murphy

A Victory Noll sister greets Bishop Rhoades following the blessing of a new assisted-living facility on the grounds of Victory Noll Center. The facility is part of Saint Anne Communities.

Joseph Sigstein, after seeing the needs of poor people in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and other states. The order and its mission of ministering to the poor were promoted by Archbishop John Francis Noll through Our Sunday Visitor. Father Sigstein and Archbishop Noll are buried in the cemetery on campus.

In addition to the blessing, Bishop Rhoades inspected the facility, sprinkling holy water as he went. The rooms are "modern

and comfortable," he noted.

The assisted-living facility is part of an ongoing cooperative effort between Saint Anne's and the Victory Noll Sisters, said David Deffenbaugh, prior to a meeting the same day of the Saint Anne Communities Board of Directors. Deffenbaugh is administrator and chief executive officer of Saint Anne's Communities, which operates three facilities in the Fort Wayne area.

Students build St. Mary Mother of God Church with cans



Provided by Kristin Spoltman

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School and its "CANstruction" team competed at Glenbrook Mall, Fort Wayne, April 21 in Community Harvest Food Bank's annual competition to construct themes from cans of food. Following the competition the cans are gathered and donated to the food bank. This year's concept was "Fort Wayne's Finest," for which students chose to replicate St. Mary Church, both pre- and post-fire; all while tying in to the concept of Canstruction's cause to fight hunger and St. Mary's being the home of the soup kitchen. Shoppers voted for their favorite structure by contributing even more canned goods, and the school's entry was deemed the "Most Dynamic" in the competition.

St. Jude takes first in chess tournament

SOUTH BEND — St. Jude School took first place in the Michiana Chess organization team event from among the six teams competing in the regional tournament Saturday, May 6.

The team was put together from the school's chess club, which has 10-14 members. This was a special win because the team did not meet from February through April due a medical setback for coach Casey Major.

Team members were Darwin Kariuki, second grade; Camila Wasoski, third grade; Devin Weber, fourth grade; Andrew Muno, fifth grade; and captain Zach Caldwell, eighth grade. Three of the students had not played in a tournament before, much less five games over the course of six hours.

According to Major, "this group has a special love for chess and a deep tenacious attitude that helped them place first out of the six teams." Zach placed fourth, with the rest finishing in the top 22 out of 30 players, winning the overall tournament by two points.

Gerardot added to USF Board of Trustees

FORT WAYNE — Jane Gerardot has been elected to the University of Saint Francis Board of Trustees. She has served as a director on the Development Committee of the University of Saint Francis

Board of Trustees from 2004 until her election to the board in 2017, and also as an adviser for the physical therapy assistant program from its inception until 2016.

Holy Cross announces new leadership

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College is proud to announce that Justin Watson, Ph.D., previously vice president for academic affairs, has been appointed provost of the college, and Michael Griffin, Ph.D., tenured professor of theology, has been appointed senior vice president.

As provost, Watson will maintain his role as chief academic officer of the college and advise the interim president on major policy matters internal and external to the college.

As senior vice president, Griffin will oversee college programs and the teams that work in student formation, including admissions, as well as advise the interim president on major policy matters internal and external to the college.



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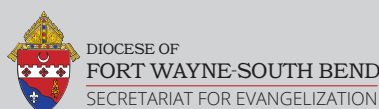
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Mary's Glen and prayer chapel blessed

BY MADELINE NUGENT, CFP

On Monday, May 8, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii Prayer Chapel as well as Mary's Glen, a spiritual oasis for prayer in Fort Wayne, developed by the Confraternity of Penitents.

The grounds on which Mary's Glen is located were donated to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend by the Paul and Donna Schoenle family. Members of the family participated in the Procession of Blessing.

The blessing of Mary's Glen was preceded by a Mass offered under a tent by Bishop Rhoades and concelebrated by Father Francis Chukwuma, pastor of St. John Bosco Church, Churubusco, and by Father Augustine Mugarura, associate pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne. Following the Mass and blessing, the Confraternity of Penitents hosted a potluck luncheon for the approximately 40 attendees.

In his Mass homily, Bishop Rhoades said: "I pray that this will be a place where people may encounter and experience the love of the Good Shepherd; that people who walk these grounds and pray here will be refreshed in their souls. This outdoor place of prayer in the middle of a busy city is a place for people to grow in their relationship with the Lord, to be reminded that Christ came that we may have life and have it abundantly. It is a place for not only Catholics and those who are part of the sheepfold, but also for others, those people about whom Jesus says: 'I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.' He says: 'These also I must lead, and they will hear my



Photos by Joe Romie

Members of the Confraternity of Penitents and visitors begin to assemble before Mass around the new Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii prayer chapel, a prominent structure in Mary's Glen.

voice.' So I pray today also for those who will come here who perhaps do not know the Lord or belong to the church, that they might hear the loving voice of the Good Shepherd here at Mary's Glen.

"This place is named in honor of the Blessed Mother. Reflecting today on Jesus, her son, as the Good Shepherd, I invite you to consider one of her many titles: 'Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd.' The Good Shepherd, when he was laying down his life for his sheep, when he was hanging on the cross, gave us his mother to be our mother, to look after us with maternal love and care. As she loved and cared for her beloved son, the Good Shepherd, so she also loves and cares for us, the sheep for whom he laid down his life. She wants us to receive the life he came to give us and to have it abundantly. So we also ask our Blessed Mother, the mother of the Good Shepherd, to intercede for all who come here to Mary's Glen. May she lead them to her son, to know and experience in

their hearts that he is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for them."

In addition to Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii Prayer Chapel and its icons, Mary's Glen also features a rosary walk, outdoor Stations of the Cross, fence sections featuring 100 different saints, a replica of the Holy Family's house, and various grottos including Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Joseph, as well as a pet memorial grotto dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi. Prayer benches, a large picnic table, a swing glider, campfire area (used by advance arrangement only) and gazebo with cocktail tables and chairs complete the glen.

Mary's Glen resides on diocesan property at 2514 Reynolds St. Visitors are welcome from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To inquire about hosting a special event or evening event at the glen, call 260-



Bishop Rhoades sprinkles with holy water the exterior of the new prayer chapel, above, and saints' tiles affixed to sections of Mary's Glen perimeter fence, below.



739-6882, email copenitents@yahoo.com or send a letter to Mary's Glen, c/o Confraternity of Penitents, 1702 Lombard St., Fort Wayne IN 46803.

The Confraternity of Penitents is an international, nonprofit, canonically approved Roman Catholic private association of the faithful whose members,

lay men and women, both married and single, live in their own homes and follow a modern update to the Rule of 1221 that St. Francis of Assisi gave to the laity of his time. A local chapter of the confraternity meets monthly. For more information visit www.penitents.org.

St. John the Baptist students perform



Provided by Janice Comito

The St. John the Baptist School Drama Club in New Haven perform at local nursing homes. The cast and crew of "Getting to Know ... The Sound of Music" performed for an audience of over 370 people in the school's gymnasium and also performed the show for residents of Genesis Nursing Home and Cedars Assisted Living facilities and made cards for the residents.

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St. Joseph: our father? Part 1

Fatherlessness has become an epidemic in our society: 43 percent of our kids grow up without fathers (U.S. Census), approaching a catastrophe rivaling the 1918 flu pandemic when an estimated 56 percent of the world was infected.

Fatherlessness is devastating — legally, morally, psychologically and spiritually. A shocking snapshot of our fatherless youth shows they comprise 63 percent of youth suicides (U.S. Dept. Of Health/U.S. Census) — five times the average; 90 percent of all homeless and runaway children — 32 times the average; 85 percent of all children who show behavior disorders — 20 times the average (Center for Disease Control); 80 percent of rapists with anger problems — 14 times the average (*Justice & Behavior*, Vol. 14, p. 403-26); and 71 percent of all high school drop-outs — nine times the average (National Principals Association Report).

Fatherlessness is a Catholic problem in two ways: 1) Because God is father, it creates a crisis of faith and is partly responsible for the rise of the religious “nones,” of whom 70 percent are millennials, 23 percent are adults and 57 percent are men; and 2) It challenges how we evangelize the fatherless.

The antidote is men fully living out their faith, as spiritual fathers, by informally adopting our lost generation. Our faith calls us to care for the “least” and the vulnerable (Mt 25:40) and to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19): That’s the summit of being a man, and St.

Joseph is our prototypical model.

How is St. Joseph a spiritual father?

St. Joseph took two roads to spiritual fatherhood: 1) Through the Incarnation, and 2) Through participation in a new order of family.

God the Father, our real prototype of spiritual fatherhood (Eph 3:14), asked St. Joseph to be Jesus’ father. St. John Paul II says that even though his fatherhood is not biological, he is not just an “apparent” or “substitute” father. Rather, he “fully shares in authentic human fatherhood and the mission of a father in the family” (RC 21). How is this so? As the incarnation, Jesus’ whole purpose is to reveal the Father and true fatherhood (Jn 14:9). St. John Paul II explains that the Holy Family is inserted directly into the mystery of the Incarnation. And so, though St. Joseph is not Jesus’ biological father, when he reveals, relives and radiates the very fatherhood of God, he becomes Jesus’ authentic human, and I would add spiritual, father. His masculinity is fully expressed in his spiritual fatherhood, as it should be for all men, first and foremost, even if they are not biological fathers.

A new order of family
“Who are my mother and brothers? Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Mt 12:46-50; cf., Mk 3:31-35; Lk 27-28). Is Jesus trying to escape a stereotypical, overbearing Jewish mother? I don’t think so. Instead, St. John Paul II believes Jesus is establishing a whole new order of family and parenthood based on obedi-



DAVE McCLOW

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

ence. And who is more obedient than Mary? Jesus is preparing her for the crowning event of her new spiritual motherhood at the foot of cross: “Son, behold your Mother” (Jn 19:26-27). In the new order, Jesus gives us and the church his own mother.

Similarly, St. Joseph, as Jesus’ spiritual father, can also be our father. Spiritual fatherhood (or motherhood) includes any action of care for others, i.e., the corporal or spiritual works of mercy.

“Joseph did...” These two words and their variants, “he took the child ... and went ...” define St. Joseph’s role in salvation history. He is not known for what he said in the Gospels — he said nothing. But he listens to God in his inner life — his dreams — and then does the hard thing. He protects the Son of God and his mother through many obstacles and threats. Spiritual fatherhood is always an adventure! He cares for and educates a child who is not his own in obedience to God’s word. And as a just and generous man, he is willing to sacrifice much. He is a good spiritual father to Jesus, and to us.

Spiritual fatherhood, as the summit of masculinity, is open

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Good examples of virtue

It’s that time of year again — time to fight over commencement speakers. It happens every May. Some Catholic college will feature a speaker who has taken public positions at odds with the church’s teaching.

This year the University of San Francisco’s law school invited Xavier Becerra, California’s pro-abortion attorney general. (USF didn’t give him an honorary degree, an interesting wrinkle.)

Universities shouldn’t cause scandal by honoring or giving public signals of agreement with people who promote grave injustice. As the American bishops have put it, Catholic institutions “should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions.”

It’s hard to argue with that. But I wish we would view our annual commencement exercises as something more than an opportunity to avoid causing scandal. I could accomplish that much by giving the commencement address myself, though I suspect that after a few years, parents and graduates would skip the exercise.

Ideally, our graduation rituals should have a positive purpose. I don’t just mean getting good publicity by attaching ourselves to somebody famous and making the evening news on a slow day.

At The Catholic University of America, we try to invite people who offer our graduates examples of what they should aspire to in life, now that they have



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INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

completed their studies. “You are finished now,” we say. “Go and do as these people have done.”

This was our practice long before I became president. The speakers and honorary degree recipients we have held up for our students’ emulation over the years have included at least two saints: Mother Teresa of Kolkata (1971) and St. Katharine Drexel (1939). Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, a member of our faculty for 23 years, spoke in 1975.

In recent years, we have given honorary degrees to the founders and leaders of influential lay movements in the church: Communion and Liberation, Focolare, the Neocatechumenal Way, Community of Sant’Egidio, Instituto Fe y Vida.

We have honored great thinkers Etienne Gilson, Jean Piaget, Jaroslav Pelikan, John Hope Franklin and Dana Gioia; athletes Roger Staubach and Philip Rivers; judges John T. Noonan Jr., Antonin Scalia and Samuel Alito; comedians Bob Newhart and Jim and Jeanne Gaffigan; and musicians Mstislav Rostropovich and Manfred Honeck.

This year we invited Peggy

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‘You will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth’



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Matthew 28:16-20

This weekend, many dioceses in the United States liturgically celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Other dioceses observe this weekend as the seventh Sunday of Easter. These reflections will refer to the biblical readings for the Feast of the Ascension.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, is from the beginning of Acts. As with the Gospel of Luke, the author addresses Theophilus, whose identity is unclear. Was Theophilus his actual name?

Perhaps it was. Perhaps it was not. “Theophilus” also is a title, meaning “friend of God.”

In any case, this initial form of address recalls that Luke’s Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are inseparably linked. Acts simply continues the story begun in the Gospel. At some point, editors divided these books and placed the Gospel of John between them. This arrangement remains today in biblical translations.

This is important. It shows that in the mind of the holy author, the process of salvation did not end with the Lord’s ascension into heaven. After the Lord went to heaven, salvation continued as the apostles proceeded with the mission accomplished by Jesus, ordained long ago by God.

A lesson to be learned is how important the apostles were. In Acts, the text clearly reveals that the first Christians greatly revered the 11 surviving apostles, that Peter led these apostles and spoke for them, that they performed miracles just as Jesus

had performed miracles, and that they exercised the very power of Jesus in calling Matthias to be an apostle, equal to the others.

Still, despite all these assertions as to their dignity, they were only humans. They needed the inspiration of God.

As its second reading, the church presents a selection from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

This reading is a prayer that all Christians might find true wisdom. True wisdom reposes only in the Lord. Earthly wisdom can be faulty, and indeed often it is faulty.

For the last reading, the church gives us a lesson from St. Matthew’s Gospel. Again, the status of the apostles is the point. The apostles are with Jesus. They see and hear the risen Lord. They literally experience the resurrection of Christ.

Jesus tells them to go into the world. They should exclude or ignore no one. They should bring all humankind into God’s family by baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In this last instruction from Jesus

is a clear and direct revelation of the Holy Trinity.

Reflection

The church, having proclaimed the Resurrection, now calls us to look at ourselves and our times. Christ still is with us, the church declares emphatically. As the bond between Luke and Acts tells us, salvation, perfected in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, still is on earth. He did not just live 20 centuries ago. He still lives. He still gives life, blessing us, forgiving us and taking us home to heaven. Jesus is with us, even after the ascension.

He is with us now in the church, because the church stands on the foundation laid long ago by the apostles. From them it has received the message of Jesus. From them it has received the commission to reach to everyone with the blessings of salvation. From them, it has received the power to forgive sin and to bestow the new life of grace. From them, it received the

sacraments, now offered to us.

The church brings us to Jesus, and it brings Jesus to us. As Ephesians tells us, only Jesus is the source of truth.

We are not dragged kicking and screaming to Jesus, however. We must turn to Jesus willingly and totally because we humbly realize our need for Jesus.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9

Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,
20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a
(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,
11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 114:5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

Doping athletes

The use of performance-enhancing drugs by professional athletes not only leads to serious challenges in maintaining a level playing field in competitive sports, but also raises broader ethical issues and concerns.

Some of these concerns were highlighted in 2015 when the former world No. 1 tennis star Maria Sharapova was banned from competitive play for two years by the International Tennis Federation after she tested positive for the banned substance meldonium. The Court of Arbitration for Sport subsequently reduced her sentence to 15 months. Meldonium, an over-the-counter Latvian drug known to dilate blood vessels and increase the flow of blood, may contribute to improving an athlete's physical endurance.

Her case was made more complicated by her claim that she was taking the drug for health reasons, a claim viewed with skepticism among other athletes and ultimately rejected by the Independent Tribunal appointed by the ITF to review the case. Former British Olympic sprinter and world championship bronze medalist Craig Pickering described the real pressure that top athletes can face:

"I would bet my life savings that Sharapova was taking this medication because of its purported performance enhancing effects... Athletes are always going to push the boundaries in order to have a chance at success. That is what happens when you introduce competition."

In competitive athletics, the supposition is that competitors are beginning on a par with each other, which means that no one has an "unfair" or "unjust" advantage over another going into the competition. At the starting line, they arrive as equals in the sense that they arrive with whatever they were endowed

with at birth, and whatever they may have managed to become through practice, hard work and discipline.

Cheating through doping involves an attempt to step outside these rules and suppositions, and play a different game, one that circumvents or removes the "on a par" assumption without revealing the fact. In this sense, cheating through doping is wrong because it is a form of lying, a form of presenting one's initial endowment as if it were "natural," and the result of athletic discipline, even though it really may not be so at all.

Several of Sharapova's opponents expressed frustration at what they took to be a further injustice, namely, that in April 2017, she was given a wild card re-entry into World Tennis Association tournament play in Germany. They insisted that she should, at a minimum, have to work her way back up from whatever her ranking had declined to after more than a year of tournament inactivity. Others, such as fellow player Eugenie Bouchard, perceived the doping transgression as even more serious, and argued that Sharapova should be banned from playing for life:

"She's a cheater and so to me... I don't think a cheater in any sport should be allowed to play that sport again. It's so unfair to all the other players who do it the right way and are true. So, I think from the WTA it sends the wrong message to young kids — cheat and we'll welcome you back with open arms."

Some commentators have noted how event organizers typically like to include big name draws like Sharapova in their line ups, and former No. 1 player Caroline Wozniacki opined that, "obviously the rules are twisted and turned in favor of who wants to do what." Others have



FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

expressed concerns about corporate sponsors and advertisers continuing to promote high profile sports personalities after they have been suspended for doping, individuals who may already be among the wealthiest athletes in the world. It seems fair to conclude that doping constitutes a form of cheating not only of one's competitors, but also one's fans, oneself, and the integrity of the sporting activity itself.

Through an honest pursuit of the athletic crown, meanwhile, we encounter the possibility of transcending who we are in limited, but important ways. The self-directed training and preparation of the athlete helps develop and hone a host of important personal qualities: strength, coordination, endurance, drive, agility, discipline, quickness, vigilance, cleverness, vision, and daring. This draws us towards an authentic perfecting of our bodies, our character and ourselves — an inwardly-directed order and discipline that arises from deep within — and forms us in such a way that we reach beyond where we ever thought we could reach, and through that personal stretching and growth, come to experience a true measure of human fulfillment. That's something that doping athletes sadly cheat themselves from fully experiencing.

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us. We must imitate our father St. Joseph in revealing, reliving and radiating God's fatherhood to spiritual children who are not our own. To whom can you be a spiritual father in your neighborhood or parish today?

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for May 28, 2017

Matthew 28:16-29/ John 17: 1-11a

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the feast of the Ascension and the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Noonan of *The Wall Street Journal* — a public thinker, author, historian and journalist. Last month, she won a Pulitzer Prize in commentary for her far-sighted columns on the rise of President Donald Trump, an event that caught most Americans by surprise.

The commencement addresses we have heard from some of these people have been inspiring. But having attended far more graduations than the average person, I think I have learned two things that may help in the selection process.

The first is that nobody remembers what the speaker says. This is not because the talks are bad. Some are really good. It's because the graduates' minds, and their parents', are

fixed on the life-changing events of the weekend, and it's hard to pay attention.

The second is that people do remember who the speaker was. Commencement speakers do communicate an important parting lesson. But the lesson is embodied in the life of the honoree. This should not be so surprising. Isn't this how we always learn the practice of virtue?

Virtue is a habit, not a bit of information. We acquire it by copying good examples. St. Bonaventure, in his little treatise "Bringing Forth Christ," advises, "Seek the company of good people. If you share their company, you will also share their virtue." If we keep that thought in mind, we are less likely to cause a stir by inviting someone unworthy of the honor.

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to any age. For years, I watched the fifth- and sixth-grade boys at my local parish mentor or shepherd the younger boys during Mass. When men or boys live out who they are created to be as spiritual fathers, they become more themselves, more mascu-

line; they follow St. Joseph, our model, in revealing, reliving and radiating God's fatherhood to others. In Part 2 I will explore more of the practical side of St. Joseph's spiritual fatherhood as priest, prophet and king.

The fatherlessness of this generation will spread like a cancer if unopposed. Catholic men must be a witness, exercising their God-given gender and masculinity as spiritual fathers. Our church and culture depend on

Saint of the Week

Ursula Ledochowska

1865-1939
Feast May 29



Born into a distinguished Polish family in Austria, Julia Maria entered an Ursuline convent in Poland at age 21, taking the name Maria Ursula of Jesus. She taught in a girls' school for 20 years, and in 1907 went to St. Petersburg to supervise a new school. Expelled from Russia at the beginning of World War I, she spent the war in Sweden and returned to Poland in 1920. In 1923, she founded the Ursulines of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus, known as Grey Ursulines. As the order expanded, the Vatican asked her to live in Rome, where she died. Grey Ursulines now minister in 12 countries. Ursula was canonized in 2003; her older sister, Blessed Maria Theresa Ledochowska, is also a foundress.

'Shrinking the Monster' helps others, author heal from child abuse

BY NATALIE HOEFER

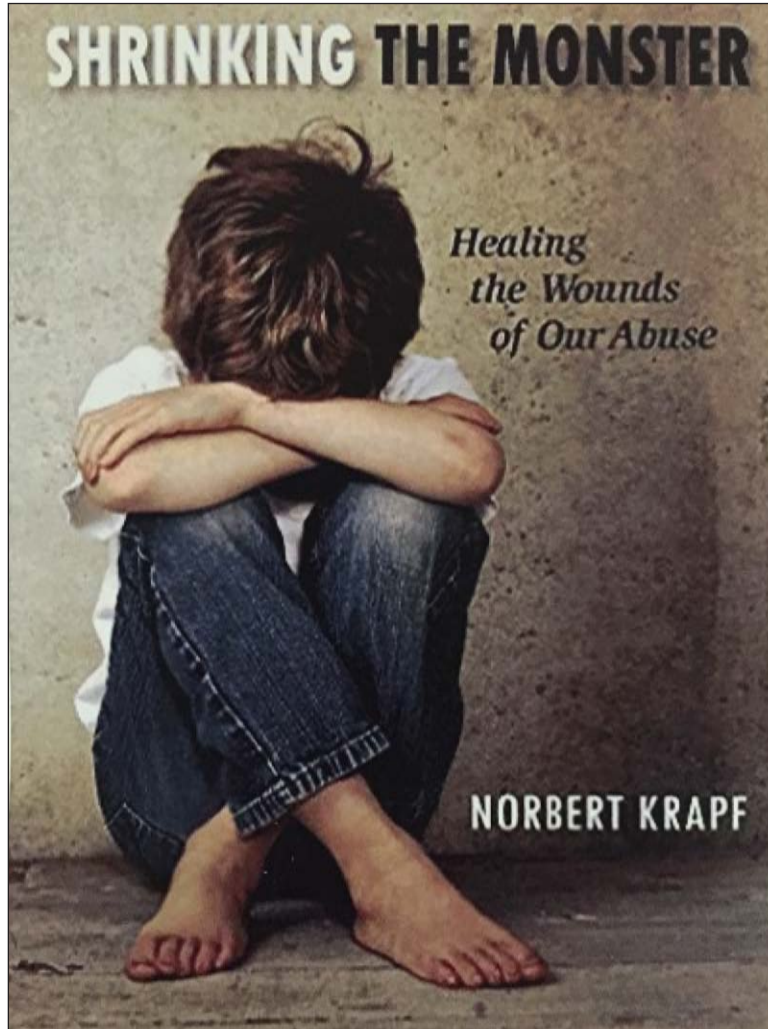
In the 1950s, Norbert Krapf was sexually abused — along with scores of other boys — by a priest of the Evansville diocese, who was loved and respected by the community. After five decades of silence, Krapf — a retired professor, author and award-winning former Indiana Poet Laureate — confronted the monster of his past, both by outing the then-deceased priest to the bishop and, in 2014, publishing a book of poems called "Catholic Boy Blues" to help himself and other victims heal.

This year, Krapf published "Shrinking the Monster: Healing the Wounds of Our Abuse." In Krapf's own words, the book is a "prose memoir about the experience of writing those poems, with an emphasis on the process of my recovery from the abuse." That experience, as outlined in the book, was a journey of pain, struggles, victories and healing.

Before reviewing the book, I'd like to address an important question: Why? Why write on such a dark, painful topic that many would, as he admits, rather not read about?

The answer is two-fold. First, as Krapf reiterates at several points, the book is to help other victims of child abuse heal, and to further his own healing. But that doesn't mean the book is only for victims.

Rather, it serves the additional purpose of raising awareness and prevention of the lifelong pain and damage caused by child abuse, wounds that Krapf reveals can be managed but never



fully heal, wounds that can be reopened at any time.

The book has a "round the kitchen table" feel, like that of a friend sharing his heart with the reader over coffee in cozy quarters. That feel comes from the level of honesty and openness with which Krapf writes.

In the spirit of revealing the depth of the pain and the balm of healing from sexual abuse,

he takes the reader through his eight-year journey from the point of knowing his story must be told, through the pain of facing "the monster" of his past after 50 years of silence, to the struggles and healing process of writing and publishing "Catholic Boy Blues" — which is helpful but not necessary to have read in order to follow the journey of "Shrinking the Monster."



NORBERT KRAPP

Through an accessible story-telling style, several processes come to light in the memoir.

First are the actual steps Krapf took in making his abuse known to the bishop of Evansville. Through several chapters, interwoven with the struggles abusers face in confronting their past, can be found the wheels that were set in motion at the ecclesial level once the sexual abuse by the priest was officially confirmed. Krapf acknowledges gratitude for efforts made from the local level to Pope Francis in helping victims of priest abuse and addressing the crime of such "trusted shepherds," while at the same time expressing concern that more concrete actions need to be taken.

Second is the process of how Krapf wrote "Catholic Boy Blues" as a means of his own healing, and to speak for the voices of all children who have suffered abuse at the hands of an authority figure. He shares how, once the vein of pain was tapped, the poetry exploded in the surprising form of various voices — the boy who was hurt, the man who carried the child within him, a helpful mentor named Mr. Blues, and eventually the voice of the priest himself.

The reader also learns of the process of publishing the poetry book — the struggles, the re-opening of wounds and the friends who brought healing to the journey, including his wife, Katherine; his former pas-

tor, Father Michael O'Mara; and Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin.

For readers who are victims of child abuse, look for advice throughout the book on how to shrink your own monster. Krapf shares words of his counselor that proved life-changing for him, such as, "If you remain angry at your abuser, it means he still controls you;" "If you keep the monster silent inside of you, it could grow bigger and bigger until it starts to eat you alive;" and "Every time survivors tell anyone we trust something about our abuse, we heal just a little."

He also shares what he has learned about forgiveness — a step that takes a long time for victims of child abuse, he admits.

"In wondering if someone had abused [my priest abuser], in considering whether he had been victimized and wondering if he therefore victimized me and many others as a consequence," says Krapf. "I was making an effort to see him not simply as a moral monster, but as a human being who had serious problems and perhaps suffered from an uncontrollable illness."

Through 236 pages, "Shrinking the Monster" is one more effort by Krapf to contribute his "small part in the larger collective effort to prevent child abuse."

Readers, prepare to hurt over the truth, gain insight into ecclesial and personal processes of dealing with the devastating effects of child abuse, and rejoice in each small victory in Krapf's effort to help others and himself in shrinking the monsters of abuse.

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Germanfest opening Mass set

FORT WAYNE — St. Peter Parish, 518 E. DeWald St., will celebrate a German Mass on Sunday, June 4, at 11 a.m. with Father Charles Herman as the celebrant. The Fort Wayne Mannerchor-Damenchor will provide the music. A dinner of German foods will be served in St. Peter's Pavilion following Mass. Adult tickets are \$10, \$5 for ages 6-12 and free for ages younger than 6. German beer will be available for a donation. Erick Fricke and George Seipel will entertain guests during the meal with German music. Both the church and pavilion are handicapped accessible.

Funfest dates announced

FORT WAYNE — Most Precious Blood Church, corner of Spring and Barthold Streets, will have Funfest on Friday, June 2, from 5-10 p.m. and on Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Games food, bingo, raffle and more. Dinner served from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Live music from 8-11 p.m.

Community meal volunteers needed

SOUTH BEND — Volunteers are needed to prepare evening meals and dine with Dismas House residents Monday through Thursday. Community meals are a central part of Dismas' reconciliation program for men and women returning from incarceration. Through purposeful interaction, volunteers help residents reenter society successfully as contributing members. If you want to witness amazing human transformations contact the Dismas House Office at 574-233-8522 or email: dissmassb@dissmass.org.

Vocation society plans meeting

FORT WAYNE — The Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society will meet on Friday, June 2, at St. Joseph Hospital, beginning with Mass in the hospital chapel at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and guest speaker, seminarian Daniel Koehler. He will talk about his vocation and the past year at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.

Conference on the Eucharist planned

FORT WAYNE — A Conference on the Holy Eucharist will be Saturday, June 17 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Father Mark Wojdelski, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, will speak on "How to Grow in Love for

Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

Pilgrimage to Blue Army Shrine

Join a pilgrimage Aug. 12-14 to the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, N.J., where Bishop Rhoades will celebrate Mass Aug. 13 for the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Cost is \$387 and includes bus round trip, 2 nights with 5 meals included at the shrine. For details, contact Jan Scher at 260-450-3045 by June 9.

Play on God's team

ELKHART — Join St. Thomas Vacation Bible School, June 19-22, from 9-11:30 a.m., in the school gym, 1331 N. Main St. Children ages 5-10 years old will learn God's rules for playing fair, meet the saint of the day and fill the morning learning how to be a team player in the Catholic Faith. Contact Tami DeLucenay 574-264-0491 for registration by June 12.

Volleyball camp and fundraiser announced

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Luers volleyball team will offer a summer camp, June 12-15, at the high school from 12-3 p.m. The camp is open to all incoming fifth through ninth grade students. The cost is \$60 for the four days or \$20 per day. Reserve a spot by June 5 or pay at the door. For information contact Jahrae Hampton at volleyball@bishoplurers.org. The team will also sponsor a Nelson's Port-A-Pit fundraiser on June 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hire's Automotive Center, 5809 Illinois Rd.

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Holy Name Society announces raffle

SOUTH BEND — The St. Hedwig Holy Name Society will have a raffle on Sunday, Aug. 20, for 2 Notre Dame Football season tickets. Tickets are available for a donation of \$1 each or 7 for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Call Norb Gapczynski for information.

Queen of Peace Parish to host retreat

MISHAWAKA — Queen of Heaven Retreat at Queen of Peace, 4508 Vistula Rd., will be Friday, June 9 from 7-9 p.m., June 10 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and June 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mass and time for reconciliation will be offered. Study and grow closer to Our Mother through videos, discussion and prayer. Cost is \$15 for Queen of Peace parishioners and \$22 for non-parishioners. Visit www.queenofpeace.cc or call 574-679-4238 for information.

College Crew set to begin

MISHAWAKA — All college students are invited to College Crew every Tuesday night from 7-9 p.m. at St. Monica Church. Come for community, prayer, talks and great food. Starts May 30. All graduating high school seniors and college seniors are welcome.

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Christ Child Society plans garage sale

FORT WAYNE — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will have a garage sale on Wednesday, June 7, from 5-8 p.m.; Thursday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Queen of Angels Gymnasium, 1500 W. State Blvd. All proceeds will be used to fund local programs of the Christ Child Society operating to improve the lives of at risk infants and children in the community.

Holy Spirits Pilgrimage on the Bourbon Trail

BARDSTOWN K.Y. — The Abbey of Gethsemani, the Cistercian monastery where Thomas

Merton was a monk, is nestled in the heart of the Bourbon Trail, the historical epicenter of bourbon production. Young adults, age 21-39, come on this pilgrimage which will explore the intersection of faith and culture, sacred and profane, spiritual and physical refreshment. The pilgrimage runs Friday-Sunday, July 7-9. Registration fee includes transportation from South Bend/Fort Wayne, lodging, preparation materials, all activities, and some meals. Cost is \$175 (\$145 before June 1). For more information visit www.diocesefwsb.org/yam-sb.

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Seminarian Patrick Hake gives the thumbs-up signal as he and the four other diaconate candidates begin processing to the front door of the cathedral before the Mass of Ordination to the diaconate.



The five candidates lay prostrate on the floor of the sanctuary while the congregation sings the Litany of Supplication to the saints.

Photos by Joe Romie



Jay Horning makes his promise of celibacy, as well as obedience and respect, to Bishop Kevin Rhoades and his successors.



In silence Bishop Rhoades lays his hands on the head of candidate Nathan Maskal, in accordance with apostolic tradition.



Deacon James Kitchens assists Deacon David Huneck in vesting with the diaconal stole and dalmatic.



Bishop Rhoades hands the Book of the Gospels to Deacon Thomas Zehr.



Deacon Patrick Hake greets those who attended the ordination Mass.

DIACONATE

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while the elect lay prostrate on the sanctuary floor of the cathedral in front of the altar.

After the litany and in silence, Bishop Rhoades laid his hands on the head of each of the elect in accordance with the apostolic tradition, then solemnly recited the Prayer of Ordination. Then each newly ordained deacon was vested with the diaconal stole and a long, wide-sleeved tunic called a dalmatic. Afterwards the bishop handed each of the five deacons the book of the Gospels, symbolizing their task to proclaim the Gospel in liturgical celebrations and to preach the faith of the church in word and deed.

Bishop Rhoades then bestowed the traditional gesture known as the fraternal kiss of peace, thereby welcoming the new deacons into their ministry. Afterwards, all the other deacons present also welcomed the newly ordained in this fashion.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades affirmed that Hake, Horning, Huneck, Maskal and Zehr “will be configured to Christ, who made himself the deacon or servant of all. They will share in Christ’s mission and grace in a special way, as they are marked with the diaconal character. Before they are ordained priests next year, God-willing, it is important that they first serve as deacons. And when they are ordained priests, they will still be deacons, since the priestly character will not erase their diaconal character.

“Jesus the priest was always the servant,” he continued. “And so it is with us. Underneath, this chasuble I am wearing a deacon’s dalmatic, the vestment of the deacon, which reminds me that as a bishop, I am also still a deacon.”

He also spoke to the five men about how they are examples

of chastity, saying: “Today you commit yourselves to observing celibacy for the rest of your lives. This is a witness to Christ, who was celibate. You will live this state of life, which Jesus himself lived: celibacy for the sake of the kingdom, so that you can serve God and his people with an undivided heart. Your chaste celibacy is to be a sign of pastoral charity and an inspiration to it, as well as a source of spiritual fruitfulness in the world. You will be freed more completely for the service of God and his church. Your consecration and commitment to celibacy is not a consecration to individualism or to a life of isolation. You are making a promise to put yourselves completely and unreservedly at the service of Christ and his body, the church. You receive this celibacy as a gift, a gift for others,

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not unlike the gift a husband receives in marriage to give himself to his wife and chil-

dren. Through celibacy, you do not become aloof from interpersonal relationships. On the contrary, you enter into a deep relationship with Christ and, through him, with those whom you will serve.”

Bishop Rhoades then referenced the second reading of the day, from St. Peter. “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God provides.” He said the deacons will be good stewards through preaching God’s word and serving God and his church. The deacons were asked to open themselves to the graces of the sacrament of holy orders every day, because “everything you do is to be done not for your own honor or popularity, but for the glory of God.”