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## Trust in God's mercy, Mary's intercession key themes at Fatima celebration

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

"Amid the chaos of the sea, the storms of life, the Lord says to us as He said to the disciples: Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Reflecting upon

Sunday's Gospel with joyful enthusiasm, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades conveyed this message of

Christian hope and perseverance to more than 4,000 pilgrims at the World Apostolate of Fatima Shrine on Aug. 13.

"Where is Jesus today when we or the Church are struggling or in danger?" Bishop asked, and continued: "He is praying at the right hand of the Father! But He also comes to us. He continues to walk on the water

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Megan Pritchard, World Apostolate of Fatima, USA

A statue of Our Lady of Fatima is carried in a rosary procession prior to the beginning of Mass Aug. 13 at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, N.J. The Mass was celebrated in observance of the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions in Portugal in 1917. At left is Patrick Wheeler of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, who was among those asked to carry the statue during the procession. Over 4,000 people were in attendance.

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## Catholic leaders urge prayers, unity after attacks in Spain

BY JONATHAN LUXMOORE

OXFORD, England (CNS) — Spanish church leaders urged prayers and national unity after two terrorist attacks left at least 19 people dead.

Pope Francis, U.S. bishops and others weighed in with prayers and rejection of the Aug. 17 attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils, where cars drove into pedestrians. The Islamic State group claimed credit for the attacks. Thirteen were killed in Barcelona; one pedestrian and five suspects were killed in Cambrils.

"People are deeply shocked and saddened by this totally random event," said Msgr. Josep Ramon Perez, dean of Barcelona's Catholic cathedral. "While many are naturally asking what's happening to the world to make such

things possible, many also recognize that the most important response is to pray for peace."

Thousands attended a mid-day vigil Aug. 18 in Barcelona's Plaza de Catalunya, attended by Spanish King Felipe VI and government and political party leaders from across the country. Spanish police asked mourners not to bring bags or backpacks to the vigil, which was accompanied by parallel commemorations in Madrid and other cities, as well as at the European Union's headquarters in Brussels.

Barcelona Cardinal Juan Jose Omella interrupted his retreat Aug. 17 to return to his city and be close to his people. The Archdiocese of Barcelona released photographs of him visiting victims of the attack at the hospital.

In a message to Cardinal Omella, Pope Francis denounced

the "cruel terrorist attack" in Barcelona and said such "blind violence," which sows death and pain, is "a great offense to the Creator."

The papal message, sent by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, included prayers for the eternal repose of the dead, and for their families.

Pope Francis, it said, also prayed that God "would help us continue working with determination for peace and harmony in the world."

In an interview Aug. 18, Msgr. Perez said Barcelona's cathedral and neighboring churches had been closed after the attack as part of a security lockdown, forcing visitors and pilgrims to remain inside until late evening.

"The terrorists who carried out this action have nothing to do with ordinary people

here," Msgr. Perez said, noting that "local Muslims are just as shocked and horrified as everyone else."

Candles, flowers and messages of solidarity were placed in memory of victims at various city locations.

Meanwhile, the Tarraconense bishops' conference, grouping Catholic bishops from Spain's Catalonia region, said members were "completely dismayed" by the "barbarity of the attack and the contempt it implies for human life and its dignity," adding that Barcelona and its inhabitants had always been "committed to the cause of peace and justice."

In an Aug. 18 interview with the Spanish church's COPE news agency, Cardinal Ricardo

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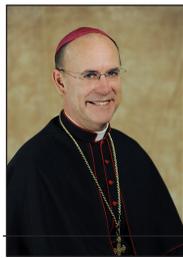
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# Support our immigrant youth: Dream Act of 2017



## IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Throughout our diocese, at Confirmations, parish and school visits, high school and college graduations, youth retreats, and other events and occasions, I meet and speak with our young people whose faith and commitment give me much hope for the Church. I see their enthusiasm and learn about their plans, hopes, and dreams for the future. Many are active in parish youth groups and serve the Church in a multitude of ways.

Among our active Catholic youth are our immigrant youth whose hopes and dreams for the future are not so bright. Blessed with a strong faith, they persevere despite living in anxiety and fear about deportation. I try to encourage them and assure them of the Church's love and support. Still, I worry about them. I think of the young men I have met who have discerned a call to the priesthood, yet they are blocked from pursuing their vocation due to their legal status. I think of the young women and men who have been protected by the DACA program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), who now worry that this program will be rescinded, leaving them again in a situation of vulnerability to deportation.

This is a situation of moral urgency, which is why I chose to address it in this column. The Catholic Church in our country stands in solidarity with these youth and their families. I want them to know how much we appreciate and value them as members of the Church. We recognize their dignity and their contributions to the Church. We want their dignity to be protected. We recognize their God-given potential, which they seek to realize.

The future of the DACA program, which has enabled approximately 800,000 undocumented immigrant youth in our country to receive a reprieve from deportation and legal work authorization, is in jeopardy. In June, 10 state Attorneys General urged President Trump's Administration to end the DACA program and said that they would bring a lawsuit against the program if the Administration failed to do so. In response to this letter, Congress has begun to evaluate legislative solutions. A few weeks ago, the Senate and House of Representatives introduced the 2017 Dream Act to permanently protect DACA recipients and provide them with a path to citizenship.

The U.S. Bishops strongly support the



Provided by St. Henry Parish

**Members of the 2017 confirmation class of St. Henry Parish in Fort Wayne pose with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, center, Father William Kummer, left, and Father Daniel Durkin, pastor of the parish, after receiving the sacrament in July.**

Dream Act. We support this more permanent and humane solution to enable our immigrant youth to live their lives in dignity and free from the fear of deportation. Under this new bipartisan legislation, our immigrant youth would have the chance to earn permanent residency status and eventually to seek citizenship in our country. Besides the nearly 800,000 DACA recipients, another million immigrant youth would also be protected from deportation.

It is important to keep in mind that these young people entered the United States as children. The United States is their home. For many, English is their primary language. They have grown up in our country. They know America as their only home. With love for our country, some have even been serving in our armed forces. They need our love and support. I think of the immigrant youth in our diocese who have contributed to the life of the Church in our parishes and schools and are involved in service to others. They are our younger

brothers and sisters in Christ.

I encourage your support of the Dream Act of 2017. It is the right and compassionate course of action. I hope that our Senators and Representatives in Washington will set aside partisan differences and come together to enact this bill into law. Please encourage our U.S. Senators and Representatives to co-sponsor and support the Dream Act (Senate bill 1615/ House bill 3440). This legislation is greatly needed so that they can truly live "the American dream," be freed from the fear and anxiety of deportation and separation from their families, and enabled to reach their God-given potential.

Finally, let us not forget the power of prayer. Please pray for our immigrant youth and their protection. I am especially asking the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego for these young people. May God stir the hearts of our legislators to pass the Dream Act of 2017!

## Papal envoy calls Blessed Romero 'martyr of hope'

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (CNS) — Blessed Oscar Romero, the murdered archbishop of San Salvador, is a martyr of hope, said Chilean Cardinal Ricardo

Ezzati, Pope Francis' envoy to the celebration of the centennial of the archbishop's birth. Blessed Romero "is a true martyr of hope ... a great martyr of hope," said the Santiago cardinal. "He is so for the continent's poor, he is so for the people of El Salvador, he is so for the hope of our beloved church, for all who struggle for justice, reconciliation, peace

and affectionately call him 'St. Romero of America.'" Cardinal Ezzati gave the homily Aug. 15 at the Salvadoran cathedral, where people gathered for a special Mass. He said Blessed Romero's "closeness to the poor ... led him to see, with his eyes, the injustice the peasants were suffering." Repeatedly interrupted by applause, the cardinal

quoted a letter from Pope Francis to the Salvadoran bishops on Blessed Romero's beatification in 2015: "Those who have Archbishop Romero as a friend in faith ... those who admire him find in him the strength and encouragement to build the people of God, to commit to a more balanced and dignified social order."

# Bishop Cantu calls for diplomacy to ease U.S.-North Korea differences

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Diplomacy and political engagement are necessary to resolve the differences between the United States and North Korea and avoid a military conflict, the chairman of a U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops committee said in a letter to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

Writing Aug. 10, Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, New Mexico, chairman of the bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, echoed a recent call from the Korean bishops' conference to support talks to secure the peaceful future of the Korean Peninsula.

Bishop Cantu acknowledged that the escalating threat of violence from North Korea's leaders cannot be "underestimated or ignored," but that the "high certainty of catastrophic death and destruction from any military action must prompt the United States to work with others in the international community for a diplomatic and political solution based on dialogue."

The letter follows days of back-and-forth threats between President Donald Trump and North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un. Trump has threatened to unleash "fire and fury like the world has never seen" in response to Kim's warnings of imminent attacks on the U.S.

Meanwhile, Kim has said his country was preparing to fire missiles into waters around Guam, a U.S. territory in the western Pacific Ocean with two military bases.

The angry talk between the leaders has escalated since the Aug. 5 passage at the United Nations of new economic sanctions threatening to cut off a third of North Korea's exports. Russia and China, two of Pyongyang's few economic trading partners, supported the sanctions. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations also adopted a statement expressing "grave concern" over North Korea's actions related to the development of nuclear weapons and missile delivery systems.

From North Korea came an announcement that the country is reviewing plans to strike U.S. military targets in Guam with medium-range ballistic missiles to create "enveloping fire." In response, the Archdiocese of Agana, Guam, in an Aug. 9 statement said everyone there should "stay grounded in the peace of Christ. Look to God during these difficult times when world peace is threatened and pray always."

"Please pray that the Holy Spirit will instill in the leaders of our country and all the nations the virtues of wisdom and understanding to promote peace rather than war."

The statement, issued by Father Jeffrey C. San Nicolas, a

spokesman for the archdiocese, also reiterated what Guam's governor, Eddie Calvo, has advised; that all on the island "remain calm and trust that the security of our island is in good hands with local and national defense forces in place to address such threats."

"This is the time for all of us to come together," the priest said. "If a family member, co-worker or neighbor is troubled, take time to talk to them, pray for them and remind them of the providence of Our Lord. We place our complete trust in our God."

In his letter Bishop Cantu said his committee agreed with the stance of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Korea in its support for South Korean President Moon Jae-in's proposal for humanitarian and military talks with North Korea.

"In solidarity with the Catholic Church in Korea and the efforts of the South Korean government, we urge the United States to encourage and support these talks," Bishop Cantu wrote. "This avenue, unlike most others, offers the Korean Peninsula a future free from military conflicts or crises, which could simultaneously threaten entire nations and millions of lives in the region."

A former Vatican diplomat supported such talks.

In an interview with Vatican Radio Aug. 9, Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, former Vatican representative to U.N.

## Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades



Sunday, August 27: 10:30 a.m. — Mass, Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka  
 Monday, August 28: 6 p.m. — Annual Bishop's Appeal Dinner, Parkview Mirro Center, Fort Wayne  
 Tuesday, August 29: 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Saint Anne Communities, Grace Pointe, Fort Wayne  
 Wednesday, August 30: 11 a.m. — Mass for Founder's Day, Hutzell Hall, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne  
 Wednesday, August 30: 6:30 p.m. — Holy Smokes Men's Cigar Benefit for A Mother's Hope, Tippmann Pavilion, New Haven  
 Thursday, August 31: 12 p.m. — Meeting of Deacon Formation Policy Board, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw  
 Thursday, August 31: 6 p.m. — Annual Bishop's Appeal Dinner, Hilton Garden Inn, Notre Dame  
 Friday, September 1: 8:15 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, St. John the Baptist School, South Bend

agencies in Geneva, said that "instead of building walls and creating dissidence or admitting the possibility of recourse to violence," both countries must have a constructive approach that benefits the people.

A former member of the U.N. Panel of Experts tasked with monitoring and implementing North Korea sanctions also called for calm and a negotiated solution to the differences between the two countries.

George A. Lopez, chair emeritus of peace studies at the University of Notre Dame, told Catholic News Service Aug. 10 the interests of both countries can be addressed at the negotiating table.

"We need somebody to talk about what are the underlying security needs of both North Korea and the United States, and

is there a forum to talk about that," Lopez said. "If the U.S. issued a simple pledge that we seek no first use against North Koreans, we seek some way to bargain this out, you'd get some response to that."

Asian nations want stability rather than uncertainty, and that will require that talks get underway to assure the peaceful coexistence of both countries, Lopez said. "So how do we get there?" he asked.

Bishop Cantu's letter reminded Tillerson that "this crisis reminds us that nuclear deterrence and mutually assured destruction do not ensure security or peace. Instead, they exacerbate tensions and produce arms races as countries acquire more weapons of mass destruction in an attempt to intimidate or threaten other nations."

# Catholics on Guam pray for peace amid threats by North Korea

BY TONY C. DIAZ

HAGATNA, Guam (CNS) — The Catholic Church on Guam is urging its members and all people on the island to be prayerful and stay centered in Christ amid threats of missile attacks by North Korea.

Coadjutor Archbishop Michael J. Byrnes of Agana asked all priests to promote prayers of peace at all Masses Aug. 13, as tensions continue following threats by North Korea dictator Kim Jong Un to attack this American territory in the Marianas Islands.

"In your Masses this Sunday, especially in the prayer of the faithful, please offer prayers for peace between our nations, just resolution of differences, and prudence in both speech and action," Archbishop Byrnes said in a message to priests of the Archdiocese of Agana Aug. 11.

"Please also offer prayers for the men and women of our military, especially those whom we host on Guam, that they might find grace for diligence and courage as they execute their respective duties," he said.

Guam has long had a high strategic military importance to the United States because of its location in the Marianas Islands, and it has been home to several U.S. military bases for many decades. B-52 bombers were regularly deployed from Andersen Air Force Base in Guam during the Vietnam War in the 1960s and '70s.

Residents of this predominantly Catholic island community first woke up to the alarming news of North Korean threats to Guam Aug. 9. The archdiocese issued a message to all Catholics and the community in general that same day, urging everyone to "stay grounded in the peace of Christ."

"Look to God during these difficult times when world peace is threatened and pray always," the archdiocese said.

That message by Father Jeff San Nicolas, the coadjutor archbishop's delegate general, cited the Gospel of John: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

The archdiocese also echoed the message of Guam Gov. Eddie

Calvo asking everyone to remain calm and trust that the security of the island is in good hands, with local and national defense forces in place to address such threats.

In his Aug. 11 message, Archbishop Byrnes said, "Ever since being appointed the Coadjutor Archbishop of Agana, I have been both struck and encouraged by Isaiah 33:2-6. ... It speaks to our current situation very well:

"O Lord, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble. At the tumultuous noise peoples flee; when you lift yourself up, nations are scattered, and your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers; as locusts leap, it is leapt upon. The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is Zion's treasure.

"We have strong encouragement from the Lord Jesus, to trust that our Father is the source of our salvation both spiritually and practically," the archbishop continued. "Jesus is still on the throne, and we can be



CNS photo/Erik De Castro, Reuters

Catholics on the island of Guam pray at Santa Barbara Church Aug. 13.

confident that He will work out his will in every situation," the archbishop also told the priests.

He added, "We do not 'put our trust in princes, in mortal man in whom there is no help' (Psalm 146:3). The Lord himself is the source of our stability in any time."

The archdiocese also encouraged people to join an Aug. 13 rosary rally and pray for peace during a celebration of the 100th year anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima in the capital of Hagatna. The rally was organized by Catholic laypeople

as part of a worldwide call for praying the rosary in the public square.

The Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense planned to make a presentation on emergency preparedness related to the North Korea threat for clergy, Catholic school administrators and chancery staff Aug. 17.

The presentation had been scheduled even before the threat by North Korea, but the archdiocese asked that it be held sooner because of current developments.

# Bishops ask for peace after white nationalist rally turns deadly



CNS photo/Jim Bourg, Reuters

**Two people comfort Joseph Culver of Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 12 as he kneels at a late-night vigil to pay his respects for a friend injured in a car attack on counter-protesters rallying against white nationalists. Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, condemned the violence and hatred and offered prayers for the family and loved ones of the person who was killed, and for all those injured.**

BY RHINA GUIDOS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In the aftermath of a chaos- and hate-filled weekend in Virginia, Catholic bishops and groups throughout the nation called for peace after three people died and several others were injured following clashes between pacifists, protesters and white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia, Aug. 11 and 12.

A 32-year-old paralegal, Heather D. Heyer, was killed when a car plowed into a group in Charlottesville Aug. 12. The driver was identified as James Alex Fields, who allegedly told his mother he was attending a rally for President Donald Trump. Reports say the car allegedly driven by Fields plowed into a crowd during a white nationalist rally and a counter-rally that afternoon.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said early Aug. 14 the “evil attack” meets the legal definition of domestic terrorism and suggested pending federal charges for Fields, who was arrested and was being held without bail. Fields was formally charged Aug. 14 by a Charlottesville judge with second-degree murder, three counts of malicious wounding and failure to stop in an accident that resulted in death.

Outside the Charlottesville courthouse where Judge Robert Downer handed down the charges and Fields appeared via video link from jail, white supremacists and counterprotesters clashed, but there were no arrests. The same day, anti-racism rallies were held in several cities.

The bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, was one of the first to call for peace following the violence in Charlottesville late Aug. 11, which only became worse the following day.

On the evening of Aug. 11, The Associated Press and other news outlets reported a rally of hundreds of men and women, identified as white nationalists, carrying lit torches on the cam-

pus of the University of Virginia. Counterprotesters also were present during the rally and clashes were reported.

The following day, at least 20 were injured and the mayor of Charlottesville confirmed Heyer's death later that afternoon via Twitter after the car allegedly driven by Fields rammed into the crowd of marchers. Two Virginia State Police troopers also died when a helicopter they were in crashed while trying to help with the violent events on the ground. CNN reported that 19 others were injured and remained hospitalized Aug. 14 but were listed in good condition.

“In the last 24 hours, hatred and violence have been on display in the city of Charlottesville,” said Richmond Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo in a statement on the afternoon of Aug. 12. “I earnestly pray for peace.” Charlottesville is in Bishop DiLorenzo's diocese.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called the events “abhorrent acts of hatred” in an Aug. 12 statement. He said they were an “attack on the unity of our nation.”

Virginia's governor declared a state of emergency Aug. 12 when violence erupted during the “Unite the Right” white nationalist protest against the removal of a statue of a Confederate general, Gen. Robert E. Lee. But the trouble already had started the night before with the lit torches and chants of anti-Semitic slogans on the grounds of the University of Virginia.

“Racism is evil,” President Trump said in an Aug. 14 statement. “And those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and other hate groups that are repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans. ... As I said on Saturday (Aug. 12), we condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry, and violence. It has no place in America.”

Trump was excoriated by many across the country for his Aug. 12 statement, because he condemned hatred, bigotry and violence “on many sides” in Charlottesville and did not specifically target white supremacists then, his critics said.

Other groups, including many faith groups, seeking to counter the white nationalist events showed up during both events. Authorities reported clashes at both instances.

“Only the light of Christ can quench the torches of hatred and violence. Let us pray for peace,” said Bishop DiLorenzo in his statement. “I pray that those men and women on both sides can talk and seek solutions to their differences respectfully.”

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia, which covers Northern Virginia, tweeted on what was happening in Charlottesville and followed up with a lengthy statement, calling the events “saddening and disheartening.”

“The more we read about the demonstration of racism, bigotry and self-proclaimed superiority made it seem as though we were living in a different time,” said Bishop Burbidge, noting “much progress made” since the civil rights movement of the 1960s. “And yet, there are some who cling to misguided and evil beliefs about what makes American unique and remarkable.”

He condemned “all forms of bigotry and hatred,” denouncing “any form of hatred as a sin.”

“We must find unity as a country. Unity does not mean we all believe the same things,” Bishop Burbidge said. “We must be united by a shared interest in freedom, liberty and love for our neighbor. ... Without respect for each other, even when we adamantly disagree, we will see more violence and discord in this great nation.”

On Twitter, Jesuit Father James Martin also denounced racism as a sin and said: “All Christians, all people of faith, should not only reject it, not only oppose it, but fight against it.”

STATEMENT OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES  
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend



## Regarding the tragedy in Charlottesville

“I ask for the prayers of the faithful of our diocese for the victims of the terrible tragedy in Charlottesville on August 12th. We must always stand against the poisonous sin of racism. As disciples of Jesus, we oppose all hatred and bigotry, including ideologies of white supremacy. Let us combat these evils through prayers, words, and actions that reflect the love of Christ and safeguard the dignity of every person.”

Other bishops quickly followed in denouncing the violence.

“May this shocking incident and display of evil ignite a commitment among all people to end the racism, violence, bigotry and hatred that we have seen too often in our nation and throughout the world,” said Bishop Martin D. Holley of Memphis, Tennessee, in an Aug. 13 statement. “Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who died tragically, including the officers, and for physical and emotional healing for all who were injured. May ours become a nation of peace, harmony and justice for one and all.”

Chicago's Cardinal Blase J. Cupich said Aug. 12 via Twitter: “When it comes to racism, there is only one side: to stand against it.”

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia called racism the “poison of the soul,” and said in a statement that it was the United States' “original sin” and one that “never fully healed.”

He added that, “blending it with the Nazi salute, the relic of a regime that murdered millions, compounds the obscenity.”

On Aug. 13, Cardinal DiNardo, along with Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, issued a statement saying: “We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-Nazism. We stand with our sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love's victory over every form of evil is assured.”

Several other U.S. bishops issued statements or tweeted messages condemning racism, white supremacy and the deadly violence in Charlottesville.

Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori expressed sorrow about the events in a tweet, saying, “Our deepest prayers go out to those killed and wounded in Charlottesville. We must all work together to end the scourge of racism, and unite for the common good of all. Racism must be

countered with love & respect.”

“We all watched the violence in Virginia this weekend with sadness and disgust,” Bishop Donald J. Hying of Gary, Indiana, tweeted. “The destructive evil of racism, Nazism and supremacist ideologies are disturbing realities that have no place in any human society.”

He added, “We join both our prayers and our condemnation to that of millions of people in our country and world who want to build an authentic civilization of life and love.”

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, New Jersey, said the Catholic men, women and children of the archdiocese of Newark, “people who trace their roots to every continent of the world and represent every race and ethnicity,” viewed with horror the events in Charlottesville and condemned “the racism and vicious rhetoric that contributed to this tragic moment in our nation's history.”

“We stand in prayer and solidarity with all people of goodwill and we witness to our Christian calling to ‘love your enemies ... that you may be children of your heavenly Father.’”

“Hatred & vile racist actions defile the USA. Such activity is NEVER justified. Those who planned these acts must be denounced & defied,” said Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory in a tweet.

Bishop James D. Conley of Lincoln, Nebraska, tweeted: “Pray for an end to the evil of racism. And pray, especially today, for its victims. Pray for justice and mercy in our nation.”

New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond said what took place in Charlottesville “demonstrates again the racism, hatred, and violence that exists in our world today. This can never be justified and is contrary to Gospel values.” He urged Catholics “to stand united against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-Nazism. We must be prophetic in speaking about and living the values of Jesus.”

# Paintings place finishing touch on new Bishop Luers chapel

BY COURTNEY CHRISTENSEN

The installation of artwork in the new chapel at Bishop Luers High School is now complete.

The Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi was built in memory of Bishop John M. D'Arcy. It seats 180 people, a large leap from the previous chapel that only seated 45, and is located at the front of the school to demonstrate that faith is at the forefront of Bishop Luers.

"It is an opportunity to really highlight what the school is all about," Tiffany Albertson, former principal of Bishop Luers, said. "When you walk in the doors and see the chapel front and center, there's no question about where the emphasis is."

Although it was blessed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Nov. 10, 2016, the chapel was without most of its artwork. Since then, Albertson traveled to Savannah, Georgia, to collect the one-of-a-kind paintings from artist James Langley. The paintings came about after Bishop Rhoades outlined his vision for the chapel and then approved initial sketches from Langley, which he says he spent about a year developing.

All seven of the colorful paintings have now been installed, including scenes from the life of St. Francis, its patron saint. The paintings span the length of the wall behind the altar. Langley said that the focus is meant to travel from the center outward and that each painting has a complementary painting on the opposite side. The symmetry of the paintings is meant to symbolize the symmetry of the whole Catholic Church, as well as the symmetry of the Mass, according to Langley.

On the far left is a painting of Adam and Eve, standing in the Garden of Eden in their original innocence before the fall. Langley wanted to show their innocence through the beauty of their bodies as well as symbolize the temptation to acquire knowledge through the Tree of Knowledge.

Next to this is St. Francis himself, painted with his arms outstretched in order to see his stigmata, which Langley calls "The Ecstasy of St. Francis" because of the joyful way with which he received the stigmata.

To the left of the crucifix behind the altar is a painting of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel asked Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Albertson said this is one of her favorites, because of how beautifully Langley painted Mary. This painting reminds visitors to the chapel that everyone should answer God's call, as Mary did.

The painting of the crucifix in the center is the San Damiano crucifix, an icon cross, which is the cross that St. Francis was praying before when he was com-



Photos by Joe Romie

missioned by the Lord to rebuild the church. It depicts events and people around the paschal mystery – the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Although the painting is ornate and detailed, "it's meant to be something you can rest with," Langley said.

To the right of the crucifix is a painting of the resurrection, when the risen Jesus appears to



Mary Magdalene, the first person to see him alive again. In the painting, she is reaching for Jesus, but he tells her to go and tell his brothers, "I am going to my father and your father, to my God and your God." Langley said that this painting, as well as "The Annunciation" opposite of it, shows a certain reverence for the sexes as neither pairing is actually touching one another, but is kneeling before the other. Because the paintings are in a high school, this is a common theme through many of the images; Langley hopes to teach students to respect one another while finding beauty in the human body.

St. Clare is featured next in the chapel, because she is a contemporary of St. Francis. She founded the Poor Clares, a religious order for women that follows the Franciscan tradition. Her painting is called "St. Clare defending her Cloister" and shows her protecting a dove in her arms from a large predatory bird in the air. Langley said that the dove symbolizes chastity, purity, her vocation to poverty, the sisters she protected during her lifetime and the Eucharist.

On the far right of the chapel is a painting of the wedding of St. Francis and "Lady Poverty," otherwise known as "The Mystical Marriage." This painting uses imagery to explain St. Francis' pursuit of poverty as if

it was a woman with whom he would spend his life. Langley said that it is meant to visually complement the painting of Adam and Eve on the opposite side and shows that Christ is the antidote to sin. "The beauty of the Christian message is it teaches men to re-enter into that harmony, but they have to learn to kneel down first to their lady," Langley said. "When (students)



genueflect in the chapel ... it is something that should happen in their own relationships in some way."

The chapel follows the school's Franciscan history through these paintings, as well as the Franciscan Way of the Cross, the stations of the cross that once hung in a Benedictine monastery in England.



Langley incorporated some of his own interpretations and symbolism in these paintings, but ultimately was working with very old symbolism and imagery. "That's part of the fun thing about being a Catholic artist – you're not really the only one forming the images," Langley said. "They're really formed by the faith of the entire community for generations as well. It's a little bit humbling because you have to do some homework and serve those diverse groups."

Albertson said that the chapel "provides an opportunity for the community to gather and practice the faith more frequently and in a space that is much more glorifying to God.

"When I'm in the chapel with those paintings, I really feel a spiritual presence. I've heard several people say that when they go in there repeatedly and sit there and reflect on them, the paintings have grown on them even more."



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## Pope tells Belgian Brothers of Charity no more euthanasia for patients

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — Pope Francis has given a Belgian religious order until the end of August to stop offering euthanasia to psychiatric patients. Brother Rene Stockman, superior general of the order, told Catholic News Service the pope gave his personal approval to a Vatican demand that the Brothers of Charity, which runs 15 centers for psychiatric patients across Belgium, must reverse its policy by the end of August. Brothers who serve on the board of the Brothers of Charity Group, the organization that runs the centers, also must each sign a joint letter to their superior general declaring that they “fully support the vision of the magisterium of the Catholic Church, which has always confirmed that human life must be respected and protected in absolute terms, from the moment of conception till its natural end.” Brothers who refuse to sign will face sanctions under canon law, while the group can expect to face legal action and even expulsion from the church if it fails to change its policy. The group, he added, must no longer consider euthanasia as a solution to human suffering under any circumstances.

## Genocide of Christians continues in Middle East, says new U.S. report

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Trump administration renews its commitment to the protection of religious minority groups threatened by the Islamic State in the Middle East, according to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in the preface of the annual State Department report on interna-

## CRS looks to change concept of world's orphanages



CNS photo/Jim Stipe, courtesy Catholic Relief Services

A crew member films a scene for Catholic Relief Services' short docudrama “Changing the Way We Care” June 8 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. CRS released the emotion-filled video as a way of starting a conversation about the world's orphanages. To help people rethink the concept of orphanages, the international Catholic aid organization wrote a script, scouted locations, employed a film crew, hired actors and traveled to Puerto Rico to tell the story of a poverty-stricken mother making the heartbreaking decision to send her daughter to an orphanage, said Sean L. Callahan, president and CEO of CRS. The video, released Aug. 10, will help drive home this point, particularly to well-meaning donors who think they are helping children by supporting orphanages.

tional religious freedom, released Aug. 15. “ISIS is clearly responsible for genocide against Yezidis, Christians and Shia Muslims in areas it controlled,” Tillerson said in a statement Aug. 15. “ISIS

is also responsible for crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing directed at these same groups, and in some cases against Sunni Muslims, Kurds and other minorities.” Since the 1998

International Religious Freedom Act, the State Department documents the state of religious freedom in nearly 200 countries around the world, reporting to Congress the “violations and

abuses committed by governments, terrorist groups, and individuals.” Ambassador Michael Kozak of the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, which produces the report, spoke about it in a news conference Aug. 15, saying the report is used to create a fact base for U.S. government decision-making. Kozak reported that while conditions for many do remain critical, there are signs of hope for the future.

## Kosovo to dedicate cathedral named for Mother Teresa

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — A cathedral named for St. Teresa of Kolkata is scheduled to be dedicated in Kosovo on the 20th anniversary of her death. The cathedral will be dedicated Sept. 5 in Pristina. Albanian-born Cardinal Ernest Simoni will represent Pope Francis at the dedication. Celebrations of the neo-classical cathedral, on Pristina's Bill Clinton Boulevard, will begin Aug. 26, the saint's birthday. “This will be a great event for our church and all people, whatever their faith and background,” said Msgr. Shan Zefi, chancellor of Kosovo's Prizren-based Catholic apostolic administration. “Mother Teresa was a unifying figure, who worked among Christians and Muslims and was admired by everyone. A cathedral in her honor is a great gift for this country.” He told Catholic News Service Aug. 16 that Catholics were grateful to Kosovo's government for backing the cathedral; its foundation stone was laid in 2005 by the late President Ibrahim Rugova, a Muslim. “Bishops will come from throughout the region, as well as Muslim and Orthodox leaders, in a sign of majority approval,” Msgr. Zefi said.

## Pope ‘saddened’ after shooting in Nigerian church

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis sent his condolences to the victims and survivors of a deadly shooting that occurred during Mass Aug. 6 at a parish in Nigeria.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, expressed the pope's sentiments in a message dated Aug. 7 to Bishop Hilary Odili Okeke of Nnewi.

Pope Francis, the message said, was “deeply saddened to learn of the loss of life and injury following the violent attack” in St. Philip's Catholic Church in Ozubulu, a town located in the Nigerian southern state of Anambra.

According to the Nigerian newspaper, *The Vanguard*, wit-

nesses say a gunman entered during an early morning Sunday Mass and opened fire during the prayer of the faithful.

The BBC and other news outlets reported Aug. 7 that at least 11 people were killed and as many as 18 others wounded as they attempted to flee the carnage. While no suspects have been caught, authorities believe the target was a young businessman involved in a drug deal gone wrong.

The pope extended “heartfelt condolences” to the faithful of the diocese, especially “the families of the deceased and all those affected by this tragedy.”

In southwestern Nigeria, bishops called for the government to strengthen security to guard against the murder of innocent citizens.

In a statement at the end of

a regional meeting, the bishops called the attack “horrendous and callous” and said they had heard different accounts analyzing the mayhem.

“The bottom line is that the security situation in Nigeria remains at best, tenuous,” said the bishops from the Ibadan ecclesiastical province. “Those charged with securing human life and property in the nation must simply do more to protect the citizens.”

They advised Nigerians to collaborate with security agencies by giving information where necessary and obeying the rules of vigilance and personal security at all times.

*Contributing to this story was Peter Ajayi Dada in Lagos, Nigeria.*



CNS photo/Reuters TV

A still image taken from a video shows people gathering outside St. Philip Catholic Church following a deadly shooting by unknown gunmen Aug. 6 in Ozubulu, Nigeria. Pope Francis called for an end to violence against Christians following deadly attacks at St. Philip's and at a mission in Gambo, Central African Republic.

## Lindenwood presents Embracing Our Identity retreat

DONALDSON — On Tuesday, Sept. 12, Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center presents "Embracing Our Identity as Sons and Daughters of God," from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT. This retreat, led by Lindenwood Director Christopher Thelen, offers participants age 18 and older a different perspective from a popular culture that uses the sacredness of God's most beautiful creation, our bodies, to promote, sell or view almost everything.

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The cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch and refreshments. Participants are encouraged to bring a Bible and journal. For more information, call (574) 935-1780 or email [lindenwood@poorhandmaids.org](mailto:lindenwood@poorhandmaids.org). Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, part of The Center at Donaldson, is sponsored by The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

## Fort Wayne teacher receives award

FORT WAYNE — Dawn L. Hyndman Miller has been named the 2017 recipient of Who's Who in America Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is granted to one person per year since 1898 by Who's Who in America.

Miller was recognized for her ongoing dedication to the profession of teaching, for her faithful devotion to student learning, formation and achievement, and for her longevity of service to the field of education, especially English education, as well as her overall contribution to the education of America's youth.

Holding a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees, Miller began her teaching career at St. Vincent de Paul School, Fort Wayne, then continued to St. Joseph School, Garrett, where she was a middle school teacher. She then went to Bishop Luers High School and Ivy Tech Community College. She is currently as an English Department lecturer at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Miller and her husband, Louis, are members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne. Her service centers on her auxiliary membership in the Legion of Mary. She also completed the Organist Training Program and

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Youth visit 'Truth in Charity' recording session



Nate Proulx

Several youth group members from St. Pius X Church, Granger, attended the Aug. 10 recording of an episode of "Truth in Charity with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades" for Redeemer Radio at the Archbishop Noll Center in Fort Wayne. The teens asked Bishop questions about faith, prayer and vocations, and shared some of the challenges teens are facing in their faith today. The episode aired on Aug. 23 and 26 and is available in the Redeemer Radio online archives. From left are Bishop Rhoades, St. Pius X Youth Ministry Director Megan Swaim, Jeff Murphy, Alyssa Richards, Lauren Salela and program host Kyle Heimann.

holds the Certificate for Liturgical Organ granted by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, under the administration of the Notre Dame Preparation Department. She serves as a substitute organist for the diocese.

## Grant will help people in need in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — Some people in the Fort Wayne area will receive assistance with food and utilities thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the National Council of the U.S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The money is part of St. Vincent de Paul's Friends of the Poor Grant Program and will be disbursed by the society's St. John- St. Patrick Conference (chapter).

"The Friends of the Poor Grant will be used for food vouchers and utility assistance for those in need," said Donna Brooke, treasurer of the St. John-St. Patrick Conference. "The St. Patrick-St. John Conference distributes \$18,000 per year to friends in need, with \$6,000 of that for food vouchers."

The St. Patrick Conference was established in 1944 and the St. John Conference was founded in 1950. The two operate as one conference and are part of the

Fort Wayne District Council. The parishes are located in downtown Fort Wayne, which is considered inner-city. The conference has 10 dedicated Vincentians who help at the local food pantry and assist neighboring St. Vincent de Paul conferences in need.

This grant was one of 14 distributed through the program around the country. Grant applications are evaluated and awarded quarterly, on a regional basis, by a Vincentian review committee. Funding is provided by the general public and the society's members, and is targeted to specific needs in each community.

## PHJC Associate Community Welcomes New Member

DONALDSON — Wherever one finds Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ sisters, Associate Community and Fiat Spiritus Community members, will be found women and men of faith and commitment willing to listen to the voice of God. Joining this group is a new associate with childhood roots in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Although Judy Skarbeck, her

husband Ken and daughters Molly and Ellie live in Indianapolis, Judy's childhood roots were in Plymouth, near the Motherhouse of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Community in Donaldson, In. She was married in Ancilla Domini chapel, but her home parish is St. Michael.

Following a year of formation, Judy committed to the Associate Community of the Spiritual Family of Blessed Catherine Kasper on July 30, joining some 142-other faith filled women and men from nine different dioceses across the Midwest who are associates within this Spiritual Family.

The Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper is comprised of the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Sisters, the Associate Community and Fiat Spiritus Community members. All three are devoted to sharing the charism of Blessed Catherine Kasper, who founded the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ religious congregation in Germany in 1851. This charism is lived out through the core values of simplicity, community, openness to the spirit and dignity and respect for all.

Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Sisters, the Associate Community and Fiat Spiritus Community members join in praying for the needs of the congregation, the church and the world. Associates are committed to listening attentively to the Holy Spirit, to praying and sharing their faith with others and to acting courageously and joyfully in helping to meet the needs of our times. Each associate lives in different circumstances and contributes in varying ways, depending upon their personal commitments.

## Blessing of APAC residence at Ancilla



Provided by Ancilla College

Representatives of Ancilla College, Donaldson, and local legislators cut the ribbon Aug. 3 on the Lake House home and launched the Autism Program at the college. APAC is a college-level program to help students with Autism Spectrum Disorder to build social, workplace and academic skills and knowledge. It is designed for students who, while exhibiting superior intellectual ability, face serious challenges with communication, social interactions, and group educational settings.

# Bishop: 'Suffering can have meaning'

BY SARAH DUSTMAN

The third Saturday of each month except December, the Praying with Father Solanus Casey group hosts a rosary and Mass for the Sick at St. Felix friary in Huntington. St. Felix friary was chosen as the place of celebration because Father Solanus Casey, a healer of the sick who will be beatified this November, lived at the friary from 1946 to 1956.

On Aug. 19, the group welcomed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as the celebrant of this Mass. Father Steven Colchin and Father Daniel Whelan concelebrated the Mass.

At the beginning of his homily, Bishop Rhoades shared that he was happy to celebrate a Mass for the Sick at St. Felix. He expressed his happiness about praying the rosary before Mass and being able to ask the Blessed Mother to pray for people who are sick and suffering,



John Martin

**Father Daniel Whelan prays a rosary for the sick prior to a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at St. Felix Catholic Center, Huntington, on Aug. 19.**

including those in attendance.

He reflected on the first reading, which came from Joshua 24:14-29. In this reading, all the tribes of Israel gathered with Joshua, who addressed them about being committed to God. The people had to choose whether to serve false gods or the Lord. The people insisted that they would serve the Lord,

even after being challenged by Joshua on this declaration. They said that they would follow the Lord and obey him, even if God did not forgive them.

"This reading made me think of our commitment to serve the Lord," Bishop Rhoades said. He said that it can be easy to turn away from the Lord when our faith is being challenged, especially by sickness or suffering. He added that some people turn away from God because of these or other tragedies, some get angry at God, and others lose their faith altogether.

The bishop posed a question, asking how someone who is sick or suffering can serve the Lord. He answered the question by reciting part of the opening prayer for the Mass, when those in attendance prayed that "the sick may know that they are chosen among those proclaimed blessed and are united to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world." In addition, he stated that suffering can have

meaning, and quoted Pope St. John Paul II, who called suffering "a call, a vocation."

He linked the idea of suffering having meaning to how a suffering person can take part in Jesus' work of salvation. He explained that a sick or suffering person who spiritually unites themselves to Jesus in his suffering in the Passion serves the Lord and the church in a powerful way. With this, he encouraged the sick to offer up their sufferings in union with Jesus through specific prayer intentions. The bishop shared that he knew of people who offered their sufferings up for loved ones who are not practicing the Catholic faith or for the souls in purgatory.

After this, Bishop Rhoades told those in attendance that as they prayed for the sick during Mass to not only pray for their healing, but also for their perseverance in faith and growth in holiness through their sharing in the suffering of Jesus. He explained that suffering is part of the mystery

of the human existence and an experience of evil, but that "Jesus has transformed suffering by the power of his love and made it the means to the greatest good, eternal salvation."

At the end of Mass, before a special blessing for the sick, Bishop Rhoades said of Father Solanus Casey, "he's praying for us and we're praying with him."

Members of the Praying with Father Solanus Casey group know the importance of praying to Father Casey. Jim Bottone, secretary of the group, said its mission is "to inspire people to pray to Father Solanus when they or people they know are sick or are in distress."

Greg Diss, president of the group, shared that he first learned of Father Casey when he joined the Knights of Columbus, Father Solanus Casey Council, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. He learned more about the miracles that had occurred as a result of praying to Father Casey as he talked with other people and read about him.

In 2016, Diss, along with Rich Burton, Mike Durnell, Jim Bottone and Norm Stoffel met to see if there was any interest in gathering people for a Mass at St. Felix Friary with the intent of praying to Father Casey. The group's first Mass was in January 2017.

Besides the prayer of the rosary and Mass each month, there is a table set up for prayer requests with intentions of their own. The intentions are sent to Detroit and placed on Father Casey's casket, "for a more personable contact with him in prayerful hope of being cured."

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St. Louis, Besancon

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## A faith-filled Catholic community with a strong French heritage

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

St. Louis, Besancon Catholic Parish in New Haven was established in 1846 by a group of French settlers who, inspired by pioneer priests like Father Julian Benoit, wanted to bring their strong Catholic faith and distinctly French culture to northeastern Indiana. They named their church "St. Louis" after a 13th century French king, and their settlement "Besancon" after their French hometown 150 miles south of Paris, near the Swiss border.



FATHER BEN MUHLENKAMP

By 1870 those early settlers had built a Gothic Revival-style church that still stands today and anchors what is now the St. Louis, Besancon Historic District. The parish website calls its church "the pride of our community, our sacred place to worship God. ... all of this is entrusted to us to be wise stewards and pass on the light of Christ to all who follow."

St. Louis, Besancon recently



Students enjoy vacation Bible school activities at St. Louis, Besancon, Parish, New Haven.

noted 170 years as a parish. Many French family names like Didier, Dodane, Girard, Berthaud, Girardot, Gladieux, Huguenard, Voirol and Lomont can still be found on the parish rolls many generations later.

Father Ben Muhlenkamp, pastor for the last two years, described St. Louis, Besancon as "a beautiful French parish" whose people are very welcoming. He called it a "wonderful little farming community where everyone knows everyone." He added, "I love seeing the strong family bonds ... people care about their neighbors." He noted that there are 300 registered families and many active parish ministries to serve them in various ways. "We try to get people involved," he said.

One of those ministries especially prized by Father Muhlenkamp is Petros, a men's Bible study group named after St. Peter, the rock of the church. Headed up by longtime parishioner Paul Kline, the monthly group attracts 20 to 30 men, ages 20 to 84. Kline said that

the different ages bring different perspectives to the discussions, but their common denominator is their love of Christ and love of family. Father Muhlenkamp is a regular attendee and his input is welcomed, but Kline has told him, "This is your night off. You're just one of the guys." The pastor noted, "We have great conversations connecting our life and our faith in the Lord."

Another popular organization is the Daughters of Mary Mom's Group. It is open to all women of the parish with school-age or younger children. With meetings the second Wednesday of the month during the school year, it provides an opportunity for its members to discuss common problems while improving their mothering skills, their prayer life and their faith. Its mission is to help mothers realize that their worth comes from the one who gave his life for the salvation of all his precious children. President Beth Ann Spisak said it is based on the guidebook, "Having a Martha Home the Mary Way" by Sarah Mae.



Photos provided by St. Louis Parish

Recent first communicants at St. Louis, Besancon, are an example of the spiritual life of the parish.

"We're learning as we go," she said of the group, which took root earlier this year. "There is a need," she added, as members seek strength, patience, perseverance and true joy in their motherhood.

Another important ministry at St. Louis Parish is ably handled by choir director Rita Brueggeman, a 40-year volunteer in the position. She began as a teen and, along with longtime organist Jane Lomont and a "very dedicated" adult choir, provides music for Sunday Mass and other liturgical events. "We have the most wonderful choir ever," she said with enthusiasm. Father Muhlenkamp agreed, calling the singers "faith-filled."

The "gem" of the parish, however, is its elementary school. So called by priests and parishioners for years, St. Louis Academy dates back to the fall of 1915 when it opened with 116 students under the tutelage of the Sisters of Notre Dame. The brick building had four large classrooms, a basement and auditorium and was "well-arranged and solidly constructed," according to historical records. Today, it boasts 162 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The nuns who taught there for more than 60 years have been succeeded by lay teachers under the able leadership of principal Vanessa Diller.

Academically, the small,

rural school participates in Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program. Athletically, it offers sports through the St. Louis Academy Crusaders program, often in conjunction with other schools. Spiritually, it has a "thriving youth group," said the principal, and offers religious education classes parishwide.

Along with a core team, parish youth minister Claire Stuerzenberger runs vacation Bible school for pre-kindergartners through sixth graders in the summer, middle school religion classes every other Saturday and high school religion classes on Sunday evenings. High schoolers enjoy a meal and social interaction, then a faith-based speaker and prayers to round out the evening. Stuerzenberger said she loves working with the various groups and watching them grow together in Christ. Father Muhlenkamp also commented, "I love ministering to our young people ... they are the bright future of our church."

Principal Diller is especially proud of a special education initiative that began at St. Louis Academy in 2012 with the support of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. She commented, "We have continued to service students who have learning exceptionalities and need additional support in the classroom. Our school culture is welcoming, warm and

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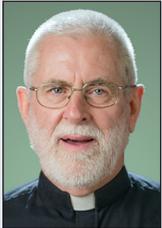
### Strengthening each other, serving the community

BY JEANNIE EWING

What draws people to a particular parish remains subjective to the individual or family who is seeking. Some desire a strong sense of community, while others love a lively worship setting; and the unique emphases and assets of each parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend contribute to the beautiful tapestry that is the Catholic faith. St. John the Baptist, New Haven, is no exception.

With a strong sense of community and generosity, St. John the Baptist is a parish that consists of members who are very committed to the parish and who strive to serve everyone in the New Haven area as well.

Among the efforts to build both community and the foundations of the faith is the education of children at St. John the Baptist School. Father Bill Sullivan, pastor at St. John, said: "I couldn't be in a parish



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without a school. The school gives me life. It's also a sign of parents' desire for their children to come into contact with Christ every day." Father Sullivan himself graduated from a diocesan school, St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne. He stated that his personal experience with Catholic education makes him value it all the more.

"My family moved to the diocese from Maine when I was a child," he continued. "The reason was that we didn't have access to a Catholic school where I grew up, and my parents decided to make the sacrifice to move all the way to Indiana so that my siblings and I could have a religious education."

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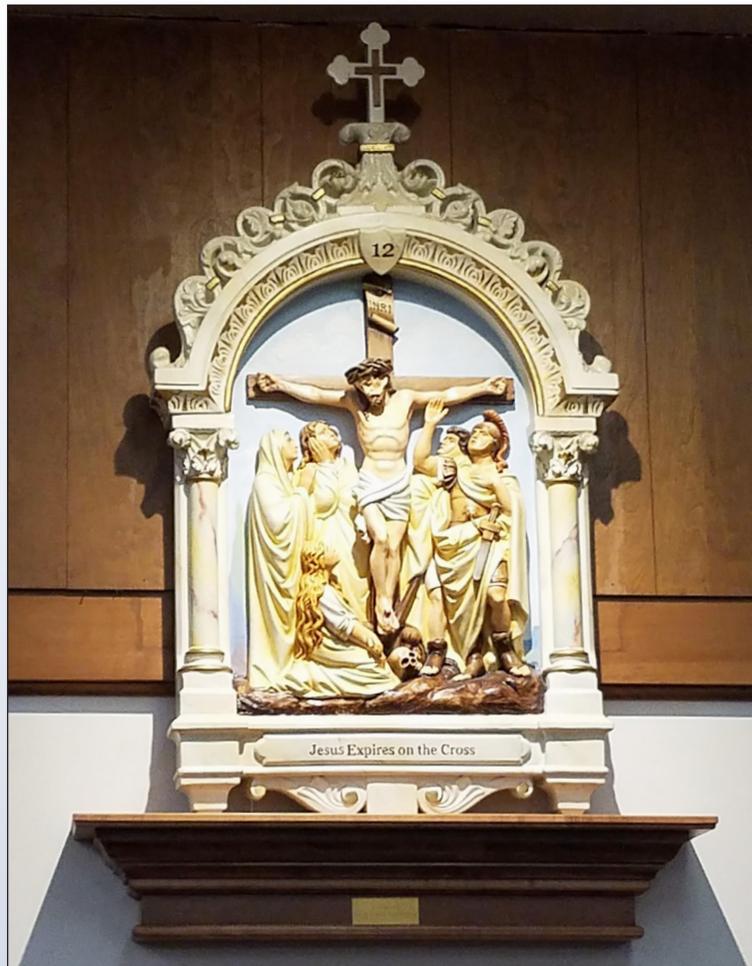
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and spiritual works of mercy. These include the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus and Rosary Society. Father Sullivan sees each of these ministries as valuable strengths of St. John, because the parishioners involved with them are very committed and tend to stay active for the long haul.

"Within 24 hours of someone calling our parish for help, someone from St. Vincent de Paul is there to lend them a helping hand," noted Father Sullivan. "The Rosary Society provides meals for funeral families, and we had 37 last year. They also commit to praying the rosary daily before all Masses on weekdays and weekends."

Father Sullivan said he has also been humbled by the priests who have assisted him since he has been assigned to St. John. Father Mark Enamali came to the parish from Nigeria after finishing his doctorate at Notre Dame a few years ago, and after Father Enamali left, Father Charles Ebelebe arrived to assist Father Sullivan at the parish and school. "They are both Spiritan priests," he noted, "which is an order of priests who teach in the seminary in Nigeria. Father Enamali and Father Ebelebe are best friends and have been welcomed wholeheartedly by the St. John's parish family."

Deb Rhinock, who wears many hats at St. John as director



Inside St. John the Baptist Church, New Haven, the Stations of the Cross are depicted in relief, on white.

of religious education, pastoral associate and cafeteria manager, said that she and her family fell in love with the parish because of the closeness of community. "We came to St. John's in 1998 from another parish and put our remaining seven children in the school. What struck me was how everyone was so genuine, so willing to offer help to those in need."

The Rhinocks experienced a

family crisis after transferring their membership to St. John, and many of the parishioners rallied with them — especially in prayer. "I had a lot of people offer to help me in a variety of ways," Rhinock added, "but the most powerful way was through prayer. To know that so many people are praying for you and helping you spiritually to get through a rough patch means so much."

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loving." She pointed out that students encourage each other and everyone is responsible for helping the school fulfill its mission, to help all students reach their full potential academically, socially and spiritually. We are "striving to grow in faith on a daily basis ... enriching each person's personal relationship with Christ."

At St. Louis Academy, said Diller, teachers create meaningful relationships with their students by coaching, mentoring and through participation in school and parish events. They

communicate and collaborate with one another in order to grow as professionals and in their Catholic faith. She believes that students are so inclusive and supportive of each other because they see teachers and staff model those qualities.

"At St. Louis Academy, we are unapologetic in living our faith and sharing our journey with one another," Diller added.

Living the Catholic faith and sharing that faith journey appears to be the mantra for all parishioners at St. Louis, Besancon. Father Muhlenkamp shared that "there is certainly a lot of love and pride in our parish community." Those early French families who established the parish have truly passed on the light of Christ to later generations.



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# Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration makes perpetual vows

BY WILLIAM SCHMITT

Solidarity with a saint's powerful witness of love for the Lord infused a Mass that took place Aug. 9 and at which Sister M. Benedicta Duna, OSF, made her perpetual profession of vows with the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades pointed out in his homily, on the occasion, that Sister Benedicta was professing her own lifetime commitment on the feast day of a woman whose martyrdom at Auschwitz still inspires people.

"How appropriate it is that Sister Benedicta takes her vows on the feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross," Bishop Rhoades said, noting that the saint, whose name was Edith Stein before she converted from Judaism and became a nun, perished in the concentration camp exactly 75 years earlier, on Aug. 9, 1942.

"Where God seemed to be absent, St. Teresa Benedicta witnessed to His presence," Bishop Rhoades told the congregation in the chapel of St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka. The saint's model of faithfulness is the foundation for Sister Benedicta's "vocation to love," he said, just before the rite in which provincial superior Sister M. Angela Mellady received the young sister's vows.

In an earlier interview, Sister Benedicta recalled how Edith Stein had influenced her own vocational discernment and the choice of her new name. While an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame, she had been moved by her participation — and later leadership roles — in the school's annual Edith Stein conferences. The student-run gatherings explore the martyr's lifelong pursuit of truth and insights about "who the Lord is calling us to be as women, and how we can serve the church being who we are."

Sister Benedicta will now serve as assistant vocation director for the community, traveling to college campuses, talking



Photos by Derby Photography

Sister Benedicta makes her perpetual vows in front of the congregation, priests and celebrant Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades during a Mass at St. Francis Convent, Mishawaka, on Aug. 9.

with women about discernment and "helping them to see their dignity" in a relationship with Christ.

Her own journey, starting out in the suburbs of Cleveland as one of seven children in a family with strong Hungarian roots, led to an undergraduate degree from Notre Dame and a master's degree in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, and it drew strength from eucharistic adoration, she said.

When she went, as a sophomore, to a discernment retreat at St. Francis Convent, the community's devotion to perpetual adoration "was the primary draw," she recalled, along with the joyful "family spirit" she experienced in the sisters' daily lives, which blend contemplation with apostolates such as education and healthcare.

Her endeavors in the community since entering as a postulant in 2008 have included assisting at Our Lady of Hungary School in South Bend and teaching middle school religion at St. John the Evangelist Parish in St. John, Indiana.

Bishop Rhoades, praising the sisters for excellence in teaching, health care and parish service,

said in his homily that their commitment to communion with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is key to their flourishing, as envisioned by their founder, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, who was beatified in 2013. He called this "the No. 1 reason" why the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration con-

tinued to attract vocations among young people.

Sister Benedicta said her discernment had always incorporated eucharistic adoration: she feels inseparable from receiving Jesus as her spouse. "The constant availability of Jesus in a heart-to-heart way really attracted me" to the community in Mishawaka, she said. She was also inspired by a faithfulness to Jesus that persisted through the most difficult times — the same degree of faith that the Blessed Mother demonstrated when her son was dying on the cross in front of her and St. Teresa "Benedicta" of the Cross affirmed in her name, which meant she was "blessed" by the cross.

Recognizing the strong role Mary has played in her vocation journey, Sister Benedicta noted that the Annunciation, the day when the Angel Gabriel called Mary "blessed among women" and conveyed her vocation, is her name day. The "M" initial in the names taken by every Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration stands for Mary.

The message of love that endures suffering has formed her from her childhood days, Sister Benedicta recalled. All four of her grandparents had lived in Hungary and had undergone persecution for their faith during World War II. One grandfather had been condemned to die, but his life was saved when the actions of a Catholic religious brother, also held captive, prompted a judge to change his decision from the death sentence to imprisonment for the grandfather. The brother, however, was killed.

Pope Francis approved the beatification of Brother Stephen Sandor in 2013, on the same day he approved the beatification of Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, Sister Benedicta pointed out.

As Bishop Rhoades remarked about total receptivity to God's calling, "It's a beautiful paradox: The more we give ourselves, the more we find ourselves."



Sister Benedicta of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Mishawaka, receives a blessing from Sister M. Angela Mellady before receiving her ring to symbolize her lasting covenant with God and her espousal to Christ.

# Catechetical institute to observe anniversary of Catechism

## Matthew Kelly keynote speaker at Zeal Summit in Warsaw Sept. 9

BY JODI MARLIN

Twenty-five years ago, in October 1992, St. John Paul II promulgated the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It was on the 10th anniversary of its release, in 2002, that he reinforced its significance to all Catholics by saying that as Catholic Christians are nourished by the word, they become servants of the word.

During this anniversary year, Director of Catholic Education Carl Loesch invites catechists, directors of religious education, RCIA directors, youth ministers and others involved in catechesis to open their hearts to the tide of grace and allow the word of

Christ to pass through them in all its power. (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*). The Catechism assists in clearly articulating the reasons for the hope that they want to share, which is why it is the planned focus of this year's catechetical institute summit, called Zeal.

Just like the compendium of the Catholic faith, the annual day of inspiration and education for catechists in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is also celebrating its 25th anniversary. Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw will be the host site for the event, happening Saturday, Sept. 9.

The highlight of the day, in addition to Mass and workshops that deliver ongoing education

and tools for educating others in the rich Catholic faith, will be the motivating words of Matthew Kelly, internationally known Catholic speaker and founder of The Dynamic Catholic Institute. Kelly will share his insights regarding Pope Francis' call to missionary discipleship.

The fact that one does not go out alone to share the faith will be one of several reflections on the good news that will be discussed throughout the day, according to Loesch.

"First, in this 100th anniversary year of Our Lady's appearances to the children at Fatima, we are reminded that we follow in the footsteps of Mary Magdalene, the first disciple, who ran in haste to share the

good news. Next, echoing the theme of unity from the Catholic Convocation, we recall that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, those saints, and martyrs, holy men and women who have labored in the vineyard before us. Finally, and most importantly, he is called Emmanuel, meaning God with us. God with us in our families. God with us in our ministry. God with us in our struggles. God with us in our joy," he said.

"The Catholic Church recently convened the Convocation of Catholic leaders in Florida. This was the first such gathering in 100 years," Loesch noted, the purpose of which was to reflect upon Pope Francis' "Joy of the Gospel" and what it means to be missionary disciples. In light of the pope's exhortation for all Catholics to be missionary disciples, catechists will be invited to think about, discuss and pray how to put this into action as they move throughout the day, worshipping, learning, sharing and enjoying fellowship, strengthening each other to serve as missionary disciples in the coming year.

Registration for Zeal is open at <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Zeal-Missionary-Discipleship-Summit-1>. The day will begin with check-in at 8 a.m., followed by Mass at 9 a.m. and Kelly's presentation. Lunch, the opportunity for confession, workshops and a final prayer and commissioning at 2:30 p.m. will round out Zeal for 2017.

### Becoming the 'best version of yourself'

Matthew Kelly has dedicated his life to helping people and organizations "become the-best-version-of-themselves." Born in Sydney, Australia, he began

speaking and writing in his late teens while he was attending business school. Since that time, more than four million people have attended his seminars and presentations in more than 50 countries.

Today he is an acclaimed speaker, best-selling author and business consultant. His books have been published in 25 languages, have appeared on the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestseller lists, and have sold more than 20 million copies.

Kelly is also a partner at Floyd Consulting, a Chicago-based management-consulting firm. His clients include: Procter and Gamble, Chick-fil-A, General Electric, Pepsi, FedEx, HSBC, the Department of Defense, McDonalds, US Bank, 3M, Ernst & Young, the U.S. Navy, and dozens of other Fortune 500 companies.

He is also active as a Catholic speaker and author. Raised Catholic, he has been saddened by the lack of engagement among Catholics and founded The Dynamic Catholic Institute to research why Catholics engage or disengage and explore what it will take to establish vibrant Catholic communities in the 21st century.

Matthew Kelly will offer additional presentations to teachers of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic schools and at two sold-out events hosted by St. Pius X Parish in Granger and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne.

Catechists, DREs, youth ministers and others involved in catechesis may register for Zeal at [www.zeal-summit.com](http://www.zeal-summit.com). Cost is \$15, which includes lunch. Registration ends Aug. 29.



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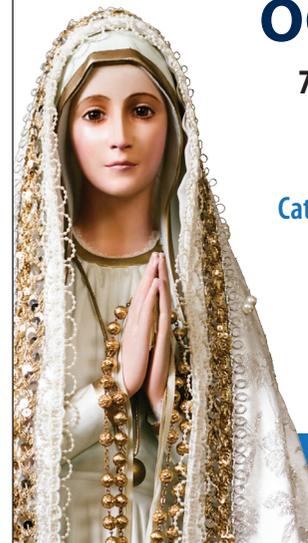
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# Change, challenge and commitment: Today's Catholic

BY TOM CASTALDI

By its very nature, a great challenge faced by the publishers of print media is to remain viable, meaningful and interesting, yet entertaining, to its readers. In fact, there may be as many reasons for subscribing to a publication as there are subscribers.

Certainly, subscriber trends must be recognized for the survival of a given medium. Couple this with the responsibility and concerns of Catholic publications in today's secular culture: It's one fraught with the dictatorship of relativity, which would prefer pushing aside the truth and beauty of Christ's teachings in favor of the current "if-it-feels-good-do-it" notion encouraged by Hollywood, the internet, secular media and political correctness. Facing such concerns is vital to meeting and being in the mix for an organization that holds forth informing the truth of its tenants.

In 1912, Father John Noll stood up to face a dangerous form of socialism that opposed religion, morality and private ownership — then pervading the nation — when he founded *Our Sunday Visitor* to inform the Catholic laity and their friends.



As early as the years 1902–03, Father John Noll had been writing and distributing *Kind Words From Your Pastor*, which, as he recalled, began a literary career of keeping his parishioners up to date and informed. It was a small paper that lasted for 24 editions. A few years later, in 1908, he published *Parish Monthly*. It contained reading described as being of general interest and serving some 200 parishes across the nation.

In 1910 Father Noll was transferred to St. Mary Parish in Huntington and acquired a printing press from a local newspaper. It was then that he made a first run of 35,000 copies of *Our Sunday Visitor* for

a May 5, 1912, distribution at parish churches. Father Noll's editorial in those weekly copies stated that "this *Sunday Visitor* will insist on going home with you from Mass, and will instruct and entertain you all for the price of one penny a paper." He recognized the critical need to reach out, focusing in those early issues on a response to the anti-Catholic and socialistic propaganda that spewed from a contemporary publication, *The Menace*.

*The Menace* had been founded in 1911 with a mission to attack the church. It bitterly assailed the Catholic Church, accusing its members of planning attacks on American freedom and liberty. *The Menace* did not prevail, however, and disappeared some 85 years ago. *Our Sunday Visitor* attained the largest circulation of any Catholic paper in the world. From this publishing enterprise also came pamphlets, monthly collection envelopes, brochures and books, as well as *The Acolyte*, a periodical for priests.

Then-Msgr. Noll was notified on May 13, 1925, that Pope Pius XI had named him the successor of Bishop Herman Joseph Alerding, who died in December 1924. Following his new appointment, Bishop Noll founded the diocesan weekly paper *Our Sunday Visitor Fort Wayne Edition*, which became the forerunner of *The Harmonizer*.

At first the newspaper contained the national edition of *Our Sunday Visitor*, with 10 or so pages dedicated to diocesan and general Catholic news directed at most Catholic homes in the dioceses. A commitment to fulfill a need was being served. By January 1926, this newly directed publication was being printed as a diocesan paper and

featured items of interest intended to encourage and inform the laity.

Bishop Noll recognized that additional readers could be reached, and circulation expanded, by addressing one particular segment of the population. So *Our Sunday Visitor* introduced a youth section in 1939 and expanded the publication by eight pages. Now stories of interest especially directed toward younger audiences could be developed to teach and direct young minds in ways the Lord could be served. Young members of the laity now had access to activities, organizations and events through which they might grow morally stronger.

By 1967 the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan edition had changed editors. Under Bishop Noll, Francis Fink has served as a temporary managing editor at one point, and as editor following Archbishop Noll's death. Msgr. Joseph Crowley then served as editor from 1958–67.

In 1967, Msgr. Joseph Crowley left to become a pastor, and Msgr. James P. Conroy, who had been editing the youth column, took over.

After Vatican II, circulation of the newspaper experienced somewhat of a decrease. Msgr. Conroy, however, increased local news and pursued the notion the publication should be

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renamed. A contest among readers was held, and Msgr. Thomas Durkin suggested the name *The Harmonizer*, which was adopted. As historian and author of "Worthy of the Gospel of Christ," Joseph White, wrote, "For an era when there were deep divisions about Vatican II reforms, the title projected a positive tone. With the Dec. 3, 1972, issue, the diocesan newspaper took its new name. *The Harmonizer* had a circulation 25,376 in 1976."

In 1986, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend took ownership of *The Harmonizer* at the request of *Our Sunday Visitor* Inc. On Oct. 26, 1986, the name was changed to *Today's Catholic*.

Once again, Joseph White offers the following information: "... in 1985, Father Vincent Giese was acting editor of *The Harmonizer*, pending a return to full-time work at *Our Sunday Visitor*. In August 1986, John Ankenbruck, a veteran reporter, columnist and editorial writer for the Fort Wayne newspaper *The News-Sentinel* became editor.

## Editors of the paper

**Bishop John Francis Noll, 1926 – 1956**  
**Francis A. Fink, 1956**  
**Rev. Joseph R. Crowley, 1958 – 1967**  
**Msgr. James P. Conroy, 1967 – 1978**  
**Father Vincent Gise, 1978 – 1980**  
**Lou Jacquet, 1980 – 1984**  
**Father Vincent Gise, acting editor, 1984**  
**John Ankenbruck, 1986 – 1998**  
**William Cone, 1998 – 2003**  
**Timothy Johnson, 2003 – 2016**  
**Jodi Marlin, 2016 – present**

He was succeeded in 1998 by William Cone, an experienced newspaper editor in Florida. When Cone left the position in 2003 to become editor of the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, Timothy Johnson, a resident of Yoder, Indiana, and assistant editor since 1998, became editor. Presently, Jodi Marlin serves as editor of *Today's Catholic*.

Today we come to another watershed moment in Bishop Noll's remarkable publication legacy. Named an archbishop in 1953 for his contributions to the Catholic press and the work of the church in America, what might Archbishop Noll have imagined possible of the immediate response, the color and the worldwide accessibility that print, knitted carefully and wonderfully with what digital technology, offers? A new technology is necessary to stay in contact with the new generations of Catholics, without removing the familiar and comfortable newspaper genre, to which so many Catholics have accustomed themselves. It's where *Today's Catholic* must have a presence, in order to remain the viable vehicle for spreading the truth and beauty of Christ's church on earth.

From being a newspaper, *Today's Catholic* has evolved into a multiplatform media outlet that will meet the commitment of the challenges that change brings about.

**Tom Castaldi** is the Allen County historian and a member of the board of directors of the History Center/Fort Wayne Historical Society.



# Pratt to return to home to serve youth

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

John Pratt recently assumed the role of director of youth ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

He formerly served as the youth director, director of religious education and RCIA director at Old St. Patrick Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan. At St. Patrick, a community Pratt describes as a "country parish" with a "sizable number of large families," he had a direct influence on the church's campus ministry program.

"During my time at the parish we were also able to jump-start a young adult group that has grown over the last 16 months to be quite a sizable group. That has spurred increased involvement of the young in the life of the parish," he said.

A 2015 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Pratt earned a double major in American studies and theology. During his time at Notre Dame he was very involved in campus ministry and administrative initiatives, experiences that will serve him well in his new role.

For a significant portion of his undergraduate experience Pratt was a Campus Ministry volunteer, during which he led multiple retreats and was invited to speak to the faith-based campus club Four 7, which stands for 2 Timothy 4:7. As an intern in the university's President's Office from 2012-15, he witnessed firsthand the development of programming for an educational institution.

Pratt's passion for youth ministry stems from the fact that the work has the potential to influence those who are at a relatively early stage of faith



JOHN PRATT

development.

"What excites me most about youth ministry is that the Catholic Church holds the key to what young people are searching for," he said.

In terms of timing, Pratt said this is a particularly exciting period to be working in youth minis-

try because of the emphasis Pope Francis is placing on the development of young people; and due to various youth-based initiatives within the Catholic Church.

"It's also so very exciting that the universal church is reflecting upon, discussing and praying about just these questions with the young people of my generation," he explained. "With the synod on young people, faith and vocational discernment coming up at the Vatican in October 2018, it is a very exciting time to be working with the youth of the church."

Growing up in Niles, Michigan, and as a member of St. Pius X Parish in Granger, Pratt is familiar with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and he is excited to be serving the diocese in which he grew up.

"The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has a special place

in my heart, and I'm very much looking forward to moving back to my beloved diocese," he said. "I have close friendships with many of the priests, seminarians and families of the diocese and am thankful that God has allowed me to come back to serve the people of Fort Wayne-South Bend."

The third of nine children, his family remains actively engaged in St. Pius X Parish. Pratt will be based out of the Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne. He plans to attend St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

"St. Pius X has been a lovely parish for my family, and I still love to go and make visits to pray with the community there ..." Pratt said. "I also have been blessed to be one of Msgr. Bill's compatriots on his bike rides. We've gone all around the Granger area on bike rides, and that has been a special treat for me."

## New director for Office of Catechesis

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

On Aug. 2, Jonathan Kaltenbach assumed his role as director of the Office of Catechesis for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. His background and familiarity with the diocese are conducive to the role's responsibilities.

As director of the Office of Catechesis, Kaltenbach will work closely with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Carl Loesch, director of Catholic Education for the diocese, to develop curriculum and catechetical programming. Initially, he plans to observe the present programming, materials and processes before finalizing where he will focus his efforts. This will ensure that the alterations made, if any, are done strategically and for the better.

"In the coming weeks and months, I plan to take stock of the current catechetical programs and resources to see the many things that are being done well and to offer suggestions on what might be improved or strengthened," Kaltenbach explained. "... no resource is too modern or too ancient if it helps to form inten-

tional disciples who can witness their faith in Christ Jesus to their neighbors and the world."

Kaltenbach plans to focus on the diocesan community and integrate any necessary changes in a collaborative manner.

"I hope to meet many people in their parishes, as we take up God's call to be 'built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ' that we 'may declare His wonderful deeds' (1 Pt 2:5, 9) and 'do good and share what we have' as pleasing sacrifices to God (Heb 13:16)," he said. "Spiritual priesthood is a theme that is dear to my study and to my heart."

In fact, working with and amongst the diocesan community is what Kaltenbach enjoys most about serving as the director.

"What excites me most about this new role is getting to know better all the great people of this diocese, as friends and siblings in the great family of Jesus Christ that is the church," he said. "It is my privilege and honor to serve all the community, under the ministry of Bishop Rhoades, and I rely on your prayers."

Prior to his new responsibility,



JONATHAN KALTENBACH

Kaltenbach spent 12 years at the University of Notre Dame, where he had the opportunity to interact frequently with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and theology in 2009 from the university and his Master of Theological Studies degree from the institution two years later. This past year he completed Notre Dame's Doctorate in Historical Theology. In the doctoral program, Kaltenbach's primary area of study was the history of

Christianity; his secondary area of focus was systematic theology. His dissertation explored St. Thomas Aquinas' study of Christ as priest and mediator.

Kaltenbach's experience as a teaching assistant, student assistant and instructor of record during his years at Notre Dame are expected to be an asset to his assessment and planning of diocesan curriculum. All three roles gave him direct experience with education administration.

Originally from Butler, Pennsylvania, Kaltenbach and his family have many connections to the South Bend and surrounding community. His wife, Mary Liz, works at the South Bend Women's Care Center and earned her undergraduate degree from Notre Dame. The Kaltenbachs attend St. Stanislaus with their three sons, who were baptized at St. Patrick. Their eldest son is enrolled at

Corpus Christi School.

"... I think our experience (as a family) within several local communities has been good preparation for service to the entire diocese," he said.

During his free time, Kaltenbach enjoys doing "everyday things with the family" and a variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, cycling and playing basketball.

In his short time working with Kaltenbach, Loesch has witnessed a lot of potential for collaboration.

"The director of the Office of Catechesis is a critical position for us as we strive to implement Bishop Rhoades' vision for catechesis and support all of the catechists and teachers in our parishes and schools," Loesch said. "We are blessed to have someone like Jonathan, with his excellent academic background and deep personal faith."

## Virtue-based formation program implemented in Bishop Luers sports

FORT WAYNE — SportsLeader, a Catholic virtue-based formation program for coaches, will be implemented at Bishop Luers High School this fall.

Bishop Luers athletic coaches gathered July 13 to learn more about the program's initiatives to build a structured, intentional and specific method and curriculum to help form leaders and teach virtue.

Lou Judd, director of SportsLeader, spoke about the

implementation of the program's four pillars: virtue, mentoring, ceremony and Catholic identity. "Coaches are among the most impactful leaders in today's world," Judd said. "Our hope at SportsLeader is that if we can help strengthen the faith, the virtue, the leadership of coaches, then those coaches can bring it to and transform the athletes. We firmly believe if you can transform the athletes within a school, we'll transform the school."

Jim Huth, principal of Bishop Luers High School, believes SportsLeader will use the school's athletic program to bring students into a closer relationship with God. Two years ago, Huth attended a SportsLeader conference where Bishop Thomas John Poprocki of Springfield, Illinois, said, "We want them to enter through their door — the sports they love to play — but we want them to exit through our door."

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## I think I'm having a heart attack

A 42-year-old man presents to the emergency room with acute onset of shortness of breath and chest tightness. He is in the middle of a contentious divorce and has not been sleeping well or taking very good care of himself. These symptoms occurred very suddenly, and there were no apparent precipitating factors. He is diaphoretic (sweating profusely) and his hands are shaking. Because he complains of shortness of breath and chest tightness, the emergency triage nurse promptly takes him to one of the cardiac rooms and orders a stat electrocardiogram. The ECG is immediately given to one of the Emergency Department physicians as he begins to assess the patient. The doctor indicates that the ECG is normal, other than the heart rate being fast. The patient's symptoms continue with more complaints of chest tightness. The ED physician orders a sublingual nitroglycerin, believing this could be heart pain, and all that accomplishes is giving the man a splitting headache and making him feel worse. Six tubes of blood are drawn and sent off to the lab for various tests including cardiac markers to help exclude a heart attack. A chest X-ray is done and is normal. A chest CT scan is ordered to look for pulmonary emboli (lung clots) and is reported as normal. All the blood work comes back completely normal as well. The doctor goes back to see how the patient is feeling, and he reports he still feels like he is going to die. The doctor abruptly leaves the room to write some more orders. As he is writing, a nurse walks by and asks the doctor what is going on with

the man in bed eight. He replies, "Oh nothing, he's just having a panic attack."

As many as one out of every three people, at some time in their life, experiences a panic attack. Most of the time they resolve on their own and an emergency room visit can be avoided. When you have recurring panic attacks, you have panic disorder. This occurs in about two to three percent of the population, most commonly between the ages of 14 and 55. The gentleman that I have just described was having his very first panic attack. His emergency room cost was going to be north of \$7,000, most likely giving him another panic attack when he opens the bill. He also had to endure what so many people with this disorder have to go through — a lack of empathy from medical personnel.

A panic attack is hardly "nothing." When you are in the middle of a panic attack you really do think that you are going to die. Other common symptoms during one of these episodes include heart palpitations, trouble swallowing or a choking feeling, nausea, abdominal pain, dizziness, paresthesia (numbness) and a feeling of impending doom. Sometimes a cardiology consultation is needed, and there are times we just can't be sure it's not the heart, so admission to the hospital is needed. Testing to exclude a cardiac etiology most commonly includes a stress test, but sometimes we have to go all the way to a cardiac catheterization to exclude coronary artery disease as the cause of the chest

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discomfort.

The immediate treatment in the emergency room is reassurance, and frequently a dose of IV antianxiety medicine to calm things down.

If you have a series of panic attacks and are diagnosed with panic disorder, then you need more than reassurance. There are two treatment options, and it is common and usually recommended that both come into play. Cognitive behavioral therapy should just about always be part of the plan (yes, you should see a therapist, or "shrink"). Finding a qualified therapist can sometimes be a challenge, but better understanding your brain's reaction to stress is very effective at preventing future episodes. Then there are medications that work to change the brain chemistry to help prevent future episodes. The biggest error made by physicians who may not be adequately trained in this area is to start a benzodiazepine such as Xanax (alprazolam), Ativan (lorazepam) or Valium (diazepam): These meds might be used for very short-term relief but not long-term, since they do not really work well chronically and it only takes a few short weeks to develop

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## Three questions for vocational discernment

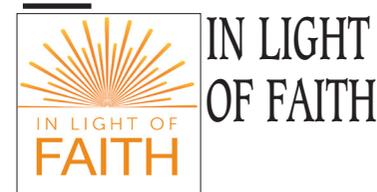
It was a hot, sunny day in early September and the lawn around me was a sea of colorful banners and signs advertising debate clubs and Ultimate Frisbee teams. Like many college freshmen, I was overwhelmed by the sheer number of clubs at the annual student activity fair.

I was also a little overenthusiastic: I signed up for any club that promised free pizza, including the student-run Catholic newspaper. Although I'd never written for a school paper, it seemed like a very collegiate thing to do (along with eating all that free pizza, of course).

But that was just choosing a club. For young people today, discerning our vocation and taking steps toward it can feel overwhelming. As we graduate from school, find jobs and start families, the difficulty of finding work and the alienating effect of technology only worsen the problem.

Pope Francis articulates another issue that compounds the problem: "The horizon consists of options that can always be reversed rather than definitive choices," he writes. "Young people refuse to continue on a personal journey of life, if it means giving up taking different paths in the future: 'Today I choose this, tomorrow we'll see.'"

At least in my corner of the world, we've got so many choices open to us that we can easily be paralyzed in front of all of the options. It's a much bigger version than a college student fair, and the stakes feel a bit higher.



KATIE DANIELS

More than ever, young people need a framework to help us determine our vocations. But amid what Pope Francis calls the "noise and confusion" in the world, how do we figure out what we're called to do?

During college, the best advice I received on how to think about vocation was that my vocation wasn't really about me at all. At the Jesuit university I attended, students weren't asked, "What are your skills?" but instead, "How will you use your skills to serve others?"

A well-known Boston College theology professor, Father Michael Himes, best articulates this other-centered framework for thinking about vocation. In his "Three Key Questions" talk, Father Himes asks young people to consider three things: What gives you joy? Are you good at it? Does anyone need you to do it?

While young people around the world have different challenges and experiences, we share the same restlessness: a desire

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## God gives his authority to his church



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt. 16:13-20

The first section of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend with its first reading.

In this reading, Isaiah speaks for God. With God's authority Isaiah declared that a new master of the court should be named.

The master functioned as the king's chief representative and exercised the authority of the crown. The symbol of office was a key.

Having a master of the palace, along with subordinate figures, enabled the king more efficiently to reign. In the mind

of Isaiah, and of all the prophets while the monarchy existed, the ultimate purpose of the king's reign was to draw the people to God. Maintaining the nation's faithfulness to God was the king's first duty.

As part of the apparatus of government, the master shared in this duty. The royal duty also bound the master, who would be the king's delegate. Hence, the appointment of the master was a very serious step.

This reading is hardly the only occasion when God speaks, through human instruments, to people. Such occasions fill the Scriptures. It is a situation reminding us of our own needs, and of God's willingness lovingly to supply for our needs.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans provides the church's second reading. The Christian Romans lived in what then was the imposing city on earth, or the earth as it then was known. Much of Rome's splendor lay in the great temples within the city dedicated to the various gods and goddesses. Even today, tour-

ists marvel at the Pantheon, an ancient temple in Rome remarkably intact after all the years.

Paul constantly had to draw Christians away from the lure of the gaudy, materialistic, libertine Roman culture to the God of Jesus. In this reading, Paul extols the majesty of his God. In addition, Paul calls God the "counselor" of the faithful. It implies that God communicates with people, that people communicate with God, and that in the process God guides them through life.

For its third reading the church offers us a selection from St. Matthew's Gospel.

The setting is Caesarea Philippi, a place northeast of Capernaum, quite picturesque and pleasant. At the time of Jesus, this place was a resort. The River Jordan forms here from springs and small creeks. Even today, Israelis go there to relax.

Jesus and Peter enter a dramatic exchange. The Lord asks Peter, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Here, Jesus identifies with the "Son of Man" of the Old Testament, who was

God's special agent and who unfaithfully was true to God.

Peter replies that the people are confused. Some see Jesus as a prophet, as John the Baptist or as Elijah. But, for himself, Peter declares that Jesus is the "Son of the living God".

### Reflection

Placing these Scriptures before us, the church makes two points. The first is that, come what may in our lives, we are not alone. God speaks to us. Such is the long history of salvation.

It is important to hear God in this process, which is more easily said than done since we are inclined to listen to own instincts, wishes, fears and misconceptions.

Still, God speaks to us, guides us and warns us. Throughout the years, God has spoken through representatives such as Isaiah or Paul.

The Lord's greatest representative was Peter, the bearer of the keys. The Lord commissioned him. Peter's strong faith, spoken

at Caesarea Philippi, underscored the choice.

Peter was the "master of the king's house," to use Isaiah's imagery. The role has continued through the ages in the role of Peter's successors, the bishops of Rome. Such continuance itself is a sign of God's love. He provided for those in Peter's generation, and in the church provides for all the generations that have followed.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17 Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30

# Freedom and the mission of Catholic universities

Fifty years ago, Father Hesburgh of the University of Notre Dame invited two dozen leaders in Catholic higher education to Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin, to plot out a new path for Catholic universities. At the end of their meeting in July 1967, the group issued its "Statement on the Nature of the Contemporary Catholic University," better known now as the Land O' Lakes Statement. This summer and fall we see articles and hear of conferences debating the value of that statement. Some hail Land O' Lakes as a boon to Catholic education, a decisive moment from which Catholic colleges and universities have grown and flourished. Others have called it a "disaster" that fostered a revolt against Church authority, resulting in the "devastation" of Catholic education.

To some extent, both sides of that debate may be right. Here, I want to say something different. The Land O'Lakes Statement, contrary to its authors' intentions, fails to meet the challenge of the Second Vatican Council and the vocation of Catholic education.

The central issue is freedom and autonomy. It was for freedom that these Catholic leaders met in 1967, and academic freedom is the issue today. To do its work of teaching and research, the modern university needs autonomy and freedom from outside interference. Therefore, Land O' Lakes famously declared, "To perform its teaching and research functions effectively the Catholic university must have a true autonomy and academic freedom in the face of authority of whatever kind, lay or clerical, external to the academic community itself." Consequently, over the past 50 years, including within our own diocese, Catholic colleges and universities have refused to be answerable to the local Ordinary, even while athletic associations and the Title IX office in Washington dictate what values and principles universities must embrace. (Fr. Jenkins of Notre Dame dared to disagree publicly with the NCAA and ACC. Soon after, his football team had its undefeated season stripped from the records.)

On this vital point we have to note two serious weaknesses of Land O' Lakes, which states: "Every university, Catholic or not, serves as the critical reflective intelligence of its society. In keeping with this general function, the Catholic university has the added obligation of performing this same service for the Church." This implies that secular universities are actually performing this task of "critical reflective intelligence" for society. They are not. Pope St. John Paul II repeatedly called on universities to resist the influence of

materialism, scientific reductionism and secularism on our cultures. A fair and reasonable assessment of our public and even most private universities is that they uncritically accept the regnant materialism and secularism of our consumerist culture.

Concerning the education of undergraduates, Land O' Lakes states, "The whole world of knowledge and ideas must be open to the student; there must be no outlawed books or subjects." Yet, on most university campuses today the student is hard-pressed to find discussion or debate of such questions as the immortality of the soul, the bases of morality, metaphysics and the existence of God, or even the meaning of life. Perceptive contemporary observers worry that the best and the brightest graduates of our elite universities are graduating with excellent skills in finance and the sciences but are culturally ignorant, devoid of the intellectual resources to understand their society and their own souls.

So, the first point is that universities in general have serious problems that they cannot even see. It is simply naïve to think that a gathering of intelligent people freely exchanging their thoughts will eventually come to the truth. Wisdom is not a kind of scholarly cream that rises to the top after a sufficiently long scholarly debate. Even on our best and most elite campuses, intellectual fads run rampant.

Although Land O' Lakes intends to reflect the vision of Vatican II, it does not. The council is not mentioned or cited. Its rich teaching is ignored. The Pastoral Constitution, "Gaudium et Spes," teaches: "The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light. [...] Christ [...] fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear." From a later section on culture we can derive a rich understanding of the nature and calling of higher education and particularly of Catholic universities. Pope St. John Paul II drew upon precisely that chapter of "Gaudium et Spes" in his Apostolic Constitution "Ex Corde Ecclesiae." There he wrote: "The mission that the Church, with great hope, entrusts to Catholic Universities holds a cultural and religious meaning of vital importance because it concerns the very future of humanity." Let us note that the Pope says that the future of humanity depends on what Catholic universities have to offer. Whenever he spoke to Catholic faculties and scholars, he reminded them that they were responsible for their cultures and as such responsible for man himself. He never failed to offer the riches of Christianity, the promise that the human person has a transcendent destiny to



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communion with God, a destiny that enriches every culture and orders human wisdom so that all the sciences harmonize in the light of truth.

Land O' Lakes is naïve. There have been instances of ecclesiastical overreach in Catholic universities. In an article in "America," Fr. John Jenkins of Notre Dame cites an example from 1954. However, if we look around at American secular universities, we see striking lack of freedom. In them few professors or students feel free to discuss the reality of the soul, the existence of God, the morality of contraception or abortion. By contrast, in my classes at Notre Dame, besides Aquinas and Maritain, we read Marx and Darwin. This is what we understand our job to be.

Professors need freedom to do their research. This is true. But it is simply naïve to think that freedom reigns in the halls of academia. As with teaching, so it is with research. Scholarly fad and political correctness dictate the boundaries of "safe" scholarship. A young scholar hoping for a career in academia must be careful not to tread into the toxic subjects. He must take his standards of analysis from the secularist, materialist paradigm. The supposed advantage to attaining professorial tenure is that one can finally speak his mind. But even the most established professor can find himself in trouble if his writings or lectures stray too far from today's accepted secular orthodoxy.

In short, Catholic professors and students do not need protection from their bishops. The battle for true freedom of thought is elsewhere. Only in harmony and cooperation with the Church—especially with its bishops—can the university effectively serve as a defender and promoter of the dignity of the human person, because only so can Catholic academia be sure that it is learning from the One who is Truth.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for August 13, 2017

Matthew 14:22-33

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Nineteenth Sunday, Cycle A: a night on the stormy sea. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

DISCIPLES	DISMISSED	CROWDS
WENT UP	MOUNTAIN	TO PRAY
ALONE	WALKING	A GHOST
AFRAID	LORD	COMMAND
STRONG	WIND	FRIGHTENED
SINK	SAVE ME	HIS HAND
CAUGHT	LITTLE FAITH	DOUBT

### FEAR ON THE SEA

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## LIGHT

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to live our lives fully and well. These three fundamental questions get to the heart of our restlessness. By thinking of vocation as self-gift, suddenly the horizon of endless options narrows. We can move forward with purpose and pour our energy into concrete actions.

By my second year of writing for the newspaper, I had started wondering if writing was more than just an extracurricular activity. Could I do it after graduation? Father Himes' third ques-

tion immediately came to mind. Catholic writers like Dorothy Day model a way to channel faith and writing into service to others, drawing public attention to social injustices through their writing. Maybe there was a way forward for me here, too.

The church doesn't tell young people what their specific vocations are. But it can be a compass, guiding and accompanying us on our journey of discernment. By framing the search for vocation in terms of self-gift and love, the church can help young people "recognize and accept the call to fullness of life and love" as we go forward with courage and make our choices with love.

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dependence and addiction.

The most effective and inexpensive medications are usually one of the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors. Also commonly used for depression, these meds calm the brain and can be very effective at preventing panic attacks. A few of the more commonly used SSRIs include Zoloft (sertraline), Paxil (Paroxetine) and Lexapro (escitalopram).

The incidence of panic disorder seems to be on the rise and it doesn't take too much analysis to figure out why. I would put

social media, financial pressures and deterioration of the family unit at the top of the list. My advice is to keep life simple and rely more on spiritual guidance. As it says in Philippians 4:6-7, "Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude. Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

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# Jim Shields leaves legacy of dedication to Bishop Dwenger

BY DEB WAGNER

Jim Shields valued the importance of service and dedication to others early in his life: That generosity manifested itself visibly to the Fort Wayne community and especially Bishop Dwenger High School. Shields died on Aug. 1 at the age of 93, but leaves a legacy of exemplary standards and tangible gifts.

He was born in Buffalo, New York, on Aug. 13, 1923, and grew up in Fostoria, Ohio. Shields attended St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer on football and track scholarships before deploying to serve his country during World War II. In 1947, upon his return from serving as an officer in the Merchant Marine, Shields married his wife, Margaret.

He embarked on a career with Merrill Lynch for 28 years. He used that knowledge to invest in and develop numerous companies, including WaterFurnace Renewable Energy Inc. Shields once said, "Starting a business and being successful is the American way of life. I believe that if you have the money to invest, and you can employ others, you are doing something

worthwhile." For his commitment and accomplishments, he was inducted into the Greater Fort Wayne Business Hall of Fame in 2009.

Shields believed that with great power also came great responsibility. "God has been very good to me and my family, so I consider it my duty to give back to our community, local charities and schools. It is an honor to be able to give back to the community that has given so much to me." That philosophy led him to serve on many community boards and charitable organizations in addition to Bishop Dwenger High School over the years, including the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, St. Jude Parish, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the University of Saint Francis, the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department, Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic, the Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana Inc., the board of trustees for the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum for 22 years, Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, St. Joseph's College and the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society, among others.



JIM SHIELDS

Shields also received several accolades for his generosity, including the Msgr. J. William Lester Award in 2011. At the Light of Learning Luncheon that year, it was said that Jim and Margaret Shields spent a lifetime supporting Catholic education. They were tireless and generous fundraisers and their eldest son, Michael, was in the first graduating class from Bishop Dwenger High School.

Jim and Margaret laid the foundation for what is known today as "The Dwenger Family." Their example of being active participants in their children's education led the way for generations of other families to follow, and inspired and encouraged others to give of their time, talent and treasure."

The couple were active in the original Men's and Women's Clubs at Bishop Dwenger, which helped to provide financial stability to the school during its early years. The first all-weather track in the state of Indiana, resurfacing of that track, an expansion of the school grounds, the new Fine Arts Wing, the success of the Golden Traditions Capital Campaign and an annual scholarship are all a result of their financial support of the high school, which prompted it to bestow on them the Bishop Joseph Dwenger Award for Philanthropy in 2007 — the only people who have received this award to date.

Shields Field was dedicated to honor the contributions of Jim and Margaret Shields in September 2016. The turf field enabled Bishop Dwenger to use the outdoor space for many activities: football, soccer,

lacrosse, rugby, marching band and CYO sports.

All three of Jim and Margaret Shields' children graduated from Bishop Dwenger: Mike in 1967, Tim in 1968 and Patty in 1974. They have been significantly involved in the Dwenger Family over the years, through the school board, the leadership of campaigns, Saints Alive! and coaching. Mike served as a freshman football coach for 21 years and all three have been inducted in the Bishop Dwenger Hall of Fame in athletics as Alumnus and Alumna of the Year. Seven Shields grandchildren have graduated from Bishop Dwenger as well: Katie Shields Roussel, 1996; Kelly Shields, 1999; Tim Shields, 2001; Jimmy Khorshid, 2006; Danny Khorshid, 2008; Billy Khorshid, 2010; and Molly Khorshid, 2013. Their first great-grandchild will be welcomed as a freshman Saint in 2020.

"It is extremely hard to encapsulate all that Mr. Shields has done for Bishop Dwenger High School," remarked Katie Burns, director of Development and Alumni Relations. Jim and Margaret Shields created a lasting legacy to Bishop Dwenger High School through their generosity, support and commitment.

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**St. Pius X Flyin Lion**

**GRANGER** — St. Pius X Church will have the second annual Flyin' Lion 5K Saturday Aug. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon. This event features a chip-timed 5K Race and a 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, as well as post-race celebrations. The race will support the teens and young adults from St. Pius X Church who will travel to participate in World Youth Day in 2019. Visit [StPius.net/FlyinLion](http://StPius.net/FlyinLion) for more information, registration and sponsorship opportunities.

**Queenship of Mary festival planned**

**MISHAWAKA** — Queen of Peace Parish will have a celebration of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary festival on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with many events. The weekend will end with a Mass at 10:30

a.m. with Bishop Rhoades, on Sunday, Aug. 27, followed by a lunch served by the Knights of Columbus and their spouses. Admission to the festival is free but there is a charge for lunch. For information, visit [www.queerofpeace.cc/93](http://www.queerofpeace.cc/93) or contact Ed Gill at 574-259-6009.

**Pilgrimage announced**

**FORT WAYNE** — The ABBA House will have a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw, Mich. on Friday, Sept. 29, to view the relics of St. Pio that will be touring in the United States with the Padre Pio Foundation. Mass, viewing of the relics and a self-guided tour of the Cathedral is included. The cost is \$85 per person and includes transportation by charter bus and one meal.

Reservation deadline of Aug. 26. Visit [www.abbahut.com](http://www.abbahut.com) or call 260-482-8299 for information.

**ZEAL with keynote speaker Matthew Kelly**

**WARSAW** — Matthew Kelly will be keynote speaker at ZEAL on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Lakeview Middle School, 848 E Smith St. ZEAL is for anyone interested in learning and living their faith more fully. For information contact Janice Martin [jmartin@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:jmartin@diocesefwsb.org).

**St. Paul's Chapel Pork Rib BBQ**

**CLEAR LAKE** — St. Paul's Chapel on Clear Lake will have their annual Pork Rib BBQ on Sunday, Sept. 3, from 10 a.m. until sold out. Carry-out only.

**Day of Reflection**

**MISHAWAKA** — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Awareness." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by Sept. 1 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

## REST IN PEACE

**Angola**

Helen Elizabeth Pinkelman, 88, St. Anthony of Padua

**Arcola**

Mary Agnes Fishman, 91, St. Patrick

**Decatur**

Karen A. Shutes, 68, St. Mary of the Assumption

**Fort Wayne**

Andrew J. Picco, 70, St. Peter

Antonio Cuellar, 93, St. Joseph

James K. Boomer, 86, St. Charles

Patricia A. Moulin, 84, Our Lady of Good Hope

Raymond C. Buescher, 95, St. Vincent de Paul

Jeanette J. Biberstine, 91, St. Jude

Annette E. Jones, 78, St. Charles

Michael B. Bloom, 93, Our Lady of Good Hope

Luis A. Torres, 72, St. Henry

**Granger**

Jeanne L. Desmond, 85, St. Pius X

Mary A. Bieneman, 95, St. Pius X

Sophie G. Kokot, 97, St. Pius X

**Mishawaka**

June Moore, 90, St. Joseph

Mary J. Florida, 91, St. Monica

Darlene Ann Kasznia, 80, St. Bavo

John Darren Maguire, 37, St. Monica

Betty E. Zavor, 93, St. Joseph

Rosa B. Santilli, 84, St. Joseph

**New Haven**

DeVon Anthony Alles, 87, St. Louis Besancon

Chris Stayanoff, 87, St. John the Baptist

**Rome City**

Paul J. Venderley, 77, St. Gaspar del Bufalo

**South Bend**

Loraine Strzelecki, 89, St. Patrick

Kenneth L. Wozniak, 68, Holy Cross

Elaine Fargo Abell, 96, Holy Cross

Bernice Krusinski, 84, St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr

John B. Coriden, 93, St. Joseph

William E. Szajko, 70, St. John the Baptist

Dorothy Marie Francis Kazmierczak, 62, St. Adalbert

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**Job Description:** Share Foundation is seeking a person to take over the camp program at Sharing Meadows.

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# FATIMA

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towards us. And He reaches out His hand to us, as he did to Peter, to save us. All we need to do is have the faith of Peter to grab our Lord's hand and say: 'Lord, save me.' Such words aren't just a cry of desperation, but a prayer of faith that acknowledges Jesus as Lord, as God, who has the power to save us, to lift us up from death and ultimately raise us to eternal life with Him."

Throughout Our Lady of Fatima's apparitions to the Portuguese shepherd children in the summer of 1917, she asked that they return to see her on the 13th each month, that they pray very much — especially the rosary — for worldwide peace and conversion, and that they make of everything they could a sacrifice offered in reparation for sins committed against Jesus' Sacred Heart and her Immaculate Heart. Speaking on the 100th anniversary of what should have been the fourth time the children encountered Our Lady, Bishop Rhoades highlighted the steadfast courage and heroic virtue displayed by Sts. Jacinta and Francisco Marto and Servant of God Lucia dos Santos. His words held particular significance on this date because Aug. 13, 1917, was the one instance the children were prevented from encountering Our Lady due to the anti-Catholic prejudice and malicious actions of the local civil administrator, Arturo de Oliveira, who kidnapped, imprisoned and threatened the children with death if they did not reveal details about Our Lady's messages or recant their stories altogether.

"I think this event demonstrates the heroic sanctity that the Church requires for canonization," Bishop Rhoades remarked. "The children of Fatima had the kind of faith and courage we see in the martyrs of the



Megan Pritchard, World Apostolate of Fatima, USA

**The group of pilgrims who traveled from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to attend the centennial celebration of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima gather with celebrant Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, following the Mass.**

Church. Were they afraid? Yes. But fear did not overcome their faith. They were willing to suffer and to offer their sufferings to Jesus and Mary for the salvation of souls. In the prison, Francisco said to his sister Jacinta: "Don't cry, we can offer this to Jesus for sinners." Jacinta then added: "and also for the Holy Father, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." When the adult prisoners tried to convince them to just tell the administrator the secret, or refute the story, and they'd be freed, little Jacinta said, "Never, I'd rather die."

He continued: "They kept the faith. Their witness moved the adult prisoners so much that they got down on their knees to pray the holy rosary with them. These were hard men whose hearts were softened by the faith of Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia. We can say that the Fatima children evangelized in the prison in those few days that they were held captive."

Christ confirmed to Peter the depth of his love and his

constant prayerful presence alongside the church. Similarly, the shepherd children knew that although they could not travel to see Our Lady in person, Mary was still there praying and supporting them throughout the terrifying ordeal they faced. "Our Lady eventually appeared to them when they were free, on Aug. 19th," Bishop Rhoades reminded the crowd. "And on that day, she said to them words similar to what she had said in the earlier apparitions: 'Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.' She also promised that in October she would perform a miracle for all to see, so that all would believe. Bishop Rhoades concluded, "It is good to remember today the prayer of Francisco in the prison cell: 'Oh my Jesus, this is for love of you and for the conversion of sinners,' and the words added by Jacinta: 'And also for the Holy Father, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

May Our Lady of Fatima and the courageous children of Fatima inspire us and pray for us, that our faith may not falter and that we, like them, will bear witness to Jesus even in the midst of trials and suffering!"

Individuals and families traveled from near and far to take part in the various festivities at the shrine for the commemoration of this fourth apparition of Our Lady at Fatima. Throughout the morning the sacrament of reconciliation was available, a communal rosary and Marian procession were held and Father Chris Alar, MIC, director of the Association of Marian Helpers in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, spoke about the importance of Marian consecration united with the devotion to Divine Mercy. Following Mass, eucharistic adoration was offered, followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the shrine.

Thirty men and women from throughout the diocese, as well as a few from Ohio, embarked on a 10-hour venture to honor Our Lady and stay overnight at the shrine. Jan Scher, a parish-

ioner of Sts. Peter and Paul, Huntington, and coordinator of the trip from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, revealed, "Fatima is my favorite shrine. I grew up visiting shrines with my family; it is so necessary for us and our children to know stories about them as a part of our Catholic heritage," she said. In the pilgrimages she now leads, leaders and participants pray the rosary. "The rosary is the peace plan from heaven, it is so important. All Catholics need to respond to her call, which leads us to her son; to our eternal, ultimate goal."

Other pilgrims expressed their joy at witnessing the beauty of the liturgy and seeing so many in attendance. Mary Batterson and Linda Leist, also parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul, Huntington, remarked, "It is so amazing to be this close to our Blessed Mother and her son; it has been a heavenly and uplifting experience." They also shared how Mary has been especially present in their lives throughout this year, through the rosary.

# SPAIN

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Blasquez, president of the Madrid-based bishops' conference, said Spaniards would be "especially beaten" after the Barcelona outrage, which had "inflicted a wound on everyone." He urged citizens to remember that Muslims were "the main victims" of Islamic State and not to "criminalize" them for the attack or "identify terrorism with Islam."

"Far from being terrorist violence, the true road to building a future of peace, now and forever, lies in respect for all people," Cardinal Blasquez said.

Following the first attack, Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las

Cruces, New Mexico, chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, said the bishops' conference "unequivocally condemns this morally heinous act and places itself in solidarity with the people of the Archdiocese of Barcelona and Spain at this terrible time of loss and grief."

"Terrorist attacks on innocent civilians can never be justified," he said. "To directly attack innocent men, women and children is utterly reprehensible."

The attack is the latest of several in which trucks and vans had been driven at high speed through pedestrian zones in Europe.

In an Aug. 18 message, Archbishop Georges Pontier of Marseille, president of the bishops' conference in neighboring France, said the Barcelona atroci-

ty was "an insult to the Creator," and would unite Catholics in their determination that "evil will not have the last word." In Nice, France, in July 2016, 86 people were killed and 458 injured in a similar attack with a 19-ton truck.

The Las Ramblas attack was Spain's worst since March 2004, when Islamist militants detonated 10 bombs on commuter trains in Madrid, killing 191 people and injuring more than 1,800.

**People use their cellphones after a van crashed into pedestrians near the Las Ramblas district of Barcelona, Spain, Aug. 17.**



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