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Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame, closes 175th anniversary year



Jennifer Kedik

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, right, celebrated a Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, on Jan. 7, the feast of the Epiphany, to honor the 175th anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish, founded by Father Edward Sorin and the Congregation of Holy Cross. The Mass included installation of a new pastor for the parish, Father David Scheidler, left; also on the altar are Deacon William Gallagher and parishioners depicting the Magi.

NOTRE DAME — On the solemnity of the Epiphany, Sunday, Jan. 7, the parish community of Sacred Heart, at the University of Notre Dame, celebrated a Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades that marked the end of a yearlong observance of its history as a family of faith.

This past year was the 175th anniversary of the arrival of Father Edward Sorin and the Holy Cross brothers to what is today Notre Dame. While most of the celebration focused on the 175th anniversary of the university, the Mass was an opportunity to recognize and celebrate historic Sacred Heart Parish on its grounds, Bishop Rhoades said.

One of the oldest parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, a Catholic community worshipped here even prior to Father Sorin's arrival, the bishop noted, in the famous log chapel built by Father Stephen Badin as a residence for the missionary priests and as a little place of worship. The rundown log chapel became the new home for Father Sorin and the seven Holy Cross brothers, with its second floor or attic used as the only place in the South Bend area where Catholic liturgies were celebrated. Today, Sacred Heart Parish considers 1842, the year of Father Sorin's arrival, as the founding year of the parish.

Within a few months, a new log chapel was built, followed five years later by a larger Catholic church named in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A few decades later, in 1875, the present basilica was blessed, and later consecrated in 1888. The Crypt Church, in the lower level of the basilica, is the home of the present Sacred Heart Parish community.

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Indiana General Assembly 2018 legislative session expected to be 'fast and furious'

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

"Fast and furious" — these are the words used by Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, to describe what's ahead for the less than three-month session of the 2018 Indiana General Assembly that reconvened at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis on Jan. 3.

Two aspects of this year's Indiana General Assembly make for a crazy few months of lawmaking, according to Tebbe. First, the session is a short, nonbudgetary session. Lawmakers do not need to create a biennial budget. They did that in 2017. The short session requires lawmaker to adjourn by March 15. Second,

2018 is an election year. All 100 Indiana House seats are on the ballot, as are half of the 50 Indiana Senate seats.

"Lawmakers will be eager to hit the campaign trail as early as possible, while others may be eager to avoid controversial topics which may be used against them in an election year," said Tebbe.

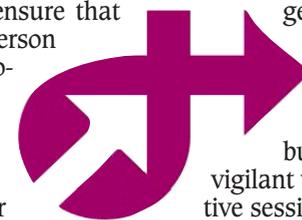
"Given this backdrop, the Indiana Catholic Conference plans to continue its work to advance the consistent life ethic and promote the common good," said Tebbe.

Tebbe explained the consistent life ethic is the principle that every human person, created in the image and likeness of God, deserves dignity and respect from conception to natural death.

Tebbe's role is to ensure that respect for each person is voiced and promoted as laws are being created and public policy is implemented.

Standing up for the common good and advancing the consistent life ethic takes many forms. "Sometimes the ICC must play offense and work to get certain bills passed and other times we are playing a bit of defense to protect laws that are beneficial to people and the common good," said Tebbe. As in previous years, Tebbe expects there to be a mix of issues which require an approach of offense and defense.

Education, pro-life, social issues and immigration top the



general category list which the ICC monitors and promotes from a Catholic perspective year-round, but does so in a more vigilant way during the legislative session as new laws form.

Tebbe expects opponents of school choice to offer legislation adding more restrictions to access the school choice scholarship program which benefits lower-income students and families. The ICC supports the school choice program because it allows parents the right to find the best setting for their children to attend school. The scholarships help economically disadvantaged families who have the least choice.

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Follow Jesus like the Magi, pope urges on Epiphany

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — To follow Jesus, one must set out like the Magi, leaving comfort behind, following the light and offering the Lord gifts without expecting anything in return, Pope Francis said Jan. 6 during Mass on the feast of the Epiphany.

In his homily, the pope asked people to think about the Gospel story of the Three Kings and why no one else seemed to see and follow the star to Bethlehem.

Perhaps, he said, it was because “few people raised their eyes to heaven.” Today, too, people think it is enough “to have our health, a little money and a bit of entertainment. I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky. Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness He brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches in the wind?”

At the Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis asked people to think about what star they choose to follow in their lives.

“Some stars may be bright, but they do not point the way. So, it is with success, money, career, honors and pleasures when these become our life,” he said. They are like meteors, blazing for a time, but burning out.

“The Lord's star, however, may not always overwhelm by its brightness, but it is always there: it takes you by the hand in life and accompanies you,” he said. “It does not promise material reward, but ensures peace and grants, as it did to the Magi, ‘exceedingly great joy.’”

Following the star, he said, requires freeing oneself “from useless burdens and unnecessary extras that only prove a hindrance, and accept unforeseen obstacles along the map of life.”

“If we want to find Jesus, we have to overcome our fear of taking risks, our self-satisfaction and our indolent refusal to ask anything more of life,” the pope said.

In the Gospel story, he said, it is clear that Herod fears losing his power, many of the townspeople fear what is new and the priests and scribes, who know the prophecy about the Messiah's birth, are content just to talk about it.

“Theirs can be the temptation of those who are used to being believers: They can talk at length about the faith they know so



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People participate in a parade marking the feast of the Epiphany in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Jan. 6.

well, but will not take a personal risk for the Lord,” he said. “They talk, but do not pray; they complain, but do no good. The Magi, on the other hand, talk little and journey much.”

Like the Magi, Pope Francis said, Christians are called to imitate the Lord in offering gifts without expecting anything in return.

God, who became “small for our sake, asks us to offer something for the least of His brothers and sisters,” the needy, the hungry, the stranger and the prisoner, he said.

“We give a gift pleasing to Jesus when we care for a sick person, spend time with a difficult person, help someone for the sake of helping, or forgive someone who has hurt us,” the pope said. “These are gifts freely given, and they cannot be lacking in the lives of Christians.”

The next day, celebrating the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and baptizing 34 infants in the Sistine Chapel, Pope Francis urged parents to speak the language of love and

transmit the faith to their children with the “dialect” of the family.

“Catechists will come later to develop this first transmission of faith with ideas and explanations,” the pope told the parents of the 16 boys and 18 girls, including two sets of twin girls. But if the children have not first received an education in faith at home, “if at home parents don't speak the language of love,” the transmission of faith is very difficult.

Children, too, have a “dialect,” the pope said. Although none of the babies was crying at that point, Pope Francis asked the adults to allow their prayers to be as simple as the cries of the little ones.

And, as he has done each time he's baptized babies, Pope Francis assured the mothers that even in the Sistine Chapel, if their babies are hungry they should not be afraid to breastfeed them, “because this, too, is the language of love.”

Catholic groups decry end of immigration protection for Salvadorans

BY RHINA GUIDOS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the Catholic Church in the U.S. began observing National Migration Week, a time to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, immigrants, refugees, and human trafficking victims, the administration of President Donald Trump announced that it would end an immigration program for thousands of Salvadorans, one of the largest groups of modern-day immigrants in the country and one that includes many Catholics.

More than 200,000 Salvadorans, living under a spe-

cial immigration status in the U.S., now face the prospect of staying in the country illegally or returning to a nation designated as one of the most dangerous in the world not at war, after the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced Jan. 8 that it was ending a provision called Temporary Protected Status after Sept. 9, 2019.

“The decision to terminate TPS for El Salvador was made after a review of the disaster-related conditions upon which the country's original designation was based,” DHS said in a statement. Salvadorans affected can apply to stay under a different program, if they qualify,

or make plans to return to their home country, the statement continued.

Citizens of El Salvador were able to apply for TPS in 2001 after the Central American nation experienced a series of major earthquakes. TPS grants a work permit and a reprieve from deportation to certain people whose countries have experienced natural disasters, armed conflicts or exceptional situations, to remain temporarily in the United States. El Salvador had previously received the designation in 1990 after thousands of Salvadorans fled to the U.S. seeking refuge from a brutal civil war.

Supporters of the Salvadorans said current TPS recipients should be allowed to stay because they have built families and are firmly rooted in the U.S. and local faith communities.

Catholic bishops and organizations have expressed concern that Salvadorans would be forced to return to a socially unstable country that is ravaged by gangs and has been designated by various organizations as one of the most dangerous places in the world and one not equipped to absorb such a large-scale repatriation.

“From our experience work-

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Sound of music: Vatican offers ordinary choirs extraordinary venues

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Fifteen-year-old show choir member Molly Biggs of Topeka, Kansas, thought her biggest singing break would be performing in Kansas City.

As the New Year dawned, she wasn't in Kansas anymore.

She was standing in St. Peter's Square on Jan. 3 — surrounded by Bernini's colossal stone colonnade, a splashing fountain and an ancient Egyptian obelisk — getting ready to perform with 33 other Kansans in St. Peter's Basilica, with the Sistine Chapel choir, at Mass celebrated by Pope Francis for the feast of the Epiphany on Jan. 6.

Before she fully understood what the choir trip to Rome was really about, "I thought maybe we would come to Rome to watch" the Sistine Chapel Choir sing, "but no, were going to go sing with them. My mind was blown," she told Catholic News Service.

The mastermind behind the choral odyssey was Chris Hubbard, who is the music teacher at St. Matthew Catholic School and the director of music ministries at St. Matthew Catholic Church and Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church in the city of Topeka.

Hubbard, who had earlier experiences of the thrill of taking choir trips to different countries, said he wanted the children, teens and adults he taught or directed "to branch out, experience music in a different light and use the gifts given to us."

The choirs he works with, Hubbard said, only sang at Masses at their local parishes, and the majority of those who came with him had never left the United States, much less visited Italy.

People's initial doubts or fears

meant "at first they didn't think it could happen" and a few pep talks were necessary, he said, to encourage them that "if you believe in God, then anything is possible."

Joan Atkins joined the choir at Mother Teresa after her husband passed away in November. The trip was special for her, she said, because she brought with her his rosary, "which he always called, 'my beads,'" to be blessed by the pope.

Hubbard said that once he got people on board, all that was left to do was raise the money for the trip. Cinnamon roll sales, garage sales, barbecue and spaghetti dinners and other events brought in about \$30,000 — enough to pay for one choir and split what was left equally among the others, he said.

After researching choir tour options, Hubbard said he chose an itinerary with Peter's Way Tours, a Jericho, New York-based company that specializes in arranging performances for choirs at the Vatican.

The weeklong trip Hubbard led included: singing an evening concert with the children's choir from the Diocese of Orange, California, in Rome's Church of St. Ignatius on Jan. 3; Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi on Jan. 4; Mass celebrated by U.S. Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien in St. Peter's Basilica on Jan. 5; and the papal Mass with the Sistine Chapel Choir on Jan. 6.

Molly's 16-year-old sister, Emma, said at first their parents didn't want them to go because of security concerns, given past terrorist attacks in Europe. "But then our mom heard a voice in her head and she let us start fundraising."

Emma said she loves the added knowledge music gives her, "like knowing notes, pitch,

melody, rhythm." Music also "makes people feel more comfortable" and open to new or faith experiences; it is universal and "people of any language can understand it," she said.

The Vatican shares the teen's view of the value of music, said Msgr. Vincenzo De Gregorio, who heads the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome.

"The language of art, culture and music" can bring people together in a way that "the language of politics, economics and management" often fail to do, he said.

And, he said, by opening up churches, chapels and other sacred spaces at the Vatican and in Rome, singers from around the world experience their craft at "a whole new level."

Imagine, the monsignor said, the kind of excitement and emotion these visitors experience when they perform in a space "surrounded by the works of Michelangelo" or other iconic artists.

Still, 11-year-old Praizjha Farrant from St. Matthew school and the choir at Mother Teresa, was not completely convinced.

She said that even though she has a beautiful voice and loves to sing, she hates singing in front of people and planned to "not sing that loud" during the papal Mass.

When asked why she sang in the choir, she said, "My mom made me," which made her "mad," but just this one time it was OK "because I get to go to Rome."

Gathered with group members after seeing Pope Francis at the general audience Jan. 3, Hubbard said, "I'm so thrilled they decided to take a trip outside of Topeka. It's so rewarding for our faith and we are learning from each other, what we are capable of doing."



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, January 14: 9 a.m. — Mass, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
 Monday, January 15: 10 a.m. — Meeting of the Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
 Tuesday, January 16: 12 p.m. — Mass, Memorial Interfaith Chapel, Memorial Hospital, South Bend
 Tuesday, January 16: 6:30 p.m. — Theology on Tap, Mishawaka Columbus Club, Mishawaka
 Friday-Saturday, January 19-20 — March for Life, Washington, D.C.
 Saturday, January 20: 9:30 a.m. — Mass, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

Cardinal offers profound thoughts on importance of silence

BY NANCY L. ROBERTS

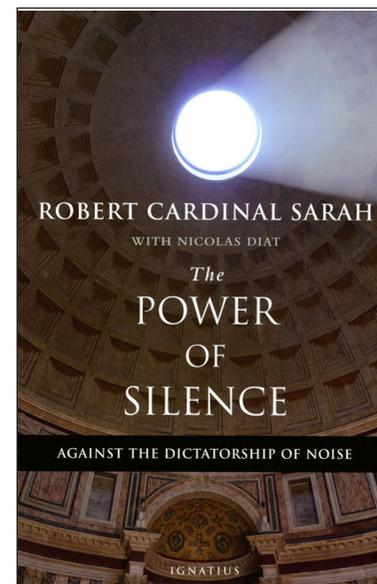
The ancient psalm, "Be still and know that I am God," is a challenge in today's world of constant noise and distraction. But it is necessary if we wish to know God — and ourselves and our purpose in this world — fully. Cardinal Robert Sarah, in an unusual and far-ranging interview by the French journalist Nicolas Diat, offers profound observations about silence and why we must seek it.

He starts with an insight offered by Pope Benedict XVI in a homily from 2010, that "we live in a society in which it seems that every space, every moment must be 'filled' with projects, activities and noise; there is often no time even to listen or to converse." Indeed, Cardinal Sarah notes, "Many people are obliged to work in a chaos that distresses and dehumanizes them. ... Cities have become noisy furnaces in which even nights are not spared the assault of noise."

Why does noise often seem so appealing? One explanation offered by the cardinal is that it provides a familiar security, "like a drug. ... With its festive appearance, noise is a whirlwind that avoids facing itself. Agitation becomes a tranquilizer, a sedative, a morphine pump, a sort of reverie, an incoherent dream-world."

Yet we cannot truly appreciate the wonders of the natural world except in silence; and this is also true of great art and music, which are both created and contemplated in solitude. These are among many insights offered.

The wide range of sources from which Cardinal Sarah draws is impressive. The Virgin Mary, King Solomon, the Trappist monk Thomas Merton, St. Teresa of Kolkata, the Benedictine monk Dom Mocquereau and Sts. John the Baptist and Cyprian of Carthage, are just a few of the many voices that inform the book. It's noteworthy that John the Baptist



spent 30 years in the desert wilderness in solitude, which gave him the opportunity to forge a deep relationship with God. Cardinal Sarah also points out that Mother Teresa's "intimate knowledge of silence" sustained her, inspiring her to "imitate ... Christ in his silence, humility, poverty, meekness and charity."

Cardinal Sarah, who was born in Guinea, West Africa, was made an archbishop by Pope John Paul II and a cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI. Pope Francis in 2014 declared him the prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. He is the author of an earlier book with Diat, "God or Nothing."

He writes that "all the great moments of my day are found in the incomparable hours that I spend on my knees in darkness before the most blessed sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." He displays a profound understanding of the familiar Old Testament passage, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength" (Is 30:15).

Of all of the noisy scourges of modern life, he suggests that one of the worst is gossip: "Excessive, presumptuous, slanderous and immoderate chatter often has disastrous con-

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Choir members from U.S. parishes sing in an Epiphany Festival concert at the Church of St. Ignatius in Rome Jan. 3. Choirs from the parishes of St. Matthew and Mother Teresa of Calcutta in Topeka, Kan., and the children's choir from the Diocese of Orange, Calif., performed at the concert.

DREAMers: Countdown to crisis —

Trinity student studies, works to create her preferred future

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Daniela doesn't remember much about coming to the United States from her native El Salvador with her parents when she was 3 years old.

"The only thing I remember is the dress I wore when I got on the plane," she said.

Daniela, now 19, is a sophomore at Trinity Washington University. Her college costs are paid for in large part by a scholarship from "TheDream.US" fund. She is one of about 100 "Dreamers" enrolled at the Catholic college, which is women-only for its undergraduate studies but admits men to its graduate programs.

She hasn't declared it yet, but Daniela, who asked that her last name not be used for this story, wants to be a double major — one of those majors being in education.

"But I can't see myself teaching elementary school my whole life," she told Catholic News Service in a Dec. 5 interview. For her, that means graduate and post-graduate studies, so she can be a college professor "and do my own research."

Dec. 5 was the same day that Dreamers descended upon Capitol Hill for a workshop and to lobby members of Congress to pass a "clean" DREAM Act.

DREAM is an acronym for Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors, which would create a path to citizenship for those, like Daniela, who have been protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood



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Daniela poses for a photo at Trinity Washington University Dec. 5. She came to the United States from El Salvador when she was 3 years old.

Arrivals program, known as DACA.

The clean part of the DREAM bill? No amendments that would lessen the bill's impact or make it problematic, at best, to pass. Congress needs to take such action to preserve DACA after the Trump administration announced the program will end in March.

"I know they (opponents) want border security" to be included in any bill, Daniela said. Doing so, she added, would

harm her parents, who also are from El Salvador. Since she and her parents arrived in the United States, Daniela now has a baby brother and baby sister — both of whom are U.S. citizens.

Daniela described an uneventful childhood growing up in a close-in suburb of Washington. She recalled that when she was in middle school, her parents would tell her, "Don't worry, we'll be here for you." She said she never quite understood at the time what they meant, since

they had always been there to begin with.

The first time Daniela said she started feeling different from everyone else as an immigrant without legal documents to be in the country was as a high school junior. That's when she started researching colleges and scholarship availability, only to learn that most scholarships required the student to be either a U.S. citizen or a documented immigrant. "That's what got me frustrated," she noted.

However, a counselor at her school told her about TheDream.US scholarships. "You have a grade point average better than what they need, you have all the extracurricular activities," Daniela said the counselor told her. Among other things, she had been captain of her high school's lacrosse team — and, ironically, involved in her school's ACES club, short for Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success.

The biggest obstacle for Daniela at the time: "Six essays! Now that I'm in college, six essays seems like no big deal. But in high school ... !"

TheDream.US seeks "partner" schools, either public or private, so that dreamers can be clustered at particular colleges and receive whatever academic and social supports are necessary. Trinity was the first college in the District of Columbia to sign on as a partner school — and, after five years, is still the only one, according to Trinity spokeswoman Ann Pauley.

With 100 Dreamers in the 1,000-student undergraduate program, 50 of them freshmen,

"it has changed the demographics" at Trinity, Pauley said. What had been a majority-African-American student body, most of whom lived within commuting distance of the school, is now more diverse and more geographically far-flung.

"And we think that's a good thing," she added.

What made Daniela choose Trinity? "My parents are 'helicopter parents,'" meaning they hover over their children's school lives, she replied. "The closer, the better." Her commute from home is plus or minus 30 minutes depending on traffic.

Sadhana Singh, another Dreamer, wrote in Trinity's campus magazine that she had arrived with her parents from Guyana when she was 13 years old. They moved to Georgia and she finished near the top of her class in high school. But Georgia's state-funded universities were off-limits to immigrants in the country illegally and she was "ineligible for in-state tuition and any kind of financial aid, loans and scholarships," Singh said.

But Singh gained DACA status in 2012, which "refilled my diminishing well of hope," she added. By that time, she had been seven years out of high school with no chance in sight of a college education.

Her scholarship from TheDream.US allowed her to enroll at Trinity in 2014. Now a senior, she expects to graduate on time. Singh also was part of a busload of Trinity students being shuttled to a nearby subway station to lobby at the Capitol for the DREAM Act.

When the Trump Administration last September rescinded the Obama Administration's executive order protecting undocumented young people who had been brought to this country as children, the president gave Congress six months to pass the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, or DREAM Act. Congress now has less than three months left to decide on the fate of 800,000 young people, many of whom have spent most of their lives in the U.S. Provided courtesy of Catholic News Service and the USCCB's Department of Communications, this and similar articles in Today's Catholic will focus on those impacted by any legislative relief, or lack thereof, concerning their status in this country.

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Bills promoting life and others which limit abortion crop up every year. Legal experts agree that until Roe v. Wade is overturned, attempts to outlaw abortion on the state level have proved to be ineffective due to constitutionality issues. Tebbe said Indiana Right to Life may offer legislation to tweak current Indiana law. Tebbe noted that Indiana has some of the most stringent abortion regulations in the country which the ICC continues to support.

A pro-life bill to guarantee certain work accommodations for pregnant women may move this year, according to Tebbe, and the ICC plans to support it. Attempts to legalize physician-assisted suicide are possible. The ICC is opposed to legalizing physician-assisted suicide, and the ICC continues to work to prevent a bill

legalizing it.

Along the lines of economic justice, a bill dealing with payday lending is expected to resurface. The ICC has opposed payday lending legislation that expands the practice to further exploit low-wage earners. Testimony in previous years showed those with limited means who use payday lending services get trapped in a debt cycle and pay exorbitant, unjust interest rates. Immigration legislation in Indiana has been aimed at revoking or preventing undocumented students from getting resident tuition rates. This issue may resurface. The ICC supports giving undocumented students who live in Indiana resident college tuition rates.

Tebbe said he expects Sunday sales of alcohol, legalization of medical marijuana, and the ongoing opioid crisis to garner a lot of attention this session.

These issues will likely overshadow some of the ICC efforts or issues. Regarding Sunday sales of alcohol and legalizing medical marijuana, the ICC will monitor both issues. The ICC supports efforts to prevent opioid addiction and treat those suffering from it.

More than 500 bills will be filed for consideration this year. Lawmakers only have three weeks to hold hearings before the bills cross over to the second chamber for another round of three weeks of hearings. While it depends on the committee chair, only a handful of bills will get a hearing in each committee each week, said Tebbe.

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ing with the Catholic Church and other local partners in El Salvador, the Salvadoran government does not have adequate humanitarian capacity to receive, protect, or integrate back into society safely this many people," said Catholic Relief Services in a statement released shortly after the decision was announced.

Dylan Corbett, executive director of the Texas-based Hope Border Institute, said the administration's decision would instead create an additional 200,000 "soon-to-be undocumented immigrants" in the U.S.

"Today, the Trump administration unnecessarily and cruelly put the security, safety, families and lives of over 200,000 Salvadoran TPS recipients, including over 35,000 in

Texas, in jeopardy. Deporting them will mean uprooting and destroying families and livelihoods and sending families back to poverty and violence in one of the most dangerous and volatile regions of the world," Corbett said. "And make no mistake, we as Americans through our trade and security policies, and because of our insatiable appetite for drugs, are morally implicated in the crisis in El Salvador and Central America."

Recalling the words of Pope Francis, Corbett said building walls, detaining human beings and "deporting our Salvadoran sisters and brothers is just another example of how the Trump administration is stirring up 'primal fears' for political advantage."

A big concern for Catholic organizations and leaders is the 192,000 U.S.-born children of Salvadoran families.

"This is yet another ill-conceived decision by an administration that ignores the immense contributions to our country

by immigrants and that has lost sight of the United States' long history as a safe haven for people who flee danger abroad," said Bishop Kevin W. Vann of Orange, California, chairman of the board of the Maryland-based Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

"By terminating TPS for El Salvador, hundreds of thousands of people, including U.S. citizen children and extended family, will be faced with wrenching decisions about how to proceed with their lives," Bishop Vann said. "The administration fails to address how it makes the

United States any safer to expel people who have been living and working legally as valued residents of our country. Instead of withdrawing their protections, our government should welcome these long-term, settled members

of our communities and find ways to give them a permanent path to residency."

In a statement, Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; Committee on Migration, said the administration's decision was "heartbreaking."

"We believe that God has called us to care for the foreigner and the marginalized ... Our nation must not turn its back on TPS recipients and their families; they too are children of God," he said in a statement.

While urging Congress to find a solution, Bishop Vasquez said the USCCB stands in solidarity with Salvadoran TPS recipients and that the bishops would continue to pray for them, their families, "and all those who are displaced or forced to flee from their homes."

The Center for Migration Studies in New York said 88 percent of Salvadoran TPS beneficiaries are employed, many are

homeowners, and typically have lived in the U.S. for 21 years. Returning them to El Salvador would be "destabilizing," said Donald Kerwin, the center's executive director, said in a statement.

"Today's decision creates many losers, and no winners," he said. "The losers include the TPS recipients themselves, their employers, their U.S. citizen children, their U.S. communities, El Salvador, and the U.S. economy. The rule of law is another loser as the decision will relegate hard working legal immigrants into persons without status and force TPS beneficiaries and their U.S. children to return to violence-plagued communities without good economic prospects."

Ricardo Calderon, of the Central American Resource Center in San Francisco, told Catholic News Service that the affected Salvadorans have suffered what amounts to "psychological torture" while waiting for the administration's decision.

Many have felt anger, worry, uncertainty, wondering what will happen to their children and to their family members abroad who depend on them. Some are scrambling to understand the decision since there is so much misinformation, he said.

Though the conditions that led to the TPS designation may have improved in El Salvador, it makes no sense to ignore the conditions that continue to plague the country and which seem daunting to those who are facing them: lack of jobs, rampant crime, and a long list of social ills, Calderon added.

The Ohio-based Ignatian Solidarity Network said returning, for many Salvadorans, means returning to danger.

"We have become familiar with the reality of Salvadoran TPS holders through the stories of individuals in our Ignatian network," the organization said in a statement. "These women and men of all ages — whom we know as students, teachers, colleagues, parishioners — are faced with a future of uncertainty and grave risk for themselves and their families as they contemplate a return to the violence and impunity in El Salvador."

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sequences." While such "facile words and demagoguery" can hamper spirituality, the practice of silence nourishes the kind of thoughtfulness that helps us "enter into the mystery of God."

At the same time, Cardinal Sarah does not endorse remaining mute; he endorses the wisdom of Ecclesiastes, "There is ... a time to keep silence, and a time to speak. If there is a need to speak, or if charity requires it, then the Christian should speak. Or, as St. Chrysostom said, 'Speak only when it is more useful to speak than to be silent.'"

The book is organized into five chapters that together cover all aspects of the subject. The

last chapter raises the perennial problem of evil. How to explain the "extermination camps of totalitarian systems" and "children born with terrible handicaps"? Impossible, Cardinal Sarah writes; there's no real explanation for the unjust mystery of suffering. He calls for Christians to trust in God, "who always watches over us," and to remember that "God does not will evil" or desire war.

The cardinal asserts that silence and prayer are the most powerful weapons to fight evil in our arsenal, reminiscent, perhaps, of Dorothy Day's call in the 1940s and beyond to practice the "spiritual warfare" of prayer to halt the evil of war.

Finally, Cardinal Sarah coun-

sels that the best way to deal with the sorrow of death is to emulate the Virgin Mary, who stood silently at the foot of the cross. This sacred moment, when the dying person is about to see God, is "the most beautiful silence in earthly life."

While most Catholics are not called to a life of Carthusian silence, they will welcome this in-depth exploration of the necessity, meaning and practice of everyday silence in the contemporary world.

"The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise" by Cardinal Robert Sarah with Nicolas Diat; translated by Michael J. Miller. Ignatius Press (San Francisco, 2017). 247 pp., \$17.95.

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Churches no longer exempt from FEMA disaster aid

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Federal Emergency Management Agency is revising its policies to no longer exclude houses of worship from applying for federal aid to recover from damages caused by natural disasters. The policy change was outlined in the agency's revised 217-page manual: "Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide" issued Jan. 2. This change is not just for damage caused in future disasters but also affects claims made by churches last year from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma because it can be applied retroactively to claims made "on or after Aug. 23, 2017." An introduction to the new FEMA manual credits the change in policy to a Supreme Court decision last June, which ruled that Trinity Lutheran Church in Missouri should not have been denied a public benefit just because it is a church. The court's 7-2 decision specifically referred to the church-run preschool and said it should not be excluded from a state grant program to refurbish its playground surface just because it is a religious entity. "In light of the Trinity Lutheran decision, FEMA has considered its guidance on private nonprofit facility eligibility," the agency's new document says, pointing out that houses of worship would not be excluded from eligibility for FEMA aid on the basis of the religious character or primarily religious use of the facility.

In op-ed, border bishop pleads for TPS leniency for sake of children

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Days before the U.S. Department of Homeland Security decides whether to extend or terminate a special immigration status for some 200,000 Salvadorans in the U.S., a border bishop pleaded with the Trump administration to think about the well-being of the immigrants' children who are U.S. citizens. In a Jan. 2 opinion piece for the Washington-based political website The Hill, Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, Texas, said he worries for families in which some members are U.S. citizens and others have a less permanent immigration status. He asked what will happen to the children of Salvadorans who have Temporary Protected Status, known as TPS, if the program ends and people are forced to return to their homeland. TPS grants a work permit and reprieve from deportation to certain people whose countries have experienced natural disasters, armed conflicts or exceptional situations so they can remain temporarily in the United States. "A question that burns in my heart is what will

NEWS BRIEFS

Pope to honor Chile's and Peru's religious roots, plight of indigenous during visit



Pope Francis' weeklong trip to Chile and Peru, Jan. 15-21, will take him to two regions that are among those countries' poorest, where environmental issues and demands for indigenous land rights have led to sometimes-violent conflict. He will celebrate Mass and share lunch in the Araucania region of southern Chile with a small group of "simple people, ordinary people from the region," according to Bishop Hector Vargas Bastidas of Temuco. The pope is also slated to meet with Amazonian indigenous people in Peru's southeastern Madre de Dios region Jan. 19. His visit comes at a time when Wampis and Achuar people in Peru's northern Amazon region, as well as groups in other parts of the country, are seeking greater autonomy and territorial rights. He will then hear similar concerns about territorial rights, environmental damage and the need for indigenous ministry when he travels to Puerto Maldonado, in the southeastern Peruvian Amazon.

happen to these children if their parents are ordered back to El Salvador? What will become of their futures?" Bishop Seitz asked in the opinion piece.

Congo's Catholic leaders condemn attacks on protesters, churches

KINSHASA, Congo (CNS) — Congolese church leaders, including the nation's cardinal, condemned security forces' attacks on Catholic protesters that left at least five dead and 120 people detained. The Vatican Embassy in Kinshasa backed local church officials, saying that "the promotion of social justice and the defense of political and civil rights of citizens are an integral part of the social doctrine of the church." The Jan. 2 statement said the nuncio was keeping the Vatican Secretariat of State informed, but people should not look for approval or condemnation "because it is standard in the Church to respect the competence of the diocesan bishops." The nunciature also updated the number of dead and churches involved. The Dec. 31 protest against rule by President Joseph Kabila was organized by the Kinshasa archdiocesan lay coordination committee. At least six priests and a seminarian were among those detained. "We condemn with utmost vigor this unjustified violence," the Congolese bishops' conference said in a statement Jan. 2.

Postulator: Religious killed in Algeria will be recognized as martyrs

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A bishop, seven Trappist monks and 11 other religious men and women killed by extremists in Algeria in the 1990s will soon be recognized as martyrs, the postulator for their causes said. The decree for their beatification should be published sometime in January, Trappist Father Thomas Georgeon said Jan. 1 in an interview with *Mondo e Missione* (World and Mission), a monthly magazine and website run by the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions. A 10-year-long armed conflict between government forces and extremist Islamic rebel groups left tens of thousands of people dead, making the deaths of the 19 religious "a martyrdom in the midst of a sea of violence that devastated Algeria," he said. "To pay homage to these 19 Christian martyrs means also paying homage to the memory of all those who gave their life in Algeria those dark years" as they were killed "for their country and for their faith," the priest said.

Hinsey earns Eagle Scout rank

FORT WAYNE — Camden Hinsey of Troop 451, chartered by St. Jude Catholic Church, has earned the prestigious honor of becoming an Eagle Scout, the highest advancement rank in Scouting.



CAMDEN HINSEY

For his Eagle Scout project, Hinsey turned to Fox Island County Park. Picnic tables had been built for Fox Island by a previous Scout, but they were not wheelchair accessible. Camden took design plans for the tables and repurposed them, providing a way for a wheelchair to fit under the end of the table. He then set out to raise enough funds to build five tables. Through the generosity of family and friends and community and corporate sponsors he was able to double his quota to purchase supplies to build 10 tables, and a plaque of tribute was mounted on each sponsored table. Hinsey was especially pleased to create a memorial plaque in remembrance of his first scoutmaster, Dave Schmieman, who lost his battle with cancer the previous year.

At a Court of Honor on Dec. 3, Hinsey shared that through the project he has learned about perseverance. He encouraged other Scouts to not give up easily, but to keep working towards their goals. He encouraged his troop to take advantage of those willing to help them on their journey.

Hinsey started the Scouting

AROUND THE DIOCESE

'I have baptized you with water'



Jodi Marlin

The Baptism of the Lord was observed Monday, Jan. 8. On the feast day, the Church remembers the way our Lord Jesus Christ came through water and blood to save God's most precious creation — humankind. Above, Father Jonathan Norton confers the sacrament on 4-month-old Aksel at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne, Jan. 7. From left are Father Norton, godfather Nicholas Sheehan and parents Juan and Heather Contreras.

program in grade school as a Cub Scout. In addition to earning 25 merit badges, he earned both the Parvuli Dei and Ad Altare Dei religious emblems. The son of Jackie and Eric Hinsey, he is a recent graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School and plans to enlist in the United States Marines Corps.

USF to celebrate back-to-back NAIA national football champs

FORT WAYNE — On Tuesday, Jan. 16, the University of Saint Francis invites the community to celebrate the 2017 NAIA National Champion Cougars Football team. The event will run from noon-12:50 p.m. in the Hutzell Athletic Center on the USF main campus, just off Leesburg Road.

Fans and supporters will hear from USF head coach Kevin Donley, President Sister M. Elise Kriss and some of the Cougar championship team members.

"This season has demonstrated the power of hard work," said Sister Kriss. "These young men and their coaches have dedicated themselves to excellence, and that is why we are back-to-back NAIA National Champions. We hope the community can join us to celebrate this remarkable achievement."

USF won its second consecutive NAIA National Football Championship on Dec. 16 in Daytona Beach, Florida, by defeating Georgia-based Reinhardt University 24-13 in the title game.

Supporting women and babies



Provided by Maggie Mackowiak

Students at Corpus Christi School, South Bend, collected baby items recently to "fill the crib" for the Women's Care Center.

Sharing their talents for charity



Provided by Emily Diehm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School preschool teacher Sharen Gall believes everyone, no matter how big or small, has a special talent. Above, preschooler James O'Neill and his fifth-grade "spirit pal," Matias Parra, make ornaments in December for a Christmas tree in the offices of Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic, Fort Wayne.

Visit by Bishop Rhoades much anticipated

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

Excitement was running high on Friday, Jan. 5, at St. Joseph School in Decatur, over a long-anticipated visit of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The children were looking forward to his visit even before Christmas break, said pastor Father Bob Lengerich. "Catholic Schools Week has started early at St. Joe's" with the bishop's appearance, he added.

The day began with Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, celebrated by Bishop Rhoades and concelebrated by Father Lengerich and parochial vicar Father Jose Panamattathil Chandy. Bishop Rhoades noted the lighted trees and the Nativity scene near the altar where, he reminded his listeners, the Magi would appear on the feast of the Epiphany.

The bishop said he was happy to visit on the feast day of the bishop who established the first diocesan Catholic school system in the U.S., St. John Neumann. "I'm very happy to be here ... in one of the great Catholic schools of our diocese," he told them.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke of two great commandments, to love God and to love one another. In order to love God and be His disciple, like Philip and Nathaniel, it is necessary to love one another, he told the children. He spoke more of St. John Neumann, from Bohemia, who became a missionary priest in America and ministered to the burgeoning numbers of immigrants in this country. The young priest was appointed bishop of Philadelphia, where he built 89 churches and founded 100 Catholic schools during the eight years before his death, at the age of 49. He was an excellent example of what it means to be a follower of Jesus, said the bishop. That saint served God and the Church and we should ask him to pray for us, he concluded.

In closing, Bishop Rhoades thanked teachers, staff members and the parents and grandparents in attendance for their commitment to Catholic education.

Immediately following the Mass, Bishop Rhoades received a surprise gift from student council members — a book with messages and drawings from every student at St. Joseph School — as a memento of his visit. He then toured classrooms, where he quizzed students on their religion classes and took questions from them as well. Second-graders were learning the commandments and were eager to share their knowledge. There is one God, His name should be revered; and everyone should attend Mass on Sunday, they said.

Fourth-graders were studying human dignity and had learned that everyone is created in the image of God. Bishop Rhoades took the opportunity to talk about refugees, comparing them to the Holy Family fleeing from King Herod. The Eight Beatitudes were under discussion in grade five, so the bishop reminded students that the saints were men and women of the Beatitudes. In closing, the class recited the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel.

First-graders were curious about the bishop's miter and crozier, which they had seen at Mass. He explained that the miter is designed to resemble tongues of fire that portray the Holy Spirit, and the crozier is like a shepherd's staff which represents his leadership of the church. He was pleased that the students were able to recite the Spiritual Communion prayer.

Kindergarteners were focused on the birth of Jesus, and concerned that there was no room at the inn for the Holy Family. However, they were glad to know that animals surrounded Baby Jesus at the stable. They were able to recite the Angel of God prayer for Bishop Rhoades.

Seventh and eighth graders learned about the

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, which comprises 14 counties and 160,000 Catholics, and a bit about the governance of the Church. The bishop's role is to sanctify and shepherd its members, he explained.

Third-graders impressed Bishop Rhoades with their knowledge of the seven sacraments and were especially interested in his place in the order of apostolic succession. They prayed the Apostle's Creed with him.

Eighth-graders had personal questions for the bishop regarding his discernment of a priestly vocation. He said that he had spent much time in prayer and felt a sense of peace on making his decision. They were also curious about his management of the diocese, especially the selection and transfer of parish priests. He shared that he considers his priests' capabilities and talents as well as age and health in making those decisions.

Bishop Rhoades reminded the students of the importance of prayer as they prepare to receive the sacrament of confirmation and complimented them on the "angel" program that pairs them with kindergarteners during all-school Masses. He recited "Come Holy Spirit" with them and said upon leaving, "See you in April."

The history of St. Joseph Catholic School dates back to 1858, when a one-room school was contained within St. Mary of the Assumption Church. The first free-standing school was established in 1881 under the direction of Rev. Theodore Wilkin and staffed by the Sisters of St. Agnes. Then in 1923 ground was broken to construct a larger school, which was completed in 1925. Decatur Catholic High School was opened in 1919, and its peak enrollment was 990 students until it closed in 1967 at the half-century mark. St. Joseph School expanded to include kindergarten in 1982, preschool in 1991 and daycare in 1994. Current enrollment stands at 289 in kindergarten through eighth grade, 80 in pre-K and 80 children

in daycare.

St. Joseph principal Jeff Kieffer is especially proud of the history and long-standing tradition that surrounds the school. "We have many students attending now who can list at least four generations of their families that have attended St. Joe," he pointed out. "The stories of how it used to be are told, old pictures fill the trophy cases in our hallways and the traditions created and handed down are very much a part of daily life and guide many of the decisions we make today.

"We recently sought to create a new school logo that would focus more on Catholic identity and our mission of 'Nurturing the Mind, Body and Spirit,'" he continued. However, "in doing so we had to be mindful of including the traditions of our community, parish and school. The city of Decatur is named for Stephen Decatur, who was a United States naval officer and commodore during the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812."

Kieffer went on to explain that the school's teams are the Commodores, which are symbolized by a ship's wheel. But when the logo was redesigned, he said, one of the eight spokes on the traditional wheel was removed to symbolize the seven sacraments. At the center of the wheel a cross on a white background makes it resemble the Eucharist, "which is the source, summit and center of all we do. Finally, with the Eucharist in mind, we tapered the ends of each spoke so that it could also be viewed as a monstrance. The new logo ties together our past traditions and increases the mindfulness to our mission," he noted.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church with parochial vicar pastor Father Jose Panamattathil, and at right, pastor Father Bob Lengerich.



St. Joseph School second graders Brady Bohnke, left, and Dawson Andrews, lead their school community in prayer.

...ted at St. Joseph School



Altar servers process at the beginning of the Mass.

...n Parish for students and staff of St. Joseph School, Decatur, Jan. 5. Concelebrating are, at left, asso-
...o Lengerich.



Officers of the St. Joseph Student Council present Bishop Rhoades with a memento of his visit.



Bishop Rhoades and Father Lengerich, right, speak with kindergartners following the Mass. The bishop stopped in each of the school's classrooms to spend time with students, answer questions and discuss what they were studying. Teacher Rachel Fravel is at left.



St. Joseph School principal Jeff Kieffer, left, and Father Lengerich said the bishop's Jan. 5 visit was excitedly anticipated by the entire student body and staff.

Repairing the brokenness caused by pornography

BY DAN PRZYBYLA

“Anthony” is like many Catholic men, a husband and father who wants to be the best person he can be for his family. But unfortunately, like many Christian men (as research shows), he also has a problem with pornography.

Research conducted over the past 10 years indicates that such news shouldn't come as a surprise. A nationwide study conducted in 2014 by Proven Men Ministries, a nonprofit Christian organization aimed at helping men with an addiction to pornography, found approximately 64 percent, or nearly two-thirds, of U.S. men admit to viewing porn at least monthly — with the number of Christian men viewing it nearly equaling the national average. When divided by age, nearly eight out of 10 (79 percent) of men between the ages of 18 and 30 view pornography

at least monthly, and two-thirds (67 percent) of men between the ages of 31 and 49 view pornography at least monthly. One-half of men between ages 50 and 68 look at porn monthly.



Watching porn can cause these effects:

- Creates emotional bond with artificial world
- Causes feelings of emptiness, low self-esteem and deep loneliness
- Grows emotionally disconnected from wife and deadens the marriage bond
- Alters view of sex, making sex all about the body, and not about intimacy
- Trains the brain to seek immediate gratification in all areas of life
- Develops a spiral of selfishness where the person ignores his spouse's needs and is focused only on getting what he wants
- Leads to neglecting family and social obligations
- Creates financial problems, decreases motivation, increases laziness

Sadly, many faithful, loving, goodhearted men are struggling right now with pornography, masturbation and other sexual sins. The difference with Anthony is that he's doing something about it, thanks in part to the St. Augustine Men's Group — a group that operates in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Nevertheless, as with any struggle, but most especially pornography, the journey can be a long, painful, secretive and shameful one.

Anthony's story

“One of the earliest memories I have of pornography is seeing dirty magazines at my friend's house while growing up. Back then no one had access to the internet, but because of the society in which we live, I was still not protected from being constantly bombarded with sexual images elsewhere. I have always considered myself a faithful Catholic but this was one area where I struggled to follow the Church's moral teaching even though I understood

and agreed with it. Any time I had thoughts about how bad my habitual sin was, I would suppress them. I would lie to myself about how 'this will be my last time, and then I'll stop for good,' or 'you can't possibly resist, so why even try?'”

During his past years of struggle, Anthony said, he had heard about the Saint Augustine Men's Group on Redeemer Radio.

“I thought to myself that I should attend, but how could I? I would have to tell my wife about my addiction, and I knew I couldn't do that (or so I thought). Instead, I kept my secret in the dark ... right where the devil wanted it to be, hidden and isolated. In the time leading up to my wife finding out, our relationship was becoming more and more distant. The more we struggled to connect emotionally, the more I was tempted to sin. Naturally, this led to a downward spiral that nearly destroyed our marriage. This all came to a head the day she caught me in sin. I can't remember a worse moment in my life. Little did I know that this moment would be the greatest turning point I had ever experienced. I decided right then that I was done giving in to this temptation and that I wanted out of the darkness.

“Although she considered throwing me out of the house, my faithful wife made the decision that she would stand by me and help my recovery. She did this even though she was hurt very badly by my sinful actions. Soon after, I was crying in the confessional, making the most contrite confession of my entire life, after which I felt the grace of the Holy Spirit working in me like never before. My wife and I began a new practice of praying together every day, which we had never managed to do in the past. I began praying the rosary nearly every day, asking Our Lady to heal my life and draw me closer to her Son.

It was also at this time that he started to attend the Saint Augustine Men's Group meetings.

“I was scared to go to the first meeting, but the fear did not last long. The format of the meetings is very supportive. Talking with the fellow members, I was able to learn about helpful resources that are available to assist men like me to recover. Father Ben Muhlenkamp's advice, the group's book of daily meditations, and Covenant Eyes software have been key to my recovery. Attending the meetings keeps light shining on the darkness of this sin. With the sacrament of reconciliation being available at some meetings, I have been able to joyfully receive the graces of that sacrament every several weeks instead of the yearly schedule that I had tried to keep in the past.

“So far, by the grace of God

and the help of my amazing wife and some true friends, I have not fallen to this sin since my turning point where God's light put an end to Satan's darkness. I have strength to resist temptation that I did not think was possible before. My wife and I have the relationship of newlyweds and we are drawing closer with each passing day. Mary is leading me ever closer to her Son, as promised. I encourage all men struggling with sexual sin to join us in putting an end to it, living the life you've dreamed of, free from the shackles, to enter into a deeper spiritual connection with God, and to be open to His amazing grace.”

Break through the darkness

Someone struggling with pornography, masturbation or any number of other sexual sins should not be afraid, for he is not alone.

One might feel shame, despair, discouraged or frustrated that he cannot overcome this. And he can't — alone. But the men of the Saint Augustine Men's Group are on the journey with him. There is no judgment. There is no ridicule. The men trust one another when they share and as they listen.

It's a safe place for men who are struggling, but who are seeking to be renewed in mind and heart through fellowship, prayer and the sacraments. Bring your sin, your pain, your desire for change to the light, so God can renew and transform your life.

The Saint Augustine Men's Group meets twice a month in Fort Wayne and in South Bend. The gatherings are anonymous, so what is said there, stays there.

Anthony hasn't been the only man helped by the Saint Augustine Men's Group, there are many more. To learn more, visit www.staugustinefwsb.org.

Biblical sources of strength

Romans 7:15-19

What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I concur that the law is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh. The willing is ready at hand, but doing the good is not. For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want.

Ephesians 5:11-14
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Tom Heminger, St. Jude School —

Catholic school teachers shine the 'Light of Learning'

BY JENNIFER MILLER

Observing the everyday interactions between Tom Heminger and his students, one realizes that there is a unique quality in his teacher-student relationships. There is the mutual respect and engagement often found in Catholic schools, but also something else. Although middle school students are often characterized by moody or fickle behavior, Heminger's middle school students are attentive and joy filled... and so is their teacher. There is a noticeable friendship and bond of learning, one that comes with living a life in Christ.

"When we have a problem, we pray about it," Heminger naturally and frankly explained. His faith is an integral part of his work as a middle school teacher.

Heminger is the 2017 Light of Learning Award winner for St. Jude School. His position is sixth grade homeroom teacher, focusing on fifth- through eighth-grade social studies and fifth- and sixth-grade reading.

Although this is his fifth year teaching at St. Jude, Heminger taught for more than four decades with South Bend Community School Corporation.

A South Bend native, Heminger, earned both his Bachelor of Science degree in

education and Master of Science in Education from Indiana University.

"It was easy for me to 'find a home' in the teaching profession," he said. "As a student, I always loved school. Each year I was excited about the opportunities I had to expand my knowledge in every subject. My teachers were great role models who instilled within me a curiosity to want to learn. I decided that if I could emulate these great role models, I would find the teaching profession to be rewarding. Teaching in the Diocese of Fort Wayne South Bend is rewarding and a blessing!"

"Tom is a life-long Catholic and member of the Knights of Columbus. He takes his role as a Catholic educator seriously," said St. Jude principal Steve Donndelinger. "Tom is a student of music and the arts. He is attentive to local history and finds ways to bring our nation's history alive in the minds of students. He exposes them to photos, artifacts and ideas that help his students gain better insight into the topics of study. He is always connecting current events and historical issues with their roots."

Also, he noted, "His ideas have spurred several programs that have improved the quality of faculty, staff and student interactions. He connects with students



Jennifer Miller

and builds relationships with parents, demanding their best so they can get the most out of their Catholic education."

"As a teacher, I enjoy the challenge of finding the key to each student's willingness to fully embrace learning in cooperation with others," Heminger explained. "While there are many theories about learning, I have discovered that if I am excited about what I teach, my students will follow my lead. In the classroom, I am there for each student every day to provide the impetus, the lead, and the spark that will sustain the balance needed for academic, social, and spiritual growth. I enjoy most seeing my students discover the gifts that God has given each of them to be unique."

Heminger describes his vocation as a teacher joyfully, even the areas of future growth. "I am blessed to be surrounded by colleagues who care deeply about our student's spiritual, academic, and social needs."

Tom Heminger and his American History Social Studies class stand with their Americana instruments that they use to perform historical songs about their studies. Problem-solving with prayer and demonstrating genuine excitement have helped Heminger's students to engage their spiritual lives and to thrive at St. Jude School, South Bend.

Abby Johnson to speak at inaugural Indiana March for Life

BY NATALIE HOEFER

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Diocese of Lafayette and Right to Life of Indianapolis are teaming up to offer the inaugural Indiana March for Life on Jan. 22 in Indianapolis, with multiple events taking place during the day.

The event — which is open to all Indiana dioceses and residents — solemnly recalls the legalization of abortion in the United States 45 years ago through the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions on Jan. 22, 1973.

Below is the schedule of events:

—Noon: Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Charles C. Thompson and Lafayette Bishop Timothy L. Doherty at St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis.

—1:30 p.m.: March for Life starting at the Indiana Convention Center on Capital Avenue, across from St. John Church, and processing around the Statehouse (about one-half mile).

—2:30-4 p.m.: Pro-life rally on the south steps of the Statehouse building. Among



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Abby Johnson speaks on Sept. 17, 2013, during the Right to Life of Indianapolis "Celebrate Life" dinner in Indianapolis. Johnson will speak Jan. 22 at a pro-life rally at 2:30 p.m. at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis during the inaugural Indiana March for Life, and again during a Youth Rally and Holy Hour from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis.

the speakers will be Archbishop Thompson; Brian Bosma, House speaker and state representative; Sue Swayze-Leibel, coordinator of the Susan B. Anthony List's National Women's Pro-Life Caucus; Anna Allgaier, Great Lakes regional coordinator for Students for Life of America; and a representative of the office of

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb.

—4 p.m.: Rose Memorial Service in memory of lives lost to abortion, held in the Statehouse or on the south steps of the Statehouse, with a keynote address from internationally acclaimed pro-life advocate Abby Johnson. Johnson is a former director of a Planned Parenthood

abortion facility. She later realized the truth about abortion and is now a Catholic and an outspoken advocate for the pro-life cause.

—6:30-8:30 p.m.: Youth Rally and Holy Hour at St. John the Evangelist Church, with a talk by Abby Johnson, plus eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, music, Scripture and quiet time.

Special parking for buses will be available along the west and south sides of Victory Field baseball stadium's parking lot, accessible from West Street and Schumacher Way, just off West Washington Street.

A local and state-based movement

The idea for the new event took root early last spring when the Diocese of Lafayette — which had no official *Roe v. Wade* commemoration — approached the Archdiocese of Indianapolis about a combined event.

Even prior to the north-central Indiana diocese approaching the archdiocese, "There had been conversations for years about how different pro-life organizations were each doing their own thing for [Jan. 22]," said Scott Seibert, interim director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life and Family Life. "With opportunities like this, we should be

coming together and sharing our voice in solidarity and unity with one another."

Not only is a central Indiana event closer than the National March for Life in Washington held each year on Jan. 22, but "the pro-life movement is becoming more and more a local- and state-based movement and less of a national movement," noted Right to Life of Indianapolis President Marc Tuttle. "It's important to have that Indiana statement that we Hoosiers support life."

Susan Hoefler, Natural Family Planning coordinator for the Diocese of Lafayette, said that although the March for Life in Washington "is an awesome experience, this [Indiana March for Life] is a good way to recognize that it's not just Washington, D.C., that makes laws that affect pro-life issues — it's our state as well that makes laws that can affect what Planned Parenthood does and around life and death issues.

"This Indiana March for Life is an important reminder that we should be working on a statewide level to make sure that even here [in Indiana] we take steps to protect all human life."

How I became a doctor

As a junior at Purdue University studying mechanical engineering, I realized I was being called to be a physician. I decided to apply to all the schools in Ohio, my home state, but also to Indiana University.

My first interview was at IU. I had a Fu Manchu mustache at the time because, yes, I was a typical college kid — and I was so serious about getting into medical school that I shaved it off, just on the outside chance I would run into an old-fashioned doctor doing my interview, who might not appreciate my well-groomed facial statement.

The very first question I was asked at the interview was why I was applying to Indiana University. After I answered, the interviewer ignored what I had just said and replied to me, “Young man, you are from Ohio, where there are multiple medical schools. Here in Indiana we have only one medical school. The only out-of-state students we take are geniuses, and you are certainly no genius!” Cross IU off my list.

About one month later I received an invitation to interview at the Ohio State University School of Medicine. It was in February 1974 that I got into my beat-up green Dodge Dart to drive from West Lafayette, Indiana to Columbus, Ohio. I remember the high temperature for the day was below zero. As I drove east on I-70, my car broke down and I was stranded on the side of the road. Thankfully, a state police officer stopped and told me he would drive to the next town and send a tow truck.

I was hoping I would not freeze to death as I waited. (Remember, this was well before cell phones were in use).

I was towed to a local garage, where my water pump had to be replaced. There was one small problem: I only had \$30 in my wallet, and that was not going to quite cover it. I did not own a credit card, either. I called my parents in Cleveland to ask for help, and they promptly agreed to wire the money. (I’ll bet the millennials reading this don’t even know what that means.)

As I nervously waited for the phone to ring to verify that the transaction was confirmed, I watched each minute go by. It became later and later in the day, until I had finally missed my interview. I called OSU and an empathetic secretary told me if I got there by 5 p.m. she was hopeful she could still find somebody to interview me.

The minutes continued to tick down, and soon it was approaching 4 p.m. I estimated it would take about one hour to get to campus. If I did not leave right now, I might lose my only chance at getting into OSU. As I nervously paced around the small waiting room, I noticed my car keys were sitting on top of a desk that for the moment was abandoned. Both mechanics were in the garage working on the next broken-down car.

I knew my parents would come through with the money, and I also knew my future was slipping away with each minute. I nonchalantly moved closer to the desk, grabbed the keys and sprinted to my rejuvenated car. As I pulled out of the parking lot,

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I saw one of the mechanics open the glass door and yell something at me as I sped away. I’m pretty sure it was not words of encouragement.

The moment I arrived, I ran into the building with hair disheveled, praying it was not too late. On the third floor, I found the kind young lady that had talked to me on the phone earlier. “So, you’re the guy whose car broke down. All the interviews for the day have been completed,” she said. My heart sank. Then she continued, “I cannot make any promises, but the entire Board of Admissions is meeting right now behind that door and I will try to interrupt them to see if someone would interview you.”

A moment later she returned with a big smile and said, “The entire board would like to meet you and interview you right now.” I walked into a very elegant room, where about a dozen doctors were sitting at a long table. They offered me a chair and some hot coffee.

The interview began with each physician getting their opportunity to ask me questions. It later occurred to me that as the questions became more and more challenging that they may

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Compassionate responses when you meet suffering

In 2005, while undergoing chemotherapy, I was sitting in an uncomfortable recliner on the sixth floor of a medical facility. An IV dripped poison into my veins that would simultaneously cure me of the cancer in my body and wreak havoc on it, sending waves of nausea, chills and malaise. The concoction did not discriminate between healthy and cancer cells. It killed almost everything. This rendered me alive, but sick, bald and weak.

As I sat looking out the shaded glass windows that overlooked the busy downtown area where I was receiving this treatment, I remember feeling amazed that as I sat, literally fighting for my life, my world falling apart, not only from cancer but being exhausted having just had a new baby right before my diagnosis, the rest of the world seemed not to care one bit. People carried about their normal activities with no perception about my own personal agony. I watched businessmen in suits on the sidewalk below, hurrying to their destinations. Women with bags of lunch from the deli were laughing as they scurried out of sight. A mother, unlike me, a seemingly healthy mother, was pushing a stroller with a child. The sun rose and traveled across the sky in cheerful apathy to the deep suffering I experienced for six unbearably long hours each chemo session.

Flash forward.

Yesterday I was listening to a talk radio program. A teenager who had escaped without injury



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during the recent Las Vegas shooting had called into the show. She was understandably quite traumatized. Her boyfriend had thrown his body on top of her then they got up and ran. She was scared. She was heartbroken. She felt guilty that she was alive and others weren’t. “The world is just going on around me and I can’t get past this.”

I completely understood.

The practicing psychotherapist talk show host kindly empathized with the girl then made a suggestion I thought was very wise. She suggested the girl go back to Las Vegas, with her boyfriend, and bring flowers and her presence to some of those recovering in the hospital from injuries suffered that same night from the same attack. The professional told the girl to bring cookies and thanks to the firefighters or police on call. “This will not only benefit you, but them. In this way you will be taking control in a small way and being a light to the world.”

Being a light to the world: Matthew 5:14-16. That’s our

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Seek those who can help you hear the Lord’s call



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time John 1:35-42

The First Book of Samuel is the source of the first reading for this weekend. Originally, First and Second Samuel were one volume. At some point in history, an editor divided them into the two volumes, so two volumes appear in Bible translations today.

As the title of these books implies, the central figure is Samuel, a prophet active centuries before Christ. Prophets were highly revered throughout the history of the chosen people. They were seen as God’s special

representatives, but also personally very holy and devoted to God.

At times, prophets resisted their calling initially. Such was the case of the great prophets, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah. However, after all was said and done, they accommodated themselves to God’s will and accepted the call to be prophets. These figures were admired because the call to be a prophet was seen precisely as a call, as a call from God.

In this weekend’s reading, God calls Samuel. This occurs according to God’s plan. Samuel is open to hearing God, indeed ready to hear God, but Samuel cannot hurry the divine plan.

St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians supplies the second reading for this weekend. Many of the Pauline writings have their luster in their clear revelation of the bond between true believers and Jesus. Jesus was the Son of God, but also human, in a mystery theologians call the Incarnation.

Truly committed Christians,

in faith and baptism, are inseparably bound to Jesus, both in a shared human nature, but also in the divine life given believers by Christ. This supernatural bond, the very keystone of personal salvation, requires Christians not only to be of spiritual faithfulness, but bodily faithfulness as well. They must not allow themselves to fall into carnal sin.

Instructing the Christian Corinthians in this fact seems, for some, to be excessive for Paul. However, it should be remembered, Corinth was known near and far as a virtual capital of lewdity and vice.

St. John’s Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a story about the decision to follow Jesus by Simon, later known as Peter, and Simon’s brother, Andrew. In the story, Jesus intrigues Andrew and Simon. They follow Jesus. The Lord invites them to be apostles. They recognize Jesus as Messiah. Jesus calls Peter to a new life, even giving him a new name, Cephas, often translated as Peter.

Reflection

The Church, in the majesty and glory of its liturgy, in a profound gaze into the reality of Jesus, born in Bethlehem, recorded for us in the Gospels, called us all to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas.

The Church revealed to us on Christmas that Jesus was the son of Mary and therefore a human, as she was only human — despite her unique holiness and singular place in the divine plan of redemption.

Two weeks later, it celebrated for us the feast of the Epiphany, revealing to us the fact that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, was divine, the Son of God, and that redemption is God’s gift for all people.

So, these past several weeks have been times in which the Church, with the greatest joy and hope, has told us about the Lord. He is the Savior of the world!

Now, the Church asks us in the readings this weekend to consider how personally we shall respond to these marvelous

facts. By the mere fact we are of the Church, or at least interested in God, we are being touched by God’s grace. God calls us. He offers us eternal life in Christ.

How should we respond? St. Paul gives very concrete advice. Samuel, Peter and Andrew are examples. We must follow Christ, the one and only way to true life and peace.

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15; 16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-14 Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

Plan B and some more

As the new year is often the season for making plans, my attention was captured in a gift shop by a plaque that offers the wisdom, "There is no Plan B." I wanted it for my studio (my craft and workspace that I refuse to call an office).

As strategy and planning are my professional trades, this quote conveys an urgent reminder to make this moment count, to not postpone actions until more favorable conditions descend and to honor our intentions with thoughtfulness, preparation and steadfastness.

All good until a little voice protested, "Really, no Plan B? Isn't your own journey a series of unplanned moves: not only Plan B, but Plans C, D, E, F... too many to count?" My Plan A would not have led me to a field I have never heard of, nor serve in countries I could not locate on a map!

Plans serve a function, but they can become "too much of a good thing." Our plan can imprison rather than enable us; it can subsume the purpose it is meant to serve and become the purpose itself. Let me cite three ways this can happen.

Many of us set and adhere to a schedule that abhors interruptions. These cause us to fall behind and lose focus. They make claims on our time and attention that have already been spoken for. Interruptions require us to change our priorities: to pivot from what I want to do to what another needs me to do;

from me to them.

One of my mentors told me that interruptions are my work and they are where life happens for an administrator. It is the competition between tasks and people, and the choice defines what leadership is about. Scripture reminds us that angels may be masquerading as needy interrupters.

Other times we hold onto our plan out of fear to make a change. It is what we know and it seems to offer certainty even though it no longer evokes joy and does not require passion. I know a young man who devoted eight years of study for an academic career he no longer finds fulfilling. He can think of sunk costs, try to stick to it and look for fulfillment elsewhere.

This sounds like servitude: a surrender of the spirit for the sake of pragmatism. It leaves dormant the freedom God has given us discover that special something he has given each of us and to experience the best of ourselves as we toil, sing and sparkle while we help build his kingdom.

The most insidious Plan A is that which removes God completely from view.

Recall the rich man about to build another barn for his harvest. There was no thought whatsoever for what is enough, what is to be shared and to whom he owes his bounty. His plan is single-minded, not unlike ours when responsible saving turns into swollen portfolios that



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become the benchmark and metric for the efficacy of our plans. In the realm of salvation, using a bowling analogy, his ball went into the gutter.

Clearly, not all interruptions are good and we should be serious about our plans. I do think we know the difference when the disruption and detour are for the good of other, for love, for God. We can hang our "Do not disturb" sign but realize that we may be passing on God's humor and the unimaginable destinations when God is the disrupter.

Proverbs 19:21 reminds us, "Many are the plans of the human heart, but it is the decision of the Lord that endures."

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for January 14, 2018

John 1:35-42

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B, those who were first called. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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have been trying to impress each other with their interviewing skills. They slowly but surely destroyed me! I remember one of the doctors asked me why my scores were so low on the MCAT. The MCAT is like the SAT or ACT you take before college, only for medical school. I actually took them twice because my scores were not very good the first time. On the second try I thought I had brought my scores up substantially. I answered the question by referencing my improvement the second time. The doctor curtly replied that he was actually referring to my subpar scores on the second try. Ouch!

Finally, all the doctors had had their chance and the questions stopped. The admissions chairman, who I later learned was a prominent OB/GYN physician by the name of Dr. William Copeland, asked me if I had anything further to say. I stood up, looked around the table at all the doctors and to this day remember exactly what the Holy Spirit directed me to say: "I know that I did not do very well today, but I still believe I would make a good doctor."

The youngest man in the room, who I think was an administrator because he did not participate in the question-

ing, put his arm around my shoulders and walked me to the door. As I was about to exit the room he said to me in a whisper, "Don't give up, there are other medical schools in Ohio." As I slowly walked back to my car, I didn't even notice the subzero temperatures as my heart ached. I had blown my chance to get into the Ohio State University Medical School.

Two weeks later an envelope arrived in the mail that was so thin you could just about see through it. My rejection letter had arrived. Despite the fact I had little hope, my hands shook as I slipped the one-page letter out of the envelope. I had to read the first sentence three times before I comprehended what it said. "Congratulations, you have been admitted to The Ohio State School of Medicine Class of 1977." After reading it multiple times, I became worried that it was a mistake: So, the very next day I mailed my letter of acceptance with a check to hold my place. I figured that they couldn't back out if they accepted some of my money.

Fast forward to my second week in medical school. Dr. William Copeland, the admissions committee chair, invited all the new medical students to his home for a cookout. I waited

until near the end of the party, when there were no longer 10 students surrounding him, vying for his attention. I asked him if he remembered the interview that took place in front of the entire board. With a little smirk he told me he remembered it well. He said there were only two people in the room who wanted me to be a medical student at Ohio State: him and a female oncologist. He then told me that he had a feeling about me, and he would not relent to the other doctors until I was accepted. He basically wore the other board member down until they said yes. He said the pressure to succeed was now on me.

I often wonder where I would be and what would I be doing if I had never been given this once-in-a-lifetime chance. What if the Holy Spirit had not stepped in and guided these two doctors to fight for me? I know one thing: I would not be writing articles for "The Catholic Doctor Is In." What a blessing it has been for me to be able to share.

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only answer to the horrific tragedies and sorrows that come into our lives. When we suffer, we should respond by physically or spiritually offering something back.

As Catholics, we know that uniting our suffering to the suffering of Christ can mysteriously be redemptive. But even in the midst of knowing that the suffering has redemptive possibility, the pain still sears. It is then we are most like the Blessed Mother and St. John, at the foot of the cross, giving seemingly nothing and yet, in reality, everything they had: their presence. They suffered with Jesus, even though they could not alleviate the source of His suffering. Their presence must have been a drop of refreshment to Him. Our suffering with Christ can, in a small way, do the same.

To be with someone while they suffer is a great gift. When I was undergoing chemotherapy I always had a companion — my husband, my mother, or another. I noticed how sad it was for those who came in to get treatment alone. After my experience I decided to try to reach out as much as my station in life allows, to people I know who are suffering. It is an imperfect effort, but I strive because it is a

debt I owe to those who reached out to me.

What drops of refreshment can we give to those around us? What can we do to ease another's pains? Can we offer a meal, flowers, kindness, a word? Remember too that our prayers and presence in those circumstances can be balms and channels of grace.

Let us ponder the words of a few saints:

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." — Mother Teresa

"It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the most exquisitely beautiful pictures." — St. André Bessette

"Never miss an opportunity to do good. This good will be our solace ..." — St. Francis de Sales

We cannot do everything. But we can do something. And in that way, we will not only bring light to the world but amazingly, we will also find our own burdens lightened.

To ponder: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." — Isaiah 60:1

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'The Greatest Showman'

BY JOHN MULDERIG

NEW YORK (CNS) —The life of pop entertainment pioneer P.T. Barnum provides the subject matter for the big, brash musical "The Greatest Showman" (Fox).

Ironically, the film arrives in theaters almost seven months to the day after the demise of the 19th-century impresario's most lasting legacy, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Though unlikely to engage the youngest viewers, an emphasis on marital fidelity and family values in general, together with the virtual absence of objectionable material, makes this screen biography appropriate for most others. Moviegoers' appreciation of it, however, will likely depend on their taste for the Lloyd-Webber style of Broadway and West End theater, whose approach it imitates.

Hugh Jackman leads with his chin in playing Barnum with bring-on-the-lions enthusiasm. Jenny Bicks and Bill Condon's script, meanwhile, traces its protagonist's rise from impoverished beginnings to worldwide fame with the kind of occasionally challenged, but ultimately unquenchable, optimism that might have appealed to novelist Horatio Alger.

Barnum gains support in his ascent from his childhood sweetheart, Charity (Michelle Williams), who eventually turns her back on her wealthy



CNS photo/Fox

Hugh Jackman stars in a scene from the movie "The Greatest Showman." The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

and well-bred parents to marry him. Also shunning a genteel background to bolster Barnum's career is his unlikely business partner, New York socialite Phillip Carlyle (Zac Efron).

Assembling an ensemble of such unusual figures as Lettie Lutz, aka the Bearded Lady (Keala Settle) and dwarf "General," Tom Thumb (Sam Humphrey), Barnum turns a

large profit by exciting the curiosity of the masses. Tensions arise, though, when he shifts his focus away from these loyal performers and friends to concentrate on backing the American premiere of Swedish diva Jenny Lind (Rebecca Ferguson).

Barnum risks his fortune in the effort to promote Lind, hoping thereby to gain the elite standing that has previously

eluded him. The fact that this breakthrough may require him to shun those on whom he has built his success fails, initially at least, to deter him.

He is equally blind to the danger his absence on the road with Lind poses to his bond with Charity and their children — not to mention the foreseeable temptation arising from the beautiful soprano's prolonged company.

There is an implicitly pro-life message underlying director Michael Gracey's feature debut since its treatment of the social outsiders with whom Barnum surrounded himself strongly vindicates their inherent dignity and entitlement to respect. The picture's portrayal of Carlyle's convention-defying romance with African-American trapeze artist Anne Wheeler (Zendaya) is equally in line with Christian morals.

Both these aspects of the plot, however, betray historical naivete in projecting a contemporary outlook backward onto Victorian-era America. The audience is left with the impression that all the gaping inequalities of Barnum's day might easily have been effaced by a few brassy songs delivered with the requisite zest.

Still, parents on the lookout for wholesome holiday fare will probably refrain from such nit-picking as, perhaps with teens in tow, they take in a love and success story that's old-fashioned in the best sense.

The film contains some non-lethal violence, a mild oath and a racial slur. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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MOVIE CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) — Following are capsule reviews by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (Columbia)

Amusing comic adventure in which a quartet of teens (Alex Wolff, Ser'Darius Blain, Madison Iseman and Morgan Turner) find themselves magically transported into an old video game where they inhabit the avatars they chose before the start of play (Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black and Karen Gillan). Most of the laughs come from the contrast between the characters' real-life personas and the bodies and personalities they take on within their new environment. As they face and overcome a series of challenges in their quest to win the game — the only means of reemerging from it — the ensemble learns famil-

iar Hollywood lessons about the value of teamwork and the courage required to pursue cherished dreams. Director Jake Kasdan's film, more a variant on than a sequel to 1995's "Jumanji," and based, like its predecessor, on Chris Van Allsburg's 1981 children's book, keeps its conflicts almost completely bloodless. But some off-color gags and a considerable amount of vulgarity in the dialogue render this strictly grownup fare. Gunplay and other combat violence, some of it harsh but with minimal gore, at least one use of profanity and a couple of milder oaths, sexual and anatomical humor, a single rough term, a few crude and numerous crass words. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

"Ferdinand" (Fox)

Good values help to redeem a somewhat padded plot in this animated adaptation of Munro Leaf and Robert Lawson's 1936 children's classic "The Story of Ferdinand," directed by Carlos Saldanha. Escaping the confines of the stable in which he and other bulls are prepared for

their fateful confrontation with a matador, the peace-loving protagonist of the title (voice of John Cena), who prefers smelling flowers to locking horns, is adopted as a pet by an affectionate and growing girl (voices of Julia Saldanha and Lily Day). But a misunderstanding sets him back on the path to the bullring where his commitment to nonviolence will be put to the ultimate test. Lively secondary characters (the most prominent voiced by Kate McKinnon) and charming pastoral landscapes surround a theme that all those who base their ethics on the Gospel, and parents in particular, will find congenial. Scenes of peril, some mildly irreverent humor, a vague scatological reference, one slightly crass expression. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi" (Disney)

Engrossing sci-fi epic in which the leading general (Carrie Fisher) of an embattled group of rebels sends a messenger (Daisy Ridley) to the distant planet on which her brother (Mark Hamill), a famed warrior, is living in self-imposed exile to summon his

help in the desperate struggle against their fascistic enemies (led by Andy Serkis). Though he refuses to join the conflict, the veteran fighter does agree to train the envoy in the ways of the Force, the mysterious spiritual energy from which he derives his prowess. She will need its power when she eventually confronts her leader's son

(Adam Driver), an originally good person who has gone over to the side of darkness, but whose ongoing moral struggle has the potential to sway the outcome of the intergalactic war. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.



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Bingo at St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel
FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel will be hosting Bingo on Sunday, Jan. 14, in the parish hall. Cost to play is \$25 which includes admission and all game boards. Doors open at 2 p.m. and games start at 2:30 p.m. Must be 18 to play.

Career Ministry
FORT WAYNE — The Career Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Church and Associated Churches offers 1-on-1 coaching, resume critique and presentations/workshops. Meetings are Monday, Jan.

15 — Hope in the Job Search; and Feb. 19 — Utilizing LinkedIn for your Job Search Strategy from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the St. Vincent's Spiritual Center, 1502 E Wallen Rd. Dress is casual. Bring your resume. Email Molly Roman at career.ministry@saintv.org for information.

Bishop Dwenger to host trivia night
FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger will have a trivia night Saturday, Jan. 20, at the high school, 1300 E. Washington Center Rd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with games at 7 p.m. Put a

team of 10 together or be placed on a team. Cost is \$15 per person. Carry in food; cash bar will be available. Must be 21 or older to attend. Contact Molly Schreck at 260-496-4775 or mschreck@bishopdwenger.com

Theology on Tap with Bishop Rhoades
MISHAWAKA — The topic "Darkness and Light: Finding Hope in Hard Times" will be presented by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Theology on Tap on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Mishawaka Columbus Club, 114 West First St., from 6-8 p.m.

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Columbia City
Raymond C. Fearnow, Jr., 76, St. Paul/Cross

Decatur
Nicole A. Sheets, 22, St. Mary/Assumption

Granger
Ann M. Hogan, 76, St. Pius X

Angela M. Suski, 94, St. Pius X

Fort Wayne
Patricia Farnan, 74, St. Henry

Richard S. Peters, 88, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Kathleen Newnam, 90, Cathedral/Immaculate Conception

Dung Luong, 70, St. Patrick

Charles E. Miller, 59, St. Charles Borromeo

Carmela T. Saggese, 68, St. Charles Borromeo

Marilyn S. Povlock, 61, St. Jude

Melvin Hendricks, St. Peter

Raymond Hilaire, 86, St. Charles Borromeo

Carole A. Brown, 84, St. Charles Borromeo

Granger
Nicholas Skrzyszewski, 67, St. Pius X

Maurice Joseph Van Bruaene, 93, St. Pius X

Mishawaka
Sue A. Hennesey, 85, St. Joseph

Stella A. VanHoutdrevre, 95, St. Bavo

Maurice Mynsberge, 95, St. Bavo

George Shupe, 71, Queen of Peace

New Haven
Marvin Russell Smith, 86, St. Louis Besancon

Margaret L. Moore, 85, St. John the Baptist

South Bend
Walter A. Stefaniak, 83, Holy Family

Edward Olszewski, 90, St. Joseph

Elizabeth Marroni, 83, St. Jude

Catherine M. Rulli, 87, Holy Family

Ruth V. Simmermeyer, 86, St. Anthony de Padua

Hattie I. Steinbrunner, 98, St. Paul Chapel

Nancy L. Gruber, 80, Our Lady of Hungary

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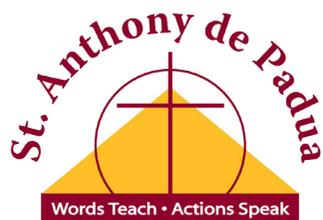
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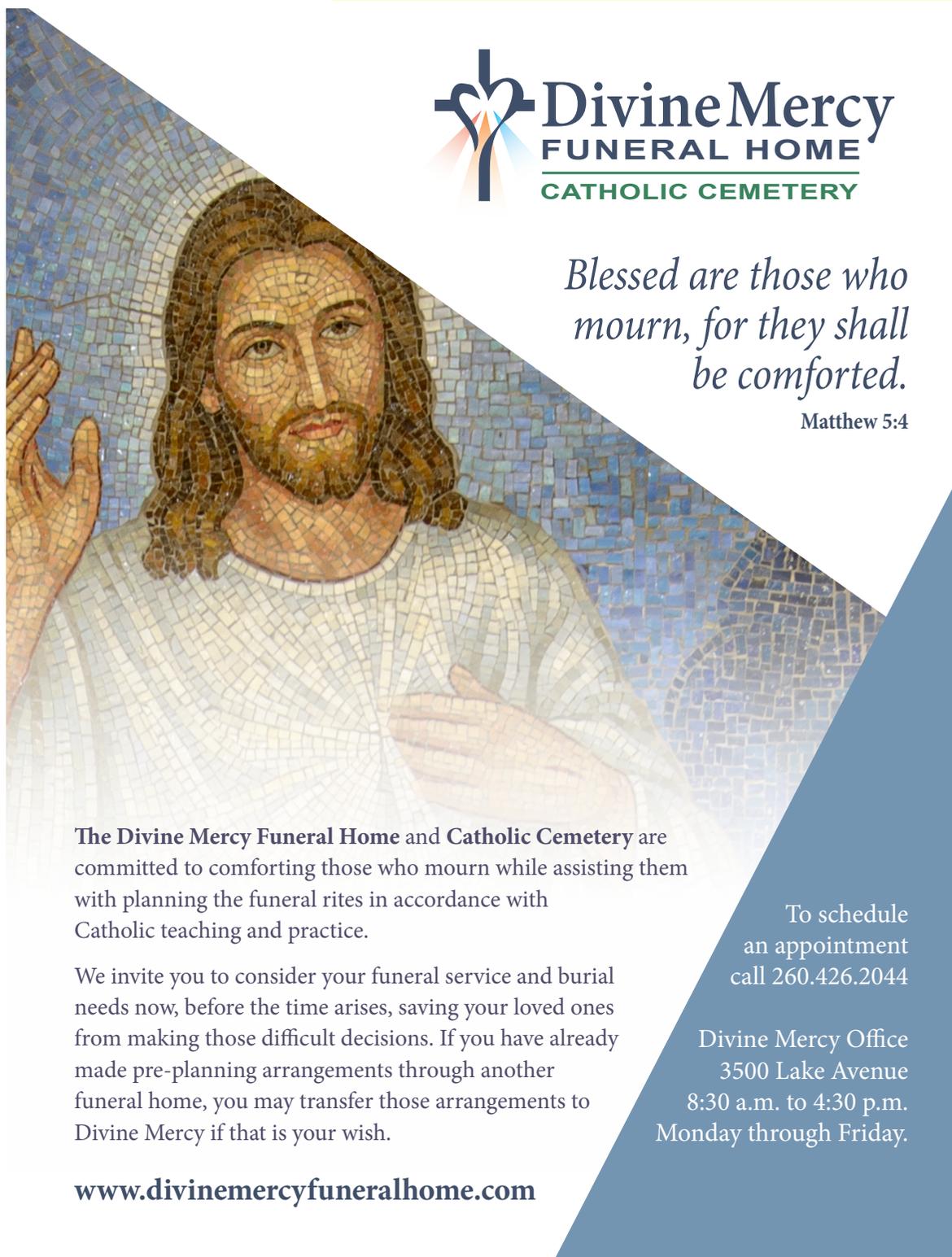
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"For 175 years, and even earlier, we can say that Sacred Heart Parish was the center of Catholic faith and life in this area of what became the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. It wasn't until 1853 that another parish began, St. Joseph's in South Bend, followed by St. Patrick's in 1858," said Bishop Rhoades.

In those early years of Sacred Heart Parish, parishioners included the native Potawatomi people, French settlers and eventually other immigrant Catholics from Ireland and Germany. "And it was from here that Father Sorin, and then other Holy Cross priests, ministered to Catholics throughout this region. We can call them 'circuit-riders,' who, like the other French missionaries who preceded them, travelled by horse and by foot to provide spiritual and pastoral care to the scattered population of Catholics in the region," he said.

For a number of years, while organizing and running the school at Notre Dame, Father Sorin and the first Holy Cross priests at Sacred Heart would visit Catholics and celebrate Masses at mission stations throughout northwest Indiana and southern Michigan. The bishop thanked God for them and for those pioneer Catholics, the faith-filled native-Americans and immigrants, as well as for the Holy Cross Brothers and Sisters, who spread and lived the Gospel of Jesus in this area.

"You, the present-day parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish, have a rich parish history and heritage," he continued. "But you also have a rich parish life today. Though many parishes have sprung from Sacred Heart, your parish remains as a community of faith, hope and love here on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Like every parish, you are called to be an evangelizing community, one that not only worships together, but also one that, as Pope Francis says so often, 'goes out,' reaches out to others with the love of Christ through your service of the poor and needy, the sick and the suffering. Inspired by the early missionaries, you are called to be missionaries today, not only supporting the Church's mission-



Paul Thornton

Taking a break from the triple celebration of the Epiphany, the closing of the 175th anniversary of the parish and the installation of new pastor Father David Schiedler, CSC, at Sacred Heart Parish, South Bend, on Jan. 7, are the following. Seated, from left, are Gabriela Winkler, Kim Spence, Kathy Sechowski, Erin Donegan and Annie Borjas. Standing, from left, are Paul Eddy, Tom Nowak, Pam Von Rahl, Father Scheidler, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Steve Good, Jim Kapsa, Susan Good, Kevin Rooney, Pat Cahill, Paul Thornton and Deacon William Gallagher.

ary efforts around the world, but also right here at Notre Dame and South Bend.

"Every Catholic parish is called to be a community of missionary disciples, a community of committed disciples of Jesus Christ who go out to witness to the Lord Jesus, reaching out to all those today who are searching, like the wise men, for truth and meaning in their lives," he said. "The wise men, the Magi, found that meaning and truth when they entered that house in Bethlehem and encountered the little child with Mary his mother. They were overjoyed, the Gospel tells us. This is what the encounter with Jesus brings – true joy, the joy of love, the joy of faith. Every parish is called to witness to the joy of the Gospel, the joy of faith in the God who has become for us a little child so much does He love us.

"And what does one do when one encounters this amazing, humble mystery of God's love?" the bishop asked. "The Magi teach us. The Gospel tells us that 'they prostrated themselves and did him homage.' 'They opened

their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.' They adored the Lord, the King of heaven and earth, who became an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes who lay in a manger.

"That's what we do every time we come to Mass. We gather to worship and adore the Lord who humbled Himself in becoming a man and who still humbles Himself, descending from heaven, and becoming present to us under the humble forms of bread and wine. And we offer Him gifts. At every Mass, we offer Him our praise, our sufferings, our work, indeed our entire lives, which, in the Eucharistic sacrifice, are united with the offering of Christ.

"At this Mass on the great feast of the Epiphany, as we celebrate the closing of this 175th anniversary year of Sacred Heart Parish, I am happy to be installing Father David Schiedler as your new pastor," the bishop continued. "Let us pray at this Mass for this devoted Holy Cross priest who joyfully assumes his new duties. We pray that he

may be filled with the missionary spirit of Father Sorin, the spiritual wisdom of Blessed Basil Moreau, and the holy humility of St. Andre. I know you will support him with your love and prayers."

The Gospel of the day ended with the Magi returning to their country by another way. They did not return to King Herod.

"When we encounter the Lord and worship Him, we also are called to return home by another way, not to go back to Herod, to sin and darkness," Bishop Rhoades said. "We are called to travel another route – the way of the Gospel, the path of goodness, love, and salvation. The Holy Eucharist is our nourishment to travel that path. May the Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, which has sustained and strengthened the Catholics of this parish for 175 years, always be praised, adored, and loved here with grateful affection. And may Mary our mother, in whose arms the wise men found Jesus, be with you and accompany you with her maternal love and protection."

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