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On World Day of the Sick, the Catholic Church reminds us to not only to pray and care for those with illness, but also for the people who love them and for those who care for them. In advance of the Feb. 11 observance, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visited St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, and Memorial Hospital, South Bend: He is pictured at SJRMC with the Weirich triplets, who were born prematurely. Their father is in the center of the photo, and on the right is Sister Lauren Painter, vice president of Mission Integration and Ministry Formation for St. Joseph Health System.

## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 26TH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2018

*Mater Ecclesiae: "Behold, your son... Behold, your mother.  
And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (Jn 19:26-27)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Church's service to the sick and those who care for them must continue with renewed vigour, in fidelity to the Lord's command (cf. Lk 9:2-6; Mt 10:1-8; Mk 6:7-13) and following the eloquent example of her Founder and Master.

The theme for this year's Day of the Sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: "Woman, behold your son ... Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:26-27).

1. The Lord's words brilliantly illuminate the mystery of the Cross, which does not represent a hopeless tragedy, but rather the place where Jesus manifests his glory and shows his love to the end. That love in turn was to become the basis and rule for the Christian community and the life of each disciple.

Before all else, Jesus' words are the source of *Mary's maternal vocation for all humanity*. Mary was to be, in particular, the Mother of her Son's disciples, caring for them and their journey through life. As we know, a mother's care for her son or daughter includes both the material and spiritual dimensions of their upbringing.

The unspeakable pain of the Cross pierces Mary's soul (cf. Lk 2:35), but does not paralyze her. Quite the opposite. As the Lord's Mother, a new path of self-giving opens up before her. On the Cross, Jesus showed his concern for the Church and all humanity, and Mary is called to share in that same concern. In describing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Acts of the Apostles show that Mary began to carry out this role in

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Molly Gettinger

Bishop Rhoades celebrates an early morning Mass in Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, on Jan. 26. Those in attendance included staff of the medical center and members of the Catholic Medical Association. He was joined by concelebrants Father Henry Byekwaso, left, chaplain of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, and Father Glenn Kohrman, right, chaplain of the St. Andre Bessette Guild of the Catholic Medical Association.

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**POPE MESSAGE, from page 1**

the earliest community of the  
Church. A role that never ceases.

2. John, the beloved dis-  
ciple, is a figure of the Church,  
the messianic people. He  
must *acknowledge Mary as his  
Mother*. In doing so, he is called  
to take her into his home, to see  
in her the model of all disciple-  
ship, and to contemplate the  
maternal vocation that Jesus  
entrusted to her, with all that  
it entails: a loving Mother who  
gives birth to children capable  
of loving as Jesus commands.  
That is why Mary's maternal  
vocation to care for her children  
is entrusted to John and to the  
Church as a whole. The entire  
community of disciples is includ-  
ed in Mary's maternal vocation.

3. John, as a disciple who  
shared everything with Jesus,  
knows that the Master wants  
to *lead all people to an encounter  
with the Father*. He can testify  
to the fact that Jesus met many  
people suffering from spiritual  
sickness due to pride (cf. Jn 8:31-  
39) and from physical ailments  
(cf. Jn 5:6). He bestowed mercy  
and forgiveness upon all, and  
healed the sick as a sign of the  
abundant life of the Kingdom,  
where every tear will be wiped  
away. Like Mary, the dis-  
ciples are called to care for one  
another, but not only that. They  
know that Jesus' heart is open  
to all and excludes no one. The  
Gospel of the Kingdom must be  
proclaimed to all, and the charity  
of Christians must be directed to  
all, simply because they are per-

sons, children of God.

4. *The Church's maternal  
vocation to the needy and to  
the sick* has found concrete  
expression throughout the two  
thousand years of her history in  
an impressive series of initiatives  
on behalf of the sick. This history  
of dedication must not be forgot-  
ten. It continues to the present day  
throughout the world. In countries  
where adequate public health care  
systems exist, the work of Catholic  
religious congregations and dio-  
ceses and their hospitals is aimed  
not only at providing quality medi-  
cal care, but also at putting the  
human person at the centre of the  
healing process, while carrying out  
scientific research with full respect  
for life and for Christian moral  
values. In countries where health  
care systems are inadequate or  
non-existent, the Church seeks  
to do what she can to improve  
health, eliminate infant mortality  
and combat widespread disease.  
Everywhere she tries to provide  
care, even when she is not in a  
position to offer a cure. The image  
of the Church as a "field hospital"  
that welcomes all those wounded  
by life is a very concrete reality,  
for in some parts of the world,  
missionary and diocesan hospitals  
are the only institutions providing  
necessary care to the population.

5. *The memory of this long his-  
tory of service to the sick* is cause  
for rejoicing on the part of the  
Christian community, and espe-  
cially those presently engaged in  
this ministry. Yet we must look to  
the past above all to let it enrich  
us. We should learn the lesson it  
teaches us about the self-sacrific-  
ing generosity of many founders

of institutes in the service of the  
infirm, the creativity, prompted by  
charity, of many initiatives under-  
taken over the centuries, and the  
commitment to scientific research  
as a means of offering innovative  
and reliable treatments to the sick.  
This legacy of the past helps us to  
build a better future, for example,  
by shielding Catholic hospitals  
from the business mentality that  
is seeking worldwide to turn  
health care into a profit-making  
enterprise, which ends up discard-  
ing the poor. Wise organization  
and charity demand that the sick  
person be respected in his or her  
dignity, and constantly kept at  
the centre of the therapeutic pro-  
cess. This should likewise be the  
approach of Christians who work  
in public structures; through their  
service, they too are called to bear  
convincing witness to the Gospel.

6. Jesus bestowed upon  
the Church his *healing power*:  
"These signs will accompany  
those who believe... they will  
lay hands on the sick, and they  
will recover (Mk 16:17-18). In  
the Acts of the Apostles, we read  
accounts of the healings worked  
by Peter (cf. Acts 3:4-8) and Paul  
(cf. Acts 14:8-11). The Church's  
mission is a response to Jesus' gift,  
for she knows that she must  
bring to the sick the Lord's own  
gaze, full of tenderness and com-  
passion. Health care ministry  
will always be a necessary and  
fundamental task, to be carried  
out with renewed enthusiasm  
by all, from parish communities  
to the most largest healthcare  
institutions. We cannot forget  
the tender love and perseverance  
of many families in caring for

their chronically sick or severely  
disabled children, parents and  
relatives. The care given within  
families is an extraordinary  
witness of love for the human  
person; it needs to be fittingly  
acknowledged and supported by  
suitable policies. Doctors and  
nurses, priests, consecrated men  
and women, volunteers, families  
and all those who care for the  
sick, take part in this ecclesial  
mission. It is a shared responsi-  
bility that enriches the value of  
the daily service given by each.

7. To Mary, Mother of tender  
love, we wish to entrust all those  
who are ill in body and soul, that  
she may sustain them in hope.  
We ask her also to help us to be  
welcoming to our sick brothers  
and sisters. The Church knows  
that she requires a special grace  
to live up to her evangelical task  
of serving the sick. May our  
prayers to the Mother of God see  
us united in an incessant plea  
that every member of the Church  
may live with love the vocation  
to serve life and health. May  
the Virgin Mary intercede for  
this Twenty-sixth World Day of  
the Sick; may she help the sick  
to experience their suffering in  
communion with the Lord Jesus;  
and may she support all those  
who care for them. To all, the  
sick, to healthcare workers and  
to volunteers, I cordially impart  
my Apostolic Blessing.

*From the Vatican, 26  
November 2017  
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, King of the Universe*

FRANCIS

## Bishop celebrates the Eucharist at Memorial Hospital

BY FATHER DR. JOACHIM  
OFORCHUKWU, CSSp

The leadership of Memorial  
Hospital, South Bend,  
extended an invitation to  
the Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades,  
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South  
Bend, to visit and celebrate the  
Eucharist on Jan. 16. This was  
the bishop's first official visit to  
the hospital, and he celebrated  
Mass in Memorial Interfaith  
Chapel.

Memorial Hospital has a  
strong Catholic presence, and  
the Mass was well-attended by  
Catholics and non-Catholics from  
across Beacon Health System.  
The chapel ordinarily contains  
60 people, but there was so  
much interest and enthusiasm  
shown by the worshippers that  
capacity was exceeded.

During his homily, Bishop  
Rhoades expressed gratefulness  
for the invitation. He asked the  
staff and workers to continue to  
do their work selflessly. Their  
work is more than a job, he said  
— it is a vocation. He asked the  
congregants to emulate Jesus  
Christ, who out of love and com-  
passion healed the sick.

Bishop Rhoades was joined in  
the celebration of the Eucharist

by the Memorial Hospital  
chaplain, Father Dr. Joachim  
Oforchukwu, CSSp. Other clergy  
in attendance were Father  
Glenn Kohrman, Father Michael  
Mbonu, Father Eric Burgener  
and Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick. The  
choir received praise for a great  
job. It was St. Augustine who  
said that, "He who sings prays  
twice." The music added a new  
color to the beautiful liturgy.

Following the Mass, Bishop  
Rhoades went to the Mother/  
Baby Unit to give a blessing.  
He also prayed with a cancer  
patient and anointed an ICU  
patient. After anointing him,  
the bishop prayed the prayers  
for the Commendation of the  
Dying, including the litany of  
saints. After he prayed the  
prayer, "Go forth, Christian soul,  
from this world... May you see  
your Redeemer face to face," the  
patient took his last breath.

The bishop's visit to Memorial  
Hospital was greatly enjoyed  
and appreciated, and brought  
healing to the community. The  
visit echoes the mandate given  
by Jesus to the Twelve Apostles,  
"And He sent them out to pro-  
claim the Kingdom of God and to  
heal the sick" (Luke 9:2).



Fred Everett

**In observance of World Day of the Sick, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass with staff members and visitors at Memorial Interfaith Chapel, Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Jan. 16.**

# Retired Archbishop Buechlein of Indianapolis dies at age 79

ST. MEINRAD, Ind. (CNS) — Retired Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis, a Benedictine priest for 53 years, died Jan. 25 at age 79.

His death was reported by St. Meinrad Archabbey, where he had lived in retirement since 2011.

Archbishop Buechlein headed the Archdiocese of Indianapolis from July 14, 1992, until his retirement Sept. 21, 2011.

During his 19 years as archdiocese's spiritual and pastoral leader, Archbishop Buechlein was especially interested in promoting Catholic education, young adult ministry and vocations to priesthood and the religious life.

Under his leadership, enrollment in the archdiocese's Catholic schools increased 30 percent to more than 25,000 students, reversing a 25-year decline. Innovative partnerships with the Lilly Endowment, campaigns to help fund new education initiatives, and the support of the business community led to improved student performance, which the U.S. Department of Education recognized by awarding 26 archdiocesan schools with Blue Ribbon awards for excellence.

Archbishop Buechlein garnered support to keep Catholic schools in the central city open to serve students from low-income families and the growing immigrant population. He also led the effort to build two new grade schools in the city. He expanded the archdiocese's ministry to young adults by starting a Theology on Tap program, adding new college campus ministry programs and creating new archdiocesan staff positions to provide outreach to young adults.

In 2003, Archbishop Buechlein established the ministry of permanent diaconate in the archdiocese. The first class of 25 deacons was ordained in 2008.

He also founded the Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary in Indianapolis in 2004 to prepare college seminarians for major seminary. The seminary quickly attracted young men discerning a vocation to the priesthood and today has nearly 50 seminarians from 10 dioceses.

The archdiocesan Catholic Charities network and other social outreach ministries also expanded at the archbishop's urging. A 30,000-square-foot shelter for homeless families, the Holy Family Shelter, was among the new programs initiated.

After a series of budget deficits, Archbishop Buechlein guided the archdiocese to firm financial footing and oversaw the dramatic growth

of the Catholic Community Foundation, which is responsible for the archdiocese's endowments. During his tenure, 337 endowment funds with a value of more than \$100 million were established.

He suffered a mild stroke in March 2011 and was admitted to St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. On Aug. 1, 2011, he submitted his resignation to Pope Benedict XVI. Two months later he moved to the infirmary at the monastery at St. Meinrad.

As his health permitted, Archbishop Buechlein wrote a book, "Surprised by Grace: Memories and Reflections After 25 Years of Episcopal Ministry," which was published in 2013.

The archbishop was born in Jasper, Indiana, April 20, 1938, to Carl and Rose (Blessinger) Buechlein and given the name Marcus George.

He joined the Benedictines at St. Meinrad in August 1958 and professed simple vows a year later, taking the name Daniel. He made his solemn vows in 1962 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1964.

After ordination, the young priest spent two years in Rome, where he obtained a licentiate in sacred theology from the International Benedictine University of Sant' Anselmo.

Returning to Indiana in 1966, he served as assistant dean of students and chairman of the division of religion at St. Meinrad College. In 1971, he was director of the first national conference for seminary spiritual directors



CNS photo/Bob Nichols

**Retired Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis died Jan. 25 at age 79 in the infirmary of St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana. He is pictured in a 2011 photo.**

and coordinated the founding of the Midwest Association of Seminary Spiritual Directors.

That same year, he began 16 years of service as president-rector of St. Meinrad School of Theology, the last five of which he also served as president-rector of the college and taught courses on priestly ministry and spirituality.

St. John Paul II appointed then-Father Buechlein as the third bishop of the Diocese of Memphis, Tennessee, in 1987. Five years later he was named archbishop of Indianapolis.

Surviving are his brother, Charles, and nieces and nephews.

## Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on the passing of Archbishop Buechlein

"The Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the state of Indiana were truly blessed by the leadership of Archbishop Buechlein during his 19 years as our shepherd. His deep faith was evident, a faith nurtured by his commitment to daily prayer. Before coming to Indiana, I knew of the archbishop through his leadership in the U.S. in the area of catechesis. After he installed me as Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, I experienced his kindness and hospitality, and I saw his loving concern for others, especially the sick and the poor. I learned of his great commitment to Catholic education, including his dedication to inner-city Catholic schools. I think he was a strong, yet gentle pastor, after the heart of Christ, the Good Shepherd. His embrace of the Lord's cross in these latter years reminded me of St. John Paul II as he shared in the Lord's passion with faith and hope, offering his sufferings for the good of others. I pray that Archbishop Buechlein will receive the reward of his labors, eternal joy and peace in the company of the saints in heaven."



## Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, February 4: 3 p.m. — Mass in Spanish, Immaculate Conception Church, Kendallville

Tuesday, February 6: 7:45 a.m. — Pastoral Visit to Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne, with Mass at 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6: 7 p.m. — Little Flower Holy Hour, St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel, Fort Wayne

Friday, February 9: 11 a.m. — Mass, Our Lady of the Angels Convent Chapel, Mishawaka

Saturday, February 10: 7 a.m. — Mass and Breakfast with Deacon Candidates, Lindenwood Retreat Center, Donaldson

## Papal decree recognizes martyrdom in Algeria

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has recognized the martyrdom of a bishop, seven Trappist monks and 11 other religious men and women killed by extremists in Algeria in the 1990s.

At a meeting Jan. 26 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, Pope Francis signed the decree for the causes of Bishop Pierre Lucien Claverie of Oran, Algeria, and 18 companions, paving the way for their beatification.

The 19 men and women died between 1993 and 1996, while Algeria was locked in a 10-year-long armed conflict between government forces and extremist Islamic rebel groups; the conflict left tens of thousands of people dead.

Bishop Claverie and his driver were killed by a remote-controlled bomb left by the bishop's residence, and the seven Trappist monks, who had been kidnapped from the monastery of Tibhirine, were beheaded by a group of Islamic terrorists trained by the al-Qaida network. The monks' story was treated in the film "Of Gods and Men," which won the grand prize at its premiere at the Cannes Film Festival in 2010.

Trappist Father Thomas Georgeon, postulator of the cause, told the Italian bishops' radio station Jan. 27 that a date

for the beatification ceremony had not yet been set, but he hoped the Mass would be celebrated in Oran.

Pope Francis also recognized the martyrdom of Veronica Antal, a Romanian lay member of the Secular Franciscan Order and the Militia Immaculatae, which was founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe. She died in 1958 at the age of 22 after an assailant stabbed her dozens of times in a corn field for refusing his sexual advances.

Clearing the way for her canonization, the pope also recognized a miracle attributed to Blessed Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa, a Spanish religious, who was born in 1889 and founded the Missionary Crusaders of the Church.

He also recognized miracles attributed to three other religious women, paving the way for their beatification:

— Venerable Elisabeth Eppinger, a French religious who founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Redeemer; she died in 1867.

— Venerable Clelia Merloni, the Italian founder of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who died in 1930.

— Venerable Maria Gargani, the Italian founder of the Sisters Apostles of the Sacred Heart. She was also very active with Catholic Action and was a close friend who exchanged extensive correspondence with St. Padre Pio. She died in 1973.



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**Trappist monks are pictured in a scene from the 2011 film "Of Gods and Men," which tells the story of the kidnapping and beheading of seven Trappist monks by a group of Islamic terrorists in 1996. Pope Francis has approved the beatification of the seven monks, along with Bishop Pierre Lucien Claverie of Oran, Algeria, and 11 other religious men and women killed by extremists in Algeria in the 1990s.**

## It's been too long...

On February 28th, every parish in the Diocese will offer confessions between 6-8pm.

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## DREAMers: Countdown to crisis

# Dreamer wants Congress to save DACA so she can minister at her parish

BY RUBY THOMAS  
AND JESSICA ABLE

SPRINGFIELD, Ky. (CNS) — Holding the Lectionary high, Mirna Lozano processed into St. Dominic Church in late October during the parish's first young adult Mass, which she organized with the help of her father, Rodrigo.

The father-daughter duo recently earned certification in youth ministry through the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Youth and Young Adults. They are looking forward to seeing youth ministry grow at the parish.

But Mirna's future in Springfield is uncertain. The 19-year-old native of Mexico was brought to the United States without proper documentation when she was 4 years old. The U.S. is the only home she knows.

For now, she's protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program. President Donald Trump's decision to cancel the program — which protects 800,000 young people from deportation — leaves an uncertain future, though.

What's more certain for Mirna and other young Hispanics is fear.

Trump called on lawmakers in Washington to pass a measure to preserve DACA. To that end, advocates around the country have rallied to urge passage of the DREAM Act — the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act — to provide a pathway to citizenship for DACA beneficiaries, but Congress has yet to act.

The young people who would benefit from the act's passage, known as "Dreamers," are afraid they will have to give up their lives in the U.S. and be forced to return to countries they barely remember.

Mirna, who hopes to be a teacher and youth minister, said she feels her future lies in the hands of the federal government. She has voluntarily registered under DACA.

"This is our country. This is all we know," she told *The Record*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Mirna, her father and a group of six other young people, including her younger sister Dora, shared their journeys after the Mass at St. Dominic.

Rodrigo Lozano said his family moved to the U.S. 15 years ago, trading the suffocating violence of Mexico City for the sleepy rural community of Springfield, 59 miles southeast of Louisville. Mirna was 4 and Dora only 3.

He said he came looking for a "better ... more peaceful life" for his family. "It's every parents' dream," he said.

Despite a tough economy in



CNS photo/Jessica Able, The Record

**Mirna Lozano is a member of St. Dominic Church in Springfield, Ky. She is one of about 800,000 young people protected from deportation by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which is ending. Lozano and her father, Rodrigo, recently earned certification in youth ministry through the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Youth and Young Adults.**

Mexico, he had managed to hold a decent job, but Mexico City had become inundated with violence, he said. After being assaulted at gunpoint several times, he felt he had no choice but to leave his homeland. Traveling to the U.S. without documents is a major decision because it's dangerous, he admitted.

The elder Lozano said he initially traveled north alone to prepare a life for his family. His wife and two daughters joined him about a year later.

When Rodrigo arrived, he did not speak English, had nowhere to live and no clothes to wear. But he found work on farms and sometimes cleaned streets.

"You don't care how much you're paid, you just want to work," he said.

As for regrets, Rodrigo has none.

Since moving to Springfield the family, including a son born in the U.S., have found a home in St. Dominic Church, where they are active parishioners.

Despite the looming threat of deportation, Mirna continues to look ahead. She and her father are proud of their youth ministry certificates and are forming a multi-ethnic youth group at the parish.

Mirna also is active in the community, helping other young people understand their options for higher education despite their legal status. Undocumented young people, even those protected by DACA, do not qualify for federal student aid.

She said he hopes to foster unity and a better understanding between Hispanics and the larger community in Springfield.

DACA is not just a political issue, she noted. It's about people "striving for a better life."

She wants to help others understand that.

Mirna hopes that Congress will pass the DREAM Act and that there will be a path to legalization for the parents of Dreamers.

Since the president's decision in September to cancel DACA — he gave Congress six months to act before formally ending the program — Mirna has felt the Catholic Church's presence and support because it has helped her feel safe.

Father Pepper Elliott, pastor, who celebrates Mass in Spanish for the Hispanic community at St. Dominic Church, said it would be a tragedy to lose the Dreamers.

"They're just as much our young people as any other in our parish and they're just as close to our hearts," Father Elliott said.

He held up Mirna's leadership in organizing the young adult Mass. She graduated from Bethlehem High School in Bardstown, Kentucky, where she was elected president of her senior class, he said.

Young Latinos such as Mirna have grown up in the community and some attended St. Dominic School, he explained, noting that many now are of college and working age, contributing to the community by holding jobs, paying taxes, rent and utilities, buying necessities, such as clothing and cars, and even helping create jobs.

On top of that, Father Elliott added, they add to the community through their family life and values.

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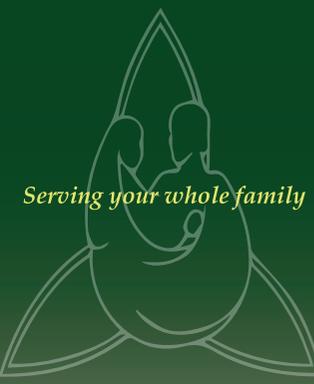
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# New loan product preys on low-income persons

INDIANAPOLIS — A proposal to expand short-term loan products that prey on low-income persons advanced in the Indiana House. The Indiana Catholic Conference opposed the proposal.

House Bill 1319 would create a new class of high-interest, unsecured, consumer loans designed for persons who need cash, but do not qualify for traditional loans. The bill passed the House Financial Institutions panel, by an 8-5 vote, Jan. 24 after a lengthy hearing.

The proposal would preserve two-week payday loans up to \$605 and would expand allowable predatory loans up to \$1,500 over 12 months, with up to 222 percent annual percentage rate. The bill stipulates that the minimum payment set for the borrower cannot exceed 20 percent of the person's gross monthly income. Under current law, payday loans may charge borrowers up to 391 percent APR.

While the new class of loans authorized in HB 1319 have a lower interest rate and a longer term to pay back than the current payday loans, the high interest rates still have the same effect on working people

with low income, said Glenn Tebbe, ICC executive director, who testified in opposition to the bill.

Tebbe said although employed, the borrowers' pay is not enough to make ends meet. As a result, those struggling financially seek out resources to provide for ordinary or sudden unexpected needs. The borrowers' paycheck is not enough for living expenses plus high interest and fees of these loans.

The bill's author, Rep. Martin Carbaugh, R-Fort Wayne, said the concept of the bill was brought to him by the payday loan industry. He said the goal is to create a product for hard-working people with bad credit who need to secure emergency funding for various reasons. "When I say bad credit, these are folks who can't get credit from a traditional bank or even a credit card," Carbaugh said similar products exist in other states and have shown to help people meet immediate need and build credit.

Public testimony given at a recent hearing in the House of Representatives offered a bleak perspective on the effects a new small-loan product, authorized in HB 1319, would have for

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low-income persons.

Erin Macey, policy analyst for the Indiana Institute for Working Families, calls the bill "a dramatic expansion of payday lending." Macey disagreed that these loans would be a credit-building product because research has shown that half of all borrowers with these types of loans default. Under this bill, Macey calculates a borrower making \$17,000 in annual income, who took a 12-month loan, could pay up to \$1,800 in fees alone. Macey sees the bill as the legalization of "criminal loan-sharking."

The panel heard testimony from members of the armed services who said the bill would hurt veterans. Jim Bauerle, retired army brigadier general, representing the Indiana Veterans Coalition, said soldiers he knew used to get caught up in a revolving loan crisis.

It took Congress to step in and limit the interest rate to 36 percent on predatory loans to protect those on active duty.

Bauerle called the interest rates on these products "outrageous," and added that the federal law doesn't protect those serving in the reserves or veterans. He said reservists, serving in Indiana who gather intelligence to help those on active duty, could lose their security clearance if they get into credit trouble. Many veterans are young and lack financial literacy. Creating a new high-interest loan product could hurt reservists' clearance status, and the national defense.

Steve Hoffman, president and CEO for Brightpoint, opposes the bill. "The costs are just too high," he said. "We do a lot of research in our organization. We found that 89 percent who had previously had a payday loan say they never want to use the product again."

About 15 months ago, Brightpoint, an organization based in Fort Wayne, serving low-income persons, launched an alternative loan program which fills a need for those with bad credit who need money. The loans have an APR of 21 percent. The alter-

native loans, offered through Brightpoint, also help low-income persons build credit. Hoffman said the loans created in HB 1319 won't help citizens; it will actually hurt them.

Members of the payday loan industry, who testified in support of the measure, assert the new product would help meet the immediate needs of low-income persons and help them long term by enabling them to establish good credit.

The ICC is actively working to protect low-income Hoosier consumers from predatory loans. One effort is to support a payday loan bill, Senate Bill 325, which caps high-interest loans at 36 percent. The other effort is to halt final passage of this new class of predatory loans contained in House Bill 1319.

**To follow ICC priority legislation, details and get updates, go to [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org).**

# USCCB president calls for prayer after pair of school shootings

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston called for prayers for the victims killed and injured in a pair of school shootings in Kentucky and Texas.

In a statement released Jan. 23 after the second shooting in two days, Cardinal DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said Christians experience the pain of the family and friends of the victims "as if it were our own."

"We pray for eternal rest for those who have died. Let us pray, too, for the families, teachers and friends who must now endure the suffering of losing those dearest to them," the cardinal said.

"We stand in solidarity with the children who face a long road of recover from serious injuries. May they find comfort in a loving community," he said.

He also called for people to reach out "in compassion to assist the grieving."

Police said a 15-year-old male student was arrested at Marshall County High School in Benton, Kentucky, Jan. 23 after two people died and 18 were injured after a shooter opened fire before classes began.

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin said the teenager faced murder and attempted murder charges.

The slain victims were a boy and a girl, both 15, state police said. The girl died at the scene and the boy died at a hospital.

A day earlier in Italy, Texas, police arrested a 16-year-old high school student in connection with a shooting that left a 15-year-old girl injured.

Police in the community about 50 miles south of Dallas, said the incident occurred in the Italy High School cafeteria. The girl was airlifted to a hospital in Dallas. Police did not release any other information about the incident.

In other reaction, Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich said that "yet again, we are brought to our knees in prayer and pain as we consider the horrors of gun violence."

He noted that in both Texas and Kentucky, children were the victims, "struck down apparently by other children — limitless potential cut short, families seized by grief." He offered prayers for the shooting victims at both schools and their families and for those shot "on the streets of our cities."

"We used to call these heinous acts 'unimaginable,'" the cardinal said in a Jan. 23 statement. "But we don't need to imagine them anymore, because they happen every single day in America. And why?"



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**Students attend a prayer vigil Jan. 23 at a church in Marion, Ky., after a 15-year-old boy opened fire with a handgun that day at Marshall County High School. Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called for prayers for the victims killed and injured in a pair of school shootings in Kentucky and Italy High School in Texas Jan. 22.**

... Because we lack a health care system and culture that adequately support those who need psychological treatment."

He called it "all too easy" in the United States "to carry out mass shootings with high-

powered artillery designed to kill human beings."

"Every day we fail to hold our elected officials accountable for our nation's weak gun-safety laws, we fail our children and condemn them to a life

marked by violence that could have been prevented," Cardinal Cupich said. "How many children have to die before we find the political will to do something about it?"

# Religious vocations continue to blossom within the United States

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious released findings from its annual survey of the communities whose major superiors (or those analogous to a major superior) are members (or associate members) of CMSWR. The data confirm an encouraging trend in the number of young women who are choosing consecrated life. The 2017 report, prepared for the CMSWR by Sister Mary Bendyna, OP, again shows over 900 sisters currently in initial formation, with temporary professed as the largest group followed by novices and postulants. The number of sisters in the initial stages of religious life has remained steady throughout the six years this survey has been conducted, continuing an encouraging trend among CMSWR members and their communities.

"Religious life continues to blossom in the United States," said Mother Mary McGreevy,

RSM Chairperson of the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious and Superior General of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. "Amongst responding communities, 165 new postulants were welcomed in 2016. These same communities also received 137 sisters as novices and celebrated 103 first professions and 72 perpetual professions. These numbers indicate that young women today are hearing and responding to God's call for a total gift of self. This encouraging trend is a blessing not only for the individual communities but for the entire Church."

The survey also asked respondents to indicate the country of birth of each sister who made perpetual profession in 2016. The data showed that the majority of newly perpetually professed sisters (62.5 percent) were born in the United States. The next most common countries of origin this year were Mexico (7 percent)

and the Philippines (6 percent).

The average age of the sisters overall is 58 years old, consistent with previous studies. The average age of postulants is 28 years old, of novices 28 years old, and 32.5 years old for temporary professed sisters. About 85 percent of professed sisters are fully engaged in active service, while 15 percent are retired because of age or infirmity. The sisters currently serve in at least 137 dioceses across the United States.

Based on data from the 108 responses gathered from major superiors who represent CMSWR's 120 religious communities, the 2017 report shows a wide range of apostolates that span every field and ministry. The most prevalent areas of outreach are education (20 percent); health care (16 percent); and evangelization, catechesis, and religious education (12 percent). Because the survey asked respondents to count each sister only once, using the category



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that best describes her primary apostolate, these figures do not reflect the much higher numbers of sisters who actually serve in these and other apostolates. The sisters serve in well over 400 educational institutions and nearly 200 health care facilities, as well as in almost 300

## Prayer for Consecrated Persons

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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parishes, 50 retreat or spirituality centers, and numerous other institutional and noninstitutional settings.

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# Sharing 'fake news' makes one an accomplice in evil, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — People have a responsibility to check the source of what they share on social media to ensure it is not "fake news" designed to further prejudices or increase fear, Pope Francis said.

Fake news grabs people's attention "by appealing to stereotypes and common social prejudices, and exploiting instantaneous emotions like anxiety, contempt, anger and frustration," Pope Francis wrote in his message for World Communications Day 2018.

The message is a reflection on the theme, "'The truth will set you free.' Fake news and journalism for peace." World Communications Day will be celebrated May 13 at the Vatican and in most dioceses. The papal message was released at the Vatican Jan. 24, the feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of journalists.

Fake news is so effective, he said, because it mimics real news but uses "non-existent or distorted data" to deceive and manipulate.

The first to employ the fake-news tactic was the serpent in the Garden of Eden who convinced Eve she would not die by eating the fruit of the forbidden tree, he said. The Bible story shows that "there is no such thing as harmless disinformation; on the contrary, trusting in falsehood can have dire consequences."

Pope Francis praised educators who teach young people how to read and question the news and the information they see presented on social

## Pope Francis' Prayer for Countering "Fake News"

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

Where there is **shouting**, let us **practice listening**;

Where there is **confusion**, let us **inspire harmony**;

Where there is **ambiguity**, let us **bring clarity**;

Where there is **exclusion**, let us **offer solidarity**;

Where there is **sensationalism**, let us **use sobriety**;

Where there is **superficiality**, let us **raise real questions**;

Where there is **prejudice**, let us **awaken trust**;

Where there is **hostility**, let us **bring respect**;

Where there is **falsehood**, let us **bring truth**.

Amen.

— Pope Francis, message for World Communications Day 2018

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At the end of his message for World Communications Day 2018, Pope Francis included a prayer he wrote adapted from the "Prayer of St. Francis." The message was released at the Vatican Jan. 24, the feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of journalists.

media. He encouraged efforts to develop regulations to counter fake news and he praised tech and media companies for trying to improve ways to verify "the personal identities concealed behind millions of digital pro-

files."

But, he insisted, individuals always will have the final responsibility for discerning what is real news and what is helpful to share on social media.

"We need to unmask what could be called the 'snake tactics' used by those who disguise themselves in order to strike at any time and place" like the serpent in the Garden of Eden did.

The snake's power grows as people limit their sources of information to one outlet, especially if that outlet is a social media platform whose algorithms are based on providing users with more information like they have just read, the pope said.

"Disinformation thus thrives on the absence of healthy confrontation with other sources of information that could effectively challenge prejudices and generate constructive dialogue," he wrote.

People who repost or retweet such false information, the pope said, become "unwilling accomplices in spreading biased and baseless ideas."

One way to know if something should be checked and not be shared, he said, is if it "discredits others, presenting them as enemies, to the point of demonizing them and fomenting conflict."

In the modern world, with the rapid and viral spread of news and information — both real and fake — lives and souls are at stake, he said, because the "father of lies" is the devil.

True discernment, the pope said, means examining information and keeping what promotes communion and goodness, while rejecting whatever "tends to isolate, divide, and oppose."

"We can recognize the truth of statements from their fruits: whether they provoke quarrels, foment division, encourage resignation; or, on the other hand,

they promote informed and mature reflection leading to constructive dialogue and fruitful results," Pope Francis wrote.

Journalists, he said, have a special responsibility in the modern world amid the media "feeding frenzies and the mad rush for a scoop."

Pope Francis asked media professions to promote "a journalism of peace," which does not mean ignoring problems or being saccharine. It means "a journalism that is truthful and opposed to falsehoods, rhetorical slogans and sensational headlines."

A journalism of peace is at the service of all people, "especially those — and they are the majority in our world — who have no voice," he said. It is "a journalism committed to pointing out alternatives to the escalation of shouting matches and verbal violence."

Pope Francis ended his message with his own adaptation of the "Prayer of St. Francis" for both those who report the news and those who read or watch it.

"Where there is shouting, let us practice listening," the prayer said. "Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity."

"Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust," it continued. "Where there is hostility, let us bring respect; where there is falsehood, let us bring truth."

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Lord's Prayer: Germans stick with wording; Italians to change at Mass

ROME (CNS) — After special study, the German bishops' conference decided to stick with the traditional wording in the Lord's Prayer, while the Italian bishops' conference has decided to change the words of the prayer in their translation of the Roman Missal. The decisions come after the French bishops decided that beginning early December last year, French Catholics would change the line, "Lead us not into temptation," to the equivalent of "do not let us enter into temptation." French-speaking Catholics in Benin and Belgium began using the new translation at Pentecost last June. The common Spanish translation already is "no nos dejes caer en la tentación" or "do not let us fall into temptation." The issue got wide attention after Pope Francis discussed the line, "And lead us not into temptation," with Father Marco Pozza, a Catholic prison chaplain, Dec. 6, as part of a television series on the Lord's Prayer.

## In times of trouble, turn to Mary, pope says at St. Mary Major Basilica

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A relationship with Mary, the mother of God, is not "optional" for Christians, Pope Francis said, because Jesus points to her as a source of protection and guidance. Wherever people have opened their doors to Mary, "the devil doesn't come in; wherever the Mother Mary is, turmoil will not prevail, fear will not win. Who among us doesn't need this? Who among us is not sometimes in distress or worried?" he asked in a morning homily Jan. 28. The pope celebrated Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major on the feast of the formal installation of the basilica's Marian icon, "Salus Populi Romani" (health of the Roman people). The icon had been extensively restored in time for the day's celebration. Pope Francis is particularly devoted to the icon, which has had a place in the hearts of Rome citizens since the 16th century when their prayers to be saved from the plague seemed to be answered after the image was carried through the city streets in a procession.

## Ahead of Super Bowl, Catholics partner to ramp up anti-trafficking efforts

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — For Terry Forliti, a series of traumatic events as a teenager — being raped by her boss, her friend dying in a car accident and her

## Afghanistan deadly bombing



CNS photo/Mohammad Ismail, Reuters

An injured man receives medical assistance after a Jan. 27 blast in Kabul, Afghanistan. An attacker driving an ambulance packed with explosives detonated them in the Afghan capital, leaving at least 95 people dead and nearly 200 others injured, Afghan officials said.

parents divorcing — spurred heavy drug use that carried into adulthood. But Forliti was able to function — up until her own divorce, being laid off from her job with a health care company and losing her home. An admitted alcoholic, she also lost custody of her two children. She saw her support system crumble, along with her self-worth. And when she sought treatment, her takeaway wasn't recovery, but rather learning where to get more drugs. People who profit from selling others for sex are trained to spot and aggravate their victims' vulnerabilities. Ultimately, one perpetrator spotted Forliti's. Thus began her life on the street at age 38, segueing into becoming a victim of sex trafficking. "This didn't just fall on my lap, and it doesn't just fall on anyone's lap," said Forliti, 56. She is now executive director of Breaking Free, a survivor-led organization in the Twin Cities dedicated to helping victims of sex trafficking and other violent crimes. Her group and others are raising awareness of trafficking and offering help

to victims during the days surrounding the Super Bowl Feb. 4 in Minneapolis.

## West Coast pro-life walk draws tens of thousands to San Francisco streets

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — Smiling and singing "Amazing Grace" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," hundreds of high school and college students led tens of thousands of pro-life supporters along San Francisco's Market Street in the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast. The event, which begins each year with a rally in the Civic Center, is followed by the walk from City Hall to the wharf behind a street-wide banner that proclaims, "Abortion Hurts Women." This year the Walk for Life was held Jan. 27, one week after more than 50,000 pink-clad participants in the Women's March converged on the city's downtown streets.

Eva Muntean, the pro-life event's co-chair, wore a pink shirt, for the Walk for Life, saying she was "taking back pink," which supporters of legal abortion have made their signature color. "We are here to take back the narrative that abortion is a right," Muntean told the crowd from the stage in front of City Hall. For many, the day began with a packed Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, where San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone began his homily by noting that the U.S. Congress has been debating the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. The U.S. House Jan. 19 passed the measure, which prohibits a health care practitioner from allowing the death of a baby born alive during an abortion or an attempted abortion.

## Notre Dame community reacts to controversy over contraceptives

NOTRE DAME Ind. (CNS) — Some University of Notre Dame

students, faculty and alumni are voicing strong public criticism over the university administration's decision to continue employee insurance coverage for sterilizations, contraceptives and abortifacients after a federal mandate to do so was amended late last year. An Oct. 27 university email to university employees stated that the previously mandated coverage would end Dec. 31. A small campus protest ensued and The American Civil Liberties Union of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame Women's Legal Forum executive board also objected — and the university reversed course. However, a Nov. 29 letter to the university's president, Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, from the executive board of the Notre Dame Chapter of University Faculty for Life, was published in the "Viewpoint" section of the Jan. 18 issue of the university's newspaper. "With the March for Life approaching," it said, "we, the executive board of the Notre Dame Chapter of University Faculty for Life, want to make clear that there are many Notre Dame faculty, staff and students who oppose these policies that facilitate the destruction of human life, and who are committed to the holistic teachings of the church on the sanctity of all human life." It also stated that "university communications have left much unsaid and caused manifest confusion."

## Advocates alarmed at U.S. suspension of aid to Palestinian refugees

JERUSALEM (CNS) — The U.S. suspension of \$65 million in aid to the U.N. agency that deals with Palestinian refugees alarmed advocates who work with Palestinians living in camps. Hilary DuBose, country representative to the U.S. bishops' Catholic Relief Services, said her agency is "deeply concerned about the impact such a dramatic cut in aid will have." The agency, UNRWA, "is one of the major providers of critical, basic life-sustaining support services — including food assistance, education, health care, sanitation management — in the refugee camps. These needs exist." Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, New Mexico, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, said cutting the aid to refugee assistance would be inhumane. "We have visited the refugee camps in Gaza and, even with the assistance they receive, they live very meager and undignified lives," said Bishop Cantu, who was participating in the Hispanic Bishops' Pilgrimage for Peace in the Holy Land. "The separation wall has already devastated their economy. Able-bodied Palestinians who would want to work and are trying to work can't find sufficient work to support their families. It would be absolutely inhumane to cut the aid."

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is RAMP School

FORT WAYNE — The American School Counselor Association has announced that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School has a Recognized ASCA Model Program.

The RAMP designation, awarded for aligning with the criteria in the ASCA National Model, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment. Since the program's inception, more than 800 schools have been designated as RAMP recipients.

"This year's RAMP honorees have shown their commitment to students and the school counseling profession," said Jill Cook, ASCA assistant director. "These schools used data to drive their program development and implementation so all students can achieve success."

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will be honored at a recognition ceremony at ASCA's annual conference in Los Angeles, California, on Monday, July 16, for making an exemplary commitment to comprehensive school counseling programs.

The next submission deadline is Oct. 15. For more information on the program, visit [www.schoolcounselor.org/ramp](http://www.schoolcounselor.org/ramp).

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Children march for life



Provided by Mary Stutzman

Religious education students at St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish, Bristol, participated in the parish's seventh annual march for life recently. After processing through the hallways of the Education Center, they gathered in the gymnasium to chant "We are the pro-life generation!"

## St. Aloysius School participates in 'Day of Giving'

YODER — St. Aloysius School participated in the "Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools" campaign coordinated through the National Catholic Education Association. Donations were accepted online at [www.saintaloyusiyoder.giving.factsmgt.com](http://www.saintaloyusiyoder.giving.factsmgt.com). St. Aloysius' goal was to raise \$30,000.

"We work together forming saints and scholars in Christ," said St. Aloysius Principal Tina Voors. "There is a great calling in this vocation of education to cooperate with God's plan to form each child spiritually and academically."

She said St. Aloysius School is committed to giving the students the best education in a solidly Roman Catholic environment.

"This formation takes time and financial resources," she added. "Funds donated will help provide new technology that will not only help our teachers better serve each and every student in the classroom, but will also improve the safety of our school by installing new tools and equipment. A safe environment, the right tools and gifted dedicated teachers are blessings God has given to us in service of our students and their families."

## Celebrating Mass for Eagles, Patriots a joy for East Coast priests

BY MATTHEW DAVIS

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — Catholic coaches and players of the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles have clear game plans for making Sunday Mass in the midst of prepping for big games each week.

Msgr. Mike Foley and Father Tom Barcellona celebrate Mass for the respective Super Bowl-bound teams they serve.

"I have great respect for these men. They work really hard," Msgr. Foley told *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He made the comments in advance of the Feb. 4 game in U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Msgr. Foley, a priest of the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts, received a call from the Patriots' hotel one morning in 1990 to celebrate Mass for the team's Catholic coaches and players, and he has done it ever since. He's not the team's official Catholic chaplain, however; they don't have one.

"I see it as just trying to serve," said Msgr. Foley, pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist in Westborough.

Father Barcellona has served as the Eagles' Catholic chaplain since 2004, the last season the team went to the Super Bowl. In addition to Mass, he offers pastoral guidance and sacramental preparation for players and

coaches alike. He also attends practices and home games.

A priest of the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, Father Barcellona said serving the team has been an enjoyable experience. His main assignment is at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, made up of Assumption Church in Galloway and St. Nicholas Church in Egg Harbor City. The parish is almost 60 miles away from the Eagles' headquarters in Philadelphia.

He's happy to make the drive, as he sees the ministry's necessity for the coaches and players engaged in the NFL's demands, including substantial time away from family. "During the season, they pretty much live, breathe and eat football," Father Barcellona said of the players and coaches.

He also helps provide priests for visiting teams across the NFL through his role on the board for Catholic Athletes for Christ. The nationwide ministry works with athletes of all levels to live the Catholic faith.

Although he normally doesn't attend road games, Father Barcellona was hoping to come to Minneapolis for the Super Bowl, as he attended the Eagles' previous Super Bowl in February 2005. The Eagles also faced the Patriots in that game, falling 24-21.

Msgr. Foley hasn't been to any of the Patriots' previous eight Super Bowl appearances in the past 21 years, and he won't attend this year's game in



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People walk into the Mall of America Jan. 28 in Bloomington, Minn., site of the media center for Super Bowl LII. The NFL champions, the Philadelphia Eagles, and the AFC champions, the New England Patriots, will compete in Super Bowl LII Feb. 4 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis. However, he has enjoyed the team's success and the opportunity to see a bright side of a sometimes scandal-marked team.

"My experience of the Patriots has been extremely positive," he said.

Besides the Eagles' teamwork, Father Barcellona has appreciated the Christian witness among a significant number of players, Catholic or not. That includes quarterback Nick Foles crediting God in a post-game interview after the Eagles' Jan. 21 win over

the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC title game.

"It's a family setup," Father Barcellona said of the Eagles.

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# Annual Bishop's Appeal campaign surpasses halfway mark

FORT WAYNE — The 31st Annual Bishop's Appeal campaign has collected more than 70 percent of the pledged amounts from the faithful across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and already some remarkable instances of generosity have been noted.

Seventy-one of 83 parishes have achieved or exceeded their parish goal. It is hoped that in the next few months, the remaining 12 parishes will also exceed their goals. Parishioners can look for information in their parish bulletins about how their parish is doing relative to its Annual Bishop's Appeal goal.

Four parishes receiving special recognition from the Secretariat for Stewardship and Development for their remarkable generosity are St. Gaspar del Bufalo, Rome City; St. John the Baptist, South Bend; St. Louis, Besancon, New Haven; and St. Patrick, Ligonier. All four have received pledges and gifts that total more than 200 percent of their parish goal.

"This is all extremely positive news. We need folks to continue to fulfill their pledges; and for

those who haven't participated to reconsider and make a gift. All gifts of all sizes continue to be important and appreciated," said Secretary of Stewardship and Development Jeff Boetticher.

The diocese has received \$6,801,821 in pledges, which is 99 percent of last year's final total of \$6,869,097. As of Jan. 15, 70 percent of all pledged gifts had been collected. These figures indicate that, in the coming months, at minimum over \$1.6 million will be returned to the parishes that have exceeded their goal.

"Every year I am amazed by the generosity of our people," reflected Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. "I thank all who support the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The outstanding results this year are a true manifestation of this year's theme that we are truly 'One Body in Christ.' Through the Appeal, we, as members of Christ's Body, together support the mission and ministries of our diocese. I pray that the Lord will bless all who make financial sacrifices for the building up of His kingdom."

## ABA through the years

	29th ABA	30th ABA	31st ABA
<b>Number of donors</b>	19,025	18,807	18,352
<b>Total amount pledged</b>	\$6,417,438	\$6,537,592	\$6,801,821
<b>Average gift per donor</b>	\$337.32	\$347.61	\$370.63
<b>Parishes that have met/exceeded goal</b>	70	76	71

All figures are as of Jan. 15 of each respective year.

## Bishop Dwenger students compete in science Olympiad



Provided by John LaMaster

Eleven students from Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, traveled to the Northridge Science Olympiad Invitational on Jan. 20 to compete against 32 teams in events involving science, technology and engineering. Awards were earned by freshman Eli Hilger, sophomore Lauren Davis, junior Matthias Post and seniors Nicole Gludemans and Chino Eke. Bishop Dwenger won first place in the Hovercraft event for Gludemans' and Eke's construction of a self-propelled air-levitated vehicle that moved down a track. In the front row are team members David LaMaster, Joey Toliver, Gludemans, Post, Hilger and Davis. In the back row are Jacob Nicholson, Ben Miles, Eke, Tucker Ankenbruk and Cierra Stith.

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# Symposium supports strengthening marriage and the family

BY JENNIFER MILLER

At the conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on Saturday, Jan. 27, a “Symposium to Strengthen Marriage and the Family: Building a Christ Centered Home” was sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the South Bend Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The topic is a common bond between the two churches, especially in a culture that actively and passively denigrates the complementarity between men and women, a commitment to life-long marriage and the joy of family life. Held in South Bend at St. Therese Little Flower Parish, the symposium had relics of patron saints of St. Louie and Zelig Martin, canonized parents of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, in the church right next door.

“Though we differ greatly theologically, Catholics and Mormons do support many common values and beliefs: the importance of marriage as a social institution, the centrality of family life and the important role of parents in teaching their faith, and service to society,” John Sikorski, director of Adult Faith Formation and program coordinator, explained.

This is the second symposium on the topic; the first, held in 2016 in Fort Wayne, featured national speakers on the topic. This year, excellent local speakers were invited. They focused on a variety of topics, including overcoming common conflicts in marriage, deepening communication and intimacy, teaching the responsible use of social media, educating teens about sexuality, theology of the family and the family in service to society.

The event began with prayer followed by a keynote address by LDS South Bend Stake President Rick Jones. He thanked Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for his collaboration in this event, explaining its importance, “because of the stated commitments to the family that rise above political or theological differences.” Jones then spoke about some of the historical perspective that led to the symposium, noting that the 1950s were also “trying times for the cohesion of the family — with forced control for uniformity and conformity. The role of the family does not change (in history) just because the circumstances surrounding it have.” He also emphasized the need for support for families in “maintaining the beauty of love at home.”

Breakout sessions were offered on three different tracks: marriage and spousal relationships, parenting in a Christian home, and a social track about living the faith in a secular culture. University of Notre Dame professor Dr. Daniel Philpott offered a reflection about defend-



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**A young Catholic couple with four children discuss with Dr. Mark and Naomi Hoipkeimer ways to serve in their parish and local community. The ideas shared included both “going outward” from one’s home, and “going inward” — creating hospitality when serving others with children.**

ing the family in a time of polite persecution from the Catholic perspective, and professor Bryan Ritchie discussed how marriage is and isn’t like a start-up business, from the Mormon perspective.

Local licensed clinical psychologist Dr. Jeffrey Feathergill shared research about healthy marriages from the work of John and Julie Gottman. He emphasized the No. 1 trait of healthy marriages, which is a deep and abiding friendship between the spouses. He explained that challenges and conflicts are not necessarily a problem in a relationship, but rather how they are handled and argued.

Local Catholic and Mormon couples, both with many children, also shared their life experiences on a panel. Areas of common family life, such as regular family dinner together, were found to be instrumental in raising of faith-filled adult children. Public policy fellow Dr. Mary O’Callaghan, from the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, presented a theologically rich testimony on laying down one’s life and embracing the cross as parents build a Christ-centered home.

Bishop Rhoades offered a reflective talk on building marriage and family life on the solid rock of Christ. He explained a “damaging cultural change — the diminishment of faith, the growth of atheism — a practical atheism in which people who even profess faith in God, live as if God does not exist.

“This secularism is perhaps the most damaging influence on the well-being of marriage and family in our culture,” he said. “The absence of God in a

person’s life or in the life of a married couple makes it more difficult to make the sacrifices that married love entails.”

He offered antidotes to this practical atheism: “Believing that God’s (own) love is stable and forever, one understands that the covenant of marriage, with God’s help, is meant to be stable and forever.

“We pray in the Our Father, the Lord’s Prayer: ‘Give us this day our daily bread.’ This is an important petition for married couples, because living marriage is an everyday task. It is important to say “yes” or “I do” every day, not just on the wedding day.”

He also spoke of the importance of forgiveness in the marriage relationship, noting that God forgives His people — as several of the other speakers emphasized as well. The words of Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, “The family that prays together stays together,” were also cited in numerous talks as a key to the rich fabric of living a Christ-centered family life.

Sikorski offered: “In a conference on the role and mission of the family held in Rome, Pope Francis said, “The family grounded in marriage is the first school where we learn to appreciate our own and others’ gifts, and where we begin to acquire the arts of cooperative living. For most of us, the family provides the principal place where we can aspire to greatness as we strive to realize our full capacity for virtue and charity.

“Pope St. John Paul II called the family a “school of life and love,” where holy married couples can form future saints by helping their children to

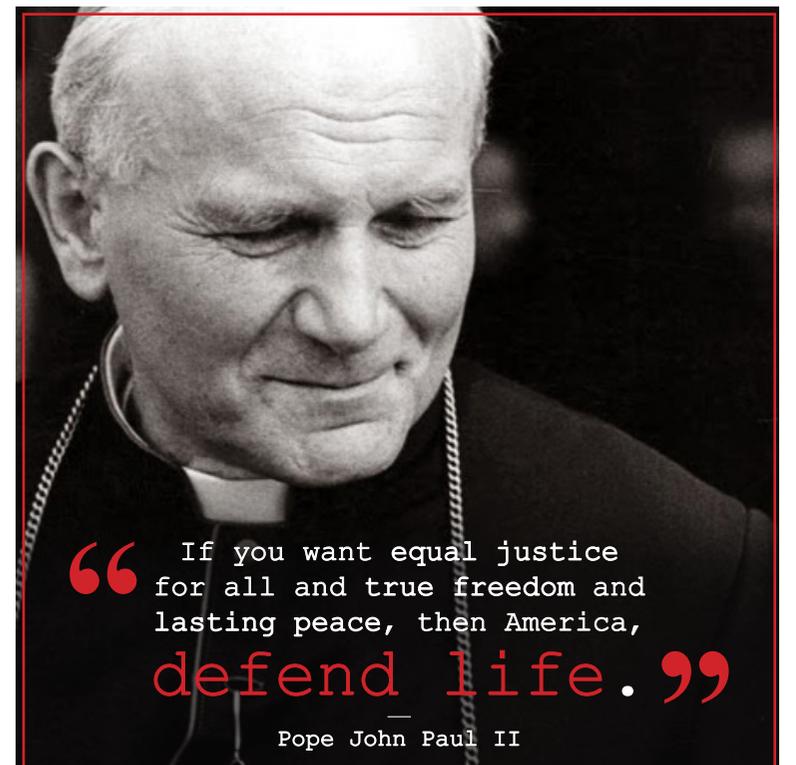
encounter Christ and to work for the common good. We hope that by learning from the sessions at the symposium all our participants came away with a renewed strength, zeal, and practical skills needed to help them to build their marriages on the solid rock of Christ, who gives them grace to live this beautiful vocation.”

Lauren and Tim Bonadies of St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, took strength from unexpected moments of the conference. “My husband, Tim, and I weren’t sure what to expect from the symposium, but we knew we wanted to focus on the marriage aspect and we sincerely appreciated all of the insights shared on Saturday,” said Lauren. “As the

wife of someone who started his own company, I most enjoyed hearing Dr. Ritchie speak on how marriage is comparable to a startup company, as it helped me to garner a bit of perspective into where my business-oriented husband is coming from. We look forward to the next symposium.”

Spouses and families were encouraged to “more than anything, re-commit on a daily basis to fostering and nurturing Christ’s self-giving love in marriage,” Sikorski said. “It is hard to continue to improve one’s marriage if one is not actively doing something about it. It’s still early enough in the year to make some “New Year’s resolutions” — maybe think of one or two that you can make specifically for your spouse or children. Also, look for ways to become more involved in your parish or church community — ways in which you can give of yourself to those who are less fortunate. Parishes offer date nights for married couples, small faith-sharing groups, and Bible studies. If your parish isn’t offering something, perhaps you can consider starting it? It’s important to carve out time and space to always place one’s marriage first.

For those on social media, Lisa Everett, deputy secretary for the Secretariat of Evangelization and Discipleship, also recommended following [www.facebook.com/familyprolife](http://www.facebook.com/familyprolife). “We regularly post articles related to various aspects of marriage and parenting that we think would be helpful to couples in the throes of family life. Some posts are from the perspective of our faith, others report the results of good social science, and some posts are more inspirational while others are more practical. Our hope is that our Facebook page can be a place where couples can be ‘fed’ on a regular basis as they strive to build Christ-centered homes,” she shared.



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Pope John Paul II

# Servus Omnium to welcome Catholic University provost

BY BARB SIEMINSKI

If Andrew Abela, Ph.D., could go back and tell his 20-year-old self just one thing, what would it be?

"I would tell myself to seek first the kingdom of God," said Abela. "It took me a while to realize that and would have been better if I had started earlier."

It is rear-view mirror wisdom such as this that his varied audiences find refreshing.

Abela, provost of The Catholic University of America, will be the keynote speaker at the 2018 Servus Omnium lecture offered by the University of Saint Francis on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry Street, Fort Wayne.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will begin the event with an opening blessing at 7 a.m., followed by a Mardi Gras breakfast that will be served prior to Abela's presentation, titled "Faith and Business."

Before beginning his academic career, Abela worked for several years as a brand manager at Procter & Gamble, a management consultant with McKinsey & Company and managing direc-



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tor of the Marketing Leadership Council of the Corporate Executive Board. His research on marketing ethics, Catholic social doctrine and internal communications has been published in varied academic journals. He co-authored with Dr. Joseph Capizzi, "A Catechism for Business," now in its second edition.

Abela also won the 2009 Novak Award, presented by the Acton Institute for "significant contributions to the study of the relationship between religion and economic liberty."

Asked what person in his personal or business life was most influential in leading him to a future in religion and ethics, Abela names two people immediately.

"Professor David Schindler at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family introduced me to the social encyclicals of St. John Paul II," he said, "and two years later, Professor Joe D'Cruz at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, at a providential lunch meeting in my married life convinced me that leaving my highly paid management consulting job to go and do a Ph.D. in business ethics would not be a crazy idea."

In today's bustling world of commerce, are more business leaders looking for religious or moral guidance?

"Religious business leaders certainly seem to be," said Abela. "Over the last decade, I've noticed more people realizing that separating their faith from their work is a very bad idea."

How well does he think the teaching of critical thinking is in the undergrad courses in his university?

"Very well. The key role of philosophy and theology in our

core curriculum is a real strength here, stretching our students' minds to deal with the most challenging problems in life, which really helps them develop their critical thinking skills," said Abela.

"More importantly, our entire core curriculum help them develop a robust world view, from within which they can address the challenges they will face, both business and personal. Teaching critical thinking without such grounding turns students into perpetual critics, who can see the flaws in everything but can never build anything."

Abela said he hasn't noticed a decline in business ethics during the past 10-20 years, nor a decline, per se, in ethical transgressions.

"Ethics in business is certainly not any worse than ethics in any other human endeavor right now. Indeed, the most recent polls I've seen show declines, although the actual levels are still too high. To further improve things, we need to be more explicit about the importance of religious belief for driving ethical behavior. Both common sense and social science point to the same thing: Religious people

tend to be more ethical. And yet we seem to make it more difficult for people to be religious in the workplace."

Does the Church offer enough relevant guidance through parish priests and bishops, and are priests being taught about business needs as related to society prior to leaving the seminary — or are basic Church teachings adequate?

"There's always more that can be done here," concluded Abela. "We've recently launched a master of science in ecclesiastical administration, which is focused on teaching practical business skills but also covers the larger principles of the social doctrine."

Tickets to the breakfast and presentation are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tables can be purchased in advance for \$80, and corporate sponsorships are available. For more information about the Servus Omnium lecture visit [sf.edu/servus-omnium](http://sf.edu/servus-omnium) or contact Dr. Lance Richey, dean of the USF School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, at 260-399-8112 or [lrickey@sf.edu](mailto:lrickey@sf.edu).

## Allen County March for Life



Photos by John Martin

Above, Kelsey Vander Vliet, an Indianapolis birth mother of a child given up for adoption, was the keynote speaker at a rally Saturday, Jan. 27, in Fort Wayne that preceded the 44th annual Allen County March for Life. She spoke at the University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center. Marchers also had the opportunity to hear from members of the Silent No More awareness campaign, aimed at supporting or men and women with an abortion in their past, following the march. At right, a young marcher processes down the afternoon's route, holding a plea for passing motorists.



## Catholic Relief spans 75 years

Julek Plowy is 78 years old. Of Polish descent, born in Siberia, he had a successful career in business in the United States. But his earliest memory is of eating onions in Mexico. That was 75 years ago. How this Polish boy found himself thousands of miles from home biting into a tear-inducing vegetable is quite a story. It is, among other things, the story of the beginning of Catholic Relief Services.

### Needed relief

The year was 1943, and the world was wracked by warfare — in Europe, Asia and Africa, on the Atlantic, Pacific and almost every other ocean. Poland was a pawn in the brutal game played by Germany and the Soviet Union. When Hitler and Stalin signed a nonaggression pact in 1939, thousands of Poles in the sector then controlled by Russia were sent to Siberia. The Plowy family was among them.

Julek's mother was pregnant with him when she left Poland, giving birth in Russia. The course of history soon shifted. Hitler invaded the Soviet Union in 1941. Young men, including Julek's older brother, joined the war against Germany. The other Poles in Siberia were told they could leave. It took years, but along with thousands of others, the Plowy family made their way out of the Soviet Union, by train and tram, boat and boot, eventually crossing into what was then Persia. In Tehran, they joined thousands of other Poles in a refugee camp.

When World War II broke out, World War I and its legacy were still a fresh memory. Many in

the United States knew that this war would produce refugees and launched fundraising appeals to help the displaced. The Catholic Church participated. In early 1943, the Church used that money to form what was then called War Relief Services. The plight of those Poles in Persia came to its attention.

War Relief Services established aid stations in various Persian cities housing the refugees. The United States refused to admit them — or hardly any other war refugees — but Mexico, with \$3 million in U.S. aid, agreed. The earliest employees of CRS helped the Poles on their long journey to a Persian port, across the Indian and Pacific oceans, finally to San Diego, California.

There they boarded trains for the journey to Mexico, via El Paso, Texas. The windows were covered with paper as the U.S. government did not want anyone to know the contents of this particular cargo. For some of the refugees, that brought a bit of PTSD, as it reminded them of the cattle cars that had taken them to Siberia.

The Poles were welcomed in Mexico, where they founded a community called Santa Rosa. There, 3-year-old Julek Plowy got sick. A doctor said he should eat onions. He did, and his memory began.

### Universal reach

It was not an easy journey for these refugees, but representatives of War Relief Services were there to help them at every step of the way. One of them was Eileen Egan, who in her book "Catholic Relief Services: The Beginning Years" cites as



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inspiration Paul's report in 2 Corinthians of taking up a collection among the new Christians in Macedonia to benefit the community in Jerusalem, just 20 years after the crucifixion.

As Egan writes, in the early Christian era the idea of helping people you didn't know and weren't related to was new: "It was based on something unheard of in human history, universal brotherhood. This concept, dissolving all ties of blood, tribe, race or citizenship, came direct from Jesus, the universal brother."

Egan notes that Paul quoted Genesis to explain this appeal: "He that had much had nothing over and he that had little had not want," reminding the Macedonians that just as God had fed the Israelites wandering in the desert, so they could feed their far-away brethren.

This was the foundation of the cornerstone laid 75 years ago by the men and women who conceived of War Relief Services. Their journeys took them to Iran, to Mexico. It took them to New York where they had offices in the Empire State Building thanks to the beneficence of its builder, John Raskob, a faithful and charitable Catholic. Many were at

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## The Emerald City and fidelity to Christ

Here we are, in an awkward time of the year. Christmas is over, and now it just seems as though we need to sit tight and wait for Lent to start so that we can begin to turn our eyes toward Easter, the pinnacle of the Church's year and the life of Christians. Yet, in between these two immensely joyful events in the life of Christ, the Church has inserted this small segment of weeks of ordinary time. While not always referred to as ordinary time in the history of the Church, the pulling out of the green vestments has been what makes up a great portion of the year for Catholics for a very long time. This reality points us to something that is universal to all our vocations: the call to fidelity. To illustrate what I am referring to, I direct your attention to the classic book and movie, "The Wizard of Oz."

In the story, Dorothy is trying her best to get to the Emerald City of Oz. One might be tempted to think that the city of Oz is green due to greed or its immense wealth, but the reality is that the Emerald City is green because it embodies Dorothy's hope of getting home. Green, while also representing greed, has also been held to represent hope and fidelity. In order for Dorothy to reach it, she must maintain fidelity to that goal throughout tribulation.

The same is true for the Christian. The green of ordinary time is not meant to represent the newness of creation or of



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spring, as some are told; rather, it is a constant reminder of the call to fidelity to Christ, who is our only hope. This is why it is important to see ordinary time's place in the midst of the Liturgical Year and how in between the great high celebrations of Christmas and Easter, the Church is subtly calling us to realize that faith must be lived through the highs and lows, tribulations and joys, and victories and defeats of life. It is not a mere color to represent a sentiment, but a call from Christ and His Church that is in the Catholic's face repeatedly throughout the year as the priest walks up the aisle.

This call to fidelity is particularly manifest in a vocation or state in life. Christ calls us to be faithful, not successful. In the Great Commissioning, Jesus tells the Apostles to go and baptize all. He did not put a constraint on the success of their mission (go and baptize 3,000 every day ...), rather, He called them to fidelity to their mission to preach the Gospel and baptize all that they could, and the Apostles

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## Find hope by trusting in the Lord



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 1:29-39

The Book of Job is the source of this weekend's first reading. This book furnishes few details about the identity of Job. It nonetheless is one of the great literary works in the Old Testament, and one of the best remembered — if not always exactly remembered.

Misreading Job has led to a phrase that has gone into English common speech, the "patience of Job." Clearly, Job was not always so patient with God.

For instance, in this

weekend's reading, Job vents his impatience. He asks if life on earth is not, in reality, drudgery. Each human being, Job writes, is a slave. Personally, Job says he has been assigned "months of misery." "I shall not see happiness again," he writes drearily.

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians provides the second reading.

The same source has given earlier weekend liturgies this winter their second readings. In this passage from First Corinthians, Paul insists that he was free to accept the call to be an apostle, or to spurn the call. He chose to accept the call.

So, he proclaims the Good News. He explains the identity and mission of Jesus. It is an act of service and of love, given for people who otherwise would not know Jesus. Paul sees nothing as more important than bringing people to the knowledge of Christ and to loving Christ.

For its final reading, the Church offers us St. Mark's Gospel the story of the Lord's

curing of Peter's mother-in-law.

The story's point is clear. Merely by touching her hand, Jesus cured the woman. She was so fully cured, in fact, that she immediately rose from her sickbed and began to wait on Jesus and the disciples. She was healthy again, but she used her health to care for others.

Lest it appear that this woman simply resumed routine domestic chores, it should be noted that the verb used by Mark in this reference is the same verb used to describe the ministry of the angels while Jesus was in the desert, an event soon to be told. For Christians, serving others, even in their physical needs, is holy and a product of union with Christ.

(This miracle long has fascinated Christians. Indeed, in the ruins of Capernaum is a site that pious pilgrims identified many centuries ago as the place where the house of Peter's mother-in-law stood.)

The story continues. Jesus heals the sick and drives demons away. Then, alone, Jesus went

to a distant place to pray. Simon and the others pursue Jesus, longing to be near the Lord, needing the Lord.

When at last they find Jesus, the Lord reminds them that the messianic role is to reach all people.

### Reflection

The Church continues to introduce us to Jesus, the Lord, the Son of God, with all the power thus implied. This Liturgy of the Word further puts before us the images of Job, the apostle Paul, Peter's mother-in-law, and the apostles accompanying Jesus.

Paul very obviously gave his life to the vocation to which Jesus called him, that of being an apostle, of being the bearer to people of the Lord's message and mercy. It was the mission of all the Apostles, as Jesus told them. It is the mission of all Christians.

Peter's mother-in-law, cured by Jesus, did not simply return to life as usual, but, as Mark's use of a particular verb shows, she served others, as Jesus served.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12-19 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7, 19-22 Mk 8:1-10

# Hypocrisy in Hollywood

Hollywood and the media are being very vocal, at least since the Harvey Weinstein scandal broke, in their support of campaigns such as "Time's Up" and #MeToo, which attempt to draw attention to the sexual harassment problems that have been going on in their industries for decades. The latest example was at the recent Golden Globe Awards.

A majority of those attending the Golden Globes dressed in black and donned "Time's Up" pins to show their unity. A number of the award winners even dedicated their acceptance speeches to the issue, declaring that time is indeed up when it comes to abusers and keeping silent about that abuse.

Now all of America is supposed to be very convinced that Hollywood really cares — that they want and are demanding change. While there are certainly some involved in these efforts who are sincere in their concern, important questions need to be addressed.

For starters, are those who now claim to be so dedicated to eradicating these issues sincere enough and concerned enough to refuse roles that only add to the degradation, objectification and harassment problems? Call me cynical, but it's very hard to take Hollywood seriously when, during the same show where the stars were pledging their allegiance to change, they also were giving recognition by way of numerous

nominations and standing ovations to a film, "Call Me by Your Name," depicting the story of a 25-year-old man having a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old boy. Are they forgetting all their own horror stories, some involving teen actors and actresses?

Given the current climate and alleged sensitivity to these issues, why was this film allowed to be nominated in the first place, let alone cheered the same night Tinsel Town was issuing its anti-harassment battle cries? And how hypocritical is it to rail against an unjust system of victimization while promoting the new "Fifty Shades Freed" film? What were network executives thinking when they ran an ad for the film in a commercial break toward the end of the show, and then brought out the film's co-star as one of the final presenters? Can anyone say "mixed messages"?

So how about a "time's up" on the continued failure to connect the dots? How about a "time's up" on talking or acting out of both sides of their mouths? On the one hand saying that women and men deserve better (and they certainly do), and on the other hand refusing to acknowledge the growing piles of evidence of how pornography devalues women, as Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila of Denver pointed out in a recent column, citing researchers of a recent study: "They discovered that over time, many male porn users became more callous



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toward women, and less likely to value monogamy and marriage."

I'm not exactly holding my breath in anticipation for the clouds to part and for Hollywood and the media elites to suddenly wake up, smell their fancy cappuccinos and give the Church credit for its prophetic warnings and rock-solid teachings as to what happens when we fail to recognize the dignity of the human person. If they are truly committed and not just putting on another performance, they at least might be willing to take a look at some of the overwhelming evidence.

Unfortunately, if they fail to do so, it will simply be another reminder that all that glitters, including all that was expressed at the recent awards show, is certainly far from gold. It just might be darker than the deepest black gown worn that night to bring attention to a problem that's grown to near epidemic proportions.

Column provided courtesy of Our Sunday Visitor.

Teresa Tomeo is the host of "Catholic Connection," produced by Ave Maria Radio and heard daily on EWTN Global Catholic Radio and SiriusXM Channel 130.

Prayer on time, I grow in fidelity. When the married person wakes up in the middle of the night to care for the crying baby, letting the other spouse sleep, he grows in fidelity. When the priest or religious is emotionally spent at the end of the day but realizes he still has to pray half his Office, and does, that is growth in fidelity. Ultimately, growth in fidelity begets growth in relationship with Christ, our only hope.

So, from now on, I hope you see the particular beauty of the seemingly over-worn green vestments at Mass, and what Christ is calling you to in them. Our goal as Christians is not an Emerald City, in order to escape a bad dream; rather, our green city is the one right in front of you at Mass — the God made Man, Jesus Christ and the heavenly Jerusalem.

Mark Hellinger is currently discerning the priesthood at Simon Brute College seminary and Marian University in Indianapolis.

*So how about a "time's up" on the continued failure to connect the dots?*

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work on July 28, 1945, when a B-25 bomber became disoriented in foggy conditions and crashed in the building, killing 11 War Relief Services workers.

I think of those people, working on a Saturday, exemplifying what Paul espoused — helping people they would never know, never meet, because of the example and teachings of Jesus. They had become the hands of God, welcoming the stranger, bringing comfort to the afflicted.

I see such dedication every time I visit a CRS project in one of the 100 countries where we work, or our headquarters in Baltimore. CRS has 5,000 employees and many more partners. Through them, for 75 years now, CRS has fulfilled the promise of God to bring food to the hungry.

And onions to a sick little boy.

Column provided courtesy of Our Sunday Visitor.

Bishop Gregory Mansour of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, New York, is chairman of the board of Catholic Relief Services.

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were faithful to that mission to the point of death.

For me as a seminarian, I find this call to fidelity permeates my life, and I see it permeate the lives of the many religious, priests and married people I know. The call of the Christian is not to be successful — for if it was, where would all of us be? The call is to be faithful. I see this best in the community of the seminary, which is made up of all different types of people.

In community one learns intimately the failings and flaws of brothers, because one must live with their effects every day. (For example, every time I walk into the kitchen I am confronted with the reality that someone failed to clean their pan.) If the Lord was calling us to be successful seminarians, surely all of us would fail in some regard. But faithfulness, while not easy, is achievable and is what ultimately matters. When I accidentally stay up much too late because I forgot some homework, and have to carefully rip myself out of my bed to be at Mass and Morning

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for February 4, 2018

Mark 1:29-39

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: Jesus' healing ministry begins. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

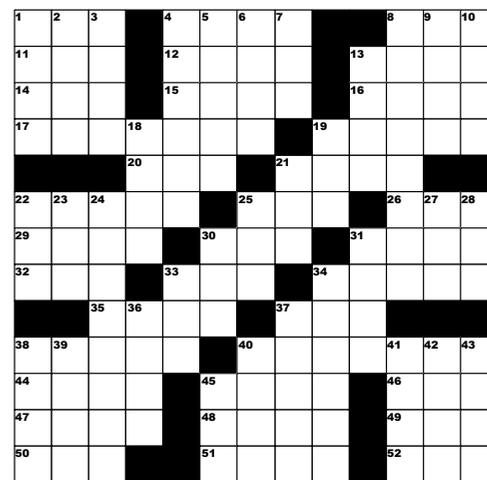
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# The Cross Word

February 4 and 11, 2018



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Sunday readings: 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39 and Lev 13:1-2, 44-48; 1Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### ACROSS

- 1 Lent's start: \_\_ Wed.
- 4 Attentive
- 8 Immerse
- 11 Her
- 12 Adam's garden
- 13 Soldier pierced Jesus'
- 14 Possessive pronoun
- 15 Malt infusion
- 16 At sea
- 17 Either end of a yard of a square sail
- 19 Wouldn't let demons
- 20 Creains holder
- 21 Tableland

- 22 Completed
- 25 Cast lots
- 26 Judas was one
- 29 Defeat
- 30 Manna appeared like
- 31 Ecological communities
- 32 Hole punching tool
- 33 Finale
- 34 Hebrews' law-giver
- 35 Island
- 37 Average work performance
- 38 Scale
- 40 Received information
- 44 "\_\_\_ of God"

- 45 St. Mark's symbol
- 46 Potects environment
- 47 Margarine
- 48 Graven image
- 49 Not Old Testament
- 50 Revolutionary descendants
- 51 Withstand
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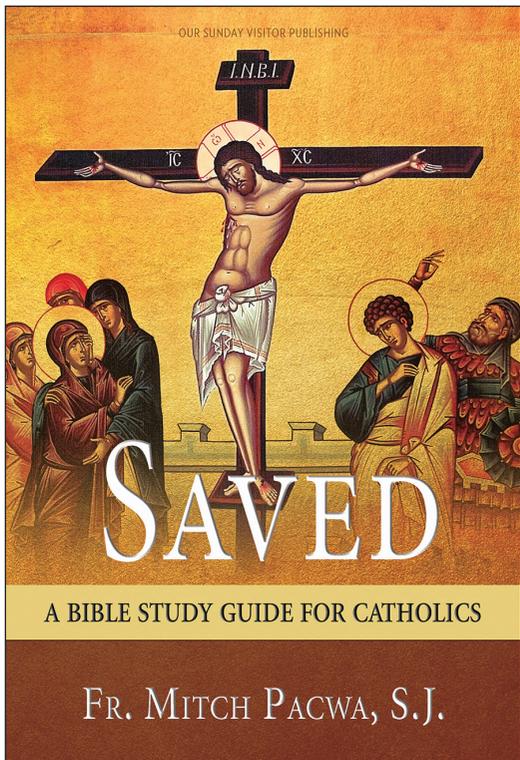
# Jesuit's Bible guide can benefit both individuals, study groups

BY MITCH FINLEY

In the 50-plus years since the publication of the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation ("Dei Verbum," Nov. 18, 1965), Scripture has become a more prominent part of Catholic life, and more Catholics pray with Scripture and participate in parish Bible study programs. But it's probably fair to say that there is still plenty of room for improvement in this regard.

A book such as this one is welcome, especially because it is designed for both individual and group use. You don't need to join a Bible study class to benefit from this book; you can go through it on your own.

This volume, on salvation, is the latest in Jesuit Father Mitch Pacwa's theme-based Bible study guide for Catholics. Earlier volumes focused on St. Paul, faith, the Eucharist, Mary, mercy and the Holy Spirit. This approach has the great advantage of helping Catholics to see the intimate connections between Scripture and various aspects of Catholic life and faith. Father Pacwa organizes his material into six "sessions" that examine the theme of salvation from six complementary scriptural perspectives, e.g. "The Role of Baptism and the Eucharist in



"Saved: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics" by Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ. Our Sunday Visitor (Huntington, Indiana, 2017). 176 pp., \$9.95.

Salvation" and "The Necessity of a Christian Spiritual Life for Salvation."

If some approaches to Bible study, particularly in groups, have a weakness, it's the tendency to have everyone read a scriptural passage and then simply invite each participant to share with the group what he

or she thinks that passage means with no input from a resource with some scholarly and/or ecclesial authority. Father Pacwa's book provides this kind of input because he has academic credentials to support his commentaries. Additionally, he writes with a lively style. Each session includes quotations and other insights from various Catholic sources. At the same time, Father Pacwa gives participants using the book numerous opportunities to share their own reflections and insights.

If there is one characteristic of this book this reviewer finds perplexing it's Father Pacwa's choice to use three different translations of the Bible: the Catholic edition of the Revised Standard Version, the Revised Standard Version — Second Catholic Edition, and the New American Bible, Revised Edition. Yes, looking at various Bible

translations can shed light on a given passage or word as translated from the original Greek or Hebrew. But for study purposes, limiting one's attention to one translation or, indeed, one edition — such as the admirable Catholic Study Bible edition of the official American Catholic New American Bible, Revised Edition, is likely to short-circuit unnecessary debates about which translation is "best."

Regardless, however, "Saved" is a fine Bible study resource and one that deserves a high recommendation.

Finley is the author of more than 30 books on Catholic themes, including "What Faith is Not" (Sheed & Ward) and an updated edition of "The Rosary Handbook: A Guide for Newcomers, Old-Timers, and Those In Between" (Word Among Us Press).



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**Catholic Business Network First Friday Breakfast**

**FORT WAYNE** — Join the Catholic Business Network on Friday, Feb. 2, for the First Friday Breakfast. Begin with Mass in the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel, 1122 S. Clinton St., at 7 a.m. This will be followed by networking, breakfast and featured speakers Dr. Matt Smith and Dr. Lance Richey from the University of Saint Francis at 8 a.m. in the Cathedral Center. All are welcome.

**Vocation Society to meet**

**FORT WAYNE** — The next meeting for the Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society is Friday, Feb. 2, at St. Joseph Hospital, 700 Broadway. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel followed by lunch. The guest speaker will be Deacon Thomas Zehr, who will share about his vocation story and his pastoral year in preparation for his ordination this summer.

**Polish wedding fundraiser to benefit Chiara Home**

**SOUTH BEND** — Holy Family Parish, 56405 Mayflower Rd., will host a Polish wedding fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 5-11 p.m. Enjoy a wedding reception dinner complete with Polish food, open bar with lots of music and Polka dancing. The evening will feature a bride and groom chosen from the crowd, honeymoon cash, wedding gifts drawn from the "hopper," music by DJ

Sound FX, and more. Tickets are \$40 per person. Participants must be 21. Proceeds from this event support the mission of Chiara Home, Inc., a non-profit, providing respite care services to families caring for a loved one with special needs.

**Knights plan chili dinner**

**SOUTH BEND** — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570 is hosting a chili fundraising dinner Thursday, Feb. 8, from 4-6:30 p.m. at the John Carroll Club hall, 5202 Linden Ave. Dessert will also be served. Prices are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

**Knights of Columbus Council 1878 spaghetti supper**

**MISHAWAKA** — The fifth annual Hannah's House spaghetti supper will be Friday, Feb. 9 from 5-7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 114 W. First St. Proceeds will benefit Hannah's House, a maternity home with a heart. Tickets are adults \$8, children 5-12, \$5 and under 5 free.

**Bingo at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel**

**FORT WAYNE** — Bingo at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Hall, 11521 Old Decatur Rd., will be on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 2-4 p.m. Doors open at 2 p.m. and games start at 2:30 p.m. Must be 18 to play. Tickets are \$25 per person. Payouts for games range from \$25 to \$100. Snacks provided, water or pop available to purchase.

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# Vessels of Veneration exhibit features monstrances

BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

The current special exhibit at Cathedral Museum is entitled "Vessels of Veneration" and gives visitors a chance to view up close some of the oldest and perhaps most ornate monstrances in Fort Wayne.

A monstrance is used to enshrine and expose the consecrated eucharistic host, the true Body of Christ, for adoration. Each of the five on display are on loan from a different Fort Wayne parish. Appropriately, given the dignity of its content, each gold-plated monstrance is truly a sight to behold, with its intricate designs, precious gems, beautiful statuettes and a cross at its highest point.

"People don't usually get to see them up close. This is a chance to see them in a more close manner and get an idea what they're all about," the Cathedral Museum's director, Father Philip Widmann, said.

The exhibit was unveiled in the summer, and this is the first time they have all been seen together. Father Widmann organizes a special exhibit for the museum every year.

The oldest monstrance in the collection dates back to 1883 and is on loan from St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, where Father Widmann also serves as pastor. It contains statuettes of Jesus Christ, our Blessed Mother and various saints, as well as six rubies and six emeralds.

The largest monstrance stands about 4 feet tall and is also the newest in the exhibit, dating to the late 1940s. It was designed specifically for MacDougal Memorial Chapel, now the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel, for perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Consequently, according to Father Widmann, the monstrance was mounted on top of the altar and does not have much of a base. Due to its weight, it cannot be carried in a procession or lifted up in Benediction — a blessing using the exposed Eucharist contained in the monstrance.

Eight amethysts decorate the Gothic-style monstrance on loan from Fort Wayne's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Designed in the late 1800s, there are many meticulous statuettes, including a montage towards its top of God the Father, with an angel on either side; and below, a dove representing the Holy Spirit.

Another Gothic-style monstrance, designed in 1897, comes from St. Peter Parish. Decorated with six rubies, it contains statuettes of St. Peter and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On its base, there are etchings of the Mater Dolorosa, St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, and other saints.

The monstrance on loan from St. Patrick Parish has a sunburst,

## Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Monstrance



An ornate monstrance on loan from Fort Wayne's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception dates to the late 1800s.

## St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel Monstrance



The largest monstrance in the exhibit, from MacDougal Chapel, now the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel in Fort Wayne, stands about 4 feet tall.

rather than a Gothic design. Dating back to the early 1900s, there are statuettes of Jesus Christ, our Blessed Mother and St. Patrick, and about 25 gems,

## St. Patrick Monstrance



The monstrance from St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, dates to the early 1900s and has a sunburst design.

including amethysts, opals and diamonds.

Cathedral Museum is located in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center's lower level. Admission and parking are free. The museum is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Vessels of Veneration exhibit will be on display through June.



## St. Mary, Mother of God Monstrance



Rubies and emeralds decorate a monstrance on loan from St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Fort Wayne. It is the oldest monstrance in the collection, dating back to 1883.

## St. Peter Monstrance



A Gothic-style monstrance on loan from St. Peter Parish, Fort Wayne, dates to 1897.



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