Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades ordained two seminarians, José Arroyo Acevedo and Daniel Niezer, to the diaconate on Saturday, May 19, during Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Deacon Arroyo is from St. Joseph Parish and Deacon Niezer is from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, both located in Fort Wayne.

The first part of the ordination rite was the election of the candidates. Arroyo and Niezer were called individually, by name, and they responded that they were present. The two joined Bishop Rhoades in the sanctuary and Father Andrew Budzinski, vocations director for the diocese, presented them to the bishop, testifying that they had been found worthy to be ordained to the diaconate.

After Bishop Rhoades gave his homily, Arroyo and Niezer stood before the bishop, who asked them a series of questions to which the candidates responded, “I do.” During this time, the candidates resolved to be consecrated for the Church’s ministry “by the laying on of my hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit” as the bishop said; “to discharge the office of Deacon with humble charity in order to assist the priestly order and to benefit the Church.”

Graduates commissioned to be advocates for the voiceless, vulnerable

By Megan Gettinger

The date of the 173rd commencement exercises at the University of Notre Dame providentially fell on the liturgical feast of Pentecost, May 20. Father John Jenkins, president of the university, noted the fittingness of the simultaneous celebration of Pentecost and commencement exercises in his homily during a baccalaureate Mass on Saturday, May 19.

“We talk a lot about spirit here at Notre Dame, and we experience it regularly,” said Father Jenkins, recalling hall competitions, dances and sporting events. “But we also see it in less noisy, perhaps more profound ways,” such as significant and difficult events, private prayer, study and genuine friendships.

“There is of course a spirit, which is simply an expression of human emotion and enthusiasm, but I hope you have found here at Notre Dame something more — the presence of God in the other person and in your heart. I hope that you have found a Spirit that is not your own but the mystery of God working in you … it is an encounter with God through the Holy Spirit that can truly transform us.”

After expressing pride at all of the graduating class’ accomplishments, he noted that...
Cardinal says separating abortion from Title X funds ‘greatly needed’

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops’ pro-life chairman praised the Trump administration’s move to reinstate Reagan-era regulations banning any family planning clinic that receives federal funds from separating abortion from the federal Title X family planning program is greatly needed and deeply appreciated,” said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Other U.S. pro-life leaders around the country and several members of Congress echoed his remarks, prompted by the administration’s release of the “Protect Life Rule” through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. After a period for public comments, the proposal will become final. Cardinal Dolan said the USCCB will offer comments during that period.

President Ronald Reagan issued the Title X regulations in 1988. Planned Parenthood of New York City immediately challenged the rules, claiming the denial of public funds violated their constitutional rights of free speech.

In 1991, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 the government had the right to establish rules funding only family planning programs which do not “encourage, promote or advocate abortion.” When President Bill Clinton took office, he reversed the regulations.

The Title X Family Planning Program was enacted under President Richard Nixon in 1970 as part of the Public Health Service Act. Title X is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services. It is funded every fiscal year by congressional appropriations.

“Most Americans recognize that abortion is distinct from family planning and has no place in a taxpayer-funded family planning program,” Cardinal Dolan said in his statement. “For too long, Title X has been used to subsidize the abortion industry. We need to draw a bright line between what happens before a pregnancy begins and what happens after a child has been created.”

A January Marist poll commissioned by the Knights of the Columbus showed that a consensus of Americans across party lines want to see an end to taxpayer funding of abortion. Of those polled, four in 10 who identified themselves as “pro-choice” and more than four in 10 Democrats — along with the overwhelming majority of Republicans — hold this position.

In its original design, and reflected in current law, “there is a specific prohibition on abortion-related activities” being funded by Title X grants, the USCCB said in issuing Cardinal Dolan’s statement. “However, in the years since the program’s creation in 1970, it has been interpreted to require grantees to refer for abortion, thus both overtly excluding health centers who object to such referrals from applying for Title X grants and also ensuring a direct link between family planning services and the promotion of abortion.”

“We should not be forced to have our tax dollars fund abortion providers. But Smith and the other group of lawmakers noted their “deep concern” that a recent report from the non-partisan Government Accountability Office showed that between 2013 and 2015, Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider, received $347 million from the Title X program.

“Planned Parenthood has described abortion as ‘a necessary service that’s as vital to our mission as birth control,’” their letter said. “It is time for the Title X funding stream for Planned Parenthood to be turned off.”
Texas archdiocese, bishops offer healing, support after shooting

HOUSTON (CNS) — In response to the May 18 school shooting at a Houston-area high school, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said the archdiocesan community would “unite to support and offer healing to those affected.”

“As a society, we must strive for a way to end such acts of senseless gun violence in our schools and communities,” he added in a May 18 statement.

The cardinal said he was “deeply saddened” and that his prayer and the prayers of Catholics in the archdiocese are with the “victims and families of those killed and injured in this horrific tragedy.”

In a separate statement as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal DiNardo said: “Our community and our local church joins diocesan community would “unite to support and offer healing to those affected.”

“The shooting was the deadliest in Texas since a gunman attacked a rural church late last year, killing more than two dozen people.

“Sadly, I must yet again point out the obvious brokenness in our culture and society, such as children who went to school this morning to learn and teachers who went to inspire them will not come home,” Cardinal DiNardo said in his statement as USCCB president. “We as a nation must, here and now, say definitively: no more death!”

He prayed that “the Lord of life” would be “with us in our sorrow and show us how to honor the precious gift of life and live in peace.”

“We experienced an unthinkable tragedy at our high school this morning,” Santa Fe Superintendent Leigh Wall said in a message posted to Facebook.

“As soon as the alarms went off, everybody just started running outside,” 10th-grader Dakota Shrader told reporters, “and next thing you know everybody looks, and you hear boom, boom, boom, and I just ran as fast as I could to the nearest floor so I could hide, and I called my mom.”

Another student told CBS News he ran behind some trees, heard more shots, jumped a fence and ran to a car wash. He said he saw firefighters treat a girl who had a bandage around her knee and may have been shot.

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia, said in a May 18 tweet: “Please keep the victims of the Houston-area school shooting in your prayers. Pray also for their family members and friends who now begin a tragic grieving process. For those killed, grant eternal rest unto them, O Lord, and bestow grace and strength to all in their community.”
Vitae” that the love-giving and central teaching of “Humanae Vitae” was issued, Pope John Paul II presented to the world a book called “Love and Responsibility,” in Polish, in 1960.

When he was elected pope in 1978, 10 years after “Humanae Vitae” was issued, Pope John Paul II presented to the world his catechesis on human love and sexuality over the course of five years, through his weekly Wednesday audience addresses. This beautiful and profound teaching has come to be called the “theology of the body,” and he developed it largely as a defense and a deepening of the central teaching of “Humanae Vitae”: that the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of sexual intercourse are truly inseparable.

For St. John Paul II, everything flows from the fact that we are created in the image and likeness of God. In this sense, any activity of ours as human beings has to align with our identity as persons created in the image and likeness of God. So in order to understand who we are, we need to first understand who God is. The first letter of St. John in the New Testament tells us that God is love. And it tells us that not only that God loves us, which, of course, He does, but that God is love.

This means, for starters, that there must be more than one person in God, because love is a reality that only exists in a relationship — there must be someone who loves and someone who is loved. This brings us right away into the central mystery of our faith: that God lives in Himself a mystery of personal, loving communion that we call the Holy Trinity. In this communion of persons, God the Father is the one who loves, and God the Son is one who is loved. And what is more, the love between them is so perfect, so real, that it is actually another person — the Holy Spirit. St. Augustine had a shorthand way of describing this beautiful inner life of the Holy Trinity: Lover, Loved and Love.

If we are created in the image and likeness of a God who is not an individual, but rather a loving communion of persons, then we resemble God not only because you are, and I give myself to you completely in return.” This mutual gift of self which is expressed in sexual union is not meant to end with the couple, but rather, makes them capable of the greatest possible gift: becoming co-creators with God in giving life to a new human person. The communion of love between a husband and wife is meant to mirror the love that exists between the Father and the Son, a love which is literally “personified” in the Holy Spirit.

In a similar way, through the privilege of procreation, God enables the love between a husband and wife to become “personified” in the gift of their child, who is literally the two of them in one flesh, a living reflection of their love and a permanent sign of their unity. And what is more, this new human being bears not only the image and likeness of his or her parents, but above all, the image and likeness of God.

So we see that the love-giving and life-giving meanings of sexual union are intimately linked, like two sides of the same coin, because they mirror the inner life of God who is love. “Humanae Vitae” simply reaffirms that married couples must respect the integrity of this act whenever they choose to engage in it. In the next article, we will consider how contraception and natural family planning involve, as St. John Paul II put it, “two irreconcilable concepts of the human person and human sexuality.”

BY LISA EVETT

A look at ‘Humanae Vitae’ 50 years later

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CARDINAL KAROL WOJTYLA, the future Pope John Paul II, was a member of the Pontifical Commission on Population, Family and Birthrate — better known as the “birth control commission” — that was established in Rome to re-examine the question of contraception in light of developments like the pill. It was a question about which he had already thought long and hard, having published his series of philosophical lectures on the ethics of sexuality at the University of Lublin in a book called “Love and Responsibility,” in Polish, in 1960.

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All economic activity has moral dimension, doctrinal congregation says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Financial and economic decisions — everything from where a family chooses to invest its savings to where a multinational corporation declares its tax residence — are ethical decisions that can be virtuous or sinful, a new Vatican document said.

“There can be no area of human action that legitimately claims to be either outside of or immune from ethical principles based on liberty, truth, justice and solidarity,” said the document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

The text, “Considerations for an Ethical Discernment Regarding Some Aspects of the Present Economic-Financial System,” was approved by Pope Francis and released May 17 at a Vatican news conference with Archbishop Luis F. Ladaria, congregation prefect, and Cardinal Peter Turkson, head of the dicastery.

Based on principles long part of Catholic social teaching and referring frequently to the teaching of St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, the document insisted that every economic activity has a moral and ethical dimension.

Responding to questions, Archbishop Ladaria said it is true that Catholic moral theology has focused more on questions of sexual ethics than business ethics, but that does not mean that the economy and finance are outside the scope of Catholic moral teaching. For example, he said, over the centuries the Church and the popes repeatedly have intervened to condemn usury.

Pope Francis, he said, supported the development of the document, but the idea of writing it and examining the ethical and moral implications of the current economic scene came from “the grassroots.”

“At stake is the authentic well-being of a majority of the men and women of our planet who are at risk of being ‘excluded and marginalized’ from development and true well-being while a minority, indifferent to the condition of the majority, exploits and reserves for itself substantial resources and wealth,” the document said.

The size and complexity of the global economy, it said, may lead most people to think there is nothing they can do to promote an economy of solidarity and contribute to the well-being of everyone in the world, but every financial choice a person makes — especially if they act with others — can make a difference, it said.

“For instance, the markets live thanks to the supply and demand of goods,” it said. “It becomes therefore quite evident how important a critical and responsible exercise of consumption and savings actually is.”

Even something as simple as shopping can be important, the document pointed out. Consumers should avoid products manufactured in conditions “in which the violation of the most elementary human rights is normal.” They can avoid doing business with companies “whose ethics in fact do not know any interest other than that of the profit of their shareholders at any cost.”

Being ethical, it said, also can mean preferring to put one’s savings in investments that have been certified as socially responsible, and they can join others in shareholder actions meant to promote more ethical behavior by the companies in which they invest.

In a statement distributed at the news conference, Archbishop Ladaria said that “the origin of the spread of dishonest and predatory financial practices” is a misunderstanding of who the human person is. “No longer knowing who he is and why he is in the world, he no longer knows how to act for the good” and ends up doing what seems convenient at the moment.

“The strongest economic subjects have become ‘superstars’ who hoard enormous quantities of resources, resources that are distributed less than before and are increasingly concentrated in the hands of a few people,” he said. “It’s incredible to think that 10 people can possess almost half of the world’s wealth, but today that is a reality!”

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The rich speculate and gamble, accumulating more money but not creating more jobs.

“No profit is in fact legitimate when it falls short of the objective of the integral promotion of the human person, the universal destination of goods and the preferential option for the poor,” the document said.

“It is especially necessary to provide an ethical reflection on certain aspects of financial transactions, which, when operating without the necessary anthropological and moral foundations, have not only produced manifest abuses and injustice, but also demonstrated a capacity to create systemic and worldwide economic crisis,” it continued.

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“People who promote them are not at all religious people,” Turson told reporters.

But, he added, the document also includes suggestions about how to promote ethical practices. One of the key issues, he said, is that of usury.

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All of Chile's bishops offer resignations after meeting pope on abuse

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Every bishop in Chile offered his resignation to Pope Francis after a three-day meeting at the Vatican to discuss the clerical sexual abuse scandal. “We want to announce that all bishops present in Rome, in writing, have placed our positions in the Holy Father’s hands so that he may freely decide regarding each one of us,” Bishop Juan Ignacio Gonzalez Errazuriz of San Bernardo said May 18 in a statement on behalf of the country’s bishops. The unprecedented decision was made on the final day of their meeting May 15-17 with Pope Francis. Auxiliary Bishop Fernando Ramos Perez of Santiago, secretary-general of the Chilean bishops’ conference, said the pope had read to the 34 bishops a document in which he “expressed his conclusions and reflections” on the 2,300-page report compiled by Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta and his aide, Father Jordi Bertomeu, during a visit to Chile to investigate the scandal. “The pope’s text clearly showed a series of absolutely reprehensible acts that have occurred in the Chilean Church in relation to the unacceptable abuses of power, of conscience and sexual abuse that have resulted in the lessening of the prophetic vigor that characterized her,” Bishop Ramos said.

Pope expresses concern about ‘spiral of violence’ in Holy Land

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Waving that violence will never bring peace, Pope Francis urged all sides to do all they can to foster dialogue in the Middle East. “I am very worried about the intensifying tensions in the Holy Land and the Middle East and about the spiral of violence that increasingly leads away from the path of peace, dialogue and negotiations,” he said in an appeal May 16 during his general audience in St. Peter’s Square. The Associated Press reported that May 14, the same day the United States was inaugurating its embassy in Jerusalem, Israeli forces shot and killed 57 Palestinians and injured more than 2,700 people during mass protests along the Gaza border. In addition, a baby died from tear gas inhalation, the Gaza Health Ministry said, bringing the death toll to 58. Expressing his sadness for those killed and injured, and prayers for all who are suffering, the pope underlined that violence is never of any use for bringing peace. “War is called war, violence is called violence,” he said.

Pope Francis to canonize Mother Catherine Kasper in Rome Oct. 14

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis will declare Blessed Oscar Romero, Paul VI and four other saints, including Mother Catherine Kasper, founder of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, whose motherhouse is in Donaldson. Their canonization date will be Oct. 14 at the Vatican, during the meeting of the world Synod of Bishops. The date was announced May 19 during an “ordinary public consistory,” a meeting of the pope, cardinals and promoters of sainthood causes that formally ends the sainthood process. The other men and women to be canonized on the day are Father Francesco Spinelli; Father Vincenzo Romano; and Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa.

Colombian Cardinal Castrillon Hoyos dies at 88

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Colombian Cardinal Darío Castrillon Hoyos, who shepherded the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, died April 21 in Madrid after a long illness. He was 88. Pope Francis praised his “generous service” to the Church and described him as a “well-deserving servant of the Gospel.” The cardinal’s funeral was celebrated May 19 in St. Peter’s Basilica. Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals, was principal celebrant. Pope Francis officiated over the final commendation at the end of the Mass. Cardinal Castrillon formally retired a few days after his 80th birthday as president of the Pontifical Commission “Ecclesia Dei,” the commission charged with outreach to the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X and assistance to Catholics attached to the pre-Vatican II liturgy. With the cardinal’s retirement, then-Pope Benedict XVI placed the commission under the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; the realignment was seen as a response to the widespread criticism that arose a couple of months earlier when Pope Benedict lifted the excommunication of four traditionalist bishops, including one who denied the extent of the Holocaust.

Archbishop asks for prayers to bring peace to Palestinians, Israel


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Pope will create 14 new cardinals in June

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis announced he would make 14 new cardinals June 29, giving the red cardinal’s hat to 13 prelates, including the patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church and the archbishop of Karachi, Pakistan, among others. Among new cardinals May 20, the pope said that coming from 11 nations, the new cardinals “express the universality of the Church, which continues to proclaim the merciful love of God to all people of the earth.” With the new nominations, the number of new cardinal-electors — those under 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave — will exceed by five the limited number of 120 set by Pope Paul VI. But previous popes also set the limit aside without formally changing the law. The new cardinals hail from Iraq, Spain, Italy, Poland, Pakistan, Portugal, Peru, Madagascar, Spain, Italy, Poland, Pakistan, Portugal, Peru, Madagascar, Spain, Italy, Poland, Pakistan, Portugal, Peru, Madagascar, Spain, Italy, Poland, Pakistan, Portugal, Peru, Madagascar, Spain, Italy, Poland, Pakistan, Portugal, Peru, Madagascar, Spain, Italy, Poland, Pakistan, Portugal, Peru, Madagascar.
Marian principal selected for Forty under 40

MISHAWAKA — Marian High School, Mishawaka, extended has extended congratulations to Principal Mark Kirzeder for being selected as one of the members of Michiana’s Forty under 40 Class of 2018. The list of outstanding honorees was compiled by the South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce for those “professionals in the area who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field and civic or volunteer organizations.” This year’s Forty under 40 award winners were honored at a luncheon on May 11.

Kirzeder is a member of the 12th class of Forty under 40 in Michiana, so he joins 440 other young professionals who have been honored. Those selected must be under the age of 40 on May 16, live and work in Michiana and come from different sectors of industry and the workforce. They must have demonstrated initiative and dedication in pursuing their careers, proven success and achievement, investment in and service to others, and a passion for their community.

Kirzeder is in his 13th year at Marian High School, where he began teaching in the Science Department in 2004. This is his fourth year as principal. As the leader of the school, he emphasizes the pursuit of academic, spiritual, social and athletic excellence. He works with students on academic probation, those who are at the top of their classes and every student in-between. He values each individual and is interested in helping students be good citizens and disciples of Christ.

Under Kirzeder’s leadership the school has transitioned to using new programs that increase communication and efficiency. He was one of the pioneers of Marian’s partnership with Ivy Tech Community College. This partnership has resulted in many Marian graduates starting college.

First St. Joseph School eighth-grade graduates

Eighth-grade students from Catholic schools across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend gathered in May for baccalaureate Masses at both ends of the diocese. Among the graduates was the first eighth-grade class of St. Joseph School, Fort Wayne. St. Joseph School split from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in 2014 and initially offered grades preK-5, serving a largely Latino enrollment. Those fifth graders matriculated each year until reaching eighth grade. The first St. Joseph graduates, 16 will continue their education in Catholic schools by attending Bishop Luers High School or Bishop Dwenger High School in the fall.

ND choir sings at Our Lady of the Road

The Women’s Liturgical Choir of the University of Notre Dame led the congregation in song during a Mass May 16 at Our Lady of the Road Drop-In Center’s Chapel of the Holy Spirit in South Bend. Our Lady of the Road offers a weekly Mass at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. The choir also gave a concert in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, on the Notre Dame campus, May 18 to raise money for Catholic Worker ministry, of which Our Lady of the Road is a part.

Bishop Luers Academic Super Bowl teams receive accolades

FORT WAYNE — The Academic Super Bowl teams from Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne, were recently named in the Senior Division Top 10 Overall Teams in Class 3-A by the Indiana Academic Super Bowl. The ranking was based on the cumulative score of all six rounds at the area competition and unrelated to the state championship awards. Bishop Luers is the only high school recognized in northeast Indiana.

The school’s Academic Super Bowl teams had a strong showing in state competition at Purdue University on May 5, where social studies took third and English took fourth. Bishop Luers High School won first place overall for Class 3 on April 17 at the Academic Super Bowl area meet at Leo High School.

On the fine arts team are Cyra Zwick, Alejandra Palma and Grace Bryant. On the social studies team are Adam Veldman, Mary Braun and Rachel Notter. On the English team are Margaret Cicchiello, Mary Cicchiello, Rachel Notter, Ellie Goeglein and Maria Renner. On the science team are students Paul Braun, Garrett Scheiber and Erin Stuczynski. On the interdisciplinary team are Adam Veldman, Paul Braun, Lily Shafer, Margaret Cicchiello, Rachel Notter and Noah Brown. On the math team are Noah Brown, Faith Vandermeir, Megan Gilpin, Sara Quinn and Lily Shafer.

Garrett preschool graduation ceremony

The preschool class of St. Joseph School in Garrett held a ceremony in mid-May for its graduates. Pictured from left are Andrew Vanderbosch, Addison Pepele, Nicholas Hicks, Isaac Buchs, Maria Schenkel and Trennen Kelham.
Christian people;” and “to conform your way of life always to the example of Christ, of whose Body and Blood you are ministers at the altar.”

The Litany of Supplication followed. Arroyo and Niezer prostrated themselves on the altar as a symbol of dying to oneself before arising to a new life in holy orders. After the litany, Bishop Rhoades extended his hands and prayed over each candidate. Arroyo and Niezer then put on their stoles and dalmatics and received the Book of the Gospels.

Bishop Rhoades concluded the ordination with the sign of peace to Arroyo and Niezer, after which he extended the fraternal kiss of peace to them. The priests and deacons present also extended the fraternal kiss of peace to Arroyo and Niezer, after the bishop.

Bishop Rhoades began his homily by speaking about St. Augustine. The saint wanted to be “a servant of Christ” and a “servant of others,” he said. For St. Augustine, in his mind and heart, he was always a deacon. “My brother priests and I know that the diaconate is part of who we are, because we are priests of the Lord who came not to be served, but to serve,” Bishop Rhoades said.

He told Arroyo and Niezer that they should not look at their ordination as a “stepping stone to the priesthood.” He explained that ordination to the diaconate was not just a celebration of a ministry that would last one year, but instead, it is a celebration “of a vocation and ministry that would continue throughout their lives.” The bishop added that Arroyo’s and Niezer’s ministries would expand, and their identities would take on a new character, after their ordination to the priesthood, “but they will not be leaving behind the diaconal character they receive today.”

Bishop Rhoades discussed the first reading, which can be chosen for diaconate ordination Masses. The reading from Numbers showed the Levites assisting the priests in the temple liturgy. The Levites tended to the
The bishop said that besides their service at Mass, Arroyo and Niezer must do the same. He added that the ordained have the task of “preaching God’s word in the liturgy” and to do so “in fidelity to the Word of God and the Church’s tradition.” In addition, he said that the ordained are to preach in a way “that touches the hearts and minds of the people.”

The bishop encouraged Arroyo and Niezer to “be evangelizers beyond the parish church.” He told them to reach out to those no longer practicing the faith or who are unchurched. He added that their “mission as deacons and later as priests is to bring the Gospel to all.”

He also spoke about charity, a deacon’s third ministry. He explained that the ministry of the altar, of the word, and of charity go together and are “a threefold ministry. We must never forget the origin of the diaconate as the service of charity.”

Bishop Rhoades cited part of his homily from this year’s Chrism Mass. He discussed Father Solanus Casey, who had two great loves: “the sick and the poor.” He told Arroyo and Niezer that they were being ordained especially “to serve the poor and the suffering” and to “make them a priority in their ministries.” The bishop urged them to follow the examples of St. Lawrence, who considered the poor and lame “the true treasures of the Church,” and St. Francis of Assisi, who revered Christ in the poor and “kissed the leper and tended his wounds.”

Joe Romie

Deacon Arroyo and Deacon Niezer are pictured in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception after the Mass of ordination.

Congratulations on your ordination to the diaconate, Daniel and José!

The Serra Club of South Bend offers congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Deacon Daniel Niezer and Deacon José Arroyo as they are ordained to the Diaconate.

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Latin Mass appeals to young and old

BY JILL A. BOUGHTON

“Come and see,” invites Msgr. John Fritz, FSSP, pastor of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Parish, South Bend, a personal parish where the traditional Latin Mass is still celebrated. “Come experience how the Church prayed for hundreds of years.”

About 225 people do gather at the church every Sunday, either at the 7:30 a.m. low Mass or the 10 a.m. sung Mass. Although the congregation includes some who grew up with the “Usus Antiquior,” or “ancient usage” before the Second Vatican Council, more are large young families who find a strong sense of community here.

Pam Washburn calls the liturgy “timeless.” She recognizes a deep hunger for transcendence, truth and tradition. As Archbishop Alexander K. Sample of Portland, Oregon, put it, “This is the Mass of the ages that has nourished the faith life of generations of Catholics.” Far from there being a “rupture,” he said, “There is the Mass of the ages that has nourished the faith life of generations of Catholics.” Far from there being a “rupture,” he said, “There is the Mass of the ages that has nourished the faith life of generations of Catholics.”

At St. Stanislaus, the celebrant and half a dozen acolytes process in and perform elaborate ritual actions while a well-trained choir and schola sing the Mass parts. Msgr. Fritz describes the interplay between those in the choir loft and the sanctuary as an interweaving dance proceeding at different tempos. All the prayers are in Latin, and there are very few verbal responses from the congregation; but the people are “participating in the sacrifice,” according to their pastor, “just as they are supposed to do.”

In fact, the Tridentine Mass is very “accommodating to anyone’s capacity.” Auditory learners are treated to fantastic singing, thanks to choir director Daniele Chabot. Visual learners can feast their eyes on ornate vestments and sacred art that differentiate the sacred space from the world around it.

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Twenty-five women belong to a sodality that meets monthly, and there is also a Holy League of Prayer for men. Little Flowers and a Troop of St. George provide Scouting-type activities for girls and boys, respectively. Volunteers also coordinate special events like the May crowning and annual parish picnic.

Because parishioners gather for a potluck brunch after Sunday high Mass, many families spend most of the day together. Like his mother, John Greutman, 13, says his closest friends all attend St. Stanislaus.

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Accepted into the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, Msgr. Fritz learned the old and new rites “on the job.” He has been at St. Stanislaus for 2 1/2 years, previously traveling from Fort Wayne (where the Latin Mass is offered at Sacred Heart Parish) to celebrate the extraordinary form of the Mass hosted by St. Patrick Church in South Bend. Traveling west, south and east, one has to go to Chicago to find another parish regularly offering this form of the Mass.

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Holy Cross graduates sent out to ‘seek … love and serve’

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

"When God is present in our life and we live in His grace, we experience a certain joy and peace that this world cannot give and cannot be taken away from us," Speaking to the new class of Holy Cross College graduates at their baccalaureate Mass on May 18, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades highlighted the transformative and salvific power of discipleship. He continued, "The true life, the good life, the fulfilling life, is an adventure on love which gazes intently, not inward. It shows us that Christianity is a paradox, that when we give of ourselves, we find ourselves. Christianity is about embracing the cross and living Jesus' great commandment to "love one another as I have loved you."

During commencement exercises the following day, Nicole Stelle Garnett, the John P. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, expanded upon Bishop Rhoades' remarks in her keynote address. She exhorted: "Catholic schools seek to educate not only the mind, but also the heart, and they do so for a particular purpose: to bring young people to wholeness in the image of Jesus Christ. What does it mean to be educated in a Catholic education at a place particularly at Holy Cross. As a college, it seeks to bring you to wholeness in the image of Jesus Christ, the greatest servant the world has ever known. Go forth and serve, glorifying the Lord by your life. If you do these things, I am confident you will become who God meant you to be and will set the world on fire."

Someone whose determination and perseverance definitively embodied these five rules is graduating senior Mary Freeby, who earlier this year received a life-saving bone marrow transplant. Her journey served as a sign of unity, charity and hope for the Holy Cross family. Given the opportunity to address her classmates, she revealed: "Through five long months of isolation and recovery, I didn’t know if I was going to make it. What drove me forward was God, through all the many prayers I received, as well as my family and the support of friends and community members, especially at Holy Cross. As a college, and specifically as a senior class, you showed me what true love is. We have been through a lot and experienced many challenges and still stood strongly together. Each and every day is a gift from God and is not to be taken for granted. We cannot let the negatives of the past or the possibilities of the future impact the peace, joy, and happiness that the present has to offer. True disciples have the competence to see and the courage to act. Here we have been given the competence to see, now go out and have the courage to act."

In his first commencement address as president, Holy Cross priest Father David Tyson reaffirmed the perseverance of the students through last year’s uncertainty over the financial future of the college and the current positive direction going forward.

“I agree with the words ‘scrappy,’ ‘resilient’ and ‘warrior,’ and now there is no debt, there is cash flow, and there are students coming. We can look forward in confidence toward the next 20 years at Holy Cross College,” he said. "No matter what happens in life that is on the downside, the motto of the college, ‘Hail the Cross, our Only Hope’ should remind you that those things can be transformed by the grace of God and the grace of His Son. Live your lives knowing that and don’t be afraid."

Holy Cross College granted 116 diplomas to graduates this year, ranging from Associate of Arts to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. In addition to conferring an honorary degree upon Nicole Stelle Garnett, Father Tyson also announced the honorary awarding of Doctor of Humane Letters to Holy Cross Brother Chester Feeel, for his outstanding lifelong contribution to the educational mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross and the Midwest Province of Brothers, where he has served as superior for the past nine years.

Saint Mary’s College celebrates graduates and grace

BY WILLIAM SCHMITT

Degree recipients at the commencement ceremony of Saint Mary’s College were reminded that their graduation on the eve of the feast of Pentecost should prompt them to ask themselves, “How does the Holy Spirit empower you?”

Dr. Carolyn Woo, former CEO of Catholic Relief Services and former dean of the Mendoza College of Business at Notre Dame, urged the graduates to tap into "the grace and the power of God," who accompanies them on life’s journey. They should not accept the "immense amount of kindness and generosity out there," building relationships in this admittedly "broken" world.

"I believe it or not, we only have the answers to other people’s prayers," Woo said, as the commencement speaker for the women’s college founded in 1844 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who sponsor the school. President Janice Cervelli expressed gratitude that Saint Mary's College students during commencement exercises May 19.

Sister Margaret O'Neill addresses Saint Mary's College students during commencement exercises May 19.

The college’s baccalaureate liturgy took place on May 18, with Msgr. Velo as celebrant. Msgr. Velo, based at Old Saint Patrick’s Church in Chicago, is a co-chairman and long-time leader of the Big Shoulders Fund, which raises funds to support Chicago’s inner-city Catholic schools.

Woo, who resides in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, recommended in her commencement speech that the new graduates write “thank-you notes” to people who had contributed to their life journeys so far.

She also noted that many of the graduates would be seeking recommendation letters for their careers as their journeys proceed. In lives dedicated to serving others, she reminded them, “the most important letter of recommendation is the letter that comes from the poor.”

The speaker asked, “What would the poor say about you? It may not be for a job application, but for life.”
Cures for ‘chronic news funk’

I have been a news junkie almost all my life. I’ve read a daily newspaper since grammar school, progressing from comics to sports to the front page. I was the first one in my family to get up in the morning, so I was the first to fetch the newspaper from the driveway. Since then, my addiction has only grown. These days I listen to radio news, watch television news and read multiple newspapers. I try to keep up on all the articles friends send me via email. I have excused all this by saying it’s part of my work, that I am trying to get different perspectives and discover different stories.

I read a real ink-stained paper first thing in the morning, and I read a digital one last thing before bed most nights. In between is Twitter and news feeds and Lester Holt. I tell you this so you can understand how useless it was for me to take a news fast recently. I went for more than 48 hours without hearing the news, even in my sleeping, reading the news.

I felt great. For 48 hours, my frustrations decreased and my mood improved. It was revelatory. The first day I’d twitch a bit every time my phone vibrated with a news alert, but I managed not to read any of them. The second day went even more smoothly. The question now is: Will I do it again?

More and more people I run into are telling me they are taking steps of their own to prevent “chronic news funk,” a first-world pathology whose symptoms consist of anger, depression and despair generated by too high an exposure to current events.

This is not a new disease. Both a pastor and a family counselor told me several years ago that spouses (usually wives) were complaining that their husbands were in perpetually angry moods, and it was affecting their relationships. The reason: Obama-era news funk due to hour-long evenings watching Fox News. After one election, the priest even preached on the dangers of all this anger.

Now we are seeing Trump-era news funk: hours upon hours of MSNBC and CNN, or The Washington Post and The New York Times.

But it isn’t just presidential upset. Stories about corruption, sex abuse and tortured children, police and civilian shootings, misplaced that faithful student predicting catastrophes on a personal or global scale. It feels as if our world is convulsing with disasters.

Worse still is that what passes for news is often commentary, and what passes for commentary is little more than ad hominem attacks. The sewer that is social media only makes all of this worse.

Citizens have a duty to be informed, but that is a far cry from obsessing over the latest horrors or the latest stupidities. As I try to decide how far to take my news-free experiment, a Jewish friend suggested recovering the Sabbath. We Catholics can make Sunday a real day of rest. Pope Francis would agree.

In the new documentary “Pope Francis: A Man of His Word,” the pope says we need a day set aside to worship God and focus on what we love. “We are not machines,” he tells us.

For other ideas, go to a website called istimelogoff.com. It has lots of suggestions for freeing ourselves from technology, including an approach of “five days on, two days off.”

Finally, ban all screens from the bedroom. This used to apply only to televisions, but now it includes phones, tablets and laptops. Who knows, maybe even newspapers too.

It’s time to start dreaming again.

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An advocate for the Gospel of Life

For me, a highlight of the past month was seeing Harvard law professor Amy Hagstrom Miller receive the University of Notre Dame’s Evangelium Vitae Medal.

I have always been interested in this award, named after St. John Paul II’s tremendous 1995 encyclical whose English title is “The Gospel of Life.” I was the first recipient of the award in 2011, and each year I’ve delighted to see it given to people more deserving than myself: Helen Alvare, the Sisters of Life, Rep. Chris Smith and the Little Sisters of the Poor, and so on.

These honorees have truly succeeded in proclaiming the Gospel of Life by steadfastly affirming and defending the sanctity of human life from its earliest stages, in the words of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture that presents the medal annually.

These honorees are many. Through books like “Abortion and Divorce in Western Law” and “Rights Talk,” she showed how our country developed the most extreme and divisive policies in the Western world on abortion and other issues — by wrongly treating them in terms of the nearly absolute “right” of the isolated, freely choosing individual. She developed these ideas further while teaching at Harvard Law School, as a devout Catholic in one of the most secular and liberal institutions in the country.

Her public service includes terms on the President’s Council on Bioethics and the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. She served as the Vatican’s representative to the United Nations World Conference on Women in 1995 — and later as U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. Apparently she is the first person in history to represent the U.S. to the Vatican, and also to represent the Vatican to the U.S. (and other nations), in an official capacity.

The 1995 U.N. conference’s final declaration condemned forced abortion and sterilization, female infanticide and prenatal sex selection as “acts of violence against women.” This was a remarkable victory: The conference was held in Beijing, the capital of a country where these

God has chosen us to be His children

Feast of the Holy Trinity

Matthew 28:16-20

The Book of Deuteronomy is the source of this feast’s first reading. Deuteronomy is the fifth book in sequence, in the Old Testament. It is one of the five books that form, for Jews, the basic revelation by God.

This reading describes an instruction given by Moses to the Hebrew people as they wandered in the desert for 40 years. The purpose of the journey was for God to reveal Himself to the people, and to teach them laws and customs that would guide them in their future lives.

God's message in Deuteronomy is clear: He is their leader, their protector, and their guide. He reminds them of their covenant with Him and promises to be with them always. He also申命录18:15-20

On the second reading this weekend, the Church presents a passage from the Epistle to the Romans. By the time St. Paul wrote this letter to the Christians of Rome, a community had formed, convinced of the identity of Christ as Savior. Still, much more needed to be pondered and learned. If the full measure of life with God, in Christ, was to be attained.

Therefore, profoundly, Paul explicates the message that faithful Christians share the divine life. They are more than creatures of God. They are God's children. Indeed, disciples are exhorted to address God as “Father,” indeed as “Abba,” an ancient term for fathers that was a particularly gentle and loving endearment.

As children of God, the faithful are heirs to the eternal life of God. All this, of course, accomplished in and through the individual Christian's bond with the Lord Jesus. St. Matthew’s Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a Resurrection narrative, clear and compelling. The risen Lord appears before the 11 surviving Apostles on a mountain. They used, speaking to them in words that they understood.

For future generations, Jesus gave them all authority on earth and in heaven, sending them into the entire world, telling them to bring all whom they would meet into the one body, “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” In other words, Jesus ordered them to unite all people with God.

Reflection

What is this feast all about? It tells us about God. God lives, and we hear that God loves us. In loving us, God communicates with us, meets us in our world, speaks in terms we can comprehend, provides for our needs and gives us eternal life.

God loves us so much that He gave to us, and sent to us, the Lord Jesus — the Son of God — as our redeemer and teacher.

God loves us by having given us the Apostles. They were more than humans who simply met Jesus and watched the events. They loved Jesus. Jesus called them individually and then sent them into the world, to us, to give us the words of salvation and the mercy of God despite all that may beset us.

That we might better know God, Jesus revealed to us, and the church continues to reveal, the most intimate detail of God's own life, the reality of the Holy Trinity. "He is three persons, united in the one divinity.

The Trinity reminds us that God is love, in a way we cannot describe, truly perfect for humans to grasp. The feast of the Holy Trinity does not present a mystery that is academic, dry and the object of useless speculation. Instead, it proclaims God's perfect and unparalleled love for us. It is never ceasing, always willing to forgive.

This feast joyfully proclaims that God wishes us truly to live. The key is our loving God in return.

CATHOLIC COMMENTARY
Consenting to sex

Recent news articles exploring the post-#MeToo world of romance have noted the phenomenon of cell phone “consent apps,” allowingmillions to sign digital contracts before they have sex with their partners, sometimes strangers they have just met. Many of these apps are being refined to include a panic button that can be pressed at any time to withdraw any consent given. Lawyers reviewing the practice, as mightbe anticipated, have urged caution, noting that consent apps are not capable of provide definitive proof of consent, because feelings may “change throughout an evening, and even in the moments before an act.”

When we look at modern views about sex, it’s not a stretch to sum them up this way: That as long as two consenting adults are involved, the bases are cover-

This is part of the reason why this unique human activity holds a perennial fascination for us: it goes far beyond other forms of communication, exchange and bonding. To give ourself fully to another, and to receive that person fully, forms a bond with them that extends beyond the morning dawn. Human sexualunion is not a meeting of bodiess, but is pre-eminently a joining of human hearts. It is, at its core, consenting to share one of the deepest parts of our self with another.

As Dr. Angela Franks has perceptively noted: “Sexuality is not simply a matter of something that I have, as though my body is another possession just like my wallet or my car. If, as Gabriel Marcel said, I am my body, then sexuality has to do with my very person, which has a deep value. To use the lan-guage of Pope John Paul II, when a person is reduced to being merely an object for another’s desire, then the experience violates the core of one’s sense of self.”

In casual sexual encounters, the consent we give each other may seem sincere and genuine, expressing our desires within the moment, but this kind of con-

sent is largely transactional and temporary. By consenting to pre-marital or extramarital sex, we declare, in effect, that we are giv-
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In the final analysis, human sexual activity calls for something much deeper and more abiding than mere transactional consent, namely, the irrevo-
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Father Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

Do you enjoy the Crossword game every week? Do you have a favorite? This week’s is by Richard Doeringer. He worked in the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He writes from Washington state.

The CrossWord

ACROSS
1 Head coverings
5 Abridged (abbr.)
8 Pacific Time
11 Spoken
12 Spellling contest
15 Land east of Jerusalem
14 Convexity
15 That woman
16 Spirit blew like a ___
17 Bain of Gideon will do ___
18 Woman's office
21 Sin
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24 Morse code dash
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38 Israeli heard God ___
39 Put more ammo in ___
42 The ___ Spirit
43 “Out of ___ I have called my son”
45 Make improvements to ___
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50 Assistant
56 Type of butter

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2 Put on the ___ of God
3 Ascension mountain
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5 Brake system
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14 Edge
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16 Loud noises
17 That woman
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Following is a word search based on the Second Reading and the Gospel for Most Holy Trinity Sunday. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

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are practiced; China’s coercive population policy was supported by the U.N.’s own family planning agency; and that agency received funds from the United States under the Clinton administra-

This is only a snapshot of a lifetime of accomplishment. What makes it remarkable is that Mary Ann Glendon is also one of the most unassum-
ing, affable and self-deprecating per-
sons I have ever met.

When receiving Notre Dame’s medal, she said she was “overwhelmed” by this recognition. Her acceptance speech spoke less of herself than of the four longtime friends from Boston, present at the ceremony, with whom she founded the group “Women Affirming Life” many years before. She spoke of the unsung “rank and file” of men and women who uphold the dignity of human life in the face of terrible odds, and she was delighted that her daughters and their husbands and children were able to celebrate the event with her.

How to achieve great things and advance urgent messages in a world prepared to put up great resistance? Embrace fam-
ily and friends who support you and give you a sense of perspec-
tive. Approach everyone, including opponents, in a friendly and gentle way, making the conver-
sation about the message you serve rather than about your self. In short, speak the truth in charity and humility. As Dr. Angela Franks has perceptively noted: “Sexuality is not simply a matter of something that I have, as though my body is another possession just like my wallet or my car. If, as Gabriel Marcel said, I am my body, then sexuality has to do with my very person, which has a deep value. To use the language of Pope John Paul II, when a person is reduced to being merely an object for another’s desire, then the experience violates the core of one’s sense of self.”

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Bishop Rhoades Memorial Day Mass at Saint Joseph Cemetery Chapel
SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass at Saint Joseph Cemetery Chapel, 24841 Grant Road, Monday, May 28, at 11 a.m.

Brunch for the Biblioteca
SOUTH BEND — Holy Cross School, 1020 Wilber St., will celebrate a bilingual Mass followed by a brunch catered by LaSalle Grill on Wednesday, May 30, from 8:15-10 a.m. All proceeds will grow the library and educational resources for young learners. Visit holycrosscrusaders.org.

Fun Fest at Most Precious Blood
FORT WAYNE — Most Precious Blood Parish, 1515 Barthold St., will have Fun Fest Friday, June 1, from 5-10 p.m. Family and friends night will feature cookout served 5-8 p.m. and dancing under the stars until 10 p.m. Saturday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. will offer games for all ages, train, bounce house, food, pop, ice cream, bingo, silent auction and more. Dinner served from 5-7 p.m. with live music from 8-11 p.m. in the beer tent.

Catholic Business Network to meet
FORT WAYNE — The June Catholic Business Network First Friday Breakfast will be Friday, June 1, at the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel (by the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception). Mass at 7 a.m. is followed by networking, breakfast and the featured speaker Mike Kelly on “The Accidental Leadership Theology of Mary Magdalene.”

Knights of Columbus fish fry
SOUTH BEND — The Knights of Columbus Council 5821 will have a fish fry at the Francis Club, 61533 Ironwood Rd., on Friday, June 1, from 5-7 p.m. Adults $9, children 5-12 $4 and children under 5 free. Shrimp and chicken strips are also available: Adult $9.50; children $4.50.

Holy Hour for ordinations
FORT WAYNE — Our Lady of Good Hope Parish will have a Holy Hour of prayer for the five seminarians entering the priesthood on Friday, June 1, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd.

FertilityCare Specialist Education Program
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Germanfest Mass and luncheon
FORT WAYNE — St. Peter Church, 518 East Dewald, will offer Mass in German on Sunday, June 3, at 11 a.m. as part of Germanfest. Father Tyrell J. Alles, OSB, will be the celebrant and the Fort Wayne Maennerchor-Damenchor will provide the music. A German lunch will be served in the Parish Pavilion following Mass.

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the true accomplishment and surest sign of the Spirit in one’s life is the capacity to live a life that is truly loving and open to all. Here, Father Jenkins stated specifically the need to be open, generous and compassionate to those who are most vulnerable — the poor, the immigrant, the refugee — a theme that was echoed by several speakers during the various commencement events.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades concluded the celebration of the Mass with a brief address to the graduates, in which he urged them to take time to reflect on all that they had been given during their time at Notre Dame, and to realize that what they have received is meant to be shared with others as a gift. Echoing a pertinent theme from Father Jenkins’ homily, Bishop Rhoades movingly stated: “... knowledge is for service ... (and) love directs our knowledge, love of God and love of others, in particular the weak, the sick, the unborn, the immigrant and the refugee, the most vulnerable in our society. What you have been given here at Notre Dame, the formation you have received, necessarily enables you to make such a gift of yourself, to pay forward what you were given here.”

Despite an initial rain delay, commencement exercises on Sunday, May 20 were celebratory and poignant. The invocation was led by salutatorian Harisa Spahić of Granger, who prayed for unity, an appreciation for diversity and the grace to be ever cognizant of the “crucial, unifying premise” that we are all created equal and are made in God’s image — continuing the theme of true charity and mutual responsibility among the family of all peoples that Father Jenkins and the bishop had voiced at the baccalaureate Mass.

Valedictorian Andrew Grose of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, a dedicated member of the Notre Dame marching band and liturgical choir, charged his classmates, “We must not be afraid to stumble if we hope to continue singing Notre Dame’s lyrics and playing its rhythm. ... Graduates, it is time for us to march fearlessly to this wonderful beat!”

Following the conferral of honorary degrees, of which he was one of five recipients, Judge Sérgio Fernando Moro gave the commencement address. Moro, a federal judge, has played a crucial role in the anti-corruption movement of his home country of Brazil. He stressed the importance of the responsibility everyone has to protect the dignity of others. Sharing from his experience of opposing corruption and fighting for justice, Moro gave the graduates four suggestions: “Never give up on a fight for a good cause; remember that you will never be alone if you are fighting for justice; your behavior can inspire others; never surrender to corruption or despair.”

Sister Norma Seni Pimentel, MJ, the 2018 recipient of the prestigious Laetare Medal, radically exemplifies the ideals of giving oneself as a gift in service to others, fighting tirelessly for justice and protecting the dignity of all members of the human family, especially the vulnerable and voiceless. Sister Pimentel is the executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley and has dedicated her life to welcoming, caring for, and advocating for immigrants and refugees. Her love and concern for the men, women and children she serves were palpable throughout her acceptance speech. She urged the graduates to ask the Holy Spirit to give them the grace to really see the face of Christ in their neighbor, that the world may become more human and at the same time more divine.

The 3,100 students who received degrees have been given much more than four memorable years under the golden dome and a hard-earned degree. They have been formed and transformed in the Catholic educational tradition of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, nurtured under Mary’s mantle, and have now been sent out into the world to recognize and love Christ in everyone they encounter.