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José Arroyo, Daniel Niezer ordained to the diaconate

BY SARAH DUSTMAN



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades prays the Prayer of Ordination and lays hands on José Arroyo, left, and Daniel Niezer at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, May 19.

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

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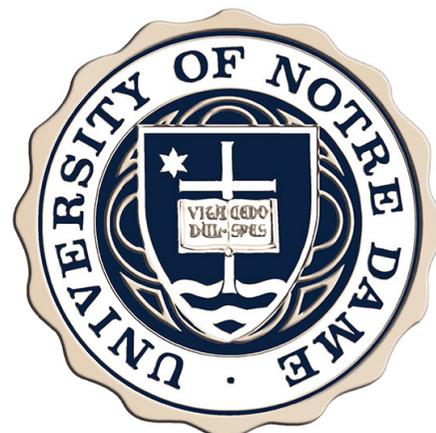
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Graduates commissioned to be advocates for the voiceless, vulnerable

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

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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 Title X federal funds from making abortion referrals or sharing space with abortion providers.

"The news that the Trump administration will be issuing new regulations to separate abortion from the federal Title X family planning program is greatly needed and deeply appreciated," New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan said in a May 18 statement.

"Abortion always takes the life of a child and often harms the mother, her surviving children, and other family and friends as well," said the 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 comment, 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."

"This link," the USCCB added, "is exemplified by the alarming number of Title X recipients that also provide and promote abortion."

In other reaction, the Knights of Columbus said in a statement: "Today marks an impor-

tant step in protecting the lives of unborn children in the United States. "Americans should not be forced to have their tax dollars fund abortion."

Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, said President Donald Trump "again deserves the gratitude of the pro-life movement and all Americans for the 'Protect Life Rule' announced today to divert taxpayer money from the abortion industry and instead direct it toward those health centers that do not promote or perform the killing of children through abortion."

"The Reagan rule reinstated by the current administration finally creates a bright line of separation between abortion and family planning. Abortion is not family planning — in sharp contrast, the violence of abortion wounds families," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, who is co-chairman of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus.

Smith was among more than 150 members of Congress who called for the action on Title X in an April 30 letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar. A couple weeks later a group of more than 200 members of the House and Senate urged Azar not to reinstate the Reagan-era rules, calling it essentially a "gag rule" on "health care" providers.

But Smith and the other group of lawmak-

ers said in their letter that Title X is in "dire need of review and updated regulations that ensure program integrity with respect to elective abortion."

"While the authorizing statute drew a bright line between family planning and abortion, the regulations governing the Title X program have blurred that line by requiring all grantees to refer for abortion," the letter said.

"The separation between abortion and family planning has been further weakened by permitting Title X clinics to be 'co-located' within the same facility as an entity that provides abortion," it said.

"Co-located centers may be vulnerable to misuse of funds in support of abortion activities and send a message that abortion is considered a method of family planning in federally funded family planning programs."

The lawmakers also 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 \$170 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."



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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 an ever-growing list of those impacted by the evil of gun violence. I extend my heartfelt prayers, along with my brother bishops, for all of those who have died, their families and friends, those who were injured,

and for our local community.”

The school shooting, occurring just three months after the shooting in Parkland, Florida, took place when a male shooter opened fire at Santa Fe High School the morning of May 18 killing 10 people, most of them students. Another 13 were reported injured.

A suspect taken into custody was identified as 17-year-old Dimitrios Pagourtzis and another person of interest also was detained and questioned. Explosive devices also were found at the school and off campus.

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 that 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.”

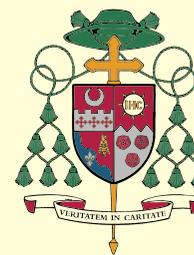
“As a society, we must strive for a way to end such acts of senseless gun violence in our schools and communities.”

CARDINAL DANIEL DINARDO



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Girls pray during a May 18 vigil after a shooting left several people dead at Santa Fe High School in Texas. As more details emerged about the shooting that left 10 people dead and 13 injured at the Houston-area school, the student who authorities said confessed to the attack was being held in isolation May 19 as officials identified the victims.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, May 27: 11 a.m. — Adult Confirmation Mass, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, May 28: 8:15 a.m. — 95th Westside Memorial Day Parade with St. Adalbert School Students, South Bend
- Monday, May 28: 11 a.m. — Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery Chapel, South Bend
- Wednesday, May 30: 12 p.m. — Mass for Conference of National Association of College Seminaries, St. Thomas Moore Chapel, University of Notre Dame
- Thursday, May 31: 7 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Marian High School, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Friday, June 1: 3 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Northeast Indiana Catholic Home-Educated Graduates, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, June 2: 11 a.m. — Priesthood Ordination, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, June 2: 6 p.m. — Vespers and Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity for Permanent Deacon Candidates, Lindenwood Retreat Center Chapel, Donaldson
- Sunday, June 3: 2 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Saint Joseph High School, St. Pius X Church, Granger
- Monday-Friday, June 4-8 — Annual Priest Retreat, Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park, Angola
- Friday, June 8: 6:30 p.m. — Welcome Mass for V Encuentro Regional Gathering, Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, University of Notre Dame
- Friday-Sunday, June 8-10: V Encuentro Regional Gathering, University of Notre Dame



Deacon assignments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignments of transitional deacons for the summer of 2018:

Deacon José Arroyo to diaconal ministry at St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne.

Deacon Daniel Niezer to diaconal ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart.

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Was the Church right about contraception?

BY LISA EVERETT

A look at 'Humanae Vitae' 50 years later

SECOND IN A SERIES ON THE ANNIVERSARY

Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II, was a member of the Pontifical Commission on Population, Family and Birth-rate — 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.

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, though 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.

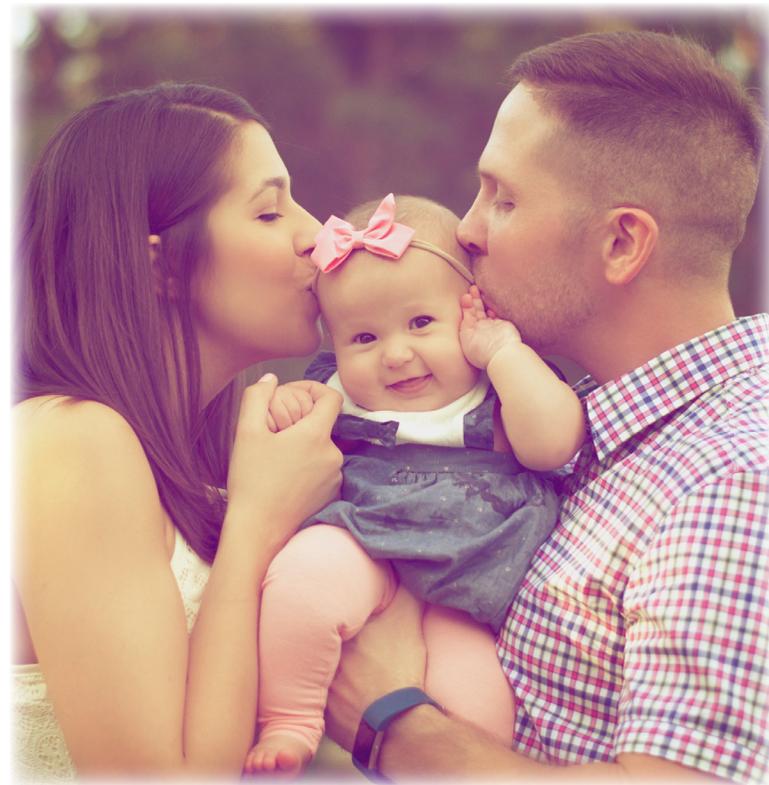
This means, for starters, that there must be more than one person in God, because love is a reality that only exists in a relationship — there must be someone who loves and someone who is loved. This brings us right away into the central mystery of our faith: that God lives in Himself a mystery of personal, 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

of the rational mind and free will we have as individual men and women, we also image God more perfectly and profoundly by living in loving communion with one another. God created marriage to be the first, and in a sense, the most fundamental form of living out the personal, loving communion that makes us like God.

Pope John Paul II found in the familiar story of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, an ancient affirmation of this truth that man and woman are made for each and meant to be a gift for each other. This call to communion is “written” in a special way into human sexuality, into the very maleness and femaleness of the human body, which are literally designed to fit together, making a man and woman capable of becoming “one flesh.”

Sexual intercourse is intended by God to be the most intimate sign of the mutual gift of self which a man and woman make to one another in marriage. In the sexual embrace, a husband and wife “say” with their bodies in a very private way what they said publicly at the altar on their wedding day: “I accept you completely as the gift from God that



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.”



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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 impermeable to 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!”

Cardinal Turkson told reporters, “a healthy economic system is vital to forge flourishing human relationships.”

“To help generate such healthy system, this joint document reminds us that the resources of the world are destined to serve the dignity of the human person and must be commonly available for the common good,” the cardinal said.

The document takes aim at greed, not capitalism. In fact, it praises economic systems and markets that respect human dignity and promote human freedom, creativity, production, responsibility, work and solidarity.

A healthy economy, it said, promotes all of those goods and realizes that the measure of progress is not how much money people have in the bank, but how many people are helped to live better lives.

One key to judging how well the economy works is how many decent jobs are created, the document said. But too often selfishness gets the upper hand:

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.

The global financial crisis that began in 2007 created an opportunity to review mechanisms of the economy and finance and come up with corrective regulations, but very little has been done.

In addition to the immorality of usury and tax evasion, the document signaled out other ethically problematic practices or practices that require more regulation to ensure ethical behavior: for example, executive bonus incentives based only on short-term profit; the operation of “offshore” financial bases that can facilitate tax evasion and the outflow of capital from developing countries; “the creation of stocks of credit,” like subprime mortgages and credit default swaps; and the growth of the “shadow banking system.”

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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 those 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) — Warning 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



File photo

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.

Paul VI accused Archbishop Lefebvre of acting like an 'antipope'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Confronting a rebel archbishop's accusations and acts of defiance was the heaviest cross Blessed Paul VI had to bear in his pontificate, said a new book based on never-before published notes and documents. After years of correspondence and efforts at convincing Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, founder of the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X, to accept the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and the authority of the pope, Blessed

Paul lost his patience at times in a private meeting with the suspended cleric at the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo, Sept. 11, 1976. "You said it and wrote it. (That) I would be a modernist pope. By applying an ecumenical council, I would betray the church. Do you understand that if this were so, I would have to resign and invite you to take my place and lead the church?" Pope Paul said, according to a top Vatican official's report of the proceedings. The typed report and handwritten notes and letters of Blessed Paul are part of a new Italian book, "The Barque of Paul," by Msgr. Leonardo Sapienza, regent of the Prefecture of the Pontifical Household.

NEWS BRIEFS

Colombian Cardinal Castrillon Hoyos dies at 88

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Colombian Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos, a longtime Vatican official, died early May 18 in Rome at the age of 88. In a message of condolence to the College of Cardinals, the cardinal's family and admirers, 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

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of a U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops committee echoed Pope Francis in calling for reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land amid ongoing violence between Israel and Palestinians. Quoting the pope's Easter prayer for peace, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, May 18 called for "fruits of reconciliation for the Holy Land, also experiencing in these days the wounds of ongoing conflict that do not spare the defenseless." The archbishop, who chairs the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, said in a statement the violence in Gaza that has led to 60 Palestinian deaths and injuries to more than 2,000 since May 14 "is deeply troubling. Recognizing Israel's right to self-defense, it is difficult to justify the death of protesters," Archbishop Broglio said. Israeli troops fired into Gaza during a May 14 mass protest at the Gaza-Israel border, killing dozens. The

violence occurred the same day the United States opened its Jerusalem embassy.

Philadelphia Archdiocese sues city over foster care placements

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is suing the city of Philadelphia in a religious freedom case centered on the placement of children in foster care. The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty filed the lawsuit May 16 in the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia on behalf of archdiocesan Catholic Social Services and three women caregivers associated with the archdiocesan agency. CSS is a Catholic agency that on average serves 127 foster children a day placed in more than 100 families in the city. Providing such care for more than a century, the agency adheres to Catholic teaching that opposes same-sex marriage and affirms marriage as a sacrament reserved only to one man and one woman. The 40-page complaint charges the city is breaching its contract with CSS to place at-risk children in foster care homes and is violating religious freedom clauses of the U.S. and Pennsylvania constitutions. At issue is a long-standing practice of CSS not to perform evaluations of the homes of same-sex couples wishing to care for foster children and instead to refer the required process to one of seven other foster agencies contracted by the city's Department of Human Services. The conflict between the city and Catholic Social Services began brewing in March when DHS publicly urged 300 new foster families to help care for more than 6,000 foster children in Philadelphia.

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 the papal almoner, the Iraq-based patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church and the archbishop of Karachi, Pakistan, among others. Announcing his choices 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 cardinal-electors — those under 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave — will exceed by five the limit of 120 set by Pope Paul VI. But previous popes also set the limit aside without formally changing the limit. The new cardinals hail from Iraq, Spain, Italy, Poland, Pakistan, Portugal, Peru, Madagascar, Japan, Mexico and Bolivia.

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 and models 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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

First St. Joseph School eighth-grade graduates



Provided by Cristy Jordan

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. Of the 17 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.

with 15 or more credits and in Marian High School being tied for sixth place in the state for college preparedness, according to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

He was named Light of Learning Principal of the Year by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in January. Kirzeder, his wife Leslie and their three children are members of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, where he serves as an extraordinary minister of holy Communion.

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 Kyra 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 Goegelein 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.

ND choir sings at Our Lady of the Road



Jennifer Miller

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.

Garrett preschool graduation ceremony



Provided by Jill Hamblin

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 Pepple, Nicholas Hicks, Isaac Buchs, Maria Schenkel and Trennen Kelham.



Joe Romie

Deacon Arroyo is handed on the Book of the Gospels, symbolizing his special ministry to proclaim the Gospel and preach the Catholic faith.



Joe Romie

Daniel Niezer promises respect and obedience to Bishop Rhoades and his successors.



Joe Romie

Parents of the newly ordained deacons bring forward the gifts for the liturgy of the Eucharist.



John Martin

Deacon Jay Horning helps Deacon Niezer to vest following his ordination.



Joe Romie

Deacon Arroyo offers a communicant the Blood of Christ.



John Martin

The elect prostrate themselves before the altar in an act of dying to themselves before rising to new life in holy orders.



Deacon Arroyo and Deacon Niezer are pictured in prayer after the Mass of ordination.

DIACONATE, from page 1

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

sanctuary, but did not offer the sacrifice. Just like the Levites, "deacons do not offer the Eucharistic sacrifice, but they assist the bishop and priests at the altar."

The bishop said that besides their service at Mass, Arroyo and Niezer would also celebrate the sacrament of baptism, officiate at marriages, preside at funeral and burial services, bring holy Communion to the sick and dying, and preside at the exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus sent 72 disciples two-by-two to announce that "the Kingdom of God is at hand." As these disciples went to announce the kingdom of God, the bishop said that 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."



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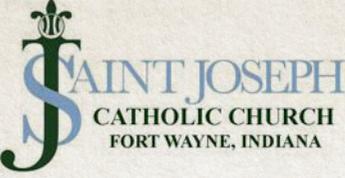
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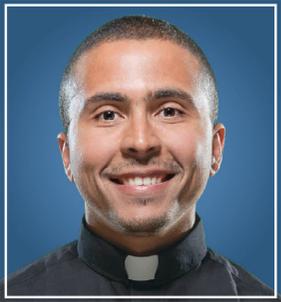


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Latin Mass appeals to young and old

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, the two forms of the Roman rite are "mutually enriching."

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 Darlene Chabot. Visual learners can feast their eyes on ornate vestments and sacred art that differentiate the sacred space from the world around it.

Incense involves another sense. A well-illustrated missal makes it easy to follow along with the Mass, or there is space for wordless meditation or familiar, memorized prayers.

"This is also our historical and cultural heritage," the pastor pointed out.

For the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he was thrilled to have music by students in the University of Notre Dame's graduate program in sacred music. "This music was written to be sung in a church like yours," they told him, "not in a concert hall."

There are striking differences from the "Novus Ordo," or current way to celebrate Mass — the way to which most Catholics are accustomed. For instance, most women prefer to cover their heads. There are only two



Provided by St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Parish

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, kneeling, celebrates Mass at St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Parish, South Bend, on Aug. 15, feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"I feel part of the continuous river of the history of salvation.

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MSGR. JOHN FRITZ, FSSP

Scripture readings, proclaimed first in Latin and then in the Douay-Rheims English translation, with words like "sayeth," "froward" and "Holy Ghost." The Sunday Scriptures constitute a one-year cycle, rather than three.

If there is no saint being celebrated at a weekday Mass, the celebrant repeats the Sunday

reading. He faces the altar, rather than the congregation, during most of Mass. Communicants kneel at the altar rail to receive the host on their tongues, and it is the priest who says "Amen."

Previously a priest of the diocese of Rockford, Illinois, Msgr. Fritz was thrilled to discover the power and beauty of the Latin

Mass. "I feel part of the continuous river of the history of salvation. Just think: I am praying the exact same words and using the same gestures as St. John Vianney. This is a privilege, an honor, a comfort, a stability you don't feel elsewhere."

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 from South Bend, one has to go to Chicago to find another parish regularly offering this form of the Mass.

Many of the large families who belong to St. Stanislaus homeschool their children. A homeschooling cooperative meets at the parish one day a week, where the pastor leads them in prayer and religious education, relying on the Baltimore Catechism. During the summer, families gather for "rosary and recess,"

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sometimes welcoming children from the westside neighborhood.

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.

Ryan and Susan Greutman, who recently welcomed their seventh child, were married in the Ruthenian Byzantine rite. The Latin Mass provides a similar "mini-retreat," as Susan puts it, "a glimpse of heaven, a chance to step away from the worldly craziness of modern life." St. Stanislaus is also a supportive community, where no one looks askance at a stay-at-home mother of many.

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.

The church and rectory have required renovation, both to adapt the space to this form of the liturgy and to overcome years of delayed maintenance. Parishioners are extremely generous in pitching in to do the necessary work. It is a non-territorial parish, meaning that its members come from across the diocese and beyond, instead of from the immediate neighborhood, because of the unusual permission to celebrate the Latin Mass: So everyone who becomes a member makes a deliberate decision to do so, and they are eager to take advantage of everything the parish offers.

"I am so pleased with the 'personality' of this parish," said Msgr. Fritz. "We've got a good thing going, thanks to the intercession of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr."

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 newest class of Holy Cross College graduates at their baccalaureate Mass on May 18, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades highlighted the transformative power of sacrificial love. He continued, "The true life, the good life, the fulfilling life, is an adventure of love which gazes outward, 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 exclaimed: "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 mind and heart, to be brought to wholeness? Consider five simple, but powerful, rules for life: Seek, persist, excel, love and serve."

"Seeking requires active engagement, creative thinking, and energy," explained Garnett, who also serves as an advisor for the Alliance for Catholic Education. "Don't hide from the

world, go forth from this place and seek. However, this can be exhausting, frustrating and demoralizing. All of us face our own obstacles. Don't give up, but persist with a smile on your face!"

"Now some, in the eyes of the world, will be more successful than others. However, to excel is not to measure your success against the achievements of others, but rather to ask 'Am I better today than I was yesterday? Can I do better with the gifts that God has given me?' Be better each day, better at whatever you are called to do and better than you were the day before."

She further reminded: "You are created in the image and likeness of the God who seeks you, who persists in His love for you even when you fail to excel. Because you are loved, you are called to love. Not in the sappy, happily ever-after sense, but in the hard, self-sacrificial sense of depending on and giving oneself for others. Someday you will find yourself asked to sacrifice for someone you love. If you are the kind of people that I know, you have been formed to be here. You will give of yourselves, even when it is hard, for love."

"Finally, remember each and every day that you are called to serve. Serve your families, serve your communities, serve your nation. You have been given many gifts, not least of which is a Catholic education at a place that sought 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."



Joe Raymond

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades processes during the baccalaureate Mass for Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, on May 18.

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, courage 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 Freil, 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 pass along "the immense amount of kindness and generosity out there," building relationships in this admittedly "broken" world.

"Believe it or not, we really are 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



William Schmitt

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

conferred bachelor's degrees in arts, fine arts, science, nursing, business and social work. At the May 19 event held in the Angela Athletic and Wellness Center, the college also bestowed Master of Science degrees and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from its coeducational graduate programs. About 380 degrees were awarded in all, the college said.

Honorary doctor of humani-

ties degrees went to Woo and to Sister Margaret "Peggy" O'Neill, SC, a theologian acclaimed as a peace activist who has worked extensively in El Salvador.

As a member of the Sisters of Charity who began assisting refugees amid war in that country in 1986, Sister O'Neill expressed gratitude that Saint Mary's College graduates would be among those carrying on the

work of peacemaking.

Some may learn through experience the value of eliminating violence and spreading love, she said. "You're young women, and you do know that, and that makes me smile."

The college also presented the Lumen Christi Award — its highest honor for a member of the senior class — to a biology major from Hawaii, Princess Mae Dela Rosa Visconde. She was saluted for humble commitment that reflected "the light of Christ" to the campus community through service in liturgies, the residence halls and endeavors of inclusiveness, as well as compassion in the medical field.

Five members of the Class of 2018 — Darya Bondarenko, Makenzie Duncan, Melissa Henry, Kristie LeBeau and Kathleen Price — spoke as valedictorians to the standing-room-only assembly at the 171st annual commencement. They spoke of the strong ties among the student body, whose nickname is the "Belles."

The college's baccalaureate liturgy took place on May 18, with Msgr. Kenneth Velo as celebrant. Msgr. Velo, based at Old Saint Patrick's Church in Chicago, is a co-chairman and longtime 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 unusual it was for me to take a news fast recently. I went for more than 48 hours without hearing the news, seeing the news, 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 hours spent 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, mingle with scientific studies 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



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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 those we love. "We are not machines," he tells us.

For other ideas, go to a website called itstimetologoff.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 Mary Ann Glendon 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'm delighted to see it given to people more deserving than myself: Helen Alvare, the Sisters of Life, Rep. Chris Smith and his wife Marie, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and so on.

These honorees have truly "served to proclaim 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.

Even in this august company, Professor Glendon stands out, for reasons worth reflecting on as we confront a secular world that can seem very hostile to the faith and its pro-life values.

Her accomplishments 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"



A MORE HUMAN SOCIETY

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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

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God has chosen us to be His children



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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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 across the Sinai Peninsula, fleeing Egypt, where they had been slaves, and in search of the land God had promised them.

In this reading, Moses is quoted as having told the people that God created all. God had spoken to them. God is in

heaven. Finally, Moses said that the people must obey God's commandments. At the time, these words were extraordinarily powerful. They revealed God. Moreover, they were God's own revelation. They marked the path toward genuine life with God. They were the ways to peace and joy in human existence.

For 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 explained that faithful Christians share the divine life. They are more than creatures of God. They are God's children. Indeed, disciples are encouraged 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, is 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, 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 Jesus. 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, three distinct persons, united in the one divinity.

The Trinity reminds us that God is love, in a way we cannot describe, too wonderful, too 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 unqualified 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.

READINGS

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45

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

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 96:10-13 Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2-6 Mk 11:27-33

Consenting to sex

Recent news articles exploring the post-#MeToo world of romance have noted the phenomenon of cell phone “consent apps,” allowing millennials to sign digital contracts before they have sex with their peers, 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 might be anticipated, have urged caution, noting that consent apps are not able to 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 covered. When it comes to “sex in the moment,” consent is touted as key, allowing for almost all mutually agreed-upon behaviors or practices.

Yet this approach to sex is fundamentally flawed, and it’s often the woman who is the first to notice. Even when consenting unmarried couples scrupulously use contraception, there remains an awareness, particularly on the part of the woman, that a pregnancy could follow, and a concern about who will be responsible for the child if that were to happen. Sex between men and women involves real asymmetries and vulnerabilities, with men oftentimes being, in the words of sociologist Mark Regnerus, “less discriminating” in their sex drives than women, eager to forge ahead as long as there appears to be some semblance of consent. Women often sense, rightly, that consent for a particular sexual act ought to be part of something bigger, a wider scope of commitment.

Consenting to sex, of course, signifies the surrendering of our self to another. Sex ultimately speaks of giving our self, and receiving another, in a total, rather than a fragmentary way.

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 our self fully to another, and to receive that person fully, forms a bond with them that extends beyond the morning dawn. Human sexual union is not a mere joining of bodies, 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 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.”

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 consent is largely transactional and temporary. By consenting to pre-marital or extramarital sex, we declare, in effect, that we are giving ourselves, our bodies and our hearts to each other, although in truth, our giving remains partial and conditional, and we may be out the door the next morning or the next month. Our consent, limited and qualified as it is, amounts to little more than an agreement to use each other as long as it’s convenient. When the breakup occurs, we are hurt, because we thought we had something special even though we didn’t really want to commit to anything special.

In the final analysis, human sexual activity calls for something much deeper and more abiding than mere transactional consent, namely, the irrevocable and permanent consent of spouses. Professor William May describes it this way: “In and through his act of marital consent ... the man, forswearing all others, has given himself irrevocably the identity of this particular woman’s husband, while the woman, in and through her self-determining act of marital consent, has given herself irrevocably the identity of this particular man’s wife, and together they have given themselves the identity of spouses. ... Husbands and wives, precisely because they have given themselves irrevocably to each other in marriage, have established each other as irreplaceable, non-substitutable, non-disposable persons and by doing so have capacitated themselves to do things that non-married individuals simply cannot do, among them to ‘give’ themselves to one another in the act proper and exclusive to spouses — the marital act — and to receive the gift of life.”



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

Through the enduring commitment of marital consent, a man and a woman establish the foundation for personal sexual consent. In the absence of that larger marital commitment, all other consents, even with legalized authorization or electronic notarization, ring hollow.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

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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 administration.

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 unassuming, affable and self-deprecating persons 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 against 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 family and friends who support you and give you a sense of perspective. Approach everyone, including opponents, in a friendly and gentle way, making the conversation about the message you

serve rather than about yourself. In short, speak the truth in charity and humility. It’s a message all of us, not least our political leaders, should be reminded of every day.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

For May 27, 2018

Romans 8:14-17 and Matthew 28:16-20

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.

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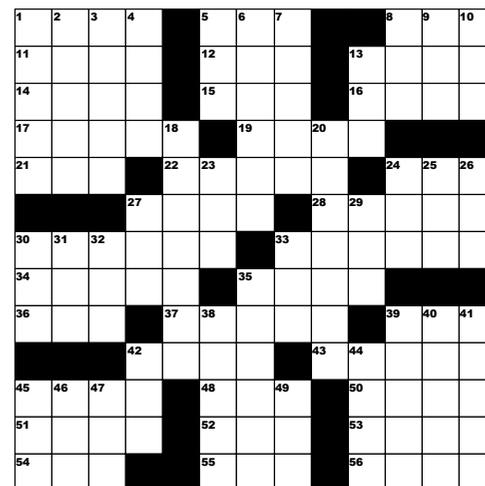
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The CrossWord

May 20 and 27, 2018



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Readings: Acts 2:1-11 Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 and Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20

ACROSS

- 1 Head coverings
- 5 Abridged (abbr.)
- 8 Pacific Time
- 11 Spoken
- 12 Spelling contest
- 13 Land east of Jerusalem
- 14 Convexity
- 15 That woman
- 16 Spirit blew like a
- 17 Balm of Gilead will do
- 19 President’s office
- 21 Sin
- 22 Eyed
- 24 Morse code dash

DOWN

- 27 Nudge
- 28 Israelites heard God
- 30 Put more ammo in
- 33 Flag
- 34 “Out of I have called my son”
- 35 Ice cream holder
- 36 Buck’s mate
- 37 Abraham’s son
- 39 Regret
- 42 The Spirit
- 43 Make improvements to
- 45 Dry sherry
- 48 Away
- 50 Assistant
- 51 Gadfly

- 52 South southeast
- 53 Water film
- 54 Alternative (abbr.)
- 55 Chicken
- 56 Type of butter

DOWN

- 1 Wind filled the
- 2 Put on the of God
- 3 Ascension mountain
- 4 machine
- 5 Brake system
- 6 “ I am with you”
- 7 Forerunner of a sheriff
- 8 Pressure unit
- 9 Offend God
- 10 Little bit
- 13 Punching tool
- 18 Admiral Nelson
- 20 Edge
- 23 “Voice of ”
- 24 Loud noises
- 25 Expert
- 26 That woman
- 27 Soda
- 29 We believe in God
- 30 Pentecost color
- 31 Pride
- 32 Caustic substance
- 33 Scarf
- 35 Native American range pony
- 38 Splash
- 39 German kingdom
- 40 Unmerited
- 41 Swelling
- 42 Pig
- 44 Catholic worship service
- 45 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
- 46 Ailing
- 47 Peter cast
- 49 Commandments

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT'S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. View more Catholic events and submit new ones at www.todayscatholic.org/event. For additional listings of that event, please call the advertising sales staff at 260-399-1449 to purchase space.

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 Bibliotecca
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 cook-out 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

Poppins." at 8 a.m. in the Cathedral Center. This month's sponsor is Redeemer Radio.

Knights of Columbus fish fry
SOUTH BEND — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521 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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Allen G. Gerard, 89, St. Pius X

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Jim Jennings, 73, Holy Cross

Decatur
Bonnie L. Baker, 85, St. Mary/Assumption

Phyllis B. Szrom, 83, St. Pius X

Nancy J. Piekarski, 67, St. Matthew Cathedral

Donaldson
Sister Celine Tomasic, PHJC, 94, Catherine Kasper Chapel

New Carlisle
Joseph F. Kafka, 71, St. Stanislaus Kostka

Timothy B. Richardson, 57, Corpus Christi

Fort Wayne
Lois M. Devine, 85, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

New Haven
Stephen J. Haydock, 83, St. John the Baptist

Michael L. Szymczak, 73, Holy Family

Jean N. Wagner, 94, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Notre Dame
Brother James A. Everett, CSC, 84, St. Joseph Chapel

Elizabeth R. Slater, 80, St. Hedwig

Charlene M. Wenzel, 69, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Brother John Ptaszek, CSC, 84, Holy Cross Chapel

Darlene I. Putz, 70, St. Casimir

Jerry L. Norton, 83, St. Jude

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Roseann Singleton, 81, St. Therese, Little Flower

Michel R. Sturm, DDS, 70, St. Charles Borromeo

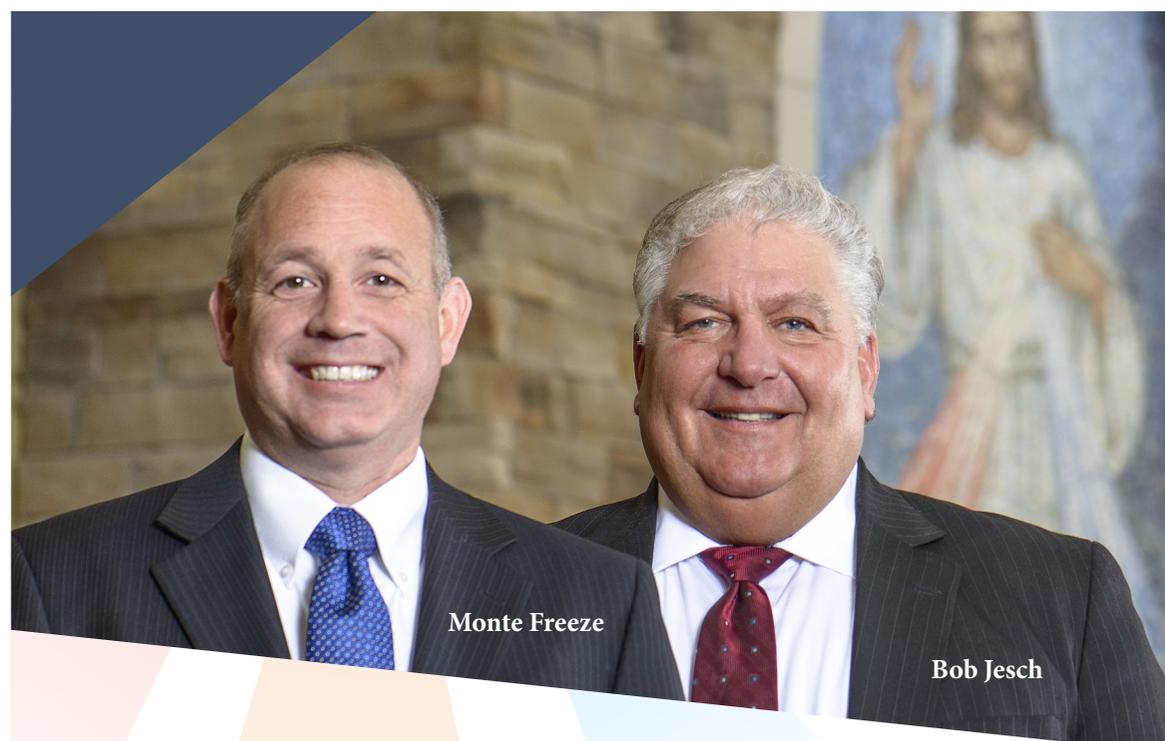
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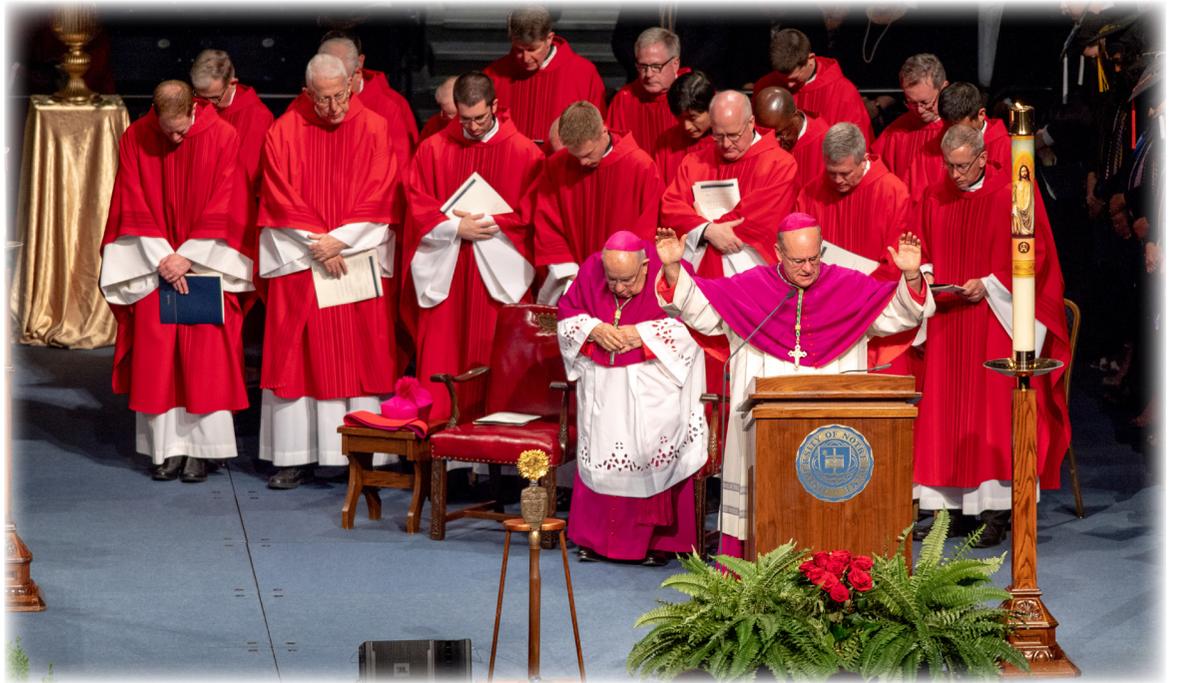
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the true accomplishment and surest sign of the Spirit in one's life is the capacity to live a life that is truly loving and open to all. Here, Father Jenkins stated specifically the need to be open, generous and compassionate to those who are most 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 saluatorian Harisa Spahi 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



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades asks for a blessing during commencement exercises for the University of Notre Dame Sunday, May 20.



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Brazilian judge Sergio Moro, University of Notre Dame commencement speaker and an honorary degree recipient, speaks with Bishop Rhoades following commencement activities.

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.



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*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

JEREMIAH 29:11