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Five diocesan priests ordained, largest number in 43 years



Joe Romie

New priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend laugh at a lighthearted joke made by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the conclusion of their Mass of ordination Saturday, June 2, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. From left are Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA; Father Patrick Hake, Father Jay Horning, Father David Huneck, Father Nathan Maskal and Father Thomas Zehr.

BY SARAH DUSTMAN

With overflowing joy, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend welcomed five new priests to its ecclesial ranks on Saturday, June 2, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Hundreds of the faithful pressed into the cathedral to witness Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades ordain the men into the Order of the Priesthood. Over 80 priests concelebrated the Mass including Msgr. Andrew Baker, rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary and Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

This year's ordination class was the largest since 1975 and consisted of Father Patrick Hake, from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne; Father Jay Horning, from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne; Father David Huneck, from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne; Father Nathan Maskal, from St. Charles

Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne; and Father Thomas Zehr, from Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne.

The size wasn't the only unique factor of this year's ordination class, however. Four of the five ordained men — Fathers Hake, Huneck, Maskal and Zehr — were all graduates of Fort Wayne's Bishop Dwenger High School Class of 2009.

Even with this high school connection, their paths to the priesthood varied. Maskal and Zehr entered the seminary after graduating from Bishop Dwenger. Hake and Huneck discerned their callings while attending college. Horning, not Catholic when he started college at the University of Saint Francis, began his discernment shortly after converting to Catholicism.

Bishop Rhoades acknowledged the historic occasion during opening remarks before beginning the Mass. The faithful were present that day to witness and give thanks for the five new priests, whose vocations, he said, were

an answer to their prayers that the Lord would send laborers to the vineyard.

The ordination rites began after the Gospel was proclaimed. Father Andrew Budzinski, vocations director for the diocese, presented Deacons Hake, Horning, Huneck, Maskal and Zehr to the bishop, affirming that they were worthy to be received into the priesthood. The bishop's approval

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of the worthiness of the candidates was met with a strong "T h a n k s be to God"

and applause that lasted until the bishop began his homily.

Bishop Rhoades noted the words Jesus spoke in the Gospel: "I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father." He told the candidates that these words, spoken

at the Last Supper, were being told to them today. The bishop quoted Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who said that becoming the friend of Jesus Christ is "the profound meaning of being a priest."

The bishop explained how the Lord makes the candidates His friends through entrusting to them His Body and Blood in the Eucharist and His Church. He said that the Lord "draws them into the mystery of His priesthood in such a way that they will be empowered to say words that only Jesus can say" such as "I absolve you from your sins" and "This is My Body ... this is My Blood."

"Today the Lord places His hands on Patrick, Jay, David, Nathan and Thomas, making them share in the mystery of His priesthood," Bishop Rhoades said.

The sharing in His priesthood includes "giving them a new identity" ... "sending them forth to proclaim His Gospel to the world, to be His ambassadors."

The bishop added that there is

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Serving others in God's love: Religious Freedom Week

Religious freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.

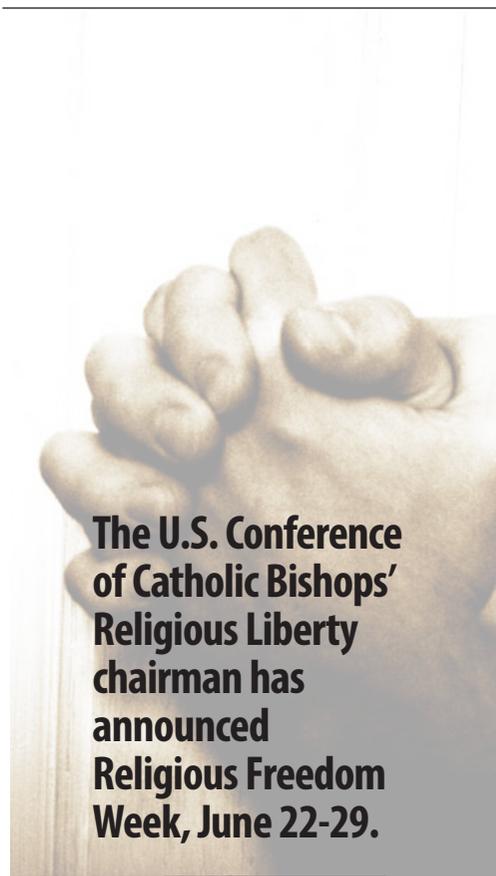
— Pope Francis

WASHINGTON — Catholics across the United States are encouraged to pray and act in support of religious liberty at home and abroad during Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018, which begins on June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, and ends on June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. The chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, stated: "Religious freedom allows the space for people of faith to serve others in God's love in ministries like education, adoption and foster care, health care, and migration and refugee services. We encourage people of faith to reflect on the importance of religious freedom so that we might have the space to carry out our mission of service and mercy, and we invite everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world."

One major area of concern this year is freedom for child welfare service providers. The opioid crisis in the U.S. is putting a strain on the foster care system. The number of children in need is going up while the number of families willing to take the children into their homes is going down, according to the USCCB. In places like Illinois, Massachusetts, California and Washington D.C., the service providers who have a track record of excellence in recruiting and assisting foster families have been shut down.

Acting to promote religious liberty

On their own or using materials available at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek and www.usccb.org/freedom, Catholics are asked during the week to learn more about religious liberty from the Church's perspec-



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Religious Liberty chairman has announced Religious Freedom Week, June 22-29.

...tive, to pray about particular issues and act on what they have learned, whether by finding ways for their parishes to serve their community or even by calling their members of Congress and asking them to promote legislation supporting religious liberty.

One such piece of legislation is the federal Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act (H.R. 1881 / S. 811), which would protect the religious liberty of child welfare service providers, including adoption and foster care agencies. Similar legislation has been introduced and passed in several states.

Additionally, the U.S. Supreme Court just ruled in favor of a Christian baker in Colorado named Jack Phillips, who declined in conscience to create a custom cake celebrating a same-sex marriage. The decision may have critical implications for the freedom of people of faith to live out their faith in daily life.

Week succeeds Fortnight for Freedom

Religious Freedom Week succeeds the Fortnight for Freedom, celebrated in years past, for a few reasons, according to the USCCB. "Week" is more widely understood than "fortnight," and many public awareness campaigns take place over the course of a week, such as Catholic Schools Week, National Migration Week and National Marriage Week. A week provides a focused period of time to concentrate one's attention on the issue of religious freedom, and this particular week centers around the feast days of saints who bore particular witness to religious liberty.

Although the Fortnight for Freedom sought to raise awareness of several religious freedom issues, it was associated in some people's minds with the HHS contraceptive mandate. "To be sure, the HHS mandate is still a live issue and still being challenged in several courts, but awareness needs to be raised concerning other important religious freedom issues as well, including legal and policy challenges facing our adoption and foster care services, our migration and refugee services and other charitable work of the Church," a statement from the USCCB said. Over the last few years, the Fortnight for Freedom has also shifted to more of a prayer and education campaign, and from an ad hoc to standing Committee for Religious Liberty within the USCCB, providing an opportune moment to explain how religious freedom encompasses a number of areas. Religious liberty really affects the entire Church, and not just the Catholic Church, but all people of faith who seek to live out their faith in daily life in the public square.

Through prayer, education and public action during Religious Freedom Week, however, the Catholic Church promotes the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom for now and the future, for Catholics and for those of all faiths.

Check out the USCCB Action Alert Center at www.votervoices.net/USCCB/home and indianacc.org for legislative updates on this and other important policy issues.



Serving Others in God's Love

Religious Freedom Week

June 22–29, 2018

People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in health care, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

Vote on revised medical directives on tap at bishops' spring assembly

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Revised guidelines governing Catholic and non-Catholic health care partnerships will be on the agenda of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' spring general assembly June 13-14 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The revisions are limited to Part 6 of the "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services," the document that governs moral questions related to the delivery of health care.

The bishops also will consider a new document described as a "pastoral response" to the growing Asian and Pacific Island Catholic community in the United States. "Encountering Christ in Harmony" offers pastoral suggestions to address the concerns and needs of Asian and Pacific Island Catholics.

Revisions in language to clarify seven of the 17 articles in the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young Adults" are on the agenda for review and a vote as well.

In addition, reports on the V Encuentro, a nationwide gathering of Latino Catholics in September, and this fall's Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment at the Vatican are planned.

The effort to revise the ethical and religious directives started with guidance from the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican after a "dubia," or formal question, was sent in 2013 to the doctrinal congregation by New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, then-USCCB president.

The congregation's response included 17 principles that were meant to assist the U.S. bishops "in considering their teaching and governing responsibilities in the development and reorganization of Catholic health care organizations or systems."

Acknowledging the need for such collaborations, the Vatican said that while such partnerships are not inherently wrong, they must be viewed on a case-by-case basis.

Father Michael Fuller, executive director of the USCCB Secretariat of Doctrine and Canonical Affairs, said the revisions are necessary as mergers between Catholic and non-Catholic health care systems have become more common in the 21st century.

Bishop Robert J. McManus of Worcester, Massachusetts, chairman of the Committee on Doctrine's Subcommittee on Health Care, was scheduled to introduce the final draft of the revisions at the assembly. A discussion was planned and final amendments were to be accepted and considered by the subcommittee. A vote was expected by the end of the assembly.

The bishops previously revised Part 6, the directive's final section, in 2001.

The document related to Asian and Pacific Island Catholics has been in the works for about two years. It follows a report by a team of social scientists based on a nationwide questionnaire and online survey that asked the Asian and Pacific Island community about their pastoral needs.

By design, the document does not address members of the Eastern Catholic churches except for the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Catholics with roots

continue to welcome and integrate them," Sister Myrna said.

The bishops will vote on accepting the document during the assembly.

The changes in the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" offer more specific language in several areas. Article 4 has been revised to protect the seal of the sacrament of reconciliation. Changes in Articles 6 and 12 specifically state that all people who have contact with minors rather than those in positions of trust "will abide by standard of behavior and appropriate boundaries."

In all, seven changes have been proposed for a vote by the bishops.

In addition to the votes on these documents, the bishops will hear a report on the upcoming V Encuentro from Bishop Nelson J. Perez of Cleveland, chairman of the Cultural Diversity Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs. Dioceses have conducted regional Encuentro meetings that have involved tens of thousands of Latino Catholics.

The V Encuentro will take place Sept. 20-23 in Grapevine, Texas. About 3,000 diocesan delegates are expected to attend.

Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, will update the assembly on the planned pastoral letter on racism and report on the work of the committee in recent months.

The Share the Journey campaign to welcome immigrants that was initiated by Pope Francis in September will be discussed by Bishop Joe S. Vazquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the Committee on Migration.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty, will report on the committee's activities including the upcoming Religious Freedom Week planned for June 22-29.

Discussion and votes were to be proposed regarding new translations of some parts of the Liturgy of the Hours including certain antiphons and intercessions. It is one of several votes on the prayers that will occur over several years.

Finally, the bishops will discuss and vote on supplementary materials for the Roman Missal and the Liturgy of the Hours for the feast days of St. John Paul II, St. John XXIII and St. Mary Magdalene.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, June 10: 3 p.m. — Mass with Blessing of Chapel and Altar, St. Dominic Church, Bremen
- Tuesday, June 12: 9 a.m. — Meeting of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Doctrine, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Tuesday, June 12: 1 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Tuesday, June 12: 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Religious Liberty, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Wednesday-Friday, June 13-15: Meeting of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Wednesday, June 13: 7 a.m. — Meeting of Episcopal Advisory Board of Catholic Leadership Institute, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Sunday, June 17: 9 a.m. — Mass with Perpetual Profession of Vows, St. Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, June 18: 10 a.m. — Meeting of the Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, June 19: 7 p.m. — Priest and Religious Appreciation Dinner with Knights of Columbus, Parkview Mirro Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, June 20: 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
- Wednesday, June 20: 6 p.m. — Mass and Dinner with Legatus Chapters of Fort Wayne and South Bend, St. Martin de Porres Church and The Oakwood Resort, Syracuse
- Thursday, June 21: 4 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, June 22: 7 p.m. — Invocation at Red Coat Dinner, Fort Wayne Country Club, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, June 23: 11 a.m. — Ordination of Permanent Deacons, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend



in India.

Scalabrinian Sister Myrna Tordillo, assistant director of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, told Catholic News Service that "Encountering Christ in Harmony" addresses four central concerns that surfaced in the responses: identity, generations, leadership and culture of encounter and dialogue.

The document is the product of collaboration between the bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church and the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs.

"The hope is that this document will assist dioceses, pastoral leaders, and other Catholic entities and Asian and Pacific Island Catholics in the pastoral care of Asian and Pacific Island Catholics wherever they are, and



Priest assignments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignments of priests, effective June 19, 2018:

Reverend Patrick Hake to Parochial Vicar, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart.

Reverend Jay Horning to Parochial Vicar, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, and part-time Chaplain at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne.

Reverend David Huneck to Parochial Vicar, St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, and part-time Chaplain at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne.

Reverend Nathan Maskal to Parochial Vicar, Holy Family Parish, South Bend, and St. John the Baptist Parish, South Bend.

Reverend Thomas Zehr to Parochial Vicar, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne, and part-time Chaplain at Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne.

Was the Church right about contraception?

BY LISA EVERETT

A look at 'Humanae Vitae' 50 years later

THIRD IN A SERIES ON THE ANNIVERSARY

Many people sincerely struggle to understand the moral difference between contraception and natural family planning. If a married couple has a legitimate reason to avoid pregnancy, they wonder, does it really matter what means they choose to accomplish this goal? Yet in everyday life, they can easily see how the means we choose to accomplish a good goal matter enormously from a moral point of view. For example, if a person wants to raise money for a good cause, they can either hold a bake sale or rob a bank!

Although it may be more difficult to see at first glance, "Humanae Vitae" teaches that there is also an enormous difference between using contraception or sterilization to avoid pregnancy, and abstaining from sex during the fertile time in a woman's cycle to accomplish the same goal. Referring to this

difference, Pope John Paul II wrote in his apostolic exhortation on the family, "Familiaris consortio," in 1981: "[I]t is a difference which is much wider and deeper than is usually thought, one which involves in the final analysis two irreconcilable concepts of the human person and of human sexuality."

One of the central insights of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body is that the human body has the capacity to express love. We express love through our bodies in many ways as human beings, of course. But there is one way of expressing love through our bodies that images the inner life of the Holy Trinity and makes it possible for us to participate in the creative love of God. Think about the fact that every Sunday when we recite the Nicene Creed at Mass, we profess our faith in the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the giver of life." How beautiful that He who is literally the Love "personified" between the Father and the Son should be the One who enables the love of husband and wife — expressed through the sexual embrace — to become "personified" in the gift of their child.

From this vantage point, it is easier to see that when it comes

to human sexuality, we are standing on holy ground. God is present here, in a mysterious but real way, and like Moses who approached the burning bush on Mount Horeb, we remove the sandals from our feet in profound reverence.

This reverence is the foundation of the teaching of "Humanae Vitae" that "each and every marital act must of necessity retain its intrinsic relationship to the procreation of human life" (No. 11). This means that if a married couple discerns that it would not be responsible to bring a child into their family in their present circumstances, they should refrain from expressing their love for each other in the sexual embrace during those days when doing so could result in a pregnancy. In this way, the couple respects the intimate link between the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of sexuality and does nothing on their own initiative to separate what God has joined. Learning to identify the fertile and infertile days in a woman's monthly cycle and using this information either to achieve or to avoid pregnancy is what natural family planning is all about.

St. John Paul II deepened and broadened the underpinning of this central teaching of "Humanae Vitae." For him, NFP is not only an expression of the reverence due to God as the Lord and giver of life. It also safeguards the meaning of sex as a sign and expression of total, mutual self-giving in marriage. The gift of self that I make to my



spouse in the sexual embrace is supposed to encompass all of me, including the gift of my fertility. And the gift of self that my spouse makes to me is supposed to encompass all of them.

This sense that sex should be about giving all of oneself is not reserved for people who are "religious" — it is something that resonates deeply in the human heart. Consider the refrain of John Legend's ballad "All of Me," dedicated to his wife, Chrissy, which topped the charts in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Australia in 2014: "Cause all of me/ Loves all of you/ Love your curves and all your edges/ All

your perfect imperfections/ Give your all to me/ I'll give my all to you/ You're my end and my beginning/ Even when I lose I'm winning/ 'Cause I give you all, all of me/ And you give me all, all of you."

From this point of view, it becomes easier to see how contraception and sterilization contradict the meaning of sex as a sign and expression of total self-giving. If one spouse deliberately withholds their fertility from the other, they are not giving themselves totally to him or her in the very act which is supposed to express most profoundly my complete gift of self. "Thus the innate language that expresses the total, reciprocal self-giving of husband and wife is overlaid, through contraception, by an objectively contradictory language, namely, that of not giving oneself totally to the other," Pope John Paul II reflected. "This leads not only to a positive refusal to be open to life but also to a falsification of the inner truth of conjugal love, which is called upon to give itself in personal totality."

In the next article, we will begin to consider the fallout that Pope Paul VI predicted would occur if the practice of contraception became commonplace.

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Sports on Sundays OK, except to skip Mass, says Vatican

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A new Vatican document cautions against the dangers of highly competitive children's sports, political and economic pressures on athletes to win "at all costs" and the unsportsmanlike or violent behavior of fans.

The document on sports also calls on every group or institution sponsoring sports programs to have expert-guided child protection policies in place and it urged bishops, parishes and lay Catholics to be proactive in helping "humanize" sports.

The document, "Giving the Best of Yourself," also condoned sports on Sundays as a means of bringing families and communities together in joy and celebration, but only as long as such events are not used as an excuse to miss Mass.

The document was released June 1 by the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, and is the first Vatican document on sports, said Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the dicastery's prefect.

In a message to the cardinal, Pope Francis applauded the document and said, "Sport is a very rich source of values and virtues that help us to become better people."

"We need to deepen the close connection that exists between sport and life, which can enlighten one another," said the pope, who often fondly recalls how he and his family cheered on his favorite soccer team when he was a boy.

The 52-page document highlighted the Church's positive view of the important values inherent to sport and blew the whistle on the growing threats in the sports world, including



CNS photo/Father Nate Willis

Msgr. Mike Burke, better known as Father Mike, prays with Wisconsin Badger football players before their game Nov. 11, 2017, against Iowa. The Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life released a document June 1 at the Vatican on sports, titled "Giving the Best of Yourself," offering guidelines, recommendations and warnings.

corruption, over-commercialization, manipulation and abuse.

The document — meant for all Catholics and "people of goodwill" — also was an invitation to the Church to offer itself as a valuable resource, partner and leader in safeguarding the dignity of the human person and all of creation.

In fact, it made specific reference to the need to protect the environment when it comes to hosting sporting events and to respect animals involved in sports, ensuring "that they are treated in a morally appropriate way and not as mere objects."

It also mentioned briefly the growing and lucrative business of e-sports, that is, video game competitions and tournaments that award large cash prizes and draw huge numbers of spectators.

While not trying to touch on every problem or concern or pin-

point one sport in particular, the document listed what it saw as four serious challenges that are the result of an obsession with success and the huge economic and political pressures put on sports and athletes: the debasement of the body, doping, corruption and the negative behavior of spectators.

"Sports that inevitably cause serious harm to the human body cannot be ethically justified," it said. Given the greater understanding people now have about the harmful effects of some sports on the body, particularly brain damage, all of society must put the well-being and health of the person first.

People are not machines, it said, and parents, coaches and communities must avoid objectifying players, particularly with expectations they receive medals, scholarships, wealth or break records.

"Aberrations of this kind can be seen in highly competitive children's sports," it said, noting an increase in pushing kids to specialize — often starting very early in life — in one sport intensively year-round, which can result in overuse injuries or eating disorders, particularly in girls' and women's gymnastics.

"Parents have a responsibility of showing children that they are loved for who they are, not for their successes, appearance or physical abilities," it said.

Among the rights of life, dignity and freedom that must be protected in sports is protection against abuse, it said.

"Incidences of abuse of children whether physical, sexual or emotional by coaches, train-

ers or other adults are a direct affront" to minors, it said, so "institutions that sponsor sports programs for youth, including at the elite level, must develop policies with the help of experts that ensure the safety of all children."

The document called on the Church to develop and promote an "apostolate for sports" that shows the Church's commitment to the integral well-being and development of the human person in sports and to directly initiate sports-related activities at the local level.

Pope Francis, it said, invites people not only to play, but also to "challenge yourself in the game of life," striving for what is good with courage and enthusiasm.

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Vatican asks German bishops to set aside plans for eucharistic sharing

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has asked the Catholic bishops' conference of Germany not to publish nationwide guidelines for allowing Protestants married to Catholics to receive Communion at Mass, but to continue having diocesan bishops judge specific situations. Greg Burke, director of the Vatican press office, confirmed the authenticity of a letter published June 4 on the Italian blog Settimo Cielo. "The Holy Father has reached the conclusion that the document has not matured enough to be published," said the letter signed by Cardinal-designate Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The prefect had hosted a meeting May

3 with a group of German bishops, including supporters and opponents of the document, and with officials from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts. A Vatican statement issued at the end of the meeting said, "Pope Francis appreciates the ecumenical commitment of the German bishops and asks them to find, in a spirit of ecclesial communion, a result as unanimously as possible."

U.S. Catholics donate nearly \$59 million to hurricane, earthquake relief

WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. Catholics have donated close to \$59 million to relief and recovery efforts in response to the destruction caused by three hurricanes that hit the United States and the

Caribbean and two earthquakes in Mexico last year. The devastation from these "unprecedented disasters continues to impact the lives of our brothers and sisters in the United States, across the Caribbean and in Mexico," said Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Alabama, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on National Collections. "We are profoundly grateful to the dioceses that took up special collections or made donations," he said in a May 21 statement. "The support of parishioners is an act of charity and a reflection of love for neighbor. We ask for continued prayers of support for the people affected by these historic natural disasters." The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in a news release reported the various amounts raised for disaster relief as of mid-May: Hurricane Harvey, \$37.2 million; Hurricane Irma, \$12.8 million; Hurricane Maria, \$6.1 million; and Mexico earthquakes, \$3.5 million.



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Voters in Ireland pave way for abortion on demand

DUBLIN (CNS) — Voters in Ireland have opted to remove the right to life of the unborn from the country's constitution, paving the way for abortion on demand up to 12 weeks. Results from the nationwide referendum showed that 66.4 percent of citizens opted to remove the Eighth Amendment from the constitution, while 33.6 percent voted to retain it. Turnout was 64.5 percent. Voters inserted the original amendment in the constitution in 1983 by a margin of 2-1, and it "acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right." That text will now be deleted and replaced with an article stating that "provision may be made by law for the regulation of termination of pregnancy." Minister for Health Simon Harris has said he would introduce legislation that would allow abortion on demand up to 12 weeks, up to 24 weeks on unspecified grounds for the health of the mother, and up to birth where the child is diagnosed with a life-limiting condition that means he or she may not live long after birth.

Teaching on all-male priesthood is definitive, cardinal-designate says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — That only men can be validly ordained to the priesthood is a truth that is part of the Catholic faith and will not and cannot change, said Cardinal-designate Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. "It gives rise to serious concern to see that in some countries there still are voices that put in doubt the definitive nature of this doctrine," he wrote May 29 in the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. St. John Paul II, confirming the constant teaching and practice of the Church, formally declared in 1994 that "the church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the church's faithful." Cardinal-designate Ladaria said some people continue to question the infallibility of St. John Paul's declaration in the document "Ordinatio Sacerdotalis" because "it was not defined 'ex cathedra' or formally, solemnly proclaimed as infallible. The argument, the cardinal-designate wrote, is that "a later decision by a future pope or council could overturn it." But "sowing these doubts creates serious confusion among the faithful not only about the sacrament of orders as part of the divine constitution of the church, but also about how the ordinary magisterium can teach

NEWS BRIEFS

Pope celebrates feast of Corpus Christi



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Pope Francis leads Benediction in observance of the feast of Corpus Christi in Ostia, a suburb of Rome, June 3. He celebrated the feast day Mass not in Rome, as had been the tradition since 1979, but in the seaside town about 16 miles west. Ostia was where St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, died in 387 on a journey back to Africa after St. Augustine's conversion to Christianity. A Mass outside the church was followed by a Corpus Christi procession through the streets, in which a local priest carried the monstrance. Due to his difficulty walking long distances, Pope Francis met the procession at the Church of Our Lady of Bonaria instead of participating in it.

Catholic doctrine in an infallible way," he wrote.

U.S. embassy works with Vatican to promote religious liberty for all

VATICAN CITY — Callista Gingrich, U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, provided a commentary she wrote to Catholic News Service in connection with the release May 29 of the 2017 International Religious Freedom Report and the announcement at the U.S. State Department about a top-level consultation that will take place in July on promoting religious freedom. In it, she stated that "religious understanding and tolerance are bulwarks against the forces of extremism — they are the necessary foundations of peace and security around the

world. The United States advocates for religious freedom at home and abroad. Protecting and defending this integral human right — to worship freely — is fundamental to who we are as a people and as a nation." "Protecting religious freedom is one of the top priorities of our diplomatic relationship with the Holy See," she continued. "The United States and the Holy See wholeheartedly agree that religious freedom is a universal right." Secretary Pompeo also announced that the U.S. State Department will convene the first-ever Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom July 25-26 in Washington. The ministerial will bring together nations and faith leaders committed to fully promoting Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, codifying the universal "right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion."

High court rules in favor of baker in same-sex wedding cake case

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a 7-2 decision June 4, the Supreme Court sided with a Colorado baker in a case that put anti-discrimination laws up against freedom of speech and freedom of religious expression. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the majority, said the Colorado Civil Rights Commission had violated the Constitution's protection of religious freedom in its ruling against the baker, who refused to make a wedding cake for the same-sex couple. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented. Kennedy noted the case had a limited scope, writing that the issue "must await further elaboration." Across the country, appeals in similar cases are pending, including another case at the Supreme Court from a florist who didn't want to provide flowers for a same-sex wedding. The ruling in *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* stems from the case argued before the court last December from an incident in 2012 when Charlie Craig and David Mullins asked the Colorado baker, Jack Phillips, to make a cake for their wedding reception. Phillips refused, saying his religious beliefs would not allow him to create a cake honoring their marriage. The couple filed a complaint with the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, which decided the baker's action violated state law. The decision was upheld by the Colorado Court of Appeals. The Colorado Supreme Court wouldn't take the case, letting the ruling stand. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the case.

Lives changed by restorative justice on open display at conference

WASHINGTON (CNS) — "B — that's me," said Bill Gaertner. He was looking at a screen behind him during a panel presentation at the Catholic Mobilizing Network's "Redemption and Restoration" conference. On the screen were a number of options conference participants and those viewing it online could choose what drew them to take part. Among the options were prison ministry, being a crime victim or the family member of a crime victim, and working in the legislative arena to bring about change. "B," which reg-

istered zero online votes, stood for ex-offender. Gaertner, now 75, a onetime seminarian and college basketball coach, spent more than eight years in prison on a domestic violence conviction after beating up his second wife. About half of that sentence was spent inside a prison in Hagerstown, Maryland. When he got out, he decided to stay there. He founded Gatekeepers, a program that helps ex-offenders make the transition back to their home communities after serving their prison sentence. "I'm on probation, and I run a program where parole officers and probation officers send their people to me. We do the spiritual works of mercy," he said. "But we've got to do the corporal works of mercy." Gaertner's day has its routine: "I get up at 6, go to Mass, go to Roy Rogers (a small East Coast fast-food chain restaurant), and then I am on the go until midnight." Gaertner was accepted as an oblate novice at the Benedictine community of St. Anselm's Abbey in Washington. As a condition of his probation, though, he must let his probation officer know whenever he intends to leave Maryland.

High court quashes ruling in case of detained teenager seeking abortion

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Supreme Court June 4 threw out a lower court's ruling that allowed a 17-year-old last year to obtain an abortion while she was in a detention center after an illegal border crossing. If the Supreme Court had not acted, the lower court's ruling could have set a precedent that would have allowed minors in similar situations to obtain abortions. The legal battle began when the detained teenager had sought but was denied permission to leave the government-funded center where she was detained to obtain an abortion, saying she had been raped, found out she was pregnant during the detention and did not want to go through with the pregnancy. The Trump administration objected to allowing her to leave the shelter temporarily for the purposes of obtaining an abortion, and said if she wanted an abortion, she could find a sponsor to get her out of detention or leave the country voluntarily. But an October ruling by a federal judge in Washington said the government couldn't interfere with the teenager's access to doctors and such actions infringed on her constitutional rights. Immediately after that ruling, she was allowed to leave the shelter for what government lawyers believed was pre-abortion counseling but she obtained an abortion instead.

Bishop Luers High School recognized for AP course success

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne has been recognized by the Indiana Department of Education and The College Board for the school's efforts to provide students with access to and success in Advanced Placement courses and the exam. The school has been invited to the Indiana Advanced Placement Recognition Ceremony on June 12 at the Indiana Statehouse.

This ceremony recognizes schools where at least 25 percent of the graduating class cohort earned a score of 3 or higher on at least one AP exam. This year, schools that achieved the 25 percent success rate for the 2017 graduating cohorts will be honored. There will be 71 schools recognized at the event.

Immaculate Conception, Auburn, changes weekend Mass schedule

AUBURN — Beginning the weekend of June 16-17 and ending July 29, Immaculate Conception Parish, 500 E. Seventh St., will change its weekend Mass schedule. Mass times will be Saturday evening at 5 p.m., Sunday morning at 9 a.m. and Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

The pastor, Father Tim Wrozek, said it is hoped that the change will better serve the people of Immaculate Conception and other parishes in the area that do not provide a Sunday evening Mass.

The parish's weekday Mass schedule remains unchanged: Monday at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday morning at 8 a.m. and Friday at 12:05 p.m.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Matthew School pilgrims



Provided by Sarah Pellico

Fifth-grade students at St. Matthew Cathedral School, South Bend, took the annual fifth-grade-class pilgrimage on May 16. They traveled to St. John, Indiana, and experienced the powerful, life-size stations of the cross at the Shrine of Christ's Passion. Here, Sheridan Pellico and Aubrie Fruth are moved to caress the sculpture of Jesus falling the third time.

Vital Worship Grant awarded to Campus Ministry

NOTRE DAME — The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship has awarded Regina Wilson, director of campus ministry at Saint Mary's College, one of 44 Vital Worship Grants projects. The grant will fund a year-long project beginning in June 2018 that promotes worship and faith formation.

"Campus Ministry pursued this grant because we wanted to present an opportunity for the campus to explore some aspect of campus life in relationship to Eucharist. In this case, with issues of inclusion and diversity so much a part of conversation now, we want to present the idea of hospitality as the way into a more lively, inclusive environment," Wilson explained.

The grant will support moderated discussions with a theologian/liturgist, underrepresented groups on campus, and a sister of the Holy Cross, where individuals will be invited to speak about personal experiences of liturgy and examine the Christian practice of hospitality. The project also includes the creation of a hymn, which not only expresses the themes of the project, but will live beyond the grant year.

"The focused attention on the theme of hospitality and faith will be formational for our students and campus community. The impact of welcoming the stranger and doing what we can to make a place for all is a central core of the Holy Cross charism," Wilson said.

The Vital Worship Grants projects have a variety of emphases — visual arts, music, intergenerational relationships, contemplation, movement, and more — but have as a common purpose a desire to both deepen people's understanding of worship and strengthen practices of public worship and faith formation.

Ancilla College honors newly pinned nurses



Photos provided by Ancilla College

The annual Nursing Professional Pinning ceremony for Ancilla College Nursing graduates took place Sunday, May 20, in the Ancilla Domini Chapel. Though traditionally held in a smaller chapel at the Center at Donaldson, due to the large number of nursing graduates, the ceremony had to be moved to accommodate the group. Ancilla College is a sponsored ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, part of the Center at Donaldson.

SJHS principal Susan Richter relinquishes administrative duties

BY JENNIFER MILLER

May 24 was Susan Richter's last official day as principal of Saint Joseph High School, South Bend. She retired from administration in Catholic schools after 23 years of dedicated, passionate service.

"Susan is the most dedicated person I know," reflected Father Terrence Coonan, chaplain of SJHS. "She worked unbelievably hard for the students, teachers and families of Saint Joseph High School. Susan always kept the faith formation of the students as the primary focus, even as she continued to support strong academics and extra-curricular activities. ... In her, we saw Christ the servant doing the dirty work of washing feet day after day."

Originally from Fort Wayne, Richter graduated from South Side High School as salutatorian and earned a B.A. in U.S. history and American government, with a minor in physical education, from Purdue University. Later, she earned her M.A. from Purdue and completed the ACE Remick Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame.

She has always served in Catholic education, first teaching social studies and coaching girls basketball and track at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard, Illinois. Richter served in administration at Montini, as girls athletic director, for three years before moving to South Bend. She started at SJHS in 1995, serving as director of student life and dean of students as well as a math teacher. She then served as principal from 2005 until the present day.

She is a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish, South Bend. She and her husband, Patrick, are the parents of two adult sons.

Richter oversaw the transi-



Jennifer Miller

Principal Susan Richter retired from administrative duties at Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, in May, opting to return to teaching. She is pictured at a reception given in her honor at the school.

tion from the original St. Joseph High School at 933 N. Michigan St. to a new facility on Notre Dame Avenue. She spearheaded the Forward in Faith Capital Campaign that allowed the school to move from dream to reality. Richter fondly remembers the groundbreaking ceremony in June 2010 and the dedication of the school in August 2012.

"Being a part of such an extraordinary effort was special," she said. "The new school provides the Saint Joe community with an incredible state-of-the-art facility. I love the new school and am extremely proud of my

efforts to help our steering committee make the campaign a success." But she is most proud of the school's ability to send forth graduates who are faith-filled and academically prepared, understanding the responsibility to serve with joy those in need.

"The essence of the school includes our great traditions of faith, academics and service. We have a new building, but we are still fulfilling the same mission. We are transforming our students in heart and mind. Our Catholic identity is the key to what we are doing with our students. We teach the faith first,

and then the subject. It is our responsibility as Catholic educators to help our students develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He is the center of our school. We help our students answer God's call."

It is this simple but profound truth that grounded Richter in her work as a Catholic administrator. Her focus on the priorities of Catholic education allowed Christ to be first in student and school life. Pastorally, this looked like welcoming every student into the school community, regardless of race or background; opening her home and building community for the teachers and staff for the annual "Back to School Year" barbecue, cooking for them herself with her husband; joyfully supporting students outside the classroom; attending countless sporting and academic events outside of business hours; and even small gestures such as choosing a faith-based gift for her staff at Christmas.

"The main focus of a Catholic administrator is to teach the faith. We should have two goals at the high school level: to help our students be admitted to the college of their choice, and help get them to heaven and home to God. It is about eternal life and having a seat at the heavenly banquet," she said.

This priority of "first things first" allowed SJHS to develop and flourish for 13 years during Richter's term as principal.

Henry Chandler, former dean of students and fellow social studies teacher, now an alumni coordinator, explained. "In Susan's 23 years at Saint Joe, she has become the face of our school: to the students, the diocese, the community and especially to the faculty and staff. She has been friend to some, counselor to others, mentor to still others, academic and

spiritual leader to all. She has constantly inspired and exhorted teachers to put students first, to guide them, to share wisdom with them, to provide examples of courage and justice to them, to transform them in heart and mind, preparing them to serve God, the Church and the world," he said. "Her leadership has consistently steered the Saint Joe ship on a course to building faith, character and excellence in everything we do. Susan has worked each day to build family, reach higher, discover gifts and serve with joy. She has made the ultimate success of our students her primary goal: not graduation from Saint Joe or college, not a financially rewarding adult life, not a relaxing retirement but the eternal reward of heaven."

At Richter's retirement party, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades shared his first memories of her, including her devotion to the mission of a Catholic education. He also recalled the words of his predecessor, Bishop John M. D'Arcy, about Richter.

"He was right; she was remarkable. I've never had to worry about the formation and education here. I've trusted her leadership here, because this was not a job for Susan. This was truly part of her vocation. ... Thank you for your service to God and His Church," he told her.

Richter is looking forward to returning to the classroom, which she calls her first love and the reason she became a Catholic educator. She will teach junior high social studies at St. Matthew Cathedral School.

"I am grateful to Sister Gianna Marie, principal, and Father Terry Fisher, pastor and a Saint Joe grad, for providing me this opportunity. I am excited to meet my students in August," Richter said.

Feast of Corpus Christi procession shows reverence of Real Presence



Jennifer Miller

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, South Bend, celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi Sunday, June 3, with the traditional public procession blessing. Led by Father Robert Garrow, the faithful sang hymns of praise in Latin and English, such as "Tantum Ergo" and "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," visually demonstrating the spiritual reality of how Jesus' real presence sanctifies the entire world.

Bishop Rhoades appoints John Kennedy new principal of Saint Joseph High School

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

After months of carefully considering how to best uphold and continue traditions of excellence at Saint Joseph High School, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has chosen to appoint John M. Kennedy as its new principal, beginning July 1.

The appointment follows the retirement announcement of current principal Susan Richter, who has led Saint Joseph High School for the past 13 years.

Kennedy, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, has spent 24 years working in education, with 21 of those in the South Bend Community School Corporation. He currently serves as principal of Washington High School, where he taught math from 1997-2004.

In a statement regarding the decision, Bishop Rhoades said: "I am very happy to appoint Mr. John Kennedy as the new principal of Saint Joseph High School. I am deeply grateful to our Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Marsha Jordan, and to the Search Committee for their hard work in recent months and for their recommendation of the hiring of Mr. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy has much experience as a leader in secondary education. He has a deep Catholic faith and commitment to the mission of Saint Joseph High School. I look forward to our work together in the

coming years in service of the students of Saint Joseph High School and their human, intellectual, and spiritual formation. Mr. Kennedy will lead the high school forward, building upon its rich heritage and history and upon the wonderful leadership of Mrs. Susan Richter. I pray that Saint Joseph High School will continue to grow and flourish in its mission under the leadership of Mr. Kennedy."

Kennedy began his educational career by performing service work at St. Catherine Indian School in Santa Fe, New Mexico, followed by three years of teaching at St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, before returning to South Bend. His experience in school administration has included serving as assistant principal at Riley High School, South Bend, from 2004-11; principal of South Bend New Tech High School from 2011-15, and principal of Darden Primary School from 2015-17.

"It has been a privilege to work in the South Bend schools. I have learned a lot and worked with many great teachers, students and families," said Kennedy, reflecting on his journey. He added that one of his greatest accomplishments at Washington High School was to have "brought a positive spirit that renewed the energy of many of our staff, and supported many students through the challenges of high school."



JOHN KENNEDY

"At this point in my career, I am thrilled to begin a new journey at Saint Joseph High School and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Saint Joseph is a fantastic school with phenomenal families. I look forward to building on the strengths of Saint Joseph and developing a vision that aligns with the tenets of faith, character and excellence, yet takes the school to new heights and prominence. I am thankful to Bishop Rhoades for this opportunity and look forward to the work of leading such a great school."

Kennedy's introduction and immersion into the Saint Joseph High School community began with his family. His wife, Kathy, is a 1987 Saint Joseph alumna and their son Marty will gradu-

ate this spring as co-salutatorian, after having served as student body president. Their son Zachary will enter as a freshman this fall. The Kennedys are members of Corpus Christi Parish in South Bend.

Kennedy expressed excitement about his return to working in Catholic education and taking a larger role in shaping an environment that "builds character in students through the Catholic faith and offers the opportunity to truly develop leaders and difference-makers in our community and in our world."

In his hope for what is to come at Saint Joseph, he exclaimed: "The sky is the limit for us to be a leader in Catholic education and in education across the board. I envision Saint Joseph graduates as being prepared to take on the issues and problems of our community and the world, becoming the kind of problem-solvers that make a difference in a positive way."

He indicated that he seeks to "challenge students to think critically, dialogue and wrestle with issues and challenges of the day throughout their time at Saint Joseph, so that they will be prepared for whatever they take on in college, in career, and also in making the world a better place. I know that sounds a little cliché, but I believe that is what we need."

Kennedy emphasized that he is eager to connect with the

students and build strong relationships with faculty and staff members. He added: "I think the challenge for a high school principal is always to meet every student's need and to guide and help them through their challenges while letting them flourish with their individual gifts. How do you do this? You tailor your instruction to meet the needs of students, through a variety of instructional methods, projects and activities to engage learners that have a variety of interests and abilities. You can differentiate to meet those needs. This is a place where students of a variety of backgrounds, abilities, and interests can grow and be successful. I am looking forward to working with everyone who decides to become a part of our school community."

He thanked Susan Richter for her efforts in leading the school forward with courage and resilience.

"She has given an enormous amount of dedicated service to Saint Joseph and primarily led the transition to a new state-of-the-art building. I think this community is indebted to her for that, for the work she has done, and the time and effort she has spent. She strikes me as an outstanding spiritual leader as well as educational leader, and a model for all the Saint Joseph students."

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Over 80 priests, deacons and seminarians participated in the Mass of ordination of five new priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Saturday, June 2, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.



John Martin

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, in front, leaves the cathedral after concelebrating the Mass of ordination.



Joe Romie

The mothers of the five new priests bring forward the gifts for consecration.



Joe Romie

Deacon Jay Horning promises to respect and obey Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and his successors.



Joe Romie

Bishop Rhoades lays hands on Deacon David Huneck and calls down the Holy Spirit on him.



Joe Romie

The elect prostrate themselves before the altar in an act of dying to themselves so that Christ may raise them up to a new life of ministry in holy orders.



Joe Romie

Bishop Rhoades anoints the hands of Father Thomas Zehr with Chrism oil, a symbol of wisdom and strength.



Joe Romie

Father Nathan Maskal receives the bread and wine from Bishop Rhoades as a sign of his new role offering the sacrifice of the Mass.

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Joe Romie

Brother priests who concelebrated the Mass of ordination lay hands on the ordinandi.



John Martin

The newly ordained Father Patrick Hake imparts a blessing on Bishop Rhoades at the conclusion of the Mass of ordination.

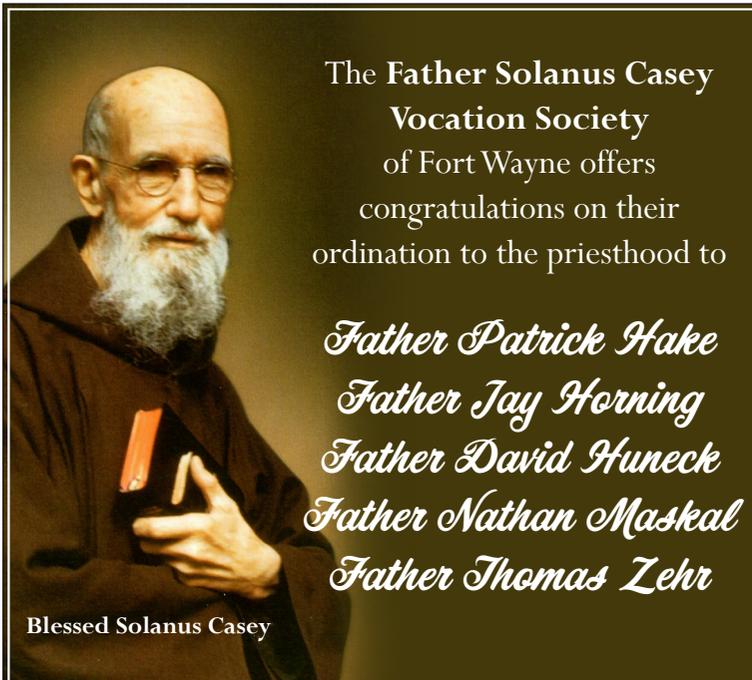
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“a very personal dimension to this unique friendship with Christ that you will have as ordained priests.” He explained that this friendship involves commitments to celibacy and obedience to Christ “through your promise of obedience to me and my successors.”

Another part of the personal dimension of their friendship with Jesus, Bishop Rhoades said, is speaking and listening to Jesus. He spoke of how Jesus would withdraw from the crowds to pray alone, stressing that priests need this solitude; and that time in prayer “is not wasted time.” He warned the candidates that if they neglected their spiritual lives, their ministry would suffer and their people would suffer also.

“Only with prayer, our prayer and those who pray for us, do we receive the strength to carry the crosses of priestly life and ministry today,” Bishop Rhoades said.

He added that another important dimension of friendship with Jesus is friendship with His followers. The bishop explained that a priest’s friendship with the Lord is not exclusive, saying that “no priest is a priest on his own.” He encouraged the candidates to make priestly fraternity a priority, “living the sacramental communion that is part of priestly identity.”

He also told them that they would be good and holy priests if they become close friends of Jesus Christ in their lives of prayer, chaste celibacy and obedience. The bishop encouraged the candidates to live a simple and modest life, detach themselves from material things, be in solidarity with the faithful they serve, and be accessible day or night.

Bishop Rhoades ended his homily by speaking of the upcoming litany of saints when the Lord would pour out upon the candidates “the power of priestly grace.” The first saint invoked in the litany is Mary, the Queen of All Saints, he noted, because “She loves and watches over the friends of her Son.”

He encouraged Hake, Horning, Huneck, Maskal, and Zehr to take Mary into “the interior home of your priesthood” like St. John the Apostle. He added that St. Pope John Paul II taught that Mary, “with a mother’s love, will do everything in her power so that the priestly brothers of her Son, who become His friends, may not betray this holy friendship.”

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love!" he implored.

After the homily, the candidates stood before the bishop and made promises to live their priesthood faithfully and to be obedient to Bishop Rhoades and his successors. Hake, Horning, Huneck, Maskal and Zehr then prostrated themselves in front of the altar, a symbol of dying to self in service to Christ and the Church. The congregation and priests sang the litany of supplication, calling upon the intercession of the saints, during this time.

Following the litany, each candidate knelt before Bishop Rhoades, who laid his hands on their head and prayed silently. All the priests present also prayed over each candidate, each one laying his hands on the candidate's head. Then Bishop Rhoades said the Prayer of Ordination, which references the scriptural history of the priestly role and calls upon God to elevate the men to the Order of the Priesthood.

Afterwards, five priests, each of whom has had a significant role in one of the candidate's lives, vested them with the stole and chasuble. These priests were Father Jason Freiburger, Father Mark Gurtner, Father Daniel Scheidt, Father Jim Shafer and Father Tony Steinacker.

One by one, the new priests then knelt before Bishop Rhoades to have their palms anointed with chrism oil, a symbol of wisdom and strength. Their mothers then brought forward the patens and chalices with the bread and wine to be used during the consecration. Each new priest knelt before the bishop as he presented the gifts

to them, symbolizing their new role in offering the sacrifice of the Mass.

The ordination part of Mass ended with the fraternal kiss of peace, which Bishop Rhoades extended to each candidate. Fathers Hake, Horning, Huneck, Maskal and Zehr then stood in front of the altar to receive the fraternal kiss of peace from the other priests.

Before the final blessing, Bishop Rhoades once again addressed the sentiment experienced throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend this year because of the larger class of ordinandi.

"There is much joy and thanksgiving throughout our diocese today since this is the biggest ordination class in 43 years," he stated, noting that another wonderful fruit of the Holy Spirit, the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration, "who are such a beautiful presence in our diocese and offer much support to our seminarians," will also celebrate this summer the profession of perpetual vows of four sisters, the largest in their congregation also in 43 years.

He also noted the Holy Spirit's influence at Bishop Dwenger High School.

"It's pretty amazing that four out of five of these new priests are from the 2009 graduating class of Bishop Dwenger. I am truly grateful for the culture of vocations at Dwenger and also at the home parishes of our newly ordained ... I thank God for these five newly ordained priests. Father Patrick, Father Jay, Father David, Father Nathan and Father Thomas, thank you for saying

yes to the Lord's call to serve Him and His Church as priests," he said, congratulating them on their ordination.

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Bishop confirms over 100 adults in South Bend, Fort Wayne

BY JILL A. BOUGHTON

"When they are anointed with chrism in Confirmation, they will be drawn more deeply into God's life and love, into the life and love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit," Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades told worshippers gathered at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, of the about 75 adults gathered on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 27 — as he had assured those accompanying around 34 candidates the previous evening at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Although we cannot fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, he said, it is a mystery we believe because it was revealed to us by Jesus.

"Jesus, the eternal Son, revealed to us the Father and the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel today, Jesus instructed the disciples to go and make disciples of all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Trinity, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Though, as I mentioned, the mystery of the Trinity infinitely transcends us, it is also the reality closest to us, because God is the very source of our being and



Joe Romie

Bishop Rhoades anoints the forehead of Jennifer O'Herron with the Oil of Chrism in the sacrament of confirmation Saturday, May 26, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Her sponsor, Lauren Slater, stands by her.



Joe Raymond

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades confers the sacrament of confirmation on Jude Thaddus at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, Sunday, May 27.

we received a share in His divine nature when we were baptized," he said.

The Holy Trinity made His dwelling within us. We received a spirit of adoption, as St. Paul wrote to the Romans ... As children of God, we can call God 'Abba,' Father. When we were baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity, we became adopted chil-

dren of God. We were united to Christ the Son and received His new life. And we became temples of the Holy Spirit. The love of God was poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that was given to us."

The candidates had chosen patron saints as their confirmation names, he continued. The saints teach that the true trea-

sure of life is living in the love of the Blessed Trinity and never losing this love.

"With the gifts of the Holy Spirit they will receive in the sacrament of Confirmation, our brothers and sisters will be strengthened to live in the Father's love as faithful disciples of His Son, Jesus. They will receive an increase and deepening of baptismal grace and become more deeply rooted in their Christian identity as sons and daughters of God the Father and more firmly united to Christ the Son and to His Church."

Lori Massa, RCIA director at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, accompanied 24 of her parishioners who were being confirmed at St. Matthew. She explained that parents often approach the parish seeking baptism for their young children. During that interview, she may learn that the parents have never been confirmed. Often, they also desire a sacramental marriage. The parish tries to be thorough in preparing people for these sacraments, but also accommodating of irregular work schedules.

When a bilingual RCIA was proved burdensome for the Spanish speakers, St. Vincent was able to offer instruction in Spanish. Olga and Gilberto Aceves were among the couples who have been able to celebrate both sacraments this year. Of course, among the over 100 candidates confirmed at the two Masses there were 100 different motivations, but each candidate was drawn to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.

St. Adalbert participates in long tradition of Memorial Day Parade



Jennifer Miller

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades marched with the St. Adalbert School community, Father Paul Ybarra, CSC, (back) and Father Ryan Pietrocarlo, CSC, (front) in the 95th Annual West Side Memorial Day Parade in South Bend May 28. The parade is a proud South Bend tradition that celebrates those who gave their lives for their country. The St. Adalbert float was created by the students and their families and featured Jesus blessing two soldiers.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store façade, alcove blessed

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thrift store on Fort Wayne's near south side has recently undergone extensive renovation as part of a \$220,000 remodeling project. Aided in part by a \$20,000 façade grant from the city and supplemented by monetary donations from friends of the organization, the building stands in silent tribute to the charitable work of a vast organization of Catholic lay men and women. Those members of the Fort Wayne Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Inc. are devoted to the spiritual growth of its members and person-to-person service to the poor.

Store manager Tim Fagan said that work on the building actually began two years ago with a new roof. Then, last fall, improvements continued with a new exterior façade and windows, and a handicapped ramp was installed for easier access by clients with mobility issues or who use wheelchairs, as well as mothers with strollers. Now everyone can "enter with dignity," he pointed out.

A decision to remain in the same location and make the necessary upgrades was made with the full support of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who personally urged area pastors to embrace the financial campaign and to encourage their parishioners' support. No diocesan funds were used for the project.

Bishop Rhoades attended a re-dedication of the facility Wednesday, May 23, blessing the building and those in attendance at the event. He said: "My dear friends, we gather to bless this store dedicated to the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It is a place where you will continue to aid the poor, clothe



Photos by John Martin

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades imparts a blessing during the reopening of St. Vincent de Paul Society Thrift Store in Fort Wayne May 23, following interior and exterior renovations. An interior addition is the Mary alcove seen behind him.

the naked and give counsel and advice to those in need. By this great work for the disadvantaged, you further the mission of Jesus Christ and bring His people closer to Him." A reading by Msgr. Robert C. Schulte from Matthew 25 illustrated the valuable work of the organization.

Bishop Rhoades spoke in detail about the life of St. Vincent de Paul himself, a French priest who devoted his life to serving the needy and sick of France. He founded the Congregation of the Mission, also known as the Vincentians, whose initial purpose was the education of future priests. He also established the Daughters of Charity, a congregation for women whose work continues today under St. Vincent de Paul's name.

Bishop Rhoades spoke as well of St. Louise de Marillac, St. Vincent de Paul's French contemporary, who assisted him in his

efforts to serve the lower classes throughout French society and helped establish hospitals, educational systems and other charitable endeavors involving entire communities. She was named by Pope John XXIII as patroness of Christian social workers.

Another highlight of Wednesday's event was Bishop Rhoades' special blessing of the life-size statue of Mary, Mother of God, near the store's entrance. Fagan said Mary has been the guardian of the store since it first opened near the city bus station in 1967, and "we wanted to give her a nicer place of honor" in her current location. Now she stands in a cherry wood alcove designed in a style suggested by the bishop himself, and fashioned in a 100-hour effort by skilled woodworker and Vincentian Tom Braun. Now Mary's presence continues to provide commanding and loving oversight of the store's ongoing, charitable mission.

The large store sells good used furniture, household items, clothing and personal care items at greatly reduced prices. Members of St. Vincent de Paul's Carpenters' Sons, a handyman group, build new dressers and bunk beds that are offered for sale as well. Fagan calls the facility simply a "help store" for those in need, where they can shop economically in a nice environment. "That's what we're about," he said.

The re-dedication and blessing ceremony was also attended by city officials Mayor Tom Henry, Councilman Geoff Paddock, Councilman Tom Didier and many members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Christ Child Society, a partner in the store's mission to serve the poor, provided refreshments.



Cutting the ribbon for the reopening of the store are, from left, Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry, Bishop Rhoades, store manager Tim Fagan and Father David Voors.

Dwenger student honored as leadoff hitter



Joe Romie

Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, played its last varsity home baseball game of the season May 17 against Snider High School. Following recognition of several senior players before the game, the Saints coaching staff surprised student manager Isaiah Nolan by giving him the honor of being leadoff hitter in the first inning. Isaiah, who is disabled, grounded out, but was elated to get in the game and received vociferous support from his teammates. The Saints won the contest 15-7.

Saint Joseph ends year with reminders to show God's love

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

On the floor of the University of Notre Dame's Purcell Pavilion, soon-to-be graduates of Saint Joseph High School sat in foldable chairs wearing Columbia blue caps and gowns on June 4. This was a similar sight to the day before, when they wore the same outfits while attending a baccalaureate Mass at St. Pius X Church in Granger.

The highlight of the baccalaureate Mass was Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades' homily, in which he spoke of one of his childhood idols.

"This week I've been thinking of one of my heroes when I was a young boy – he was assassinated 50 years ago this coming Wednesday – Sen. Bobby Kennedy," Bishop Rhoades said. "As you may know, he was a devout Catholic. He was killed while campaigning for the presidency, following in the footsteps of his brother, who was assassinated five years earlier. Bobby Kennedy's campaign slogan, based on a quote of George Bernard Shaw, was this: 'Some men see things as they are and say 'Why?'; I dream things that never were and say, 'Why not?'"

He pointed out that Bobby Kennedy fought for social causes such as equal rights, thanks to his faith.

"Graduates, as you go forth, I pray you will be faithful to Mass, that you will receive the holy Eucharist often," the bishop said. "It is nourishment for our souls. The Eucharist educates us in love. To live a eucharistic life is to love as Christ loved, to be sensitive to the needs of others and to be generous to the poor and needy. To live in holy communion with Jesus opens our eyes to others and prevents us from being concerned only about our own pleasures and comfort."

The next day at graduation, speaker and Saint Joseph theology teacher Tom Kostielney, echoed some of those same thoughts; especially the idea that the graduates should live for others and not themselves.

"A lot of people will tell you that you should really focus on having fun these next few years, that you should focus on your enjoyment," said Kostielney. "Yes, find joy over the next few years, but you should always do that — over these next few years and well beyond. But I challenge you, don't spend this time focusing on what you can



Emily Mentock

Saint Joseph High School graduates file into St. Pius X Church, Granger, for a baccalaureate Mass June 3.

get out of it. This world doesn't need any more people focused on themselves, always worried about what they are getting out of an experience, how this will impress others, how that will bring more pleasure. This world needs more men and women who live for others, who get their joy in reminding everyone that they meet of God's love."

When the students spoke, they too spoke about compassion for one another; but rather than focusing on how they can show love and support in the

future, they let everyone know that Saint Joseph High School values have helped them to do it all along.

"At Saint Joseph High School, we are taught to be thoughtful, selfless, passionate, and loving," read co-salutatorian Martin Kennedy, in a shared speech with Meagan Luck. "We show thoughtfulness in small acts of kindness around our school: a hello and a smile in the hallways, holding hands together during the Our Father at school Mass. We experience selflessness

as hundreds of students participate in Work for Saint Joe and Joy of Saint Joe, giving our time for others in our community. We voice passion in the participation of many of us in the Walkout against Gun Violence and prayer for victims of violence every day."

The 2018 valedictorian tied both the past and the future together.

"Graduates, what we have been given is a gift, and we must decide what to do with it," said Anna Staud. "We must recognize that, as Ecclesiastes reads, 'there is a time for everything... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.' As we prepare to go off into the wide world, or maybe just down the street, there will be goodbyes but there will also be new hellos. We must strive to find a balance between the past and the future, cherishing every moment."

At the end of the ceremony everyone in attendance honored Susan Richter, the longtime Saint Joseph High School principal who retired from administration at the end of the school year, with a standing ovation, which Richter acknowledged by tearfully waving to the crowd.

Marian High School graduates 50th class

BY MEGAN GETTINGER

For the Marian High School graduating Class of 2018, greatness and success in life are measured by service of others and the capacity for love.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades began his homily at the school's baccalaureate Mass on Thursday, May 31, by holding up the Blessed Mother Mary as a beautiful example for young people of a life lived boldly, selflessly and exceptionally. "We heard in the Gospel Mary's canticle, the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed the greatness of the Lord," the bishop explained, "She thanked God for the great things that He accomplished in her life. When God touches the hearts of young people, they become capable of doing tremendous things. I see this in so many young people in our diocese ... Graduates, I see the wonderful things you are capable of doing with the help of God's grace."

The Marian graduates were also encouraged to always keep in mind the final destination of life's journey, heaven, and to "embrace life as an adventure of love and a pilgrimage of faith." Although there are many unknowns in this adventure, he said, perhaps especially for those newly graduated, each member of the graduating Class of 2018 can trust that God has given him or her abundant gifts



Jennifer Kedik

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to Marian graduates during a baccalaureate Mass celebrated May 31.

and a capacity for sharing His love with others. "Like Mary, we who have received Jesus in our hearts, and especially in the Eucharist, are called to carry Him with us in our life's journey, and to bring Him to others."

The theme of Bishop's call for the graduates to use their God-given gifts to effect positive change in the world carried through to the school's commencement exercises on Friday,

June 1. The members of the 2018 graduating class were escorted to the stage by representatives of the graduating Class of 1968, the first class to graduate from Marian High School and go out to make a difference in the world. The appearance of these two classes on the stage was representative of the 50 years Marian has faithfully been challenging students to spiritual and moral growth, academic and

physical excellence, and social maturity.

The school's vision of preparing students for lifelong learning while fostering personal integrity and critical thinking, and to empowering students to serve and to lead the Church and the local and global community, is realized in the lives of the students graduates, and alumni alike. Salutatorian Katherine Henry attributed the quality of the friendships and relationships she formed while attending Marian to the rich foundation of faith and service. In her salutatory address, Katherine recalled many of the life lessons the Class of 2018 learned throughout their four years together. "Promise," Katherine said to her classmates, "that you will continue to embrace every gift you have been given while attending Marian."

Not many high school students would describe their primary life goal as, "[giving] the best of myself to the world around me, in an effort to transform it into the 'more human and more fraternal' world of St. Pope John Paul II's vision." For valedictorian Alyssa Grzesiowski, however, it became clear while attending World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, that any other goal would fall short of the call she had received as a young Catholic. In her valedictory address, Alyssa entreated her classmates not to be confined by the molds the world would try

to conform them to: "Low expectations are what confine us to mediocrity, likewise, the highest expectations of ourselves elevate us to excellence. So, Class of 2018, challenge yourselves! Fight for your own expectations! Live as though no mold can ever contain you!"

Dr. James Schmiedeler, a Marian graduate and professor at the University of Notre Dame's College of Engineering, credited Marian with laying the foundation for his faith and vocation. He began his address to the graduates saying that if they only remember one thing he said, he hoped it would be that, "Finding and pursuing the intersection of your passion and skills will maximize the impact of what you do with your life." Schmiedeler shared how he began to find this intersection in his own life during his time at Marian by exploring his interests, passions and talents. "The world needs you to make an impact," Schmiedeler continued. "Look inside yourself to find your natural talents and develop those first. This takes practice."

The graduates were then directed to look at the classmates on their right and left and encouraged to affirm the gifts, talents and passions they see in each of them. "Help each other find that intersection, so you can make an impact," Schmiedeler said.

Go forth with faith and hope in God, Bishop Luers grads told

BY BARB SIEMINSKI

High school students are beginning to travel life's various journeys, and those graduating from Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne were asked by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in his baccalaureate homily to recognize what a huge step graduation is and to acknowledge all the blessings they had been given thus far.

The theme of journey was illustrated by the Gospel of the Mass, which took place May 25, and told of Mary's journey from Nazareth to Ain Karem. "When Mary said 'yes' to God's call to become the mother of Jesus, (she) didn't sit still. She set out in haste to visit Elizabeth," he said. "She followed the lead of the Holy Spirit and traveled 150 kilometers to help her elderly cousin, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. Mary didn't shut herself up at home or let herself be paralyzed by fear or pride." If her cousin needed her help, Mary was ready to aid her.

In a similar way, as graduates, and as they approach the next step of their lives, they should look to help others rather than to settle into their own comfort zones, he told them.

"We celebrate this Baccalaureate Mass, to thank God for the blessings in your lives these past four years at Bishop Luers High School, and to pray for you as you go forth," said the bishop, emphasizing

that everyone is called to go out and live a life of service, forsaking self-absorbance.

"We heard in the Gospel Mary's canticle, the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed the greatness of the Lord," he continued. "Mary thanked God for looking upon her lowliness and for the work of salvation that He brought about for His people. She thanked God for the great things that He accomplished in her life. When God touches the hearts of young people, they become capable of doing tremendous things. I see this in so many young people in our diocese, including in our graduates. Graduates, I see the wonderful things you are capable of doing with the help of God's grace."

With a nod to their futures, Bishop Rhoades reflected on people who go through life without meaning and purpose.

"Graduates, don't let your life be a meaningless meandering; instead, go forth with faith and with hope in God ... embrace life as an adventure of love and a pilgrimage of faith."

"Like the young Mary of Nazareth, you can allow your life to become a means for making the world a better place," he also told them. "As Pope Francis said ... 'Jesus is calling you to leave your mark in life, your mark on history, both your own and that of so many others.'"

Margaret Cicchiello, the daughter of Catherine and James Cicchiello, was the valedictorian for the Bishop Luers High School



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Bishop Luers High School students speak with Bishop Rhoades after a baccalaureate Mass May 25 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Class of 2018. A member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne, Margaret attended St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

The graduate was deeply thankful to her parents and teachers for their encouragement from the beginning of her life through her graduation. She said she revered her Catholic upbringing and schooling, and tossed kudos to Marilyn Fech, sophomore theology teacher, and Nichole Wellman, cross-country

coach.

"The best piece of advice I've ever been given was given to me by my mom," recalled Cicchiello during her address. "She said, 'You have to learn to laugh at yourself.'"

An avid reader, Cicchiello designated "Little Women" as her most impactful book. "I have read and reread many times, because it is a beautiful story about a family of strong women who defied some of the societal

standards of the time. It impacts me because there are moments of apprehensiveness, frustration, patience and compassion that I understand. I can also relate to the mistakes and decisions that the women make as they are helped by their sisters and guided by their wonderful parents."

"My philosophy of life is that we have to trust that we are in the right place at the right time and that our work is important," concluded Cicchiello. "We need to work to remain balanced and become better by continually raising our standards and accepting help from the people around us."

Adam Veldman, the son of Laura and Paul Veldman of Fort Wayne, was the salutatorian for the Bishop Luers High School Class of 2018. He is a member of St. John the Baptist Parish and attended St. John the Baptist School for elementary and middle school.

Not only did Veldman choose to attend Bishop Luers High School because his friends went there, but more importantly because of the strong "family feeling" of the school community and because he always had good role models throughout his school years, he said.

He told his classmates that the words that have guided him through life are the Golden Rule, and to "Be kind and courteous to everyone you talk to, and they will do the same."

Bishop Dwenger graduates called to lives of service

BY JANET PATTERSON

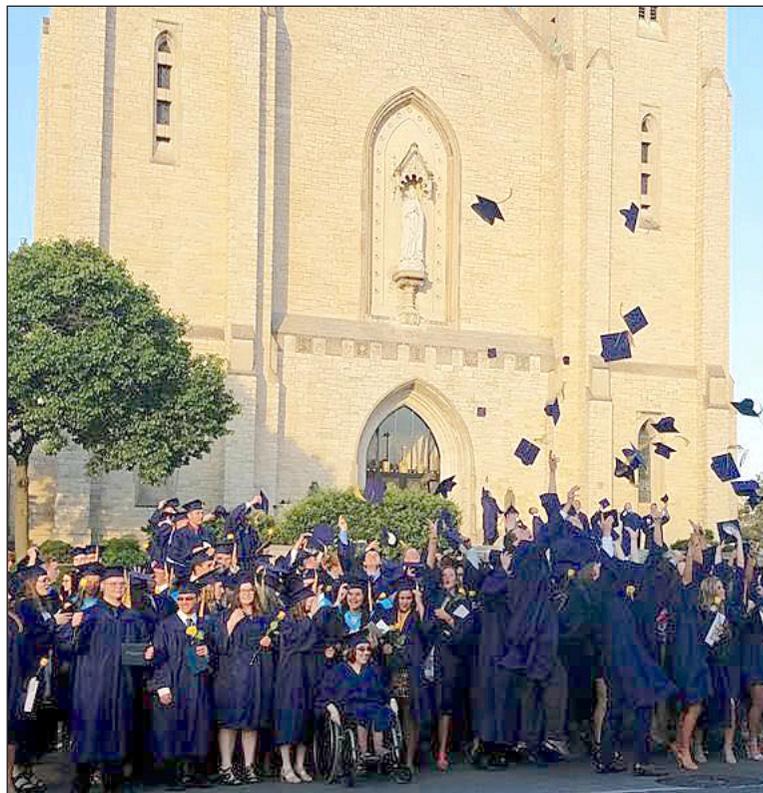
When the 265 graduates of the Bishop Dwenger High School Class of 2018 walked across the stage at the Embassy Theatre Friday evening, May 25, 40 percent of them joined a family tradition ... becoming a Dwenger alum. In fact, some of the graduates are the third generation of their families to be educated at the diocesan high school that was founded in 1964.

Like those who graduated in the 51 years since the first Dwenger commencement, the most recent alums were encouraged to live their lives in a way befitting the Dwenger tradition.

"Jesus is calling you to leave your mark in life, your mark on history, both your own and that of so many others," Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said to the class during a baccalaureate Mass on May 23.

Invoking the words of the first reading at the Mass, Bishop Rhoades quoted St. Paul's Letter to the Romans: "Let your love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good."

He cited the example of Mary



Provided by Katie Burns

Graduates of Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, throw their caps in the air following a baccalaureate Mass May 23 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

visiting her cousin Elizabeth after the Annunciation. The

aging Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist, and Mary,

who was pregnant with Jesus, hurried to her side. "She literally brought Jesus to Elizabeth's home," Bishop Rhoades continued, pointing out that Mary saw a need and answered the call to help her cousin during that time.

Recalling Pope Francis' message at World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, two years ago, he quoted, "Mary is not the type that, to be comfortable, needs a good sofa where she can feel safe and sound. She is not a couch potato!"

"Like the young Virgin Mary," Bishop Rhoades added, "you are called to go out, to live lives of service, and not to be self-absorbed."

During the commencement Friday evening, salutatorian Ryan McArdle echoed the message of service by encouraging his fellow graduates to "never sell ourselves to the whims and cares of this world. For it is only by holding fast to what makes us unique that we will each and every one of us make this world a better ... place to live."

Paying tribute to his classmates and the staff and faculty of Dwenger, he reminded them, "In truth, we have all been blessed to have been surrounded

with such an incredible group of people, to have been able to understand other viewpoints, and at times, to question our own beliefs."

McArdle, who will attend the University of Notre Dame next year, said that their education at Bishop Dwenger was "not only of the mind, but of the heart and soul."

In addition to McArdle, speakers during the commencement included Senior Class President Colin Stroud, student body president Margaret Schroeder and valedictorian Elizabeth Roy.

As a final sendoff to fellow graduates and their families, a chorus of singers from the graduating class sang the song, "A Million Dreams" from the movie, "The Greatest Showman."

Among their contributions to Bishop Dwenger High School, the Class of 2018 donated a large nativity scene to the school. The figures were delivered last fall and set up during Advent and the Christmas season in the front hall of the school where students pass each day.

Bishop Rhoades' final blessing and commission to the graduates was to "Go forth and glorify the Lord with your light."

Catholic investing: the role we play in our investment decisions

The Vatican recently released a document jointly prepared by the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith titled, "Considerations for an Ethical Discernment Regarding Some Aspects of the Present Economic-Financial System."

While stronger in its rebuke and more specific in naming the abuses, its thesis is not new and follows earlier papal documents in locating financial market and economic conduct within the realm of human and relational activities that, according to Church teachings, must strive for the common good and the well-being of all.

The document indicates that profits, trading, financial credits are not in themselves bad, but condemns the distortions, abuses and exploitation that result when profits dominate and drive out the ethical impulse to care for the other. The market cannot regulate itself nor correct its corruptions; people must do this.

The last two sections (Nos. 33-34) pivot to each of us, through consumption and savings decisions, to help shape markets for human flourishing. Yet no further discussion is provided beyond this general exhortation. Much has been written elsewhere, for example in "Laudato Si," which connects consumption to impact on the environment, the poor and the potential clout to bring about positive corporate behavior.

On the role that we can play in our investment decisions, the Church has been relatively silent.

Having spent 20 years on this topic, I can say that never before are there as many opportunities to bring about socially responsible conduct through our investments. The confluence of different forces empowers investors to educate themselves about and monitor corporate performance along environmental, social and governance dimensions. Disclosure requirements, increasingly rigorous standards, watchdog groups, ubiquitous reporting and affordable big data computation have enabled comprehensive rating and "outing" of bad corporate behavior.

Pressure by certain large investor groups, millennials, pension funds and religious institutes have given teeth to the data when these are used to raise questions and seek accountability. Many funds now are composed of companies that meet certain standards on environmental, social and governance performance. Emerging is the ability to customize a person's investments by selecting profitable companies that also deliver strong performance on the specific values chosen and ranked by the individual.

Another exciting area is impact investing: the use of private capital, sometimes "blended" with philanthropy and public funding, to support businesses that can improve the



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Such investments may deliver risk-adjusted returns over, at, or below the prevailing market rate. Frequently these businesses contribute to job creation, improved health, access to education, agricultural productivity and infrastructure development. One variant is used by about 20 Catholic charities to provide capital for employee-owned ventures or for immigrants to start businesses such as construction, catering, manufacturing and commercial building maintenance.

What holds us back is that not enough people know about such options. Even when they do, the priority remains captured by an obsession to attain the highest returns. Even Catholic funds sometimes punt on the issue of the common good and go no further than the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' guidelines to exclude certain harmful or illicit industries (examples: tobacco, gambling, abortifacients, nuclear arms).

This is not only a pity, but

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Lessons from two soon-to-be saints

I was thrilled to see the announcement that Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero during the upcoming synod on "Young people, the faith and vocational discernment," and I was even more elated that their canonizations will take place on the same day.

I read Pope Francis' choice for this timing as a subtle signal that it's time to turn the page on the tired division between "pro-life" and "social justice" Catholicism. Millennial Catholics intuitively grasp the integrity of the Church's sexual, social and sacramental teachings. Perhaps, then, this dual canonization is more for established Catholic leaders still caught up in culture wars than for emerging leaders engaged in missionary activity.

Both of these men played critical roles in my own understanding of the unity and harmony of the faith. It was in an undergraduate course on Catholic bioethics that I first encountered Pope Paul VI's encyclical "Humanae Vitae." Before then I had an oversimplified understanding of the Church's sexual teaching, which essentially boiled down to: "Don't have sex before marriage or outside of it."

The stunning revelation of what marriage and sexual love could be made it across my desk during the critical period of emerging adulthood when I was solidifying my identity, values and commitments. In it, I found what was lacking in the wom-



IN LIGHT OF FAITH

ELISE ITALIANO

en's studies course I was taking at the same time — an appreciation of women as women and a rich understanding of the complementarity of the sexes.

Pope Paul VI's prophetic teaching on openness to life and responsible parenthood, expounded upon by St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, shaped a generation. It molded our commitment to creating a culture that welcomes life. And for me and many of my female peers, it formed our commitment to a pro-life feminism.

Of Pope Paul VI, Pope Francis has said, "Before the advent of a secularized and hostile society, he could hold fast, with farsightedness and wisdom — and at times alone — to the helm of the barque of Peter, while never losing his joy and his trust in the Lord."

Likewise, Blessed Oscar Romero of El Salvador played a significant role in shaping my generation's commitment to Catholic social teaching and the preferential option for the poor.

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We are children of God, and He has prepared a home for us



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Tenth Week in Ordinary Time Mark 3:20-35

The Book of Genesis is the source of this weekend's first reading. Genesis is the first book, chronologically and sequentially, in the modern translation of the Bible. It is among the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures, or Old Testament. These books together form the Pentateuch, a term taken from the Greek word for "five." For Judaism, these five books are the very bedrock of God's revelation to humanity.

It more than a matter of chronology, or even antiquity. These

books present the very basis for understanding the identity of almighty God, for knowing ourselves and for defining the purpose and the realities of life.

Given this virtually sublime importance to our knowledge of everything real, it is nothing so very sad that study of Genesis so often merely skips along the surface and among the trivia. For instance, it hardly is critical to know how many days the creation of the universe required. The universe is here. We are part of it. It did not just "happen." God created everything.

God gave us life. He furthermore gave us the power to discern and to act. He gave us a free will. He destined us for union with Him in eternity. These are the magnificent facts provided by Genesis, not incidentals to tantalize our bewilderment as to where Eden, the garden of paradise, was located on the map.

The supreme message for us in this passage from Genesis is that if we dismiss God's revelation and reject God, we reap the whirlwind. Look at Adam. He

was not a figure totally unique. As the first human male, he represents each and every one of us. Genesis urges us to beware of Adam's plight.

Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians is the second reading. It also provides a lesson about our identity. We are individual, individually having opportunities and problems. As humans, just as in the case of Adam, we can make mistakes, and indeed we make mistakes.

We are not lost in the fog, however, blindly and inevitably stumbling toward the rim of the cliff from which we fall upon the rocks. The Holy Spirit empowers, inspires and guides us.

The Holy Spirit moved St. Paul. The Apostle Paul was not unique, however, as he insists. Every earnest disciple can be confident of equal help from the Spirit.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the Gospel reading. In this story, as was so often the case, Jesus was with the disciples. His familiarity with the disciples is important. Their memories of the Lord

are reliable.

Also, Jesus is with other people. His relatives are there, along with bystanders.

The common thread running through the story is the lack of perception, or worse, on the part of the audience. They simply do not get it. Jesus had to turn to parables to make the lesson clear.

He actually spoke quite logically. No one can serve two different masters or serve competing purposes. It was as clear as it could be, but so many simply did not perceive the reality, regardless of how boldly it stood before them.

Reflection

One of God's greatest gifts to us is the revelation of how, and what, we are. We are creatures of God and children of God.

The wonder and the tragedy are in the fact that we squander this magnificent circumstance and literally dig our own graves. So it was with Adam. So it has been, and is, in the case of every-

one who sins, and we all sin.

We are not meant to be hopeless victims of our own limitations, to be manipulated, tempted and left to our doom.

In a word, we need God. If we verify our identity through our Christian commitment, the Holy Spirit is with us.

READINGS

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15 Ps 130:1-8 2 Cor 4:13—5:1 Mk 3:20-35

Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5, 7-8 Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10-13 Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10 Mt 5:33-37

The dictatorship of relativism

You've probably never heard of the Waupoos Family Farm. I hadn't either, until I met some folks involved in it during a recent visit to Ottawa. Their story vividly illustrates the dictatorship of relativism at work.

The farm is a vacation site for poor families who can't afford a holiday together. It's run by Christians who apply only one criterion to their potential guests: applicants must have an income below Statistics Canada's poverty line. That's it. No religious requirements. No work-for-play requirements. All you have to be is poor.

For years, the Waupoos Foundation, which supports the farm, has received Canadian government funds, through Canada's summer jobs program, to help staff the farm and assist the low-income people the farm serves. Win-win-win, right? Poor families get vacations; summer interns get real-world experience and a modest income through working with and for low-income families; the taxpayers are assured that their dollars are being put to good use among people who really appreciate the help.

Well, wrong. Or at least wrong according to the Canadian department of Employment and Social Development, which is not going to fund summer jobs at the Waupoos Farm this year because the Waupoos Foundation has declined to accept a new governmental requirement: that recipients of summer jobs funds must "attest" that respecting human rights means respecting "reproductive rights," which include "the right to access safe and legal abortions." So, unless something changes soon, the Waupoos Foundation is going to have to scramble to find private sector money to support summer jobs at the Waupoos Family Farm. And if the foundation has to cut back on staff as a result

of the government's refusal to fund summer jobs at the farm — which will amount to a governmental rejection of the foundation's conscientious objection to affirming abortion-on-demand as a human right — poor people will suffer as a result.

Since taking power in November 2015, the government of Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has been a paragon of political correctness, sometimes to the point of self-parody. One ukase recently instructed Canadian governmental employees to avoid using the honorifics "Mr.," "Mrs.," and "Ms." and the words "mother" and "father" in interacting with the public, as these terms could be understood as "gender specific." The prime minister himself, during a public meeting, corrected a woman who used the word "mankind," saying that the preferred term was "peoplekind." Alas, it's all of a piece with a government which, in defiance of all logic and linguistic common sense, insists that "reproductive rights" include the "right" to willfully terminate reproduction by killing an innocent human being.

A broad coalition of religious leaders protested the coercion of consciences implicit in the "reproductive rights" attestation, including representatives of religious communities that do not share orthodox Christian convictions about abortion. Thus far, their protests have been fruitless, although there is talk of the attestation being reconsidered next year. Meanwhile, though, and for as long as the "reproductive rights" attestation remains in force, the Trudeau government will continue to embody the dictatorship of relativism: the imposition of a relativistic morality on everyone by coercive state power, with poor people often the losers.

I hope the attestation disappears, just as I hope Prime



GEORGE WEIGEL

Minister Trudeau begins to use the English language properly; at least one North American head of government should be able to do so. But even if the Trudeau administration reverses itself on this blatant coercion of consciences, there may be an important lesson here for Canadian nonprofits, including the Catholic Church: beware of too close an embrace of Caesar and too great a dependence on Caesar's coin.

Canada does not have the culture of philanthropy that exists in the United States, in part because Canada remained part of the British Empire after Americans bade farewell to King George III. In Canada, a tradition of governmental benevolence and largesse grew out of the experience of monarchy, while in America the republican habits of voluntarism and philanthropy (identified in the 1830s by Alexis de Tocqueville) formed early. The current Canadian summer jobs-funding fracas may thus suggest to our friends north of the 49th parallel that developing a culture of giving, capable of supporting a thick network of nongovernmental organizations involved in education, health care, and social work, is good in itself — and essential when Caesar's coin turns toxic.

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as recent and former Vatican teachings indicate, we fall short of our duties as Catholics. Each of us not only can, but according to doctrine, must contribute to the common good in all activities, our savings and investments included.

"Catholic investing" incorporates a simple question with answers to be backed up by metrics and compensation: How do our investments honor God with a preferential option for the poor and powerless?

Carolyn Woo is the distinguished president's fellow for global development at Purdue University and served as the CEO and president of Catholic Relief Services from 2012 to 2016.

The children I met were severely malnourished. Many would die of preventable bacterial infections from bathing alongside wild pigs and dogs.

And yet they celebrated Mass with more joy than I have ever seen. That experience made me think of Archbishop Romero's comment that "the most profound social revolution is the serious, supernatural, interior reform of a Christian."

And that's the point. Conforming one's life to the Church's teachings should not signal what "type" of Catholic you are. It should make you a saint. Maybe the canonization of these men will help to move our Church beyond tired divisions to a radiant, integral witness. That would be a fitting miracle for them to share.

Elise Italiano is the founding executive director of The Given Institute.

IN LIGHT, from page 20

I can think of no shortage of peers who engaged in long-term service at home and abroad, who saw Archbishop Romero as their hero in working to alleviate human rights abuses and social injustices.

On a service-immersion trip to Guatemala during graduate school, I got a firsthand look at the oppression of an indigenous population and the devastating poverty in which some are forced to live. In a little village several hours outside of Flores, I encountered men, women and children who lived in homes with thatched roofs and mud floors, who had hammocks for beds.

The people of the village survived the genocide of the Mayan people that peaked between 1981-83. Because of persistent discrimination, the government officials withheld clean water, sewer systems and electricity.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for June 10, 2018

Mark 3:20-35

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: a lesson about how all are united in Christ. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HOME	CROWD	HEARD
OUT OF HIS MIND	DEMONS	SATAN
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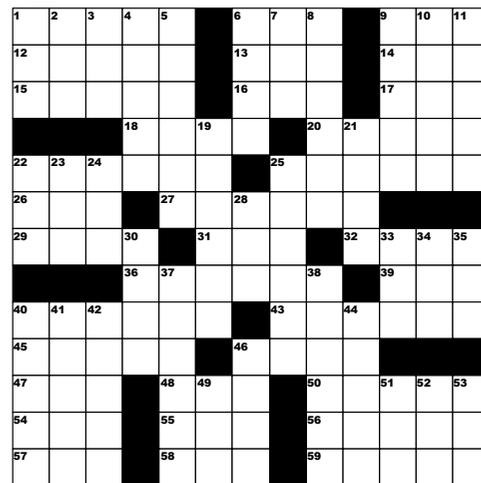
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The Cross Word

June 3 and 10, 2018



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Readings: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 33-36 and Gen 3:9-15 2Cor 4:13-5:1 Mk 3:20-35

ACROSS

- 1 Treat badly
- 6 ___ Lanka
- 9 Radiation dose
- 12 Soap
- 13 Chicken
- 14 Monk brew
- 15 Major division in a long poem
- 16 Extension (abbr.)
- 17 Caesar's three
- 18 Attention disorder
- 20 Comforts
- 22 Boulevard
- 25 Top priority
- 26 ___ by day

- 27 Earth-tone color
- 29 Tier
- 31 Charge
- 32 Reserve Officer Training Corps.
- 36 Tribes of Israel
- 39 Ghost's greeting
- 40 Follower
- 43 Hatred
- 45 India language
- 46 Raggedy Ann's pal
- 47 Hoopla
- 48 African antelope
- 50 49D belongs to a religious ___
- 54 Government worker

- 55 Barbarian
- 56 Moses did with God's words
- 57 Compass point
- 58 Trinitrotoluene
- 59 Bale

DOWN

- 1 Alphabet
- 2 Constrictor
- 3 Ash holder
- 4 Ruler of demons
- 5 Moses' Book
- 6 Christ's blood was ___
- 7 "R" in INRI
- 8 Medical student
- 9 God will do to our bodies
- 10 Foreign
- 11 Believes God is distant
- 19 "Ashes of a ___"
- 21 Seaweed substance
- 22 Advertisements
- 23 Tub
- 24 An ___ for an ___
- 25 Rocky
- 28 Snaky fish
- 30 Stress disorder
- 33 Kimono sash
- 34 Toddler
- 35 Bashful
- 37 ___ of glory
- 38 Gives a present
- 40 Rub
- 41 Stays out of sight
- 42 Positive electrode
- 44 What one of the Magi brought
- 46 Father's sister
- 49 Vowed religious
- 51 Fawn's mom
- 52 Airport abbr.
- 53 Official

A young man's journey from darkness into spiritual fatherhood

BY MARK WEBER

"Boat people" is, with no regrets, a term rarely heard these days. But when it was current, it referred to individuals so desperate for freedom that they openly embraced personal endangerment to the point of death and the possibility of seasickness, starvation, physical abuse, rape, theft and other indignities left only to the imagination. Thrown into the bargain was another very real possibility that last goodbyes to family or friends might be just that: a last goodbye.

The departing pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, Father Andrew Thu Pham, a missionary of the Society of Divine Word, felt that hunger for freedom deeply. By age 13 he was a jailbird, who had served three two-week sentences before his parents, who knew the underground connections for escapers, surrendered all their gold and borrowed more to pay his passage on a derelict fishing boat most likely christened on the mythical River Styx — but that would slip out of Saigon under cover of darkness on a trip that would nearly kill its 40 passengers.

The boat people did not know their destination. They were simply told to keep quiet and out of sight during the day to avoid a sighting by air or patrol boats. This meant they were all jammed below deck: 40 fugitives, seasick and scared. The only things in abundance were darkness, doubt and fear.

The boat ran out of food and water. Finally, a distress signal was hoisted and other boats resupplied provisions.

After seven days, the weary pilgrims were unloaded at Pilau Bidong, a Malaysian island.

They were treated kindly there and remained three months. They were then transferred to a refugee camp in Malaysia called Simgambisi, where they would live for eight months before flying to freedom in a place called San Francisco.

The next stop for young Thu was a happy one; he was reunited with two older brothers in New Orleans. They were former refugees as well, now speaking English and working. After getting settled, Thu, now 14, enrolled as a freshman at Abramson Public High School. A stranger, he was different looking and extremely limited in English, so he was bullied



FATHER ANDREW THU PHAM

racially, physically and mentally. With experience borne on a far rougher voyage, Thu endured.

Then a good thing happened. At the end of Thu's sophomore year in the public school, a vocation recruiter from Divine Word Seminary High School in East Troy, Wisconsin, visited Thu's Vietnamese parish and described a life that was altogether different than what he knew at Abramson in New Orleans. So, Thu talked it over with his brothers and enrolled

in Divine Word Seminary High in East Troy.

Thu found the students and faculty to be kind, considerate and tolerant. He flourished there and after two years, graduated in 1988 and immediately enrolled in Divine Word College Seminary in Epworth, Iowa. At Epworth, it was like being in the same family at a different location. Peace and tranquility prevailed and among the staff and faculty Thu found men he wanted to emulate. It was here with peace of mind that Thu understood that God's love, protection and deliverance had been a gift; one that would keep on giving if Thu's journey now became that of a Divine Word missionary. Once again it was destination unknown, but following his Father's lead.

Thu, now an American citizen with a Christian given name, Andrew, was ordained as a Divine Word Missionary priest on June 7, 2003, and became associate director of development for Divine Word College and a member of the formation team. Later, he spent 10 months in Bolivia learning Spanish and on Aug. 2, 2010, was named pastor at St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne.

"It has been 28 years since I left the shadows of Saigon and stood on the steps of St. Patrick with Bishop Rhoades to be installed as pastor," said Father Andrew Thu Pham. "Parts of the journey were often in harm's way or clouded with uncertainty, so first, I want to thank Almighty God for His protecting arm which made it possible for me, and eventually my entire family to find freedom in the United States."

"Thanks to Bishop Rhoades for his wise administration ... and to the diocesan priests who I have come to know. My gratitude is also extended to the loyal parish staff that so efficiently meets the requirements placed on them daily. Words fail when I attempt to express my love for the living stones, the parishioners who by their example, patience and understanding have proven that God's love, filtered through human fiber can make a multicultural parish successful. The image of St. Patrick is a reminder of that; the shamrock in his hand besides symbolizing the Trinity, ratifies that Spanish, Vietnamese and Anglos are united spiritually and in love."

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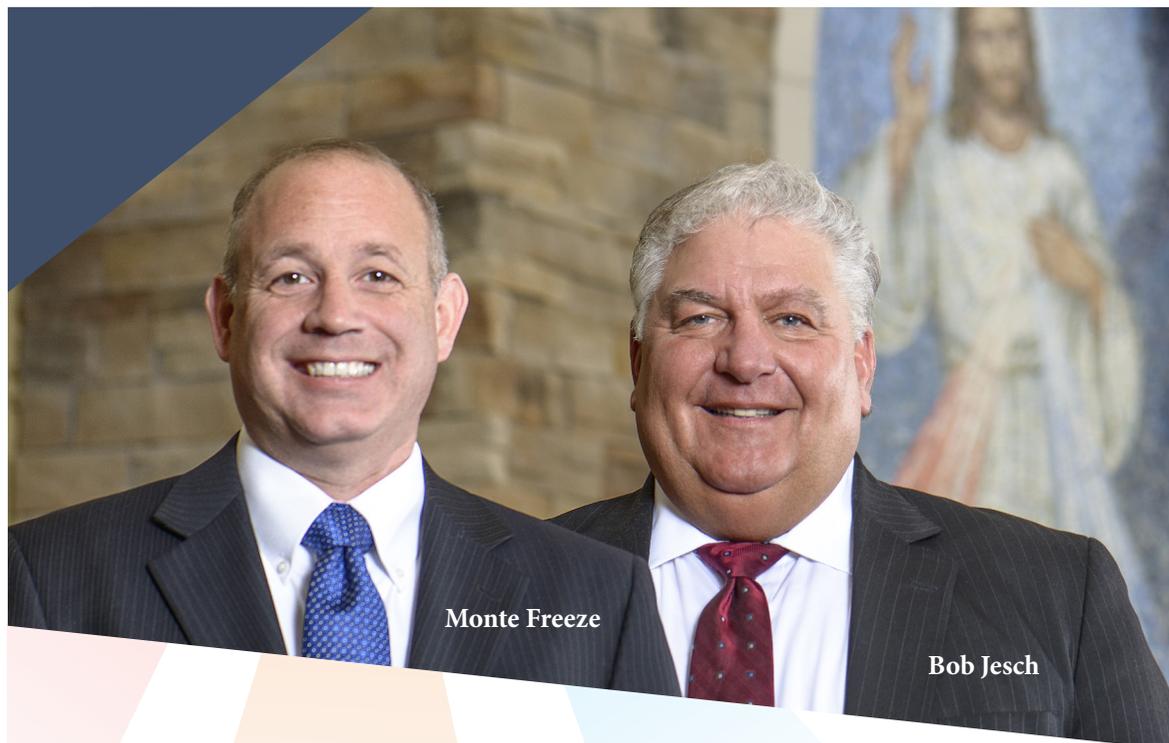
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Interpreter to be at Mass
FORT WAYNE — An interpreter from DeafLink, a service of The League for the Blind and Disabled Inc., will be present for the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 10, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, 1122 S. Clinton St. An interpreter will sign in American Sign Language every second Sunday of the month. An interpreter from Community Services All Deaf (CSAD) will sign in American Sign Language at 11 a.m. at the St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 Miami St. South. Bend, IN 46613. Contact Allison Sturm in the Secretariat for Evangelization at asturm@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1452.

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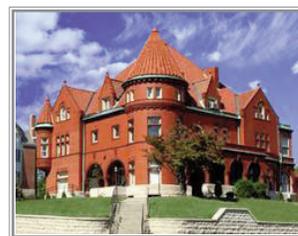


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Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul

Communion bread makers on display at museum

BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

The Church's recent celebration of Corpus Christi Sunday, or the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, encouraged the faithful to pause and reflect upon the gift of the Eucharist. The use of unleavened bread as a host can be traced back to the Last Supper, at which Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples. But the process of actually making unleavened bread suitable for consecration at Mass has a rich history all on its own. Fort Wayne's Cathedral Museum offers visitors a glimpse into that heritage.

Tucked away in a glass-covered cabinet at the museum is a collection of simple instruments that were used to make Communion bread in small quantities before the days of mass production. Museum director and pastor at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish in Fort Wayne, Father Phillip Widmann, said he found all the items at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and assumes that's where they were used.

The collection's oldest piece dates back to a time before the advent of electricity. It resembles a waffle maker but with long handles, which were necessary to bake the bread in a fire. After



An instrument similar to a waffle maker was used to bake Communion bread before the days of mass production.

Photos by Nate Proulx



These items, known as "jaggers," would cut out individual hosts from a large sheet of Communion bread.

combining the proper amounts of wheat flour and water, the mixture would be poured in and baked. Only 10 hosts could be produced each time. With the introduction of electricity, a similar instrument was used, but rather than long handles there was a long electrical cord. Also

on display are two "jaggers" that were used to individually cut out hosts from a large sheet of bread.

Religious communities, including nuns serving in a parish, would typically devote the long amounts of time needed to make Communion bread. While the method of baking has been modernized over the years there are still religious communities today that perform this service, along with commercial companies.

All are welcome to view these historical treasures at Cathedral Museum, located in the lower level of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St. Admission and parking are free. The museum is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment. Call 260-422-4611 for more information.

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