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BY JENNIFER MILLER

"Come, follow Me" is the Lord’s invitation today," Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades preached to hundreds of Catholic school students at the South Bend-area All-Schools Mass at the University of Notre Dame’s Purcell Pavilion Wednesday, Oct. 24. “Everyone, no matter their state in life, including children and young people, is called to be holy. Right now!”

His words of truth, spoken with joy, resonated with the children present. This was a special Mass, a beloved tradition, in which the students’ pastors celebrated and the “saints” were in attendance. In the front of the crowds of faithful were fourth-graders dressed in costume and representing different saints of their choosing. From St. Gianna Berretta Molla, doctor, wife and mother, to Padre Pio, priest and stigmatist, and Brother Andre Bessette, CSC, a doorkeeper, a visual of the spiritual reality of the communion of saints was present at the liturgy.

After blessing the students with the Book of the Gospels, Bishop Rhoades began his homily by visiting and speaking with the saintly students. He tried to guess which saints the various students chose.

One saint, however, a princess, was tricky. Bishop Rhoades turned to his fellow priests and asked for their help.

"Does anyone know a French princess who was also a saint?" He asked. "Shaking their heads, he said to the young student, ‘You’ve stumped a Bishop! Who is she?’ St. Adelaide, was the gracious reply.

Returning to the homily, the bishop asked, "What made them great saints? They followed Jesus and opened their hearts to His grace. In doing so, they spread the faith in words and actions. Imagine how we too can transform the world!“

“Some saints were priests, some lay people, women, men of every age...” he told the young people present.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness

The Entrance Antiphon for this Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints reads: “Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the Saints, as whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.” On this feast, the Church invites us to taste the joy of the saints, to be inspired by their example as men, women and children of the Beatitudes, and to seek the intercession of these, our brothers and sisters, who help us to be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus.

The Beatitudes are a list of blessings given by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. They are eight blessings expressed as conditional promises, which conclude with the words “Blessed are...” The Beatitudes are:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit.
2. Blessed are they who mourn.
3. Blessed are the meek.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
5. Blessed are the merciful.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake.

The Beatitudes are a call to living a life of love, mercy, and justice. They are a blueprint for living a life that is centered on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Beatitudes are a call to holiness and a reminder that our greatest need is not for wealth or fame or power, but for the love of God and our neighbor.

The saints are men and women who indeed recognized the unchanging Higher Power above us. They did not fill that space with personal imperatives. Instead, they hungered and thirsted for righteousness. They sought first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. We rejoice today that their hunger and thirst, as satisfied as they enjoyed the eternal joy and peace of heaven.

Recently I re-read Alexander Solzhenitsyn’s famous commencement address at Harvard 40 years ago. It was a speech that shocked the listeners because of its criticism of various aspects of Western culture, including its philosophical materialism, the same materialism that shaped communism and led to the gulags where he was imprisoned and tortured. Solzhenitsyn directed at Western culture 40 years later, in the era of social media. Who can deny the harmful effects on our culture and the lives of so many by the lack of moral responsibility of the media? Hunger and thirst for righteousness! Hardly! Hunger and thirst for profit often prevails through salacious news, pornography or other harmful communications. Their freedom without responsibility, a freedom unrestrained by truth, has harmful effects on people and our culture.

The saints remind us that our greatest good, our true happiness, and authentic freedom do not come from wealth or fame or power or any worldly pleasure, but from the Higher Power. They teach us to be dissatisfied with our sins and to have a passionate hunger and thirst for righteousness. Today’s feast should not be just about admiring the holiness of the saints, but to hunger and thirst for their holiness in our lives. This begins with recognizing, as every saint did, that we are sinners in need of conversion in need of God’s grace and forgiveness. As Blaise Pascal said: “There are two kinds of people: sinners, who believe they are saints, and saints, who believe they are sinners.” If we believe we are already saints, then we don’t hunger and thirst for righteousness.

We are here at this Mass because we believe the Eucharist, but because we need the Eucharist. We come to eat the Body and drink the Blood of the Lord, like the saints before us, to receive the Lord’s grace to live the Beatitudes. We are here because we hunger and thirst for holiness and it is the Lord who strengthens us in holiness. We need this sacrament of love, this food for our pilgrimage journey, so that one day our hunger and thirst will be satisfied in the eternal joy and peace of heaven. May all the saints intercede for us on our journey!
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society." the pope prayed after reciting the Angelus prayer.

The gunman, later identified as a 46-year-old Pittsburgh man named Robert Bowers, allegedly shouted that “all Jews must die” as he stormed the synagogue in the Squirrel Hill section of the city. Once inside he began shooting. Police said he was armed with three handguns and an AR-15 “style” weapon. He is believed to have acted alone.

In Pittsburgh, Special Agent Robert Jones, who heads FBI’s field office there, said Oct. 28 that Bowers was formally taken into federal custody the previous night. He has been charged with 29 separate federal crimes, including hate crimes and weapons offenses. Jones said 22 of the counts are “punishable by death.”

“We will spare no effort or resource to make sure the defendant is held fully accountable for his unspeakable crimes.” Jones said at an early morning news conference.

Bowers was apprehended by local law enforcement after exchanging gunfire with police outside the synagogue, following his shooting spree inside.

He was hospitalized for injuries he sustained, which required surgery, according to Jones. He said Bowers remained in the hospital in fair condition and was under guard. The alleged shooter was expected to go before a federal magistrate the afternoon of Oct. 29.

Officials also released the names of those who were killed: brothers Cecil and David Rosenthal, ages 59 and 54; a husband and wife, Sylvan and Bernice Simon, ages 86 and 84; Joyce Pienberg, 75; Richard Gottfried, 65; Rose Mallinger, 97; Jerry Rabinowitz, 66; Daniel Stein, 71; Melvin Wax, 88; and Irving Younger, 69.

Reuters reported that a post on social media later identified as coming from Bowers said: “I can’t sit by and watch my people get slaughtered. Screw your optics, I’m going in.” Shortly before the shooting it had been posted on Gab, a Philadelphia-based social networking service described as an alternative to Twitter. In a statement, Gab.com confirmed the poster’s profile belonged to Bowers.

In his statement, Cardinal DiNardo, who was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, said: “I commend to our Lord the victims, including first responders, and the consolation of their families. May Almighty God be with them and bring them comfort at this tragic time.”

Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik denounced the shooting and said the entire Pittsburgh community is devastated. The relationship between the Catholic diocese and the synagogue, he said, has been “close over many years.”

In a statement to the media, he said: “May God free us from fear and hatred, and sow peace in our lives, our communities and in the world. ... My heart and prayers are especially lifted for our Jewish sisters and brothers and the law enforcement officers who rushed into harm’s way.”

Prayer, loving one’s neighbor and working to end bigotry must be the response to the hatred shown by the shooting, he said.

“Anti-Jewish bigotry, and all religious and ethnic bigotry, is a terrible sin,” he said. “As we pray for peace in our communities and comfort and prayer for the grieving we must put prayer into action by loving our neighbors and working to make ‘Never again’ a reality.”

The chairman of the USCCB Committee for Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs called the attack is “a cowardly act” that must be condemned by all Americans.

“Those killed and injured represent the best of who we are: people of faith gathered to pray and celebrate the birth of a child and officers responding to the ensuring violence with no concern for their own safety,” Bishop Joseph C. Bambera of Scranton, Pennsylvania, said in a statement Oct. 28.

He said the committee “stands with our Jewish brothers and sisters during this time of great distress. May God grant peace to the dead, healing to the injured, and comfort to the families of those hurt and killed and to all the Jewish community.”

The Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment at the Vatican Oct. 27.

Pope Francis poses for a group photo with bishops and participants at the Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment at the Vatican Oct. 27.
Diocese maintains compliance with charter

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has been found compliant with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, according to StoneBridge Business Partners, an independent auditing firm.

While it is not new for the diocese to be found compliant, recent news events validate how important the work of protecting children from abuse remains. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend stands firm in its commitment to the care and protection of children from the evil of sexual abuse.

The diocese has undergone a yearly audit of its implementation of the directives in the charter 15 times, and has been found compliant every time. StoneBridge has conducted the last nine audits, including this most recent one. For the past year, the review was accomplished by data collection and document review. Next year, the auditors will make an onsite visit to review documents and interview key staff members in roles guiding the effort. An onsite visit is conducted every three years.

For the data collection audit this past year, the diocese submitted information on all allegations of abuse made during the year, reporting on the care provided to the victim-survivor as well as the outcome or finding of the allegation, without providing the names of victims. Care for the victims is one important component of the charter. The diocese pledges to provide healing and pastoral care to anyone abused by clergy.

The other critical task is the prevention of future abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend addresses that task through what is commonly known as the Safe Environment Program. In the audit, the diocese submits a report regarding all adults who are required to undergo background checks prior to contact with children, the Safe Environment training given to those adults, and the personal safety (Safe Environment) training given to children. Every person who is required to participate in one of these initiatives must be accounted for in the audit. Adults who are required to complete the program are all priests, deacons, candidates for ordination, employees of the diocese and those volunteers who will have regular contact with children as a part of their service.

While preparation for the audit takes significant effort and energy, it is important to do. The requirement of an audit keeps a focus on this crucial work and the need to stay attentive to it. In addition to audit compliance work, the Safe Environment Program is always seeking to improve and update its training and screening so that they stay effective.

Recently, the adult Safe Environment training program was revised. The revision incorporates new content and ongoing refreshers to better prepare adults to create and maintain safe environments in which children can learn and grow in faith.

The Catholic Church has learned much about safe environments and child protection through ongoing research and lived experience since the crisis. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Safe Environment program began in 2002. It is ideal that current and essential information be shared with adults so they are well-prepared for ministering to children, and examples of recent research and learning that have been incorporated into the training resources include training in boundaries, social media use with minors, the grooming process used by abusers and the role of pornography in child abuse. In addition to the revised adult training, the Safe Environment Program will also introduce a new training module for high school students that will include social media and internet use, grooming behavior of predators, healthy relationships and dating, and the implications of becoming a legal adult at age 18.

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Dear Bishop Rhoades:

We are writing to inform you that the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is in compliance with the data collection requirements for the 2017/2018 Charter audit period. We have reviewed this information and will be forwarding the documents to the Secretariat of Youth and Child Protection for use in the 2018 Audit Report.

Thank you for your cooperation and participating in the data collection process.

Sincerely,

StoneBridge Business Partners

Rochester, New York

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The document acknowledged how, in some countries, young people are moving away from the Church or question its teachings, especially on sexuality. The Church’s response, the synod said, must be a commitment of time and patience as it helps young people “grasp the relationship between their adherence to faith in Jesus Christ and the way they live their affectivity and interpersonal relationships.”

Church teaching that all people are called to chastity and to refraining from sexual relations outside the bond of marriage between a man and a woman must be presented clearly, but not with a judgmental attitude, it added.

The document mentioned young people’s questions about homosexuality, sexual orientation and differences between men and women and called for “a more in-depth anthropological, theological and pastoral elaboration” on the Church’s position on those issues. The final document used the term “sexual inclination” rather than “sexual orientation” as the draft document had.

“The synod reaffirms that God loves every person and so does the Church, renewing its commitment against all sexually-based discrimination and violence,” the final document said. It also reaffirmed the decision of the synod’s October meeting that “vocation is neither a script a human being is called to recite, nor a spontaneous theatrical performance leaving no traces.”

The paragraph, listed under “sexuality: A Clear, Liberating, Authentic Word,” passed by the required two-thirds, but received the fewest favorable votes — 178 — while 68 bishops voted against it.

Members of the synod also praised young Catholics who are involved in their parishes or communities, who dedicate themselves enthusiastically to service projects, who offer their time and talent to the celebration of parish liturgies and who are willing to do even more. However, the document said, too often young volunteers are met by priests and other adults who doubt their commitment or preparation or are simply unwilling to share responsibility with them.

While young people can feel overlooked or ignored, the synod members said such attitudes are detrimental to the Church and to its missionary mandate. The final document said young people challenge the Church to be better and their questions force older Church members to find clearer ways to express Church teaching or to respond to new situations with the wisdom of heart and a renewal of structure," the synod members said. The clerical sex abuse scandal and financial imbalance in the Catholic Church are leading many people, not only young people, away from the faith, the synod acknowledged.

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Behind the crime of abuse, it said, there lies a “spiritual void” and a form of exercising power that led some priests to believe their ordination gave them “power” over others rather than called them to serving others. On “vocation,” synod members emphasized how the basic, common Christian vocation is the call to holiness, which can and should be lived out in every state of life: young or old, single or married or in the priesthood or religious life.

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Bishops sign document for action against climate change

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As a group from Central America heads to the border between the U.S. and Mexico, the Trump administration is said to be getting ready to send troops to meet them and Catholic groups are asking that the migrants be treated humanely. “We urge the administration to manage refugee arrivals humanely and in a manner that respects their dignity and rights under U.S. and international law,” said an Oct. 26 statement by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. The mobilization of migrants is believed to have formed sometime in mid-October and comprised of mostly Honduran migrants seeking refuge from violence and poverty at home. It seems that, spontaneously, others from nearby countries have joined their ranks as the group travels north, likely seeking to ask for asylum in the United States. “These people simply want to live with their families free of fear. According to international law, they have a right to seek asylum where they feel safe,” said the Washington-based Franciscan Action Network in an Oct. 24 news release expressing solidarity with the group.

‘Romero’ film remains relevant to today’s fight for justice, says priest

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A handsomely remastered film about the martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero received a new release while Pope Francis is marking the 40th anniversary of the original glory days of Paulist Productions and its founder, Father Ellwood “Bud” Father Kline. The emotional drama “Romero,” the 1989 film about the martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, is a reminder of the pope’s fight against the violence prevailing in El Salvador during his time. The screening was hosted by Paulist Productions and Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops’ overseas relief and development agency. The screening was hosted by Paulist Productions and Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops’ overseas relief and development agency.

Pope: Tolerating each other’s flaws fights devil’s attempts to divide

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Humility, kindness and generosity are needed to create peace in the world, starting in one’s own family, Pope Francis said. “To create peace, unity among us (it takes) humility, gentleness — we who are used to insulting each other, yelling at each other — gentleness, and magnanimity,” he said. Oct. 26 during morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae. “But can you really make peace in the world with these three little things? Yes, it is the journey. Can you reach unity? Yes, that is the journey: humility, gentleness and magnanimity,” he said. The pope’s homily reflected on the day’s first reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (4:1-6). The imprisoned apostle was calling for unity among Christians, who were “too caught up with their infighting,” the pope said. People today are also too used to being around conflict, especially with the news always talking about conflicts, “one after the other,” wars, the lack of peace and lack of unity, he said.

Holiness comes from experience of Christ’s love, not pious talk

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians reveal their faith not by spewing superfluous words about Jesus but by having a genuine experience of his love despite their sins, Pope Francis said. People who truly know Christ must ask him for the grace to not “repeat words like a parrot, but rather speak words born from experience,” the pope said Oct. 25 in his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square. “This is our strength, this is our witness,” he said. Christians of words, there are many; even we can be that way, but this isn’t holiness. Holiness means being Christians who practice in life what Jesus taught and what Jesus has sown in our hearts.” In his homily, his homily during Mass at the Domus Sanctae Marthae. “It is the day’s first reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, in which the apostle taught and what Jesus has sown in your hearts.” In his homily, Pope Francis said. “Christians of words, there are many; even we can be that way, but this isn’t holiness. Holiness means being Christians who practice in life what Jesus taught and what Jesus has sown in your hearts.”

South Korea grants refugee status to Iranian student who became Catholic

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — An Iranian student who converted to Catholicism in South Korea has obtained refugee status through the efforts of Cardinal Andrew Yeom Seo-jung of Seoul and the man’s classmates. The Ministry of Justice announced Oct. 19 that the Korea Immigration Service accepted the student’s application, ucanews.com reported. The man’s name was withheld to protect his identity and safety. He was referred to only as “Anthony.” Cardinal Yeom met Anthony at his office in Seoul Aug. 16 and pledged to support his bid to claim refugee status. Afterward, Cardinal Yeom sent letters to Prime Minister Lee Nak-yon, Justice Minister Park Sang-ki, the chairman of National Human Rights Commission of Korea and other officials appealing for leniency in Anthony’s case because of his religious conversion. Prior to the final judgment Oct. 2, the cardinal issued another message of support. “Anthony converted to Catholicism and received the confirmation sacrament. As he now has a clear Catholic identity, if he were to return to his home country, he would face a high possibility of persecution,” Cardinal Yeom wrote.

Irish government approves excavation of former mother and baby home site

DUBLIN (CNS) — The Irish government has approved a forensic excavation of the site of a former state-funded, Catholic-run mother and baby home in the west of the country. Katherine Zappone, minister for children and youth affairs, announced the excavation Oct. 25. “I am committed to ensuring that all the children interred at this site can have a dignified and respectful burial,” she said. Significant quantities of human remains were found in 2017 in Tuam at the site of a home run by the Bon Secours congregation of sisters from 1925 to 1961. A Commission of Investigation was established following research by a local historian, Catherine Corless, in which she claimed that 796 infants had died in the home and been buried in an unmarked grave on the site. Death certificates revealed that the children had died of infectious diseases and malnutrition, but that the rate of death was significantly higher than the national average for the period. The case made headlines around the world and generated significant international interest in how unmarried mothers were treated in Ireland by the church and wider society.

Catholic groups ask for humane treatment of migrants heading for border

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A group from Central America heads to the border between the U.S. and Mexico, the Trump administration is said to be getting ready to send troops to meet them and Catholic groups are asking that the migrants be treated humanely. “We urge the administration to manage refugee arrivals humanely and in a manner that respects their dignity and rights under U.S. and international law,” said an Oct. 26 statement by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. The mobilization of migrants is believed to have formed sometime in mid-October and comprised of mostly Honduran migrants seeking refuge from violence and poverty at home. It seems that, spontaneously, others from nearby countries have joined their ranks as the group travels north, likely seeking to ask for asylum in the United States. “These people simply want to live with their families free of fear. According to international law, they have a right to seek asylum where they feel safe,” said the Washington-based Franciscan Action Network in an Oct. 24 news release expressing solidarity with the group.

‘Romero’ film remains relevant to today’s fight for justice, says priest

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A handsomely remastered DVD restoration of “Romero,” the 1989 drama about the martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, is a reminder of the original glory days of Paulist Productions and its founder, Father Ellwood “Bud” Kline. The emotional drama “Romero,” the 1989 film about the martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, is a reminder of the pope’s fight against the violence prevailing in El Salvador during his time. The screening was hosted by Paulist Productions and Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops’ overseas relief and development agency. The screening was hosted by Paulist Productions and Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops’ overseas relief and development agency.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A large iceberg breaks from the Grey glacier in 2017 at the Torres del Paine National Park in Magallanes, Chile. Six bishops representing episcopal conferences in five continents issued a joint statement calling on the international community to take immediate action against climate change. Addressing world leaders who will be attending the COP24 Summit in Katowice, Poland, in December, the bishops urged them to take concrete steps “in order to tackle and overcome the devastating effects of the climate crisis. We must be prepared to make rapid and radical changes and resist the temptation to look for solutions to our current situation in short-term technologically fixed without addressing the root causes and the long-term consequences.”

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — — Humility, kindness and generosity are needed to create peace in the world, starting in one’s own family, Pope Francis said. “To create peace, unity among us (it takes) humility, gentleness — we who are used to insulting each other, yelling at each other — gentleness, and magnanimity,” he said. Oct. 26 during morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae. “But can you really make peace in the world with these three little things? Yes, it is the journey. Can you reach unity? Yes, that is the journey: humility, gentleness and magnanimity,” he said. The pope’s homily reflected on the day’s first reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (4:1-6). The imprisoned apostle was calling for unity among Christians, who were “too caught up with their infighting,” the pope said. People today are also too used to being around conflict, especially with the news always talking about conflicts, “one after the other,” wars, the lack of peace and lack of unity, he said.

Holiness comes from experience of Christ’s love, not pious talk

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians reveal their faith not by spewing superfluous words about Jesus but by having a genuine experience of his love despite their sins, Pope Francis said. People who truly know Christ must ask him for the grace to not “repeat words like a parrot, but rather speak words born from experience,” the pope said Oct. 25 in his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square. “This is our strength, this is our witness,” he said. Christians of words, there are many; even we can be that way, but this isn’t holiness. Holiness means being Christians who practice in life what Jesus taught and what Jesus has sown in your hearts.” In his homily, Pope Francis said. “Christians of words, there are many; even we can be that way, but this isn’t holiness. Holiness means being Christians who practice in life what Jesus taught and what Jesus has sown in your hearts.”

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BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Speaking on behalf of all adult Catholics, Pope Francis formally closed the Synod of Bishops by asking young people for forgiveness.

“Forgive us if often we have not listened to you; if, instead of opening our hearts, we have filled your ears. As Christ’s church, we want to listen to you with love” because young people’s lives are precious in God’s eyes and “in our eyes, too,” the pope said in his homily Oct. 28.

The Mass, celebrated in St. Peter’s Basilica, closed a month-long synod on young people, faith and vocational discernment. The pope thanked the 300 synod members, experts, observers and ecumenical delegates for working in communion, with frankness and with the desire to serve God’s people.

“May the Lord bless our steps, so that we can listen to young people, be their neighbors and bear witness before them to Jesus, the joy of our lives,” he said in his homily.

Living the faith and sharing it with the world, especially with young people, entails going out to those in need, listening, being close to them and bearing witness to Jesus’ liberating message of salvation, Pope Francis said. The pope used the day’s Gospel reading (Mk 10:46-52) and its account of Jesus helping Bartimaeus as a model of how all Christians need to live out and share the faith.

Parishioners pitch in on fall landscaping

Provided by Jeremy Elder

Three times a year, parishioners at Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, meet on a Saturday to do regular season landscape maintenance. On Oct. 20, many helping hands came and planted spring bulbs in landscape beds, trimmed trees, edged sidewalks, cleaned windows and performed maintenance on perennials, helping to keep the 7-acre campus manicured and appealing.

Pope apologizes to young people who have felt ignored by the Church
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Young people encouraged to encounter Christ’s call

WASHINGTON — The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week Nov. 4-10. This annual event is a special time for parishes to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

Pope Francis, in his message for the 2018 World Day of Vocations, emphasized that it is at the loving initiative of God, and by His personal encounter with each of us, that one is called. “Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, where we hear the voice of Christ, where He reveals His will for our lives.”

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. The USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.

More information and resources for National Vocation Awareness Week, including a praying card, are available online at: http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm

A parent’s prayer for vocations

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ’s Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord.

Amen.

Statistics on recent vocations to religious life and the priesthood

The majority of women’s and men’s communities have at least one person in initial formation.

• Since 2009, the majority of religious institutes have at least one person in formation: 66 percent of women’s institutes and 80 percent of men’s institutes.

• Since 2000, 93 percent of all religious institutes have had at least one serious inquirer and 79 percent of all religious institutes have had at least one formal applicant since 2000.

Characteristics of ordinands and those newly professed to religious life

AGE

Average age for discernment is 19 and for entrance 30.

ETHNICITY

More diverse, reflecting the increasing diversity in the U.S. Catholic population as a whole.

EDUCATION

The majority of those entering religious life are highly educated.

PARISH LIFE

The majority participated in parish ministry prior to entering formation.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY INFLUENCE

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Drawing kids to the glow of Catholicism

BY JUDY ROBERTS

When Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades challenged teachers in Indiana’s Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese to think of ways to keep young people from leaving the Catholic faith, Legate Betsy Williams took it to heart — and prayer.

In the quiet of her adoration hours before the Blessed Sacrament, an idea began to take shape: Immerse students in the beauty of the Catholic faith, giving them an emotional connection to the truths they learn.

Program emphasizes Catholic beauty

In August when classes began, Williams’ idea debuted as the Light for the World program at St. Anthony de Padua School in South Bend. The program consists of houses, or small faith communities, within the school, and monthly retreats that focus on a saint and a virtue he or she exemplified.

The houses, which are named for various saints, will have activities throughout the year to foster a sense of community. During the monthly retreat, each house will rotate among four stations, spending 30 minutes at a time in adoration, listening to a talk by a priest, working on a service project and singing and learning about the Mass.

“Catholic schools do an amazing job of teaching the truth and this is so very important,” said Williams, who previously taught preschool and first and second grades at St. Anthony. “…That doesn’t need to change, but what needs to be added is leading [students] to the truth through beauty.”

Legate John Tippmann, Sr., who is helping Light for the World get started through a grant from his Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation, agreed. “I have seen what the problem is and it is that we know we’re losing children. Catholic children, at an alarming rate. They just lose interest in their faith.”

Keeping the faith — through love for Christ

Tippmann said when he grew up, it was far more likely that students attending Catholic schools would graduate with a love for their faith that sustained them the rest of their lives. Today, he said, according to a recent Gallup poll, only 25 percent of young people between the ages of 21 and 29 attend Mass weekly. And, according to a talk given in March at the University of Notre Dame by Katherine Angulo, associate director for youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, six in 10 young Catholics celebrate their first Communion, but only a third go on to receive confirmation. Angulo also said the median age people stop identifying as Catholic is 15, and one of the main reasons youth are leaving the Church is that they have no emotional connection to the faith.

“We want to teach them to love the faith instead of just learning the rules and regulations of it,” Tippmann said. “When Williams presented Light for the World to several members of his foundation’s board, Tippmann said it resonated with his own experience of the faith handed down to him by his mother, for whom the foundation is named. ‘It seemed like this would help teachers to do a better job of teaching the Catholic faith and love for it.’

The foundation agreed to fund the first two years of the program at St. Anthony at a cost of $25,000 a year, which covers expenses and part of the salary for an additional teacher. If the program takes off, the foundation may continue to fund it or possibly support expanding it to other schools.

Kids ask to go to church

Williams, who will be the teacher directing the program as the school’s Catholic identity representative, drew on her classroom experiences to develop Light for the World. More than two years ago, she began taking her first-graders into the parish church on Fridays to pray a rosary for their pastor, Father Robert Garrow, and for Bishop Rhoades.

“They absolutely loved this time in church and in the silence,” she said. “They would beg to go during the week.” In talking with the students, Williams learned that they felt happy and peaceful during the visits. “That’s the peace of Jesus,” she said. “They were hooked and couldn’t get enough.” Next, Williams formed an adoration club so that all students in the school could have the same experience of being alone with Jesus in the quiet of the church. “That’s the peace of Jesus, I told them. They were hooked and couldn’t get enough.”

Williams said that during the Friday visits, students in the club would meet quietly. Twice a month for an hour after school, students in the club would meet to pray the rosary, sing and sit quietly.

Adoration will be a key element of the monthly retreats because, Williams said, it offers students an opportunity to unplug and listen to what God may be calling them to do with the gifts they have been given and to develop a lifelong habit of taking their concerns to Him.

Williams hopes through Light for the World to show students and their families the treasure they have in their faith — a treasure often left behind by putting travel, sports, and other distractions ahead of attending Mass.

“So many kids and families are dropping away and abandoning our greatest gift for the pull of the world,” she said.

As a means of reaching out to families, all the talks given by priests during the monthly retreats will be recorded and available to view online. Family members of students also will be invited to attend the retreats.

Service to others mitigates focus on self

Williams developed the service aspect of the program to counteract the culture’s focus on self and to show students the beauty of loving, serving and sacrificing for others. Each house will establish a relationship with a charity during the year and spend part of each retreat day doing something for that charity. For example, a house that has chosen a homeless shelter might make lunches for shelter residents.

The singing element of the retreats is designed to teach students that they are joining with all the angels and saints in bringing glory to God every time they go to Mass. Williams’ hope is that by teaching the students to sing beautiful songs for school and Sunday Masses, families who have been away from church or don’t attend will hear something that makes them want to return.

Strong family support is key

Although she has a background in education, Williams said the best preparation she received for creating Light for the World came from her parents, who gave her a strong, positive example of living the faith. Her father, Brian Miller, has been a deacon at St. Anthony de Padua for the last 45 years and helped her form the adoration club.

“He’s given his whole life to our faith,” Williams said. “Light for the World is not a curriculum, but will complement religious instruction in the classroom. Williams said. In addition to offering experiences that will convey the beauty of the faith, the program will provide suggested activities students can do with their families.

Bishop Rhoades, who approved the program, said its strength is the movement from beauty to goodness and then to truth it provides through exposing the children to the lives of the saints’ prayer and retreat days, and priests and religious sisters. “It will be a very purposeful program, seeking to give them a rich and joyful experience of learning to live the Gospel.”

He added that in visiting other second-grade classrooms, he has already observed the effectiveness of her approach. The bishop said he also has seen how his own involvement with an organization who are often moved by the religious observance of their children. “I know of one parent who even because of Catholic belief because of the devotion of her daughter led her to learn about the Catholic faith. Parent involvement in this program is a real strength and necessity for the Catholic mission of the school.”

Narrow road to Christ is counter-cultural

Williams said she was confirmed in her discernment of the program by hearing Bishop Rhoades talk during his Chrism Mass homily during Holy Week this year about spreading the aroma of Christ in a world where there is so much stench, an idea he said he took from Pope Francis.

“It really hit home,” Williams said. “…It immediately made me think of what I was working on to teach little ones and their families that everything the world is showing them, that they see in media, the Internet, on Facebook, is so counter-cultural to what we know as Catholics. I kept thinking of St. John Paul II and how he said don’t be afraid to be a saint, don’t be afraid to go against what the world is showing you … It’s scary to go against what everyone else is telling you is right, but if you do that, you’ll be a light for the world.”

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Founders Day ceremony commemorates Knights of Columbus founding in Fort Wayne

BY KEVIN KILBANE

Two-thirds of them were first-generation Americans, the sons of men and women who came to the United States as immigrants seeking a better life.

They represented a range of professions, from plumber, construction worker and railroad conductor to physician, pharmacist and bank president. Some endured dangerous working conditions, and all faced discrimination because of their Catholic religion.

United by their faith and a desire to improve life for their families and community, 36 men signed a charter Oct. 15, 1899, to found Knights of Columbus Council 451 in Fort Wayne.

The Catholic social and fraternal organization was the first K of C council in Fort Wayne, the second statewide, and the root of K of C councils now involving about 5,000 men in 22 parishes in northeast Indiana.

Local K of C members commemorated that heritage with a Founders Day celebration Oct. 28 at Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave., where 29 of the 36 Council 451 founders are buried. About 100 people turned out for the event, which took place in the cemetery’s Divine Mercy Funeral Home because of the morning’s cool, rainy weather.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who is a Council 451 member, offered prayer and remarks at the ceremony. Event organizers also encouraged people to visit the graves of Council 451 founders, which were identified with a K of C marker and yellow or blue balloons.

The K of C focuses on four principles: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

“It probably filled a pretty huge gap in these families’ lives,” Steve Lutz, Founders Day project chairman, said of Council 451 charter members.

In the late 1800s, some social and fraternal organizations didn’t allow Catholics to join, said Lutz, a past grand knight of Council 451 and a current trustee. Catholics faced even greater threats during the 1920s from the Ku Klux Klan.

Genealogy research by five Council 451 members and one of their spouses provided a glimpse of Council 451 founders’ lives:

- They worked hard, with many operating their own businesses or professional offices.
- Gerhard B. Grimm, for example, bought his father’s tailoring and dry-cleaning business and renamed it Peerless Cleaners, which still operates in Fort Wayne today.
- Some Council 451 founders lived into their late 80s or early 90s, but several met early deaths from disease, accident or injury.

John Murray, front right, in his 4th Degree Knight regalia, listens during the Knights of Columbus Founders Day ceremony. Murray is a past Grand Knight of Council 451.

They did most of their historical research at the Genealogy Center of the downtown Allen County Public Library, where library staff provided major assistance, he said.

Council 451 members compiled founders’ biographies into a book, “Faith in Action.” The council had a limited number of books printed; which can be purchased from Lutz at 260-541-7556. A copy also has been donated to the Genealogy Center. Council members hope to post a copy of the book online eventually, so it can be updated to address an unsolved “mystery,” Lutz said.

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Getting real about our challenges

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to hand on the faith to the next generation. We need to know how best to encourage vocations that will stick. We need to know how to evangelize a hurting world last read has lost its faith and lost its way.

We need a Church that recovers what it means to be a family, a family that can disagree and argue passionately about things, but also that loves one another.

We need most of all to be missionary witnesses: showing the world that knowing and loving Jesus makes all the difference. And if that is not true for us, then that is our biggest problem by far.

To the pope, who wanted more democracy in the Church, who had chosen him, or because they had chosen him, or because he somehow had assumed the role of leadership, but rather because God commissioned him. Not only did Moses lead the people to their own land, God promised them and reserved for them, but Moses also taught them how to live according to God’s commands.

Again, the teachings of Moses were not merely the thoughts of Moses himself, but the very words of God conveyed to humanity by Moses. In this reading, Moses, speaking for God, reveals the central reality of existence: God, the creator of everything. Moses, still speaking for God, further reveals that God is one. God is a person.

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This epistle sees Jesus as God and all others. By God’s law, then they will love one another.

Reflection

The Church is moving forward to the feast of Christ the King, celebrated only a few weeks hence. In this feast, the Church will conclude its year and close its liturgical calendar. We will return to the first Sunday of Advent.

So we need to know how better

Which is the first of all the Commandments?

The Sunday Gospel

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This epistle sees Jesus as the great, eternal high priest. While the memory of Caiphas, and other high priests, was less than laudatory among Jews of the time of Jesus, because they allowed themselves to be tools of the Roman oppressors, the great high priest envisioned by Hebrews is holy and perfect. Jesus is the great high priest of Calvary. As a human, the Lord represented all humanity. As God, the sacrifice of Jesus was perfect.

St. Mark’s Gospel furnishes a picture of Jesus as an expert in Jewish religion, asked Jesus to capsulate the Commandments. It was an understandable question. Jewish law, all seen as emanating from God, had 613 precepts! In response, Jesus drew upon two divine statutes well-known to the audience: one from Deuteronomy, the other from Leviticus. From this technique situates the Lord in the tradition of revelation and defined that Jesus was no impostor. He was God’s spokesman.

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For its second reading, the Church chose us a selection from the Epistle to the Hebrews. The loveliest and most powerful symbols and understandings of God and virtue in the ancient Hebrew tradition gleam in the verses of the Epistle to the Hebrews. The exact words of the composition are unknown, but obviously it was first intended for an audience very aware of the traditions and beliefs of Judaism at the time of Jesus. For the ancient Jews, from the time that Aaron, the brother of Moses, served as high priest, the central figure in Jewish society was the high priest. The high priest’s role extended far beyond officiating at religious ceremonies and other high priests, was less than laudatory among Jews of the time of Jesus, because they allowed themselves to be tools of the Roman oppressors, the great, eternal high priest.

This epistle sees Jesus as the great, eternal high priest. While the memory of Caiphas, and other high priests, was less than laudatory among Jews of the time of Jesus, because they allowed themselves to be tools of the Roman oppressors, the great high priest envisioned by Hebrews is holy and perfect. Jesus is the great high priest of Calvary. As a human, the Lord represented all humanity. As God, the sacrifice of Jesus was perfect.

St. Mark’s Gospel furnishes a picture of Jesus as an expert in Jewish religion, asked Jesus to capsulate the Commandments. It was an understandable question. Jewish law, all seen as emanating from God, had 613 precepts! In response, Jesus drew upon two divine statutes well-known to the audience: one from Deuteronomy, the other from Leviticus. From this technique situates the Lord in the tradition of revelation and defined that Jesus was no impostor. He was God’s spokesman.

Reflection

The Church is moving forward to the feast of Christ the King, celebrated only a few weeks hence. In this feast, the Church will conclude its year and close its liturgical calendar. We will return to the first Sunday of Advent.

So we need to know how better

Which is the first of all the Commandments?
Sexual orientation: hope for restoration and healing with SOCE

Sexual orientation change efforts rely on professional therapy and counseling often in a religious context, to assist those struggling with unwanted homosexual inclinations who would like to diminish their same-sex attractions and grow in their ability to abstain from same-sex behaviors. Many proponents of same-sex lifestyles argue that sexual orientation change efforts are not only not effective, but also are harmful and unscientific, going so far as to advocate for legislation that would restrict a person’s ability to offer SOCE. A sweeping bill recently tabled in California, for example, would have labeled any sexual orientation therapies offered for a fee as “consumer fraud.” Are such laws sensible or reprehensible? What do scientific studies indicate about attempts to change sexual orientation?

Peter Sprigg, senior fellow for policy studies at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C., has provided a very helpful analysis of six studies published between 2000 and 2016 in a recent review article entitled “Sexual Orientation Change Efforts (SOCE): Effective? Are They Harmful? What the Evidence Shows.” He concludes that SOCE “can be effective for some clients in bringing about significant change in some components of sexual orientation,” and that “few harms were reported.” Older reports from the literature, including 600 studies and five meta-analyses, support the same conclusions.

One of the six SOCE studies reviewed by Sprigg, “A Longitudinal Study of Attempted Religiously Mediated Sexual Orientation Change,” was published in the Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy in 2011. In this study, researchers Stanton Jones and Mark Yarhouse evaluated 61 men and women who opted to pursue religiously mediated change efforts. At the end of the study, after six to ten sessions through therapy for six years, they found that 53 percent of these self-categorized as some version of successful, either as “Success: Conversion” (23 percent) or “Success: Chastity” (50 percent). That was more than twice the number (26 percent) who described the outcome as “Failure: Confused,” or “Failure: Gay Identity.” Interestingly, the observed success rates in the study trended higher as the study continued. Between the third and sixth year, for example, the “Success: Conversion” results improved from 15 percent to 23 percent of the participants, while the “Success: Chastity” portion improved from 25 percent to 50 percent commenting on this phenomenon, Sprigg notes that “rather than relapsing into homosexuality after initiating the therapy, when SOCE clients claim, clients are more likely to achieve success the longer they persevere in the process.”

When participants reported “Success: Conversion” as an outcome did not indicate that all same-sex attraction went away, but that “a reduction in homosexual attraction and an increase in heterosexual attraction” had occurred. Similarly, “Success: Chastity” was defined as “stable behavioral chastity and a reduction in homosexual attraction,” which, in the words of the report, can “also be regarded as a successful outcome” by “conventionally religious persons.” As with most of studies of this type, most participants reported some significant, but not complete, change.

This same research study by Jones and Yarhouse also assessed any reported “harm” from SOCE during the course of the change efforts. They evaluated psychological distress among the participants using a standardized checklist of symptoms, but the only statistically significant trends indicated “improving psychological symptoms” rather than harms to SOCE clients.

In his review of the literature, Sprigg examines the issue of SOCE from the field of psychotherapy help push back against the dogmatism of same-sex advocates and even some of professional medical societies. Such dogmatism ignores the best interests of clients by seeking to restrict the availability of important and potentially helpful therapies when everyone should instead be supporting access to ministries of healing and change for those desiring to restore psychological and spiritual wholeness in their lives.

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Seminarian champs at the Mount

In between their studies, seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend engage in sporting competitions against other seminary and university teams. Recently, the Mount St. Mary’s Seminary football team, left, won its second consecutive university intramural championship in October. Team members, from left, are quarterback Ben Landrigan, Jake Schneider and Brian Florin, of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend; tournament MVP Mike Bovino, Diocese of Norwich; Jon Fiormonti, Diocese of Arlington; and conditioning coach Msgr. Michael Heintz. At right, Team Fort Wayne-South Bend was crowned intramural sand volleyball champion at Mount St. Mary’s University. From left are members Zane Langenbrunner, Logan Parrish, Sam Anderson, Landrigan, Deacon Dan Niezer, Vince Faurote, Schneider and Florin.
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Catholic Business Network First Friday Breakfast
FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Business Network will meet Nov. 2 for an All Souls Day Mass at 7 a.m. in Good Shepherd Chapel at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St. At 8 a.m., the Cathedral Bookstore will be revealing the new name with a ribbon cutting and open house. An exclusive sale will be offered to all members of the Catholic Business Network on top of promotions throughout the store. Free parking at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center. Visit www.diocesefswb.org/bookstore

Rosary for the Poor Souls
MISHAWAKA — The annual Rosary for the Poor Souls will be recited on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. in St. Joseph Cemetery, located at the southeast corner of Jefferson Blvd. and Liberty Drive. The rosary will take place rain or shine.

St. Charles Borromeo craft fair
FORT WAYNE — St. Charles will have a craft fair, Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school, 4910 Trier Rd. All 135 vendor spots are filled with unique, handcrafted goods. Lunch of hot dogs, sloppy joes, ham and cheese subs and the famous “sloppy dog” will be available for purchase, along with cookies, pie and drinks. All proceeds benefit the school Fine Arts Boosters.

Craft show at Most Precious Blood
FORT WAYNE — Most Precious Blood Parish will have a craft show Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the school gym, 1529 Barthold St. There will be a craft show, bake sale, snack bar and more.

Annual Snowflake Bazaar and Luncheon
HUNTINGTON — St. Mary Parish, 903 N. Jefferson St., will host a Snowflake Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym. Crafts, bake sale, lunch and a raffle will be sponsored by the St. Mary’s Rosary Sodality. On Sunday the bazaar will continue immediately after Masses, only in the gym.

How to talk about tough moral issues, with Trent Horn
FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent’s Seize the Faith committee presents: “How to talk about tough moral issues” with Trent Horn on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E Wallen Rd. This event is sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor, Redeemer Radio and St. Vincent de Paul Church.

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people present. “The invitation of Jesus to the first apostles, “I will make you fishers of men,” is also addressed to us. It means that we are called to bring people to Jesus. What a great vocation!

“Isn’t it interesting that the first four apostles were fishermen?” he asked. “Two pairs of brothers, Simon (Peter) and Andrew, and James and John, left their boat, nets, even their father, right away to follow Jesus. A ‘disciple’ is a follower of Jesus. ‘Disciple’ is a Greek word, meaning ‘student.’

“Our main teacher is Jesus. In school, you study about the life of Jesus. That’s why we have Catholic schools: to study about and learn from Jesus, to learn how to pray and communicate with Jesus, how to be a friend of Jesus. In fact, He is your best friend.” The bishop’s words, which unfolded the daily Gospel reading of Mark 1:14-20, seemed to connect with the children, who learn in school how to grow in friendship with others.

“The saints heard Jesus’ call to follow and they answered Him. We are all called to be saints. We don’t keep our faith to ourselves. We share His message of salvation with others. Priest, sister, religious brother, layperson, married or single, whatever your vocation, you are called to be a missionary to others, a missionary disciple, sharing the love of Jesus, who died for us, with others.”

Bishop Rhoades emphasized the universal call to holiness. “There is no way to become holy if we don’t pray. … In school you pray together, at Mass, in class, and also I want to recommend to speak with Jesus one-on-one. First thing in the morning, say, ‘Good Morning, Jesus! Thank you for my family! Help me today to grow in Your love.’ Talk to Him and listen to Jesus speak to you in your heart. The saints also pray for us here on earth,” he told them. “They remind us that we are called to be saints, to live with God forever in heaven.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades addresses the students in attendance at the South Bend All-Schools Mass on Oct. 24.

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