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## Bishop to students: 'Believe in His love'

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER

On Thursday, Jan. 10, the Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, celebrated Mass at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne — the first of his pastoral visits to diocesan Catholic schools in the new year.

Bishop Rhoades began his homily by discussing the First Letter of John, which talks about the Incarnation.

"The first letter of John is deeply relevant for our times. It teaches us how important it is to know and confess the heart of our faith. The heart of our faith is the truth that God became man, that the Word became flesh. Jesus is the Son of God who has truly come in the flesh and has redeemed us by His sacrifice on the cross," he said.

Next, he talked about love of neighbor. "Because God first loved us, we are moved to love Him in return. But this love of God is not true and authentic if it doesn't include love of neighbor. That's why St. John, after saying 'we love God because He first loved us,' immediately adds these words: 'If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love



John Martin

Following an all-school Mass at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, on Jan. 10, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades answers questions from students.

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## Abuse report's claim of cover-up, mishandling of cases called 'misleading'

BY PETER STEINFELS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The conclusion reached by a Pennsylvania grand jury that six of the state's Catholic dioceses acted "in virtual lockstep" to cover up abuse allegations and dismiss alleged victims over a 70-year period starting in 1947 is "inaccurate," "unfair" and "misleading," said a veteran journalist in an in-depth article for *Commonweal* magazine.

The grand jury report was based on a months-long investigation into alleged abuse by clergy and other Church workers in the Pittsburgh, Allentown, Scranton, Erie, Harrisburg and Greensburg dioceses, and it

makes "two distinct charges," said Peter Steinfels, a former editor of *Commonweal*, former religion writer for *The New York Times* and professor emeritus at Fordham University in New York.

The first "concerns predator priests, their many victims and their unspeakable acts" and is, "as far as can be determined, dreadfully true," he said in the article posted at [www.commonwealmagazine.org](http://www.commonwealmagazine.org).

Its second charge, he said, has had the "greatest reverberations" and is not documented by the report: the explosive claim that Church leaders mishandled these abuse claims for decades, moved around many of the accused abusers to different assignments and were dismissive of the alleged

victims — all reportedly resulting in a major cover-up.

"Stomach-churning violations of the physical, psychological and spiritual integrity of children and young people" are documented in the report, Steinfels said, as well as how "many of these atrocities could have been prevented" by promptly removing credibly suspected perpetrators from all priestly ministry. It shows that some Church leaders seemed to have an "overriding concern" for protecting the church's reputation while disregarding children's safety and well-being, he said.

A third or more of the crimes documented in the report, he said, "only came to the knowledge of church authorities in 2002 or after." In 2002, the U.S.

bishops approved their "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," which mandated automatic removal from ministry when a priest or Church worker is accused of abuse.

But Steinfels said that if one reads the full report carefully, "it is clear" that it "does not document the sensational charges contained in its introduction — namely, that over seven decades Catholic authorities, in virtual lockstep, supposedly brushed aside all victims and did absolutely nothing in the face of terrible crimes against boys and girls — except to conceal them."

The grand jury says "all" of these victims ... were brushed

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# Sister Pimentel disappointed about not being able to address president

BY ROSE YBARRA

MCALLEN, Texas (CNS) — Sister Norma Pimentel was “truly disappointed” after not being given an opportunity to speak during a roundtable discussion with President Donald Trump during his Jan. 10 visit to McAllen.

The president traveled to the Rio Grande Valley to make his case for a southern border wall and other security measures amid a partial government shut-down that began over funding for the wall.

Calling the president's visit “quite an important moment,” Sister Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in the Diocese of Brownsville, lamented that representatives of local agencies working with migrant people and local elected officials were not invited to speak during the discussion.

“I was looking forward to this roundtable discussion, but there was no discussion unfortunately,” Sister Pimentel told *The Valley Catholic*, newspaper of the Brownsville Diocese. “There were certain people selected to speak, people who support the president's agenda,” she added.

“We would like for President Trump to know who we are and what the reality is here on our border,” said Sister Pimentel, a member of the Missionaries of Jesus

Trump arrived about 12:45 p.m. local time, along with Republican Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz of Texas, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and White House staff.

Supporters of Trump as well as protesters gathered on opposite sides of a street near the airport awaiting the president's arrival.

Trump was taken to a nearby U.S. Border Patrol Station for what was billed as a roundtable discussion with U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents, local officials and key players of the immigration story such as



CNS photo/Barbara Johnston, courtesy University of Notre Dame

**Sister Norma Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas and a longtime advocate for immigrants and refugees, will receive the University of Notre Dame's 2018 Laetare Medal at the school's graduation ceremony May 20. Sister Pimentel, a member of the Missionaries of Jesus, is pictured in a Feb. 19 photo.**

Sister Pimentel, who has spearheaded efforts to assist about more than 100,000 immigrants since June 2014.

A Jan. 10 Catholic News Service story incorrectly reported that Trump would visit the Catholic Charities-run Humanitarian Respite Center that Sister Pimentel oversees and that serves migrant people.

When asked what she would have said to the president if she had been recognized, Sister Pimentel said, “I would definitely say that I appreciate and understand the importance of border security and keeping our border safe — that's so important. We must support our Border Patrol and their job to defend and protect our borders. We must know

who enters our country.”

Sister Pimentel noted she has a good working relationship with the U.S. Border Patrol and other government agencies.

“When I walked into the meeting room, all the Border Patrol agents present, even the ones from D.C. were happy to meet me and talk to me,” she said. “It really demonstrates the importance of how we on the ground work together as a community — city officials, ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), the volunteers — to the realities we face at the border.

“We recognize, yes, it's important to keep our border safe to support our Border Patrol but we also recognize there are lots

of families, innocent victims of violence that are suffering,” she said. “We as a community are responding to help them. It's a part of who we are as Americans: compassionate, caring.”

Sister Pimentel continued, “That's a side that unfortunately our president was not open to listen to. I would have loved to have the opportunity to personally invite him to the respite center, to meet the families, to meet the children. As Catholics, as people of faith, we feel God has asked us to support, defend and protect all human life and that's what we're doing here at the respite center.”

In an op-ed posted to *The Washington Post* website Jan. 9, Sister Pimentel invited Trump to visit the center, which opened in 2014 to provide assistance in response to the influx of immigrants arriving from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and other countries.

Sister Pimentel said the center offers shelter, meals and showers for people who have been released after being apprehended by authorities as they crossed in the U.S.

On some days as few as 20 people arrive, she wrote, adding, “Other days it's closer to 300.”

In her column, she invited the president to see how the center cooperates with U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents to ensure the needs of the newcomers are met.

The center is staffed with volunteers who offer food, clothing, toiletries, baby supplies and travel packets, which include supplies for their journey.

These immigrants, mostly women and children, already have been detained and released by immigration authorities. They have been granted permission to continue to their destinations outside of the Rio Grande Valley and given a date for a court appearance.

*Rose Ybarra is assistant editor of The Valley Catholic, newspaper of the Diocese of Brownsville.*

## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Did you know?** On Tuesday, Jan. 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. For prayers and resources to participate visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).



## Correction

The Jan. 13 issue of *Today's Catholic* incorrectly stated that Father Jacob Runyon would be the celebrant of a Mass of Christian Burial for Father Laurence Tippmann. The actual celebrant was Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, with Father Runyon as the homilist. We deeply regret the error.



## Diocesan Report abuse statement

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the protection of children and young people. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org), under "Safe Environment."

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, at 260-399-1458; or [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org); or Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, 260-399-1419; or [mraatz@fw.diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@fw.diocesefwsb.org). The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

Es importante para nuestra Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes de los males del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend se compromete a mantener y seguir las reglas, pólizas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la protección de niños/niñas y personas jóvenes. Estos pueden leerse en la página web de la diócesis, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org), bajo la sección "Ambiente Seguro," o "Safe Environment."

Si usted tiene motivo de creer que un niño(a) es víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven, por un adulto, se le recomienda notificar a las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el alegado abusador es o fue un sacerdote o diácono de la Iglesia Católica, le se le insta a comunicarse con Mary Glowaski, coordinadora de ayuda para víctimas, al 260-399-1458 o [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org); o con el Monseñor Robert Schulte, vicario general de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801; 260-399-1419; o [mraatz@fw.diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@fw.diocesefwsb.org). La diócesis se compromete a ayudar a prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar ayuda a quienes reclaman haber sufrido daño como el resultado de tal abuso.

## U.S. can both secure border and treat migrants humanely, says bishop

BY JULIE ASHER

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Securing borders and humane treatment of those fleeing persecution and seeking a better life "are not mutually exclusive," the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration said.

"The United States can ensure both and must do so without instilling fear or sowing hatred," Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, said in a Jan. 10 statement.

He called on President Donald Trump and leaders of Congress to come up with a solution that addresses the border, ends the partial government shutdown and at the same time "protects the sanctity of human life" by recognizing the dignity of all people regardless of their immigration status and those federal employees suffering a loss of pay because of the shutdown, now well into its third week.

"We will continue to advocate for immigration reform to advance the common good and address these issues," Bishop Vasquez said.

He urged Trump and congressional lawmakers, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-California, and Senate Minority leader Chuck Schumer, D-New York, to come together and look beyond rhetoric to come up with a solution.

Trump and other Republican leaders met Jan. 9 at the White House with Pelosi, Schumer and other congressional Democrats over solutions to ending the



CNS photo/Bob Roller

**Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration, said Jan. 10 that securing the nation's borders and humanely treating those fleeing persecution to seek a better life "are not mutually exclusive." He is pictured in a 2017 photo.**

shutdown and meeting Trump's request for \$5.7 billion to build a wall and implement other security measures on the southern border of the U.S.

The meeting ended with no resolution. It came the morning after Trump's Oval Office address to the nation about the humanitarian crisis he said is building at the border as thousands of migrants from Central America seek asylum in the United States. He repeated his call for funding for a wall and other security measures to stop people from illegally entering the country as well as to stem what he described as a flow of illegal drugs.

Trump has said he won't agree to any measure to reopen the government unless it has

the funding he wants. Pelosi and Schumer said they will not put forward any bill that would include such funding.

In his statement, Bishop Vasquez highlighted what Pope Francis often says about migrants, that they "are not statistics, but persons with feelings that need ongoing protection."

"From our work serving immigrant and refugees along the U.S.-Mexico border, in the interior of the United States and throughout the world, we know this to be true," he said. "We urge lawmakers to look beyond rhetoric and remember the human dignity that God our Father has given each and every one of us — simply because we are all his children."



## Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday-Monday, January 20-28: World Youth Day, Panama City, Panama  
 Sunday, January 20: 6 p.m. — Mass, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Panama City, Panama  
 Monday, January 21: 7:30 a.m. — Mass, National Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Panama City, Panama



## Presbyteral Council assignments

The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignments of members of the Presbyteral Council, effective January 15, 2019, for a three-year term.

Elected from the vicariates:

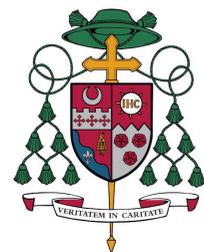
**Reverend Zachary Barry**  
**Reverend Jason Freiburger**  
**Reverend Jacob Meyer**  
**Reverend Benjamin Muhlenkamp**  
**Reverend Daryl Rybicki**  
**Reverend Anthony Steinacker**

Appointed:

**Reverend Terrence Coonan**  
**Reverend John Eze**  
**Reverend Evaristo Olivera**  
**Reverend Daniel Scheidt**  
**Reverend Msgr. Robert C. Schulte**  
**Reverend Paul Ybarra, CSC**

Serving as ex-officio:

**Very Rev. Mark A. Gurtner, J.C.L.**  
**Very Rev. Jacob Runyon**



## Incardination

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades announces that he has incardinated Rev. Eric Zimmer into the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, effective Jan. 13, 2019. Father Zimmer will continue as pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Walkerton.

Incardination is the canonical enlistment in a diocese or religious institute. Father Zimmer has transferred from the Society of Jesus and the jurisdiction of his Jesuit superior and is now a diocesan priest under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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aside, in every part of the state, by church leaders who preferred to protect the abusers and their institutions above all," he wrote. "Or as the introduction to the report sums it up, 'Priests were raping little boys and girls, and the men of God who were responsible for them not only did nothing; they hid it all.'"

"This ugly, indiscriminate and inflammatory charge, unsubstantiated by the report's own evidence, to say nothing of the evidence the report ignores, is truly unworthy of a judicial body responsible for impartial justice," he said.

This charge "is contradicted by testimony submitted to the grand jury but ignored — and, I believe, by evidence that the grand jury never pursued," noted Steinfels.

"The report's conclusions about abuse and cover-up are stated in

timeless fashion," he said.

"Whenever change is acknowledged, the language is begrudging,"

Steinfels said his conclusions about the report do not "acquit the Catholic hierarchy of all sins, past or present" regarding the abuse crisis.

"Personally, I have a substantial list," he added.

But right now, he stated, "the important thing is to restore some fact-based reality to the instant mythology that the Pennsylvania report has created."

He said the grand jury could have reached accurate and "hard-hitting findings about what different church leaders did and did not do," but chose "a tack more suited" to society's current "hyperbolic, bumper-sticker, post-truth environment."

Steinfels reached his assessment on the report by reading its "vast bulk," he said. He noted that in some PDFs of the report posted online it consists of 884 pages; but other versions include over 450 additional pages consisting of "photocopied responses from dioceses, former bishops, other diocesan officials, and even some accused priests protesting their innocence."

He reviewed "one by one" how hundreds of cases were handled; tried to match the dioceses' replies with the grand jury's charges; and examined other court documents and spoke "with people familiar with the grand jury's work, including the attorney general's office."

Released Aug. 14, the grand jury report was based on an investigation initiated by Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro's office. It linked more than 300 priests and other

Church workers to abuse claims during the 70-year period it covered and said alleged victims numbered over 1,000.

The day after its release was the feast of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation, Steinfels noted, and millions of Catholics that day "went to church sick at heart" because of the report. "I was among them," he added.

"No Catholics serious about their faith, indeed no one of any sensitivity, could have read about the report without feeling horror and shame. And anger," said Steinfels.

The report made international headlines, he noted, prompting the Vatican — along with the Pennsylvania dioceses' bishops and the U.S. church's national leadership — to express sorrow and shame. It has prompted attorneys general in other states to pledge the same kind of investigation; Illinois, for one, has begun a similar probe.

"It is possible that these investigations could be productive and salutary. But only if they make distinctions between dioceses, leaders and time frames," something the Pennsylvania grand jury report does not do, Steinfels said.

As a veteran journalist quite familiar with

deadline pressures, Steinfels said, he knows reporters were pressed to quickly get stories out on the report, so had to rely on its 12-page executive summary and were no doubt hard-pressed to find knowledgeable sources to interview who had actually read the report, he added.

"Almost every media story of the grand jury report that I eventually read or viewed was based on its 12-page introduction and a dozen or so sickening examples," he said.

He acknowledged his conclusions about the report "are dramatically at odds with the public perception and reception" of it, so to substantiate them, it was "essential to examine, step by step, how this report was produced, organized and presented; what it omits as well as includes; and finally, whether a careful sampling of its contents supports its conclusions."

With many Catholics "angry and dismayed" over abuse in the Church, raising questions about the report "flies in the face of almost overpowering headwinds," Steinfels said. "To question let alone challenge the report is unthinkable. It borders on excusing the crimes that bishops and other church leaders are accused of committing."

"Before examining more closely what is in the report, it is important to ask what isn't"

in the report, Steinfels said. "Beyond those references to more than 300 predator priests — actually 301 — and more than 1,000 child victims, to dozens of witnesses and half-a-million subpoenaed Church documents, there are almost no numerical markers.

"There is, for example, no calculation of how many ordained men served in those six dioceses since (the mid-1940s), a figure that might either verify or challenge previous estimates of the prevalence of sexual abuse among the clergy. There are no efforts to discern statistical patterns in the ages of abusers, the rates of abuse over time, the actions of law enforcement, or changes in responses by Church officials.

"Nor are there comparisons to other institutions. One naturally wonders what a 70-to-80-year scrutiny of sex abuse in public schools or juvenile penal facilities would find," he added.

Steinfels said it is true "that disturbing instances of apparent failures by church officials continue to come to light — and will no doubt continue to do so, especially as the line between past cases and current ones is regularly blurred, and as cases from all around the world are increasingly blended with a few American ones into a single narrative."

"Church leaders must remove persistent doubts that these failures are being thoroughly investigated, with consequences for those found responsible," he said.

Regarding Pennsylvania, "whether one looks at the handling of old allegations or the prevention of new ones, the conclusion that a careful, unbiased reading of the Pennsylvania report compels is this: The Dallas charter has worked," he said.

"(It has) not worked perfectly" and is "not without need for regular improvements and constant watchfulness," he said, but it has worked.

"Justified alarm and demands for accountability at instances of either deliberate noncompliance or bureaucratic incompetence should not be wrenched into an ill-founded pretense that, fundamentally, nothing has changed," he said.

"Just as the grand jury report correctly though not consistently points to 'institutional failure,' something beyond the virtues and vices of individual leaders, the Dallas charter has apparently proved to be an institutional success," he added. "It set out, and has regularly fine-tuned, procedures, practices, and standards that can be overseen by middling caretaker leaders as well as outstanding, proactive ones."

The bishops' charter is "not a recipe that can simply be transferred to any society or culture or legal and governmental situation around the globe," Steinfels remarked, but he said the U.S. bishops "should go to the Vatican's February summit meeting on sexual abuse confident that the measures they've already adopted have made an important difference."

## Catholics find flourishing faith life in Muslim UAE, where pope will visit

BEIRUT (CNS) — Catholics from around the world living in the United Arab Emirates are waiting with great anticipation for Pope Francis' Feb. 3-5 visit, the first papal trip to the Arabian Peninsula. "Pope Francis is the ambassador of peace, courageously crossing borders and fostering personal encounters with religious leaders, heads of states and humanitarian organizations in the Arab world," said Father Johnson Kadukkan, parish priest at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Abu Dhabi, where Pope Francis will stop for a private visit Feb. 5 before celebrating Mass at Zayed Sports City Stadium. There are eight Catholic churches throughout the seven emirates of the UAE, with a ninth church under construction. Each church offers an extensive schedule of "weekend" Masses, all of which are full. Since the UAE is an Islamic country and Friday is considered a day of prayer for Muslims, Catholics attend weekend Mass on Friday or Saturday; Sunday is a workday. St. Joseph's Cathedral in Abu Dhabi, for example, has about 90,000 parishioners, with eight priests celebrating nearly



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**This is the logo for Pope Francis' trip to the United Arab Emirates Feb. 3-5, 2019. The pope is scheduled to attend an interfaith meeting in the United Arab Emirates on "Human Fraternity."**

20 Masses during the weekend in various languages: Arabic, English, Tagalog, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Korean, Polish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Sinhalese and the Indian languages of Konkani, Malayalam and Tamil. "The rulers of the UAE have been benevolent and tolerant, allowing us to practice our faith in the places of worship, and for this we are very thankful," Father Kadukkan said.

## Despite high turnover, number of Catholics little changed in Congress

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In most election cycles, there may be 30 to 50 new members of Congress. For 2019, there are 89 — and a 90th may yet be headed for Capitol Hill based on how a disputed House election in North Carolina plays out. Despite the broad turnover, the number of Catholics in the current Congress is little changed from that in the past Congress.

Two years ago, there were 168 Catholics in the House and Senate combined, a high-water mark. This year, for the 116th Congress, the number is down five, to 163. Pew's biennial "Faith on the Hill" report notes that Catholics are the single larg-

est denomination in Congress: The next highest, at 80, are "unspecified/other" Christians who are members of denominations smaller than the 16 listed in the Pew report, or those who did not specify their religious affiliation. Among those who specified a denomination, Baptists come in at 72 members in both the House and Senate, followed by Methodists at 42 and Jews at 34. Presbyterians, Lutherans and Episcopalians/Anglicans are each tied at 26 members apiece. The only other entries in double digits are Mormons and members of non-denominational churches, both with 10. While much has been made of two Muslim women now serving in the House this term, there are just three Muslims overall in Congress. There are five Orthodox Christians, three Hindus, two Buddhists and two Unitarian Universalists.



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# Senate bill would place limits on predatory lending

**F**or someone in desperate financial straits, the colorful signs and billboards entice and offer hope: Need cash now? Loans in minutes. No credit check.

The storefront operations that promise relief from money woes are often located in the most impoverished neighborhoods. And opponents of the payday lending industry say that far from solving people's financial problems, they only fuel the cycle of debt and poverty — especially among the poorest populations.

Currently, the industry can charge an incremental annual percentage rate of up to a staggering 391 percent on a payday loan, also called a cash advance. Senate Bill 104, introduced this month at the Indiana General Assembly, aims to cap the interest that a payday lender may charge to a 36 percent APR, in line with 15 other states and the District of Columbia. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the bill.

"We believe that needy families in Indiana should be protected from predatory lending practices that most people would find intolerable," said Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the ICC, the public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Indiana. "Those who use payday loans are often lower-income persons and families whose paychecks are just short of covering the month's expenses, and they quickly become entrapped in a web of interest and debt. The ICC calls upon our elected officials to take action on this legislation that would move

Indiana one step closer to providing families access to small loans that charge reasonable interest rates."

Senate Bill 104, authored by Sen. Greg Walker (R-Columbus) and Sen. Mark Messmer (R-Jasper and Senate majority leader), targets the fee structures and finance charges that enable the payday loan industry to reap exorbitant interest-rate payments from consumers. Walker emphasized that a person seeking a loan of this type typically will not realize the eventual cost of borrowing until it is too late.

"These loans put too much strain on fixed-income, limited-income families," Walker said. "Statistics show that 82 percent of loans of this type are renewed within 10 days. The cyclical nature of it is devastating."

This is not the first time the issue has come up in the state legislature. Last year, Walker proposed a similar bill that did not receive a hearing. At the same time, a bill to expand the payday loan industry advanced in the House of Representatives but died in the Senate. This year, Walker says he is optimistic that the effort to curb the industry will fare better.

"I feel hopeful about getting a good hearing," he said. "We have more co-sponsors for this bill, and there are definitely more people listening and paying attention."

Among the staunchest supporters of Senate Bill 104 is Jim Bauerle, vice president and legislative director of The Military / Veterans Coalition of Indiana. A

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BY VICTORIA ARTHUR

retired U.S. Army brigadier general, Bauerle served 32 years in the military, including tours of duty in Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm. Now he is engaged in a different kind of battle: advocating for veterans and those currently in uniform.

As a military commander, Bauerle witnessed first-hand how the payday loan industry often preys on those serving the country, especially those who are younger and inexperienced with money matters. He recounted the story of an Army reservist in his command who learned he was being deployed to Afghanistan. The young man wanted to propose to his girlfriend and marry her before leaving, so he sought a short-term loan to cover the cost of the ring and other expenses. He soon found himself overwhelmed with debt.

"In many cases like this, a lender would call our unit threatening to garnish the person's wages and ask us to get involved and fix the problem," Bauerle said. "This is the last thing we wanted to have to do when we were worrying about our readiness to go to war and protect our country."

A federal law enacted years

ago protects members of the armed forces on active duty from predatory loan practices. However, it does not apply to reservists, members of the National Guard or veterans.

Beyond advocating for Senate Bill 104, Bauerle, a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Carmel, wants the public to know that there are many alternatives to payday loans. This includes help from military organizations, as well as assistance offered by Catholic Charities and other faith-based groups.

"People talk of 'food deserts' and say that we also have 'banking deserts' in some areas, and

that the only way people can deal with emergency expenses is through cash advance loans," Bauerle said. "But I don't accept that premise. We don't have 'Catholic deserts' in our state.

The Catholic Church is always there to help, and the recipient doesn't even have to be Catholic. "There are so many better options than going to a payday lender."

To follow Senate Bill 104 and other priority legislation of the Indiana Catholic Conference, visit [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org).

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## Holy Cross Sisters help Ugandan women resist domestic violence

KYENJOJO, Uganda (CNS) — Not all that long ago, family members and residents of this small town in western Uganda mourned the loss of Sarah Baguma, who was stabbed to death by her husband in a domestic wrangle. Her cousin, Rachael Nabirye, told police that Baguma was stabbed six times in her abdomen and head. “My cousin’s husband accused her of returning home late before he began beating her,” said Nabirye, who was staying with the couple at the time of the attack. “They had been fighting every time, and we had advised them to separate. It’s very unfortunate that she had to die.” The killing highlighted how widespread domestic violence is in the East Africa nation. The situation is so serious that women religious of the Holy Cross Sisters have intervened by launching community discussions designed to increase awareness about the prevalence of family violence. During discussions, women and other stakeholders are given the opportunity to share their experience and identify the causes and possibly solutions to the violence they face. Participants learn about their legal rights and are encouraged to report any form of violence meted against them to authorities.

## Bishop Howze dies at 95; was founding bishop of Diocese of Biloxi, Miss.

BILOXI, Miss. (CNS) — Bishop Joseph Lawson Howze, the founding bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi and the first black bishop in the 20th century to head a U.S. diocese, died Jan. 9. He was 95. A funeral Mass is to be celebrated Jan. 16 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral in Biloxi with burial to follow in the new Bishops’ Prayer Garden behind the cathedral. “While we are saddened by the death of Bishop Joseph Lawson Howze, we rejoice in his life,” said Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III of Biloxi. “His was a life well lived in faithful service to almighty God and to the people of Mississippi, both as an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson and later as first bishop of Biloxi from 1977 to 2001.” Noting that establishing a new diocese was difficult work, Bishop Kihneman said Bishop Howze was “very proud of what he, with the help of devoted clergy, religious and laity, accomplished during his tenure” and was “forever grateful to the people of the diocese for their unfailing generosity of time, talent and treasure.” Despite deteriorating health in recent years, Bishop Howze remained interested in events in the diocese, Bishop Kihneman said. “He loved the Diocese of Biloxi and prayed

## SEEK2019 convention inspires young people to faith, service



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A priest censens the monstrance before Benediction at the end of 90 minutes of adoration Jan. 5 during the Fellowship of Catholic University Students’ SEEK2019 conference in the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The Jan. 3-7 event drew 17,000 college students, campus ministers and chaplains, priests, religious and others, who lauded its impact. A donation drive also took place that collected 30 50-gallon bags filled with winter hats, gloves, scarves, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and other hygiene items, which were donated to two local ministries that serve the homeless.

unceasingly for its continued success. He had a genuine concern for the salvation of souls,” he added.

## New law to pump \$430 million into anti-human trafficking efforts

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Nationwide efforts to confront human trafficking received a boost in the new year as President Donald Trump signed a bill reauthorizing federal expenditures for prevention and assistance programs across the federal government. The Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act allows \$430 million in federal funds for trafficking prevention and education, victim protection and stronger government prosecution of traffickers through 2022. The president of the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking welcomed the Jan. 8 signing of the law, for which it had advocated with members of Congress. “This comprehensive bill allocates funding for a num-

ber of projects that address the acute need for increasing awareness across a variety of sectors, prevention efforts and services for victims of both commercial sex and forced labor trafficking,” said Sister Anne Victory, a member of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, told Catholic News Service Jan. 9. Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, introduced the legislation and shepherded it through Congress. Both houses of Congress overwhelmingly approved the measure. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops was among supporters of the measure.

## Bishops describe their retreat as inspiring, Spirit-filled

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although the weeklong retreat for U.S. Catholic bishops emphasized quiet reflection, several bishops spoke out on social media during the retreat and after it wrapped up Jan. 8 with positive reaction about it and to give shoutouts to the retreat leader, Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa,

who has preached to popes and top officials of the Roman Curia for nearly 40 years. One bishop said listening to Father Cantalamessa was akin to being in the presence of the early Christian theologians. “Clear, intensely filled with the Holy Spirit, and all for the Kingdom of God,” Auxiliary Bishop Michael J. Boulette of San Antonio said in a tweet. “Let us continue to pray for one another, our church and our world. A blessing to be here!” Archbishop Paul D. Etienne of Anchorage, Alaska, tweeted that the retreat leader was a “true instrument of the Lord” and that the Holy Spirit was at work during the retreat. Bishop Lawrence T. Persico of Erie, Pennsylvania, described Father Cantalamessa’s talks and homilies as “powerful and engaging.” He tweeted that he was glad they had time to reflect and pray about their role as shepherds, stressing: “We must start there to be able to offer healing. I am taking this very seriously but feeling positive.” Boston Auxiliary Bishop Mark W. O’Connell said it was a “truly blessed experience” to be on retreat with Father Cantalamessa and fellow U.S. bishops.

## Ukrainian leader sees new possibilities for ecumenism

ROME (CNS) — The formal recognition of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine brings “a wind of hope” that new opportunities will be created for dialogue and concrete cooperation in the search for Christian unity, said the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, major archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, said he already has agreed with the Orthodox Church’s newly elected Metropolitan Epiphanius of Kiev to draw up a “road map” to examine where the two churches could work together. The archbishop made his comments in a long interview with Glavcom, a Ukrainian news site; the Ukrainian Catholic Church’s website published the English translation of the interview Jan. 10. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople formally signed a “tomos” Jan. 5 recognizing the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, which was formed by members of three separate Orthodox communities, including one formally tied to the Russian Orthodox Church for more than 300 years. Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, head of the Russian Orthodox Church, which oversaw the largest branch of Orthodox faithful in Ukraine, strongly objected to the move and announced in October that his church was breaking its eucharistic communion with Constantinople.

## Austrian Catholics start year of celebrations for Emperor Maximilian

VIENNA (CNS) — The Austrian Catholic Church will officially begin a year of honor Jan. 11 to remember the founder of Austria’s Catholic Habsburg Empire, Maximilian I, to mark the 500th anniversary of his death. The country’s decision to publicly honor a former Catholic ruler, who died Jan. 12, 1519, marks a noteworthy change in mainstream Austrian culture, which has sought to distance the country from its Christian past and national history in recent decades. A full year of scheduled national celebrations commending his reign has been dubbed the “Maximilian Year.” The Austrian military diocese will lead the liturgical celebrations with a special requiem Mass at St. George’s Cathedral, a basilica located inside the national military academy in Wiener Neustadt. Celebrations and Masses to honor Maximilian have been coordinated by Austrian Church and government authorities. The emperor is being commended for his Catholic beliefs, peace strategies and efforts to make peace between Christian leaders and the Ottoman Empire during his lifetime. He is also credited with arranging marriages between his family members to people of different countries to prevent wars.

# Catholic schools: The choice that builds a legacy of faith

BY JODI MARLIN

“Is it in a good school district?”

The question was among those that used to be standard for young couples looking to buy a home in a new neighborhood. Even before they're born, parents tend to give considerable thought to the environment in which their current or future children will be educated. Finding a school in which they will thrive is a universal priority.

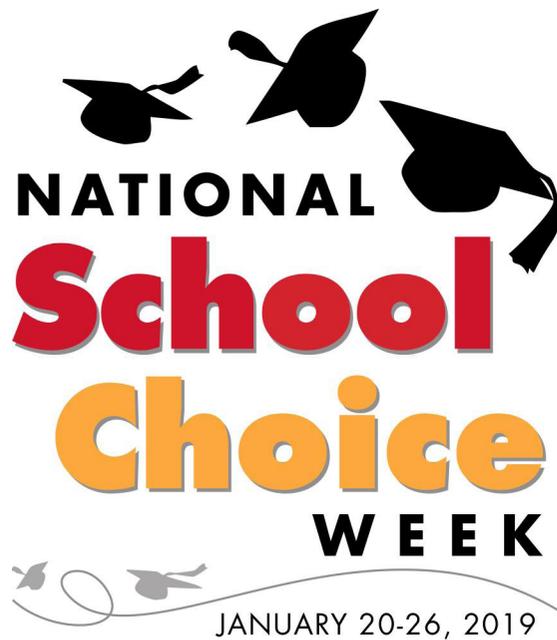
Around the turn of the millennium, a paradigm shift took place regarding the educational options available to families. In addition to the local public school district and parochial options, cross-district enrollment became permissible in public schools; charter and magnet schools also sprang up, and remote learning became a reality. Almost overnight, the landscape of primary and secondary education became a smorgasbord.

As the landscape changed, Catholic schools quietly continued to offer competitively academic instruction combined with spiritual formation.

In fact, not much has changed in the mission of U.S. Catholic schools during their nearly 300-year history. What has changed is the ability of Catholics and the general public to access it.

During National School Choice Week, observed Jan. 20-26, the options for children's education will be reiterated and explained. It's an opportunity for Catholic parents to reflect as well on what a primary or secondary education in a Catholic environment might provide.

School or parental choice is a critical issue for the U.S. for three primary reasons, according to Jeff Boetticher, head of the Secretariat for Stewardship and Development. School choice helps restore equality in the American K-12 education system, allows parents to exercise discretion in their child's education and encourages innovation and improvement within educational systems.



“In many areas of the country, the school-funding formula is based in some measure on the property values of the area where the school is located. This has created a system where school quality and school resources directly reflect the socioeconomic status of a community,” he stated. “Therefore, wealthy areas tend to have high-quality public schools and low-income areas are left with poor-quality schools. Many families cannot afford to choose a residence based on school quality. School choice is one method that can separate a family's income level from the quality of educational choices available to them. It can level the playing field for low-income families to have safe, high-quality educational opportunities for their children.”

Catholic schools allow for a rigorous academic curriculum, coupled with the ideas and values of the Catholic faith,” noted Amy Johns, assistant superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. “It's the best of both worlds. And thanks to programs such as the Indiana Choice Scholarship and scholarship-granting organizations, a Catholic education is affordable.

“In the world and culture we live in today, why wouldn't a parent want their child to be nur-

tured in a Christ-centered environment with the ideals and values that they hold so close? Our Catholic schools can provide that environment so learning can flourish.”

Historically, the tuition cost of Catholic schools provided an impediment to some families. Today, however, there are a variety of means available to assist with that cost. In addition to the Indiana Choice Scholarship and SGO funds, school and parish scholarships and parish-based tuition assistance programs are in place. In fact, said Johns, there is more

help available now than in previous years because more local assistance funds have been freed up due to the ICS and SGOs. Having a curriculum that has the Catholic faith intertwined throughout all subjects are the positives and reasons to choose Catholic schools, said Johns. “Choosing a place where your child participates in religion class, attends Mass regularly, participates and prepares for the sacraments, has the opportunity to openly pray ... what more could one ask for?” Catholic schools, she added, help nurture the mind, body and soul of a child and gives them the tools and knowledge to be “citizens of two worlds.”

The Beth and Heath Bearman family is Catholic. The couple have six children, all of whom

caught her up quickly.

“The following year, our fourth child was struggling at her middle school we decided it was a good time to once again tour a Catholic grade school and see if it would be a good fit for her. Rica attended St. John the Baptist Fort Wayne for eighth grade ... the extra one-on-one attention really helped prepare her for high school.”

The couple's youngest two children, Remi and Enzo, came to St. John the Baptist in third and fifth grade. They are now in sixth and eighth. For all four of the children the academic expectation was challenging at first, but they have adapted.

Rica and Enzo still struggle in some ways, “but we don't regret our decision,” said Beth. “The atmosphere and small class



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their parents wanted to send to Catholic schools. On a city firefighter's and nurse's salaries, though, and with the size of the family, it wasn't feasible.

“We learned about the school choice scholarship when our oldest was a sophomore in public school,” said Beth. “Our first two graduated from the public school system: Our third child, Reyna, asked us if she could attend Bishop Luers. She was very interested in the show choir.” After touring the school and shadowing, they knew it was a good fit. Reyna struggled the first quarter, but the teachers

sizes have been irreplaceable. The daily Catholic teachings and weekly Mass have impacted their lives immensely. The children really enjoy this aspect of their education.”

Across Indiana alone, there will be 981 events and activities held in observance of School Choice Week, all independently planned by schools — including some Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend — or organizations or individuals. Find details about who's participating in the week at [schoolchoiceweek.com/map-celebrate](http://schoolchoiceweek.com/map-celebrate).



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# Pro-life supporters march in downtown



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Attendees of the eighth annual Rally and Prayer Walk for Life, sponsored by Elkhart County Right to Life, walk down the street in Elkhart on Jan. 12. The group stopped in front of the Reason Enough to Act office and the Women's Care Center to pray.



Over 100 people attended the Elkhart County Right to Life eighth annual Rally. Elkhart County Right to Life organizers and members of the Michiana Silent No



Participants stop to pray in front of the office of Reason Enough to Act, a faith-based pregnancy and family resource center. Members of the local Silent No More organization, who have experienced the pain of abortion personally, are shown in front.



Members from several Elkhart County churches participated in the march in support of the unborn. Saint Pius X parishioners Ruth (third from left) and her daughter Regina.

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## Pro-lifers: N.Y. abortion bill could one day make being pro-life 'a crime'

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) — Officials at the New York State Catholic Conference are calling the Reproductive Health Act “worse than we thought it would be. It foresees a time in New York where it’s a crime to be pro-life,” said Kathleen Gallagher, director of pro-life activities and the Catholic Action Network for the conference, which is the public policy arm of the state’s Catholic bishops. The measure, introduced in the Legislature the week of Jan. 7, will expand access to abortion in the state, despite being promoted as simply codifying Roe v. Wade. It not only increases access

to abortion across the board, including late-term abortions, but also goes beyond Roe, which left some limits in place. The Reproductive Health Act, or RHA, is known as S. 240 in the state Senate and A. 21 in the state Assembly. “The RHA is a great blow to the pro-life community,” said Renee Morgiewicz, coordinator of Respect Life Ministry and parish services and for the Albany Diocese. “Many people in New York state have successfully held off the legislation for 12 years.” In the past, a bipartisan Legislature has helped keep the RHA at bay. With regard to life issues, so far, “the Republican Party has helped a lot with” supporting the pro-life agenda, said Morgiewicz. Now, with a Democratic majority in the state Senate, many pro-life issues are anticipated to take a big hit — particularly abortion.



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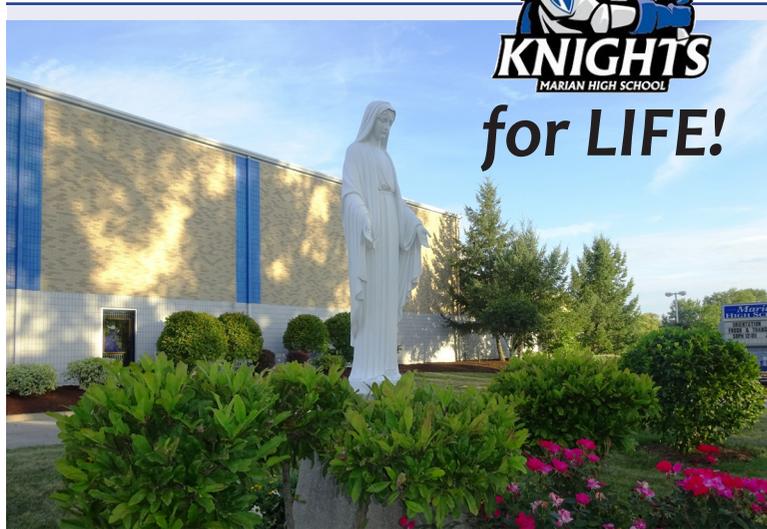
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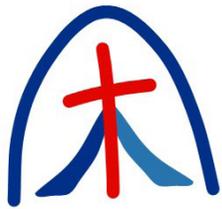


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## Local retreat to mirror World Youth Day gathering

BY BETHANY BEEBE

Ninth- through 12th-grade students are invited to a stateside, diocesan version of World Youth Day Feb. 8-10 at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne. Topically mirroring World Youth Day in Panama, this program replaces and continues the work of the Ignited retreat of the past.

With the same general genre of worship, the local World Youth Day celebration is less expensive than a trip to Panama for the international festivities. John Pratt, director of youth ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend said it will give attendees the chance to see God's love shared with them through the Church at the local level. "World Youth Day," he said, "is meant to be celebrated by the whole Church."

Celebrating Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, participating in adoration and a prayer vigil and engaging with speakers are some of the tools event planners are organizing to convey the theme, which is based on

Mary's response to the angel Gabriel: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to Your Word."

"If a retreat like this doesn't help young people draw closer to Christ and the sacraments, it misses the point," Pratt said. "It is meant to be celebrated by everyone. The world needs them [high school students] and the Church needs them. ... The world is a more beautiful place with them."

Having attended World Youth Day in Poland, Pratt said that at the time, he was not sure every minute of the trip was fun. After reflection and prayer, though, the biblical promise of God opening the door to those who knock proved true for him. "God did amazing things in my life," he said. "It can be more joy than you thought possible."

Pratt said one possible outcome of a young person attending the diocesan World Youth Day retreat is that it will inspire him or her to participate in the international event in the future.

This year, retreat participants will have the opportunity to interact with the high school students who will have just returned from the Panama gathering. Symbols for the local World Youth Day retreat — a cross and Marian icon — will be presented to the group at an opening event by the international attendees.

The weekend's initial gathering will pave the way for a lineup of speakers and activities. Sister Gaudia Skass, OLM, currently serves at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., and will speak two times during the retreat. Her presentations will have a global perspective, as she was a presenter at the World Youth Day gathering in Krakow, Poland, in 2016.

Another attendee of past World Youth Days, Father Thomas Shoemaker, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne,

Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The raw potential of high school students is invigorating to another of the event's speakers, Dr. Timothy O'Malley, director of education at the University of Notre Dame's McGrath Institute for Church Life. "High school students, who have been baptized in Jesus Christ, are priests, prophets and royal figures meant to transform the cosmos," he said. "These students don't have to wait! They can begin right now, sanctifying the world through a life of prayer, performing the works of mercy and living as disciples of Jesus Christ. This discipleship doesn't mean that we leave behind what makes us human, what brings us joy. Instead, it is through our humanity that Christ will transform us."

Continuing the topic of transformation, Msgr. William Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, will discuss

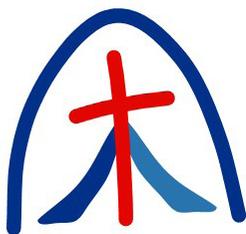
vocational discernment. He hopes to instill in the group a conviction that God is calling each of them to live their baptismal vocation in some way. "They need to be open to

the mysterious and unexpected ways that God calls."

Those who supported life from its conception by attending the national March for Life can receive a \$20 discount to attend the World Youth Day retreat via a coupon code, thereby reducing the fee of \$70 per student and \$25 per adult. The price includes meals and gender-divided, sleeping bag-friendly accommodations at Bishop Dwenger. The Knights of Columbus will provide some food for the weekend, with other meals and a plentiful supply of snacks lined up by event organizers. Special dietary needs can be accommodated, and group rates are available for five or more.

Should finances hinder anyone's desire to attend the retreat, Pratt requests notification via email at [jpratt@diocesefwsb.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:jpratt@diocesefwsb.onmicrosoft.com) so that a scholarship arrangement can be made.

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will be a presenter at the retreat.

"It is easy for us to focus on our small circle of Catholics, with the ministries and challenges in our small circle," Father Shoemaker said. "In a Church that spans the globe and has been vital for 20 centuries, World Youth Day provides an opportunity to see a much bigger picture of the Church and to pray with the pope and with young people from a wide range of cultures, languages and homelands. This was a wonderful initiative of Pope John Paul II, and I am delighted that Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have continued it."

Held in Rome in 1984 and 1985, the gathering of young people that would become World Youth Day was initiated by St. John Paul II. "The whole Church, in union with the Successor of Peter, must be more and more committed, globally, to youth and young adults — and to their anxieties and concerns and to their openness, hopes, and expectations," he said, according to information from the U.S.

## 'Don't miss this chance'

Father Matthew Kuczora, CSC, will be one of the featured speakers at Diocesan World Youth Day. He will speak on the topic of discerning one's vocation.

**What message do you hope to share with Diocesan World Youth Day attendees?**

"I loved high school, but it's tough ... There is so much pressure to make friends, get good grades, earn money, be in sports and clubs, etc. There's so much that it doesn't leave time to think about who you really are. At least that was my experience. I'm really proud of the students who are taking some time this weekend to think about that — about who they really are deep down and what's important to them. I never really did that until college, and even then, it wasn't until I just couldn't ignore it any more. I hope that the students who join us can enjoy some time without pressures, without distractions, without expectations to be perfect ... and then just listen to their hearts, think about what they love and truly know that they are loved.

That's really it at the core: listening to your heart and finding God there. In that we learn who we really are and start to see where we might go.

**How might the story of finding your vocation be encouraging to students and parents?**

I'm from right down the road in Marion. I think my story, my background is very similar to yours. We're all unique and have different vocations, but whatever advice or insights I can share aren't from far away or because of some particular gifts that aren't right here at home.

Also, especially for the parents: I got a full-ride scholarship to college and majored in accounting. You might want that for your son or daughter, and I know plenty of people who find great meaning in a road like that. However, that in itself didn't truly give me joy or show me God's plan for my life. Today, as both a priest and someone working in ministry, let me assure you that my colleagues and I — lay, religious and ordained — make ends meet financially and have the added benefit of unbeatable joy from what we do.

I'd also like to share that my primary ministry now is with very talented college students. I see so many, too many, who are not striving for what they love and do not deeply know that they are loved, but instead are driven by anxiety, fear and ultimately hollow goals. It doesn't turn out well. Parents, aren't you



FATHER MATTHEW KUCZORA, CSC

consumed by similar fears? The uncertainty of the economy, ever-rising tuition, the difficulty of getting into who can join us, I just hope you'll see examples of

how when you're doing what you love and what God is calling you to ... all the rest falls in place. These amazing children of yours, they'll do well by doing good, by walking with God and allowing Him to lead the way.

**What is your desired takeaway from the event?**

I'm excited to see the Church of northeastern Indiana alive, young and full of energy. I'm sure I'll get just as much from meeting and talking with the future of our Church as what I'll be able to offer.

**Why do you think attendance at World Youth Day is important?**

As a high schooler, I wasn't able to attend a World Youth Day, abroad or stateside. However, I did go to the National Catholic Youth Conference, which was similar. It was amazing to see so many people my age who wanted to learn more about their faith, who wanted to defend the poor and protect the weak because of the love they feel in their hearts. There was great music, beautiful liturgies, interesting speakers and more. It just made me see how much bigger, richer and deeper Catholicism really is.

I love my small, hometown Hoosier parish and actually just had the opportunity to preside at the Christmas Vigil Mass there this year. It gave me roots and a foundation, but events like World Youth Day give us dreams and wings to launch our faith by experiencing how wonderfully strong, vibrant and supportive our global Catholic family is.

**Any last thoughts?**

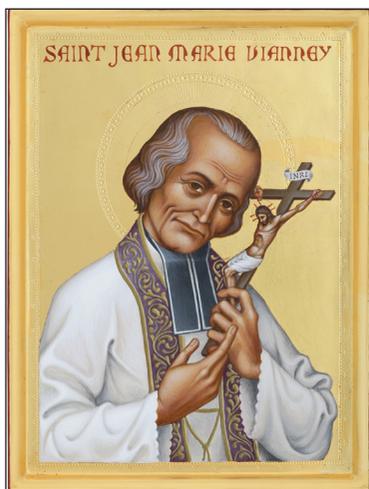
Don't miss this chance to participate in a global experience. Young Catholics from around the world will be celebrating our faith together this entire month. Being a part of that is something special and unique. It also helps us see how the Eucharist we celebrate each week, and really every day, does the same thing. Our faith unites us and strengthens us times one billion Catholics worldwide and a whole communion of saints. Definitely, don't miss this chance to add your prayers and joy and heart!

# Heart of St. John Vianney coming to diocese for veneration

BY JENNIFER MILLER

Coming Jan. 27 to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is a gift: the opportunity to be prayerfully present with a relic of St. John Vianney. The incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney will be at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, during the 10 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Masses, and available for personal devotion either in the basilica or in the basilica crypt, from 1:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. A solemn vespers service in the presence of the heart will begin at 7:15 p.m.

After months of scandal and uncertainty in the Church, this opportunity for prayer and veneration with a relic of St. John Vianney comes at a most appropriate time. He is the patron

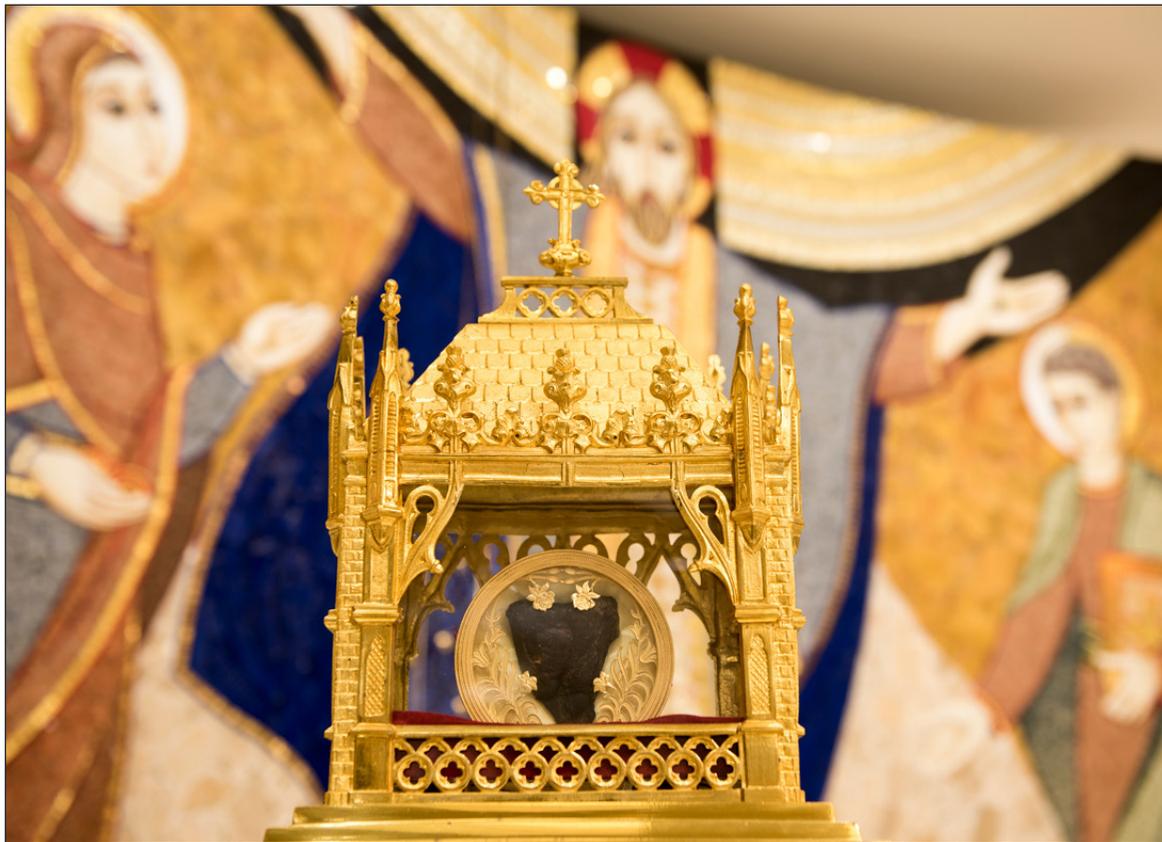


**The life of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, is also an example for Christians who strive for holiness in the daily decisions that they make.**

saint of priests; one might not imagine a better intercessor during such a time of turmoil for the shepherds of the flock. This side of heaven, St. John Vianney knew well the trials and temptations of the priesthood.

St. John Vianney was a friend and support to the laity as well. He willingly and lovingly spent hours upon hours in the confessional, offering the sacrament of reconciliation. His attention and care for souls was unparalleled.

The story of his life resonates with seminarians as well: He lived through a most difficult time in France during and after the French Revolution, when it was illegal to receive Communion, let alone study for ordination. St. John Vianney also struggled in the seminary, especially with Latin, which was mandatory for priests to master at that time. He almost was expelled as a result, but divine grace, through the intercession of other holy priests, prevailed. For anyone struggling to live a life of holiness, for those who doubt God and His grace or aren't sure about the Church and the gift of the sacraments, essentially for us all — St. John Vianney is a holy intercessor in heaven, with



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**The incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney will be present at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, on Sunday, Jan. 27, as part of a nationwide tour and opportunity for veneration.**

a spirit willing to intercede for souls on earth.

A relic is an object associated with a saint that may be offered to the faithful for veneration. Since the soul of a saint is united with God in heaven, an object associated with a saint is meant to draw a person closer to God. Neither the relic nor the saint are to be worshipped. Relics are classified in three categories.

First class – A physical part of a saint, such as a piece of bone or a lock of hair. The heart of St. John Vianney was taken from the saint's body after his death in recognition of his burning love for God and humanity. St. John Vianney's heart on earth was generous in priestly responsibilities, focused on the truths of God, and humble in his constant service for souls. It has remained intact, or incorrupt, for more than 150 years.

Second class – An object routinely used or touched by the saint during life, such as a piece of clothing, a book or a pen.

Third class – An object that is reverently touched to a first-class relic.

St. John Vianney's nickname is the Cure of Ars, French for "the priest of Ars," the town of his longest assignment. In 1818, Ars was a small country town, not unlike many in Indiana. People were busy with their daily lives and recovering from the tumultuous civil war. The Church in France had been severely shaken by the massacre of religious and priests, many by way of a new invention called the guillotine; and there was a wholesale bandwagon of philosophic ideas that rejected God in favor of atheistic secularism. The loose morals of the townspeople did not favor a new priest, but St. John Vianney

went where he was needed, not wanted. He stayed, however, until his death, wherever he became wanted and beloved.

St. John Vianney desired holiness for his parishioners and grew in relationship with them, getting to know them and their spiritual struggles. In doing so,

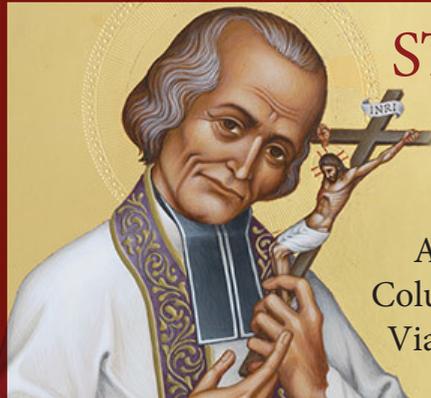
he was able to speak with them about God and the sacraments, asking when was the last time they had been to confession, if their children were baptized and if they were making holy choices on Saturday night. He confronted pastoral issues with truth and charity, not avoiding topics that

were difficult to address. St. John Vianney was not an eloquent preacher, but his words were simple and direct. He spoke the words that needed to be said and what people's souls needed to hear.

Soon people were packing the church and coming from neighboring towns. By 1830, Ars had completely turned around and was reportedly one of the most Christian villages in all of France.

The transformation of his flock came also at the personal prayer, fasting and piety of St. John Vianney himself. He would spend half the day, 11 to 12 hours, in direct pastoral care of his parishioners. He would eat and live simply, with a basic meal of a potatoes and no meat, giving his money to the poor or for the church building itself. He once bought luxurious altar cloths with lace and embroidery, while living himself in ragged shoes. He believed in the real presence of the Eucharist and wanted to visually honor Jesus at Mass.

All are welcome to venerate the relic of St. John Vianney during Mass, or during the vespers service. The reliquary containing the heart will be moved to the crypt for personal veneration following the 11:45 a.m. Mass and until the vespers service; the crypt can be accessed by either of the stairways located near the two back doors of the basilica, located on the north side.



## ST. JEAN-MARIE VIANNEY

### RELIC PILGRIMAGE

As a part of a national tour with the Knights of Columbus, the Incorruptible Heart of St. Jean-Marie Vianney will be at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

# BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

10:00 AM	MASS
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## Dealing with turbulence

David and I were fortunate enough to have all the kids home for Christmas. From all corners of the country they came, beginning the week before the holy day, one by one — by plane, by train and by bus.

The younger girls, still at home, were abuzz with excitement. I won't lie: While each homecoming consisted of whooping, laughter and giant hugs, all the glorious commotion had its bumpy points too. You can't bring 12 people together, half of whom are adults themselves with independent lives of their own, and mix them all back up in their original family without a few little jolts here and there along the way. If parents are wise, they will know and accept this as just part of the young adult return landing.

I liken it to the inevitable turbulence when taking off or landing a plane. There are just air pockets that exist. There is a particular nature of plane flying that cannot be avoided, and even the best pilot has only so much control over the smoothness of the ride coming in.

Unless one is in inclement and unusual weather, turbulence in landing a plane is usually short-lived. So it is with the bumpiness of a family reconnecting under one roof after weeks or months of being apart. Individual schedules, personalities, ideas and expectations have to be respected and accounted for, but generally, it is rather quickly that everyone acclimates, and we are happily one again in all our quirks and glory, our imperfect, perfect "familiness."

Every mother will tell you she

is happiest when her little family is all together. I am no exception. For about a week there was overlap: Everyone was here. It was heaven to have them all my little chicks under one roof. The first night I could hardly sleep, in the dark, quiet house. Just like when they were little, they were all tucked in their beds, safe and warm, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Nothing could harm them. For the first time in probably a year I prayed for each one, one by one, while they were actually physically close in proximity to me and to each other. Time flew back, in my mind, to when the oldest was a preschooler. After roughhousing and proclamations of resistance, a hot bath, toothbrushing and more than a few books read snuggled under a favorite blanket, the little ones were rounded up and prayed with and for, and put to bed. After several instances of their dad or I bringing them glasses of requested water, they would fall asleep.

Tonight, the house was quiet again, just like then. I savored every minute then, and I savored every minute again when they came around this year, for Christmas.

A mother can intuit her children's needs. She knows their strengths and weaknesses. She knows how to encourage and build. From the time her children are little, she aims to help them improve and learn, be challenged and grow. There is a delicate balance between offering advice and guidance, and telling them what to do, especially as they get older and have become grown up themselves. We never stop



### EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

HERESA A. THOMAS

being their parents, yet we must respect their individuality and autonomy, just as we wished our own parents would respect ours.

Our family of 12 did not attend our home parish for Christmas Eve Mass. I was grateful we were all together, though, as we entered the neighboring parish church we had chosen. I had a few very special intentions for which to pray, and high hopes for inspiring words. I must admit, my eyes and mind wandered during the homily. I looked up and down the pew and a half where my offspring and our bonus daughter were sitting. As I looked at each person of mine, each child I had borne, there in the warm church on this most holy of holidays, I sensed specifically all the different things each needed physically, spiritually and emotionally.

As the list ticked through in my mind, I became overwhelmed at my smallness in their current lives. I was discouraged, realizing my inability to fix all their problems, remedy particular difficulties and generally be a comfort, support and challenge all at once in a most perfect way. It wasn't like I could wash off a cut, kiss a boo-boo and put a Band-Aid on it as in the days of

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## Mindsets for growth

During the new year, many of us adopt new resolutions to improve ourselves. I suggest that we first take a step back to connect with mindsets that drive us to act. Mindsets are basic beliefs we hold about attributes such as our temperaments or capacity for change and learning.

The work of Stanford University psychologist and professor Carol Dweck highlights two types of mindsets: fixed and growth mindsets. People with fixed mindsets tend to see their expertise tied to talents and natural endowments, and their temperaments as cast with limited room for modifications. Implicitly, IQ and college entrance tests lean toward a fixed mindset as these employ a snapshot in time as indicators of future potential.

Growth mindsets view skills, mastery and behavior as changeable through efforts and learning. People operate with both mindsets across different domains of activities.

Research has demonstrated the beneficial impact of growth mindsets on children when they do not label themselves as "not smart enough," "not fast enough" or "not worthy."

Approaches based on growth mindsets encourage children to take on new challenges: to try, persist when they encounter difficulty, explore other approaches for learning, collaborate with peers and seek assistance.

Failures are just different steps in the discovery process giving cues for next steps. The focus is not performance, competition or cheap praise, but



### OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

CAROLYN WOO

positive psychology about one's agency.

Beyond personal learning, Dweck's research also shows that growth mindsets can promote positive outcomes in seemingly intractable issues such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, bullying in schools or racial tensions.

When Israelis and Palestinians believe that people in general can change and better outcomes can emerge with new leadership or different contexts, they are likely to have more positive perceptions of the other group and greater willingness to consider compromises and engagement.

In bullying situations, kids who are taught growth mindsets "responded to conflict or victimization with less hatred, less shame and less desire to wreak vengeance on others." They also "increased the proportion of prosocial responses that adolescents endorsed, such as 'forgiving them eventually,' 'helping them see that what they did was wrong' and 'helping them act better in the future.'"

In racial relations, individuals who believe they can change their prejudices through learning are more likely to put aside their

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## Mary shows us how to follow and trust the Lord



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time John 2:1-11

The Book of Isaiah furnishes this weekend's first reading. When this third section of Isaiah was written, the Hebrew people had just emerged from a terrible period in their history. Their homeland, divided into two kingdoms after the death of King Solomon, had been overrun by the mighty Babylonian Empire, centered in today's Iraq.

Many died or were killed in the conquest. Others were taken to Babylon, the imperial capital. There these exiles, and then their descendants, languished

for four generations until political fortunes changed. The more powerful Persians conquered Babylonia.

As a result, the exiles were allowed to return to their homeland. The prophets did not see the sequence of events leading to this happy release as merely coincidental or the result of human decision-making. Rather, God provided for it. God had promised to protect the people. The people upset the arrangement by sinning.

Despite their sinfulness, however, God was constant. He provided.

For its second reading this weekend the Church presents a passage from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

Leading the Corinthian Christians to genuine fidelity was a considerable challenge for Paul. In reaction to rivalries and arguments in Corinth, Paul wrote what has become a blueprint for Christian living. He reminded the Corinthians to whom he wrote that each of them had special gifts and opportunities. Such diversity was welcome, since it

meant that there were so many occasions for individual believers to bring the sweetness of the Gospel into the world. Paul even listed different skills and talents to make his point.

St. John's Gospel supplies the third reading.

Unique to John, the miracle at Cana in Galilee was the first recorded of the Lord's miracles. It marked the beginning of the Lord's public ministry.

The emphasis usually lies upon the marvel of the changing of the water into wine. This indeed was remarkable, but the story has other powerful lessons.

One great lesson is about Mary. John's Gospel never names her. It always simply refers to Mary as "the mother" of Jesus. This is not an oversight. It stresses her unique role as the Lord's earthly parent.

The response of Jesus to the obvious embarrassment of the host in not having enough wine for the guest can be puzzling. Was the Lord indifferent to the host's distress? His reply only stressed that the messianic

mission was not to provide for human needs, but to draw all to God and to eternal life.

Mary enters the picture. First, Jesus hears her. Secondly, her faith is unqualified and frank. She trusts the Lord, telling the servers to do whatever the Lord orders them to do. So, this reading reveals the power and mission of Jesus, as well as Mary's perfect response in faith to the Lord.

### Reflection

The Church celebrated the feast of the Nativity at Christmas, rejoicing in the birth of the Lord in time and space. In observing the feast of the Epiphany, the Church joyfully proclaimed to us that the Lord came to show all of us the unlimited love of God for us. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord told us that Jesus lived, and eventually died, for us. He became one of us.

This weekend, in the words of Isaiah, the Church declares that earthly life would be beautiful if we all loved God in return.

How do we love God? The story of Cana tells us. Jesus teaches us that no human situation should distract us from the fact that being with God is our destiny and therefore our priority.

Mary instructs us that we can go to Jesus with any worry, but, her example tells us, as she told the servants, that we must follow the Lord and trust the Lord.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** IS 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10  
1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4  
Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,  
4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17  
Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-  
10, 17 Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1b-2  
Mk 16:15-18

**Saturday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3,  
7-8a, 10 316: Mk 3:20-21

# Talking to some young Jesuits about social justice and evangelization

While I was in Chicago for the Christmas break, I had a wonderful meeting with around 30 young Jesuits, all in their “pre-tertiarity” period of formation. This means that these men had already passed through their lengthy education in philosophy and theology and had been involved for some time in a ministry of the Jesuit order. The group I addressed included high school teachers, university professors, journal editors and doctoral students — and almost all of them were ordained priests. After a simple lunch of soup and sandwiches, we plunged into conversation. We were at it for well over an hour, but I enjoyed the exercise so much, it seemed like about 15 minutes. They were massively impressive people: smart, articulate, passionate about their work and dedicated to the Gospel.

They were very interested in my ministry of evangelizing through the social media, and so we spent a good amount of time talking about the “nones,” about the cultural challenges to proclaiming the faith today, about the new atheism, and about the pros and cons of the digital world. We also spoke a lot about prayer and the play between one’s interior life and one’s ministerial commitment.

I especially enjoyed telling these young men about the Jesuits who have had an impact on my work: Bernard Lonergan, Henri de Lubac, Michael Buckley, Avery Dulles, the at least erstwhile Jesuit Hans Urs von Balthasar, and Michel Corbin, who was my doctoral director at the Institut Catholique in Paris.

Toward the end of our time together, one of the men posed a question that, he warned, would “put me on the spot.” He said, “We Jesuits have been criticized a good deal in recent years. Do you think any of these critiques are justified?” Now, I think it’s rather

bad form to come into someone’s house and offer criticisms, but since I felt so comfortable with them, and since the question had been so directly asked, I responded, “Well, I think perhaps since the Council, many Jesuits have embraced the social justice agenda a bit too one-sidedly.” No one got up and left, which was a good sign! In fact, the discussion became especially lively and illuminating. I’d like to share some of what I said to these young Jesuits in order to address a general issue that I consider to be of great importance in the life of the Church today.

At its 32nd General Congregation in 1975, under the leadership of the charismatic Pedro Arrupe, the Jesuit order committed itself to propagate the works of justice as an essential part of its mission. And since that time, Jesuits have become renowned for their dedication to this indispensable task. My concern, I told my interlocutors, is that an exaggerated stress on

the fostering of justice in the political and economic arena can compromise the properly evangelizing mission of Christ’s Church. Mind you, a commitment to doing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, to righting social wrongs, to serving the poor and needy necessarily fol-

lows from evangelization. One of the permanent achievements of Vatican II is to show that conversion to Christ entails not a flight from the world, but precisely a deeper love for the world and a desire to alleviate its suffering. There is simply no question about it: An evangelized person works for justice.

But when we squint at the issue from the other end, things get a bit more complicated. On the one hand, striving for justice can indeed be a door to evangelization. What attracted so many people in the first and second centuries to take a look



BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

## WORD ON FIRE

at Christianity was none other than the Church’s obvious care for the sick, the homeless and the poor: “How these Christians love one another!” But on the other hand, the commitment to social justice, in itself and by itself alone, cannot be sufficient for evangelization, which is the sharing of the good news that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is risen from the dead. The reason for this is obvious: a Jew, a Muslim, a Buddhist, a secular humanist, even an atheist of good will can be an advocate of social justice. One can fully and enthusiastically embrace a program of caring for the poor and the hungry without, in any sense, espousing faith in Jesus Christ. Many statistical studies reveal that young people today understand (and applaud) that the Church advocates for justice, even as they profess little or no belief in God, Jesus, the resurrection, the Bible as an inspired text, or life after death. I would argue that this disconnect is, at least in part, a result of the hyperstress that we have placed on social justice in the years following the Council.

I told my young Jesuit conversation partners that they ought to follow the prompt of our Jesuit pope and go not just to the economic margins, but to the “existential margins” — that is to say, to those who have lost the faith, lost any contact with God, who have not heard the Good News. Go, I told them, into your high schools, colleges and universities and advocate for the faith, speak of God, tell the young people about Jesus and His resurrection from the dead. Don’t for a minute, I continued, abandon your passion for justice, but let people see that it is grounded in Christ and His Gospel.

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together so that we can counter enmity with interaction and mutuality.

Growth mindsets remind us that we are not finished products but evolving in God’s love to become bigger and better people when we allow ourselves.

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edge and appreciation for the created world and the artistry of others. As a community, we are in deep need for a new and more generous approach to understanding those who disagree with us.

We cannot move forward out of our differences unless we believe that we and “the other” can grow and change for the better. Growth mindsets encourage us to imagine the factors that can help all parties progress

*Don't for a minute abandon your passion for justice, but let people see that it is grounded in Christ and His Gospel.*

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for January 20, 2019

John 2:1-11

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the Cana wedding day. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

WEDDING	CANA	MOTHER
JESUS	NO WINE	WOMAN
CONCERN	MY HOUR	TELLS YOU
STONE	WATER JARS	THIRTY
FILL THE JARS	FILLED	THE BRIM
CALLED	BRIDEGROOM	DRUNK
SIGNS	REVEALED	GLORY

### STONE JARS

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old, or simply offer a hug, an ear and a mug of hot chocolate and automatically things were better. Even in the midst of the joy of all my children being together, of our family being whole again on this Christmas Eve, I was suffering.

I briefly closed my eyes and inwardly cried out to the Lord internally, “I can’t know exactly what they need. I can’t give them all they need!” Strongly and immediately, deeply in my heart, I heard Him. I knew it was Him.

“I can.”

What?

“I can and will provide for them.”

This sudden thought planted in my mind startled me. In crying out internally, I hadn’t expected an answer, but it was just the answer I needed.

At that moment, I was overcome with peace and relief. This was the Lord speaking in my soul, of this I am certain. Suddenly, my own ineptness, weakness and inability to fix everything did not matter. Our God is a faithful God and He has my children in the palm of His hands.

I believe we mothers (and fathers too) are meant to be channels of grace, the grace of God to be exact. We aren’t supposed to be a “hands-on,” perfectly acting, responsible-for-everything parent all the time, especially as our children get older and grow up and move out of the house to begin lives of their own. We guide. We set the

example. We train. Then we let go. We are asked, at this point, to be open, willing and vessels of God’s love and action. We say “yes” and allow God to work through us, but we also stand back and let Him do His thing. All this I understood in that one moment, at Christmas Eve Mass, with my mostly separated children together once again.

You see, God loves our children even more than even the best parent could. He created each of our children out of nothing, for their own sake, so they can know, love and serve Him in this world and be happy with Him in the next. He has counted all the hairs on their heads (Luke 12:7). He formed them in their mother’s womb. (Jeremiah 1:5). We must, as 1 John 4:16 tells us, “... know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”

The Christmas holiday is over. David’s and my children are long back to their new homes, back to their adult lives. I miss them every day. I am still concerned about their concerns, care for their troubles and stresses and pray diligently for them. However, I also feel peace and comfort knowing that even as much as I love them, God loves them more, and I am more confident now than ever that whatever I lack, He will fill. He will, in fact, give them each exactly what they need.

**Theresa Thomas** is the wife of David and the mother of nine children.

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discomfort, seek interaction and exhibit greater friendliness with other races.

Growth mindsets are integral to our faith. On a personal level, they help us overcome self-imagined deficits so that we can engage, experience and enjoy ourselves in new endeavors.

They open up our world so that we can access the bounty of God through our abilities, knowl-

# Hallow meditation app is all Catholic

The purpose of the app is 'to let God hallow our lives, and to help others do the same'

BY SUSAN BRINKMANN

Move over, Headspace. There's a new meditation app in town – and this one is 100 percent Catholic.

Debuting under the appropriate name of Hallow, this new app features 200 sessions of prayer in various categories of Christian prayer such as vocal prayer, mental prayer, Lectio Divina, contemplative prayer, the Examen, spiritual writing/journaling, Taizé and chant.

The app, suitable for iOS and Android, offers a choice of five-, 10- and 15-minute session and a male or female voice option. "Pray lists" offer themed content such as meditations on humility, which involves praying through the litany of humility. There are meditations based on the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, and a "Daily Prayer" section that is based on the readings of the day.

"Hallow is a resource for all Christians who want to build a deeper relationship with God," said the app's co-creator, Alex Jones. "But if you look at the contents and teachings, we don't want there to be any question that it's Catholic."

Jones, 25, from Palo Alto, is an engineering graduate from the University of Notre Dame who was raised Catholic but ventured into a period of agnosticism after high school. His return to the faith came in stages, beginning toward the end of college when he began to intellectually re-engage with the faith. He credits good friends who were well-versed in theology and a philosophy course for "cracking open the door" of his heart and helping him to see that Jesus Christ was "maybe not just all myths and legends."

He began using Headspace to



Provided by Erich Kerekes

**Hallow is a new meditation app developed by two University of Notre Dame graduates for Christians who want to build a deeper relationship with God.**

pray but found the eastern style of meditation to be too focused on himself and not grounded enough in the faith. It was then that he realized the Church has been practicing meditation for thousands of years, which led to him exploring the Ignatian and other methods of Catholic prayer.

"The first time I tried Lectio Divina it brought tears to my eyes," Jones said.

One day in prayer, the idea came to him – if Headspace and Calm can be so successful in teaching eastern meditation techniques to people, why can't a Christian-based app do the same?

"The idea was so obvious. It was like God hitting me over the head with it," Jones recalled.

The first thing he did was call his friend, Erich Kerekes, 25, a fellow Notre Dame graduate with a degree in computer science. The two worked together at a consulting firm after graduation and often talked about how to make the faith a priority in their

lives in spite of the hectic, secular lives they were living. They discussed the idea of a Christian prayer app and it took off from there.

They now have a team of six people with backgrounds ranging from theology to technology startups.

One member of their team, Alessandro DiSanto, who serves as the head of finance and strategic partnerships, grew up in a parish in Pennsylvania where the current bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, started out. The DiSantos were good friends with Bishop Rhoades and didn't hesitate to contact him for help with their new idea. He was hugely supportive and is now one of their biggest fans.

"Hallow is an excellent resource for people searching for deeper spiritual lives, especially for the younger generation of Catholics today," the bishop said. "It helps make it clear that a relationship with God is and can

be extremely personal and can be a great source of peace, joy and strength."

The team reached out to many people for help on the project, including Women of Grace's New Age division, where they received help formulating authentic Catholic prayer sessions.

Others, such as Lisa Hendey, founder of CatholicMom.com, have nothing but praise for the new app.

"In a world so filled with noise, confusion, and need, Hallow provides a greatly needed respite and a wonderful array of gifts to more deeply connect with the Divine," Hendey said.

Mike St. Pierre, executive director of Catholic Campus Ministry Association, says this new app is "for anyone who feels they've been praying the same way for years, Hallow can completely renew the way that you interact

with God on a daily basis."

The app begins with a free trial and then starts at \$8.99 per month for full access to the content. For each subscription purchased, the team pledges to give another away. Their goal is to provide Hallow for free to organizations in need, (e.g., faith immersion programs, retreats, Christian nonprofits).

The name of the app, Hallow, which means "to make holy" sums up precisely what this project aims to do, Jones says.

"To let God hallow our lives, and to help others do the same."

**For more information** visit [www.hallow.app](http://www.hallow.app) or look for the app in the App Store or on Google Play.

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

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

## Euchre night

**GRANGER** — St. Pius X Parish, 52553 Fir Rd., will host a euchre night Saturday, Jan. 19 from 6-10 p.m. in the auxiliary gym. General rules for euchre night include: individual players only, rotating partners, and winners are determined by individual score with cash prizes. The entry fee is \$20 and includes appetizers with a cash bar. Visit [StPius.net/Euchre](http://StPius.net/Euchre) for details and online registration.

## Bishop Dwenger High School trivia night

**FORT WAYNE** — Tuffy's Trivia Night will be Saturday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the school gym, 1300 E. Washington Center Rd.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$150 per team. Put your team of 10 together or be placed on a team. You can carry in food; cash bar will be available. Must be 21 or older to attend. Register online at [bishopdwenger.com/trivianight](http://bishopdwenger.com/trivianight) or call Molly Schreck at 260-496-4775. Sponsorship opportunities available.

## Allen County March for Life

**FORT WAYNE** — Join thousands of pro-life advocates from Allen County for a march through downtown Fort Wayne to show support for life from conception to natural death on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the University of St Francis Performing Arts Center,

431 W Berry St. Rally with keynote David Bereit, founder of 40 Days for Life, will be at noon, doors open 11:30 a.m. March to the Federal Building at 1 p.m. For more information visit: [www.ichooselife.org/march](http://www.ichooselife.org/march).

## St. Joseph School open house

**GARRETT** — St. Joseph School will host a Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, Jan. 27. The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast following the 10:30 a.m. Mass for a donation. Families are invited to meet the teachers, tour the building and learn about programs and scholarship opportunities. Over 50 percent of students who attend St. Joseph receive a financial scholarship making private, Catholic education a possibility for many. St. Joseph School received a letter grade of A for school accountability for the last nine years from the State of Indiana. Students include PreK 3s and 4s through 6th grade. Reservations not required. Call Jenny Enrietto, principal, at 260-357-5137 or email [info@stjosephgarrett.org](mailto:info@stjosephgarrett.org) for more information.

## REST IN PEACE

### Fort Wayne

Father Laurence Eugene Tippmann, 85, St. Charles Borromeo

Thomas LeRoy Rowland, 85, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Christopher Eckert, 50, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

J. Michael O'Hara, 90, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Anthony Takacs, 78, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

James F. Horgan, 92, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Cyril Pontillo, 78, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thomas F. O'Brien, 70, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

John Hadrick, St. Jude

Mary Ann Brown, 84, St. Vincent de Paul

Christine Lybrook, 63, St. Vincent de Paul

Elizabeth Neuhaus, 77, St. Vincent de Paul

### Goshen

Donna L. Rose, 98, St. John the Evangelist

### Granger

David Korabek, 61, St. Pius X

Rose Chmiel, 91, St. Pius X

### Mishawaka

Robert Gorny, 87, St. Joseph

Leonard Weis, 94, St. Joseph

Helen Lovette, 89, St. Joseph

Margaret Wilson, 92, St. Joseph

### New Haven

Cyril J. Linder, 97, St. Louis Besancon

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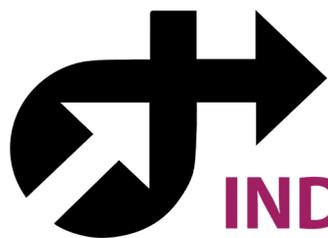
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Isabel Marie Lichtfuss, 92, Sacred Heart

Karen L. Moudy, 55, Sacred Heart

### Waterloo

Melinda Dunn, 62, St. Michael the Archangel



## INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

### Executive Director, Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC)

The Executive Director is the chief administrative officer of the ICC and as a registered lobbyist serves as spokesperson for the five Roman Catholic Bishops in Indiana. The Executive Director also serves as the liaison to United States Catholic Conference, members of Federal and State legislatures, Executive and Administrative offices and statewide organizations. Responsibilities include enabling Catholics to participate in development of public policy and the political and democratic processes.

Candidates must be a practicing Roman Catholics with an in-depth knowledge of the faith and Catholic social teachings. Excellent oral and written communication skills along with demonstrated analytical and organizational ability are required. An advanced degree (or equivalent experience) in one or more of the related fields is preferred: theology, political or social sciences, philosophy, or education. Previous employment or volunteer experience in the Catholic Church, ideally involving administration, is preferred. The preferred starting date for the position is July 1, 2019.

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To apply, please send a resume and cover letter via email to Bob Nicholas at [Bob.Nicholas@onbinvestments.com](mailto:Bob.Nicholas@onbinvestments.com), or mail to 116 E. Berry St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802 Attn: Bob Nicholas



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God whom he has not seen.' ... True disciples of Jesus don't just profess faith, they live that faith through love."

He related this to the abuse scandal within the Church, expressing his sorrow over the incidences of clerical abuse. "My heart breaks for them." He said that what the credibly accused priests did to those entrusted to them was "the very antithesis of Christ's priesthood."

Bishop Rhoades also called on the congregation of students present to love their neighbor, saying, "When we believe in this love, we seek to return it."

Following the celebration of the Mass, Bishop Rhoades took a moment to address the recent achievements and successes with which the high school has been blessed. He thanked the recently ordained chaplains of the school, Father Jay Horning and Father David Huneck, for their strong spiritual leadership. Next, he congratulated the Saints football program that won a state championship in a record-setting quadruple overtime at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis in November, inviting the team to a pizza party in their honor at his office.

The bishop also congratulated the school on being chosen to lead the 46th annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C., later this month. While he expressed his disappointment that he would be unable to lead his flock into battle for the legal protection of the unborn at the national march this year, he explained that during that time, he would be accompanying a handful of Bishop Dwenger students and other young people on a weeklong pilgrimage to Panama for World Youth Day.

Wanting some input from the student body, Bishop Rhoades opened the floor to questions of any nature. One student asked what the bishop's middle initial, "C," stands for. He answered that "C" stands for "Carl," after his grandfather. He explained that "Carl" is actually short for his grandfather's full Greek name. Another student asked what the bishop's favorite Christmas present was. He responded that his favorite gift, other than the abundance of clothes he received this Christmas, was a commentary on the Old Testament. He added that his favorite part is either the book of Genesis or the book of Exodus. He also said that regarding several gift cards he received, he was especially excited about his Starbucks card — which resonated with the students, many of whom are regulars at the coffee chain.

A few students had some questions about more pressing issues, such as "How binding are the pope's statements and opinions on governments?" and "What is the Church's stance on gun control?" He informed the students about the Church's official position on these topics with understanding.

Following the final blessing, Bishop Dwenger High School principal Jason Schiffli took a moment to announce band director Don Cochran as the Light of Learning award winner. Cochran took the moment to thank the student body, and to remind everyone that someone in their life cares about them. After having lost a student earlier in his career, Cochran said he made it a point to let each student he encountered know that they are loved. He reminds them of this love before they leave the classroom each day. While Cochran is only in his third year teaching at the high school, Schiffli and several members of the student body commented that he has had a positive impact on their lives.

Throughout the rest of the morning Bishop Rhoades visited various classrooms. He had Spanish-language conversations with a number of language students and sat in on an Advanced Placement Psychology class taught by Carrie Bleeke. In that class he walked down a row of desks and sat among the students, telling his desk neighbors that he had not taken a psychology class in a long time. The students had been discussing cognitive development, they said, which is simply defined as the "development of thought processes and problem solving." After writing the four stages of development on the board, Bleeke brought out a bag of toys. One by one, she described and demonstrated the operation of the toy, and students raised their hands to identify the toy with a stage of cognitive development. After the demonstration, Bishop Rhoades happily remarked that he had been able to answer a handful of questions correctly near the end.

The bishop met with several teachers from the theology department, as well as the entire staff following the conclusion of the school day.



Photos by John Martin

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the eucharistic liturgy at Bishop Dwenger High School Jan. 10. Concelebrating the Mass are school chaplains Father David Huneck, left, and Father Jay Horning.**



**Shelby Woods, a member of the school's football team, stands as Bishop Rhoades recognizes their 2018 Class 4A state championship title.**



**Bishop Dwenger principal Jason Schiffli, left, and Jason Garrett, campus minister and football coach, welcomed Bishop Rhoades to the school.**



**Teacher Phillip Didier hosts the bishop in his Spanish classroom.**



**The students and Bishop Rhoades answer questions in teacher Carrie Bleeke's psychology class.**