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Mary Jo Parrish speaks to women at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne July 23. A new ministry called Kingdom Builders, founded by Parrish, hopes to help women build fruitful spiritual lives by giving prayer, Mass and reconciliation the highest priority.

Mary Jo Parrish loves roses. “I like them so much, the middle name of all my daughters is Rose,” the Fort Wayne wife and mother of 10 — five daughters and five sons — shares with her sisters in Christ.

“I also really love St. Therese of Lisieux, and when she answers a novena, she gives a rose. I was always like, ‘I want to be like (a rose). I want to be perfect. I want to be this perfect person.’”

Twelve years ago, however, the St. Vincent de Paul parishioner found herself struggling with the fact that she wasn't. As hard as she tried, over and over again with each new day, she still wasn't perfect.

In prayer with Scripture, a word from Luke 22:27 began to strike her. “Consider the wildflower, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin: but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.”

“Wildflowers. What did that mean?” she asked herself.

Parrish prayed on the question. She determined that God was starting to answer her with little visions; “little moments here and there, of this droopy, messy purple flower. He was saying that was

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Catholic leaders object to reinstatement of federal death penalty

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The July 25 announcement by the Justice Department that it is reinstating the federal death penalty for the first time in 16 years was unwelcome news for Catholic leaders who have advocated against capital punishment.

“The United States’ death penalty system is tragically flawed. Resuming federal executions — especially by an administration that identifies itself as ‘pro-life’ — is wrongheaded and unconscionable,” said Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, executive director of Catholic Mobilizing

Network, a group that champions restorative justice and an end to the death penalty.

The execution of five inmates on federal death row will take place from December through January.

Attorney General William Barr said in a statement: “The Justice Department upholds the rule of law — and we owe it to the victims and their families to carry forward the sentence imposed by our justice system.”

The last time there was a federal execution was in 2003.

In 2014, President Barack Obama directed the Bureau of Prisons to conduct a review of federal capital punishment cases

and issues surrounding the use of lethal injection drugs. According to the July 25 announcement, that review is complete and the executions can proceed.

Currently, there are 62 inmates — 61 men and 1 woman — on federal death row, according to the Death Penalty Information Center. Most of the federal death-row prisoners are at the U.S. Penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Inmates in the group include convicted Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and Charleston, South Carolina, church shooter Dylann Roof.

In a July 25 statement released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops, Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, said that Pope Francis in 2015 called for “the global abolition of the death penalty,” which he said the U.S. bishops also have supported for many years.

“In light of these long held and strongly maintained positions, I am deeply concerned by the announcement by the United States Justice Department that it will once again turn, after many years, to the death penalty as a form of punishment, and urge

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Enhancing, strengthening Catholic family life focus of symposium

BY ANN CAREY

A symposium on Catholic family life attracted 30 experts in theology, social sciences and family life to the University of Notre Dame July 19-21 to discuss ideas for enhancing the spirituality and vitality of Catholic families worldwide.

"Exploring the Unique Role of Catholic Families in Growing the Faith," touched on issues such as: keeping children Catholic; bringing nontraditional families into the life of the parish; helping parents catechize their children; ministering to Catholics of all ethnic and racial backgrounds; evangelizing through the family; and helping Catholic families function as the "domestic church," a theme that permeated the symposium.

That concept of "domestic church" was introduced by the Second Vatican Council's "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church" (*Lumen Gentium*). Not only are parents like pastors to their children, but also "The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion," according to then-Pope John Paul II, writing in his 1981 apostolic exhortation "The Christian Family in the Modern World" (*Familiaris Consortio*). He also noted that future evangelization depends on the "domestic church."

Several speakers indicated that since Vatican II (1962-65), the Church has not done much to develop that concept of "domestic church" and help parents understand and embrace their role of evangelizing and "being" church as well as attending church.

Social scientist Mark Gray, a senior research associate for the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, cited an alarming picture of Catholic demographics in this country. He noted that recent polls reveal that in the 1970s, over 70 percent of Catholics married in the Church; today it is less than 20 percent. Further, 68 percent of Catholic children receive all their religious education in the home, not in Catholic schools or CCD programs.

Theologian Joseph Atkinson of the John Paul II Institute at The Catholic University of America cited a presentation by Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, to the June meeting of the U.S. Bishops. Bishop Barron reported that 50 percent of Catholics 30 years old and younger have left the Church and that the median age of those leaving is 13. For every person who joins the Church today, more than six are leaving.

Atkinson said that political and cultural forces are trying to



Photos provided by Rachael Popcak

Lisa and Gregory Popcak, organizers of the Catholic Family Life Symposium, speak during the July 19-21 conference at the University of Notre Dame.



Terri and Andrew Lyke discuss the Catholic African American experience. They are the founders of Arusi Network Inc., which educates African Americans on the skills and benefits of Christian marriage.

move people away from orthodoxy and to destroy the family, and "Our current approaches, whatever they are, manifestly are not working."

"One fundamental problem is that few people . . . are willing to admit that in the West, at least, an authentic Christian faith . . . that informs people's values as so true that one would be willing to die for that faith, has simply been eviscerated from our lives and our culture system."

To correct this situation, Atkinson said, an authentic theology of creation must be recovered — acknowledging that all people are created by God and are ecclesial persons who are fully alive only in the Body of Christ; and we must recover an authentic theology of baptism, which moves us into incorporation with that Body of Christ.

Helen Alvaré, a law professor at George Mason University and

positive effects of the Church teachings on family: equality, dignity, happiness, freedom, economic success, and care for creation and the future. In turn these values would be a "gift" to all families and help the U.S. to become a true "melting pot" of all peoples, she said.

Family counselors Gregory and Lisa Popcak, directors of the Pastoral Solutions Institute and organizers of the symposium, proposed a framework for helping people understand that the family is an icon of the Trinity. Further, family life is liturgical by its very nature, and the everyday routine of family life is a way of growing in holiness.

In their presentation titled, "Liturgy of Domestic Church Life," the Popcaks identified three "rites" of the liturgy of the "domestic church," all connected to the sacrament of baptism: the rite of relationship/attachment; the rite of rituals of connection; and the rite of reaching out.

The Popcaks announced that the symposium was launching The Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life, named after Venerable Father Patrick Peyton, a Holy Cross priest known as the "Rosary Priest." That institute will focus on supporting "domestic church" life through activities including research, training and retreats. The Popcaks encouraged all the experts to share their ideas for this project.

The Peyton Institute's sponsors are Holy Cross Family Ministries and the Pastoral Solutions Institute, both of which co-sponsored the Notre Dame symposium. Also sponsoring the symposium were the Notre Dame Institute for Church Life and Our Sunday Visitor Institute.

former consultant for the Pontifical Council of the Laity, specializes in the intersection of law, religion and culture. She told the symposium that the Supreme Court of the United States "articulates beautiful values but promote terrible things," such as "inventing" a constitutional right to contraception and abortion and finding that marriage is not a special unity, but rather two people with individual ideas deciding what makes family.

Because of various cultural and economic factors, Alvaré said, the language the Catholic Church is using about the family is incomprehensible to many people because it does not relate to families' ordinary experiences, and people have no idea what "domestic church" means.

She proposed that the Church needs to develop "new language" that touches on actual life experiences and demonstrates the many

Bishop Rhoades named in broad lawsuit involving Harrisburg diocese

FORT WAYNE — Donald Asbee, 67, last week filed a lawsuit against the Diocese of Harrisburg in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, alleging that he was sexually abused between the ages of 9 through 13 in the 1960s by two priests, Raymond E. Daugherty and Walter Sempko. Neither priest was included in last year's Pennsylvania grand jury report, and both are now deceased.

Asbee's Complaint also names the Diocese of Harrisburg's current bishop, Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, and its only former bishop still living, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

The plaintiff — who first reported his abuse allegations to the Diocese of Harrisburg in 2002 (two years before Bishop Rhoades was installed as Bishop) — alleges that the Diocese and its Bishops, including Bishop Rhoades, somehow "covered up" such allegations and thereby delayed him from reporting the abuse or filing suit.

Bishop Rhoades was a young child when the abuse is alleged to have occurred.

Rhoades served as Bishop of Harrisburg from December 2004 to January 2010. One of the priests alleged to have perpetrated the abuse was unknown to him and had died 12 years before Rhoades was ordained as a Bishop. The other was living but retired at that time. Bishop Rhoades has stated that he does not recall receiving any reports of sexual abuse of minors by either of these two priests.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend provides the following statement regarding the lawsuit:

"Bishop Rhoades was saddened to learn of the horrific acts of child sexual abuse that Mr. Asbee alleges occurred within the Diocese of Harrisburg. Bishop Rhoades was himself less than 10 years old when these incidents purportedly occurred. He is confident the litigation process

will show that he did nothing wrong.

In all instances where he was aware of a credibly accused priest, Bishop Rhoades has promptly notified authorities and removed the individual from public ministry. He stands by his record as a Bishop — both in Pennsylvania and Indiana — of protecting victims of child sexual abuse."

At a press conference last week, Asbee's counsel stated that each bishop who served in Harrisburg from the time of the alleged abuse, other than Bishops Gainer and Rhoades, is considered an unnamed defendant who would have also been named as a defendant in Asbee's complaint if alive. Asbee's counsel also stated his belief that the Pope was also culpable and that he would have sued him as well, but that it was hard to do so procedurally.

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instead that these federal officials be moved by God's love, which is stronger than death, and abandon the announced plans for executions."

Sister Helen Prejean, a Sister of St. Joseph of Medaille, who is a longtime opponent of capital punishment, tweeted a brief reaction to the July 25 announcement saying that as she was about to "board a plane to Alaska to join the celebrations of 62 years without the death penalty in that state" when she learned "the federal government plans to restart executions later this year after a 16-year hiatus."

"The DOJ regresses as the rest of our country evolves," she added.

Other Church leaders also reacted on Twitter to the announcement.

In a July 25 tweet, Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich called Barr's announcement "gravely injurious to the common good, as it effaces the God-given dignity of all human beings, even those who have committed terrible crimes."

He also pointed out that last year that Pope Francis ordered a revision to the Catechism of the Catholic Church to say that capital punishment is "inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."

The Sisters of Mercy called the Justice Department's decision "tremendously disappointing" and said in a July 25 tweet that they would continue to uphold Catholic social teach-

ing regarding the dignity of human life with education and advocacy efforts to "continue to work for the death penalty's abolition."

In a statement released the afternoon of July 25, Sister Prejean described the Justice Department's announcement as a "seemingly measured statement," which "belies the fact that this is a rush to kill: They plan three executions in one week using a new, untested — and not yet approved — lethal injection protocol."

She also said it is "disheartening that the administration has chosen to follow the death road, when the life road calls us to work for justice for all."

Sister Prejean, echoing a message she has said before, added: "The death penalty is deeply flawed, with a terrible history of racism in its implementation and an equally terrible history of errors, resulting in many innocents on death row. We also know that it does not offer the healing balm to victims' families that is promised."

Federal death penalty cases are authorized by the Department of Justice in consultation with local U.S. Attorney Offices.

Vaillancourt Murphy said in her July 25 statement that in the 16 years since the federal government executed a death-row prisoner, the American public has changed its collective thinking on the death penalty. Last October, she said 49 percent of Americans said they believed the punishment is applied fairly and currently,

25 states have distanced themselves from the death penalty in some capacity, most recently, California, with its governor-imposed execution ban in March and New Hampshire's repeal of capital punishment by legislative veto override in May.

Hannah Cox, national manager of Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty, offered a similar response saying the reinstatement of federal executions "goes against the trend we have seen in states across the nation, where executions and sentences are at historic lows."

She also pointed out that a growing number of conservative state lawmakers "realize that capital punishment goes against their principles of valuing life, fiscal responsibility and limited government, and that the death penalty does nothing to make the public safer."

Vaillancourt Murphy reiterated that the Catholic Church's teaching is very clear on capital punishment, noting the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls it "inadmissible" in all cases "because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."

She said the Justice Department's announcement "flies in the face" of American values of equality and fairness "and for Catholics, above all, a belief in the sanctity of all human life."

She said the decision also "promotes a culture of death where we so desperately need a culture of life."



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, August 4: 10 a.m. — Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Kendallville
 Monday-Wednesday, August 5-7: Knights of Columbus 137th Supreme Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Thursday-Friday, August 8-9: Meeting of Board of Trustees for Ave Maria University, Detroit, Michigan
 Saturday, August 10: 4 p.m. — Mass, St. Mary of the Angels Oratory, Big Long Lake, Hudson
 Saturday, August 17: 1 p.m. — Mass for the Sick, St. Felix Catholic Center, Huntington



Fall confirmation Mass schedule

The following is a schedule of the fall Masses at which Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will confer the sacrament of confirmation.

Parish/location	Date	Time
<i>Additional parishes included</i>		
St. Michael the Archangel, Waterloo	Aug. 25	10:30 a.m.
St. John the Evangelist, Goshen	Oct. 4	7 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist, Goshen	Oct. 5	10 a.m.
Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne	Oct. 5	6 p.m.
St. Patrick, Fort Wayne	Oct. 6	3 p.m.
St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend	Oct. 10	7 p.m.
<i>St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend</i>		
St. Mary of the Annunciation, Bristol	Oct. 13	2 p.m.
Christ the King, South Bend	Oct. 18	7 p.m.
Corpus Christi, South Bend	Oct. 25	7:30 p.m.
St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, South Bend	Oct. 26	6 p.m.
Holy Cross, South Bend	Oct. 27	10:30 a.m.
St. Jude, South Bend	Oct. 28	5:30 p.m.
St. Joseph, South Bend	Nov. 1	7 p.m.
St. Jude, Fort Wayne	Nov. 3	3 p.m.
St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne	Nov. 4	7 p.m.
St. Joseph, LaGrange	Nov. 17	10 a.m.
St. Joseph, Mishawaka	Nov. 23	10 a.m.
<i>St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka</i>		
<i>St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka</i>		
<i>St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka</i>		
Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame	Dec. 15	11:45 a.m.



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Pastoral Migratoria trains how to accompany new immigrants

BY MICHELLE MARTIN

CHICAGO (CNS) — More than two dozen representatives from 13 dioceses joined regulars from the Archdiocese of Chicago outside the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center in Broadview to pray the rosary on a recent Friday.

The group was from Instituto Pastoral Migratoria, the second annual workshop to train diocesan, pastoral and lay leaders to start their own ministries based on the archdiocese's immigrant-to-immigrant ministry, which started in 2008.

The parish-based Pastoral Migratoria uses Catholic social teaching to train immigrants to support people in their own parishes.

Delegates to the July 10-14 workshop came from Atlanta; Baltimore; Chicago; Fresno, California; Kansas City-St. Joseph, Missouri; Los Angeles; New York; Richmond, Virginia; Salt Lake City; St. Cloud, Minnesota; St. Petersburg, Florida; Stockton, California; and Washington, D.C. A representative from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops attended the institute, which was mostly conducted in Spanish.

"In the Old Testament, God clearly and consistently urges hospitality and generosity toward the stranger and the Catholic Church welcomes migrants and stands in solidarity with them," Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich told the attendees.



Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic

Royal Berg, a Catholic immigration attorney, speaks with delegates attending the Instituto Pastoral Migratoria workshop outside the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Broadview, Ill., July 12.

"Instituto Pastoral Migratoria answers the call for us all to return to our baptismal and ancestral heritages to support the human rights of all people and provide them pastoral care, human dignity and social support, no matter what the circumstances of entry into this country, especially for those who find themselves in desperate circumstances," he said.

He called it "an honor the USCCB recognizes Pastoral Migratoria as a best practice for immigrant leadership development and missionary discipleship."

Most of the July 12 prayer vigil at the ICE facility was conducted in English, by immigra-

tion attorney Royal Berg, who was at the first such vigil in December 2006. Recalling that first event, Berg said there was a snowstorm that day and he called everyone he knew who planned to come to tell them not to; road conditions were too dangerous.

But he showed up just in case someone else came, and found two students from Nazareth Academy, a Catholic college prep high school, and their father waiting. They all stood in the mounting snow in front of the center and prayed the rosary together.

When they finished, an ICE worker opened the door and said their prayers had been answered;

the snowstorm closed O'Hare International Airport and there would be no deportations from the center that day.

When Berg shared the news with Mercy Sisters Pat Murphy and JoAnn Persch, who had planned to come that day, and suggested they make it a monthly event, the sisters said no. They would be there every week, welcoming all who wanted to pray for the people being deported and their families, as well as for ICE workers and public officials, that they treat people with dignity and have a change of heart and mind on immigration policy.

From that group has grown the Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants, whose members visit detainees in county and private jails in Illinois and Wisconsin and help those who are released find transportation to family members or friends or find housing.

Detainees are no longer deported directly from the center in Broadview, which is west of downtown Chicago. Now people

detained in the Chicago area are processed there and sent to be held elsewhere.

Father Eric Cruz, Catholic Charities director of services for the Bronx, a New York City borough in the Archdiocese of New York, said the archdiocese is one of a handful of dioceses across the country already on the path to replicating Pastoral Migratoria. The others include Kansas City-St. Joseph and Stockton.

Father Cruz said he was heartened to see more dioceses and more young adults at this year's workshop. "Really, the most effective method for getting dioceses involved is word of mouth," the priest told the *Chicago Catholic*, Chicago's archdiocesan newspaper. "People are hearing about this and they want to hear more."

Benito Medrano, the Hispanic ministry coordinator for the Diocese of Fresno, said the Central Valley where they serve "is full of migrant workers."

The diocese is blessed with women religious who minister to them, but a model like Pastoral Migratoria could allow more Catholics to get involved, he said.

"We want to connect all the people who are suffering, and all the people who want to help," he said.

Claudia Bartolini, coordinator of resource development for the Archdiocese of Washington's Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach, said she attended the institute to learn how her archdiocese can better support immigrants.

During the institute, attendees also visited some of the 40 parishes in the Chicago archdiocese where Pastoral Migratoria exists and attended an evening restorative justice peace circle.

Michelle Martin is a staff writer at the Chicago Catholic, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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Catholic education is 'most important thing' Church needs, speaker says

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The keynote address at an annual conference for Catholic educators embracing classical Catholic education reinforced that what they are doing is important.

"If we don't get Catholic education right, we don't have a future," Mary Rice Hasson, author and fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, told about 200 participants at the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education's national conference July 22 at The Catholic University of America in Washington. The July 22-25 conference, co-hosted by Catholic University, offered keynote addresses, workshops on teaching methods and topics for superintendents, school leaders, teachers and pastors.

The institute currently provides resources for more than 125 Catholic school members.

Although Hasson didn't speak directly to the type of education these educators have taken up, which emphasizes classical Greek and Roman sources along with the works of ancient fathers of the Church and theologians, she did address the overall goal of these schools, which is students' spiritual formation. She also stressed the urgent need for spiritually-rooted Catholic education to combat what she described as the growing influence of secular culture in today's



CNS photo/courtesy Ethics and Public Policy Center

Mary Rice Hasson, author and fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, is pictured in an undated photo. Hasson told about 200 participants at the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education's national conference July 22 at The Catholic University of America in Washington: "If we don't get Catholic education right, we don't have a future."

public or government schools.

Essentially speaking to the choir, Hasson said: "Catholic education is the single most important thing our Church needs right now." Citing statistics about young people leaving the Church, she said these numbers point to "a long failure to impart the faith to the next generation," which she stressed makes the "task before us all the

more important."

She said the number of Catholics leaving the Church, particularly millennials, is sobering.

"The future of the church looks bleak," she said, but quickly added: "From a faith perspective, it is never bleak."

As she sees it, the trend of young people leaving the Church is directly related to the pull of secular culture prevalent in today's public schools attended by nine out of 10 children in the United States and 88 percent of Catholic schoolchildren. She said that even though many Catholics send their children to parish religious education programs, she wondered about the influence one hour a week provides for the "onslaught" these students receive every day.

Hasson, who last year co-wrote, with her sister, Theresa Farnan, a book with this same theme: "Get Out Now: Why You Should Pull Your Child From Public School Before It's Too Late," told the conference attendees that there has been a "decades-long failure to impart the faith to the next generation, which makes the task before us all the more important."

"We are at a turning point because of where the culture is," she said, specifically emphasizing the impact of gender ideology — or the claim that one's gender is fluid and detached from one's sex — and adding: "Our kids are absorbing a vision that is radically at odds with our teaching."

Hasson, a mother of seven

who also directs the Catholic Women's Forum with the Ethics and Public Policy Center, told the group of educators looking at new ways to teach Catholic school students and revive Catholic schools, that Catholics have "outsourced the education of our children to a secular system" and that the "secular culture is having its way with our kids, pulling them out."

One positive aspect of the current societal trends, particularly with an emphasis on gender

ideology, she said, is that it provides a chance for people to speak the truth. For example, she said the conference participants were bringing "not a new program, but a new way of education" to Catholics which could have a big impact.

"That's your task; I'm thankful you're here. Keep it up," she encouraged them, saying their efforts would eventually bring about an "uptick in numbers" of young people staying in the Church.

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RALEIGH, N.C. (CNS) — Abbey Forbes, the 18-year-old winner of the junior girls doubles championship at Wimbledon, has kept an inspirational book in her tennis bag at recent competitions and for all seven Wimbledon matches. The book, from her confirmation sponsor, Joan Monti, is a daily devotional called "Jesus Calling." The best-seller was well-known to Monti and her friends. But it was completely new to Forbes, who was baptized Catholic as a baby and was just confirmed and received her first Communion April 20 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Raleigh. "I decided that I was going to keep that book in my tennis bag," Forbes said. "Every match. Every practice. I open it and I read the daily reading or confession. And I pray on it. It just keeps me connected to my faith while I am playing sports," she told *NC Catholics*, magazine of the Diocese of Raleigh. The book was with her at the French Open in late May and in July at Wimbledon. "I was so nervous ... excited. I really wanted to win," Forbes said about her feelings just before the final Wimbledon match with partner Savannah Broadus. "I was asking God for strength and grace and all of those things to be brought with me out onto the court ... and I asked him to be with me. That book is just my reminder."

With dedication Mass, Orange diocese's Christ Cathedral 'becomes reality'

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (CNS) — Tim Strader believes Christ Cathedral of the Diocese of Orange "will become the most important Catholic cathedral in the United States, other than St. Patrick's" in New York. Strader, with his wife, Susan, led the fundraising campaign to finance the sanctuary of the cathedral. They were among some 800 diocesan leaders and donors gathered some days ahead of the cathedral's July 17 dedication Mass to celebrate the results of years of planning, generous philanthropy and hard work as the transformation of Christ Cathedral unfolded. The structure was once called the Crystal Cathedral and was the centerpiece of the ministries of the late Rev. Robert Schuller. The Orange diocese bought the cathedral about nine years ago for \$57.5 million and undertook a multimillion dollar renovation of it and its related buildings, all situated in a campuslike setting. "We have 35 acres, and we have the notoriety from the Schuller years — he had an international following — and we have so many people who come here now," Tim Strader remarked.

Migrant disaster near Libya



CNS photo/Reuters

Migrants are seen after being rescued by the Libyan coast guard, in Tripoli, Libya, July 26. At least 115 migrants were believed dead after their wooden boat headed for Europe capsized near the north African coast of Libya July 25. Pope Francis, in his Angelus message July 28, appealed for the international community to "act quickly" to prevent future tragedies.

Christ Cathedral currently serves more than 11,000 Mass attendees every weekend. "And we're ecumenical," Strader continued. "We welcome all faiths. So tonight we can finally see that our new cathedral has become a reality."

Vigil attendees pray for immigrants, demand conditions change at border

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CNS) — Mara Whitford, an expectant mother, held a handwritten sign that said, "I'd walk 1,000s of miles for my baby, too" as she stood outside the Cathedral of the Assumption in downtown Louisville. Whitford, a parishioner of St. William Church, was one of about 250 people who attended a candlelight vigil at the cathedral to protest the treatment of migrants and asylum-seekers at the southern U.S. border. Appalled at news reports saying there are squalid conditions of some immigrant detention centers, Whitford said it's distressing to see accounts of children — including infants and toddlers — taken from their mother's arms. "The idea of anyone doing that to my baby —"

she said as she choked back sobs unable to finish her sentence. "This demonstration shows how many are against the detention camps." The July 12 event — "Lights for Liberty: A Vigil to End Human Detention Camps" — was hosted by Catholic Charities of Louisville and was one of hundreds of such vigils across the country and around the world. The vigil featured several speakers, including local faith leaders, Catholic Charities staff and a Holocaust survivor. It concluded with a moment of silent prayer by candlelight.

Speaker: Catholic liberal education instills wisdom, virtue in students

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A sea of both experienced Catholic liberal teachers and neophytes eager to learn about the educational philosophy gathered at The Catholic University of America in Washington July 22-25. The bones of a modern movement to restore traditional Catholic liberal education, these culture fighters hope to change society through education. Elisabeth

Sullivan, executive director of the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education, began the institute's four-day conference by introducing the fundamental ideas behind a Catholic liberal education, and the modern obstacles seen as derailing 2,500 years of educational tradition. "This renewal of authentic Catholic education it is fully ordered toward eternal happiness, toward the child's future," Sullivan said July 22. "It restores the meaning and purpose that has been stripped from modern education. It is the formation of the whole person." Sullivan explained a liberally educated person is free not to do whatever he wants, but free from ignorance. With an education that develops critical thinking and encourages wonder, a person can govern himself with wisdom and virtue. "It is fundamentally to be fully human," Sullivan said.

Archbishop Kurtz steps down as bishops' religious liberty chairman

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, has resigned as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty

as he undergoes extended treatment for bladder and prostate cancer. Bishop Robert J. McManus of Worcester, Massachusetts, was appointed July 23 to serve as acting chairman of the committee by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The appointment will continue until the bishops' fall general assembly in November when a permanent chairman will be elected. "We are praying for Archbishop Kurtz, especially as he undergoes an intense treatment plan at Duke Cancer Institute over these next weeks and months," Cardinal DiNardo said in a statement. The committee is among the most recently organized by the USCCB and has assumed a high profile with its emphasis on promoting religious freedom globally and in the U.S. The bishops first established it as an Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty in 2011 to address growing concerns over the erosion of freedom of religion in America.

Curriculum adapts some aspects of theology of body for younger grades

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The theology of the body is not just suited to high school classrooms. Even 4-year-olds should have the opportunity to learn about St. John Paul II's teaching on life, love and human sexuality — at least in part. Molly Meyer, a curriculum design specialist, gave a presentation July 24 on Ruah Woods Press' proprietary K-12 supplementary curriculum on the pope's teaching during the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education's four-day conference at The Catholic University of America in Washington. The K-5 section of the curriculum teaches not about the sexual themes associated with the theology of the body, but the Catholic anthropology that must precede any understanding of human sexuality that students learn later. "Rooted: The Theology of the Body" is the first curriculum in the world that begins to teach this theology to kindergartners. Completed last year, the K-5 material will debut in the classroom for the first time this school year. Sean Cruess, principal at St. Benedict Catholic School in Richmond, Virginia, said that he was interested in starting to teach theology of the body earlier at his school. "I think it's neat because it starts at such a basic level and such a young age," Cruess said. "Right now we start it in middle school, and I think that at that age, kids are more likely to see theology of the body as a chastity program, whereas if you start it in the elementary grades they see it for what it is, which is just a theology of the human person, a theology of human love."

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Saint Joseph swimmers earn All-American honors



Provided by Taylor Valentine

SOUTH BEND — The Saint Joseph High School girls swimming team got off to a rough start in the fall when their practice facility experienced a pump issue. Despite the difficulty, the team excelled at local and area meets and the NIC Championship: The team was victorious at sectionals and left the state championships in Indianapolis with a historic finish. This spring, several team members were honored by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association with All-American status for also finishing in the Top 100 nationally at state. Honored were, in the 200 Medley Relay, Mary Cate Pruitt, Walsh, Evie Sierra and Lauren Pieniazkiewicz; in the 200 Free, Pruitt; in the 100 Fly, Aislinn Walsh; in the 500 Free, Pruitt; in the 100 Breast, Walsh; and in the 400 Free Relay, Walsh, Emma Feltzer, Sierra and Pruitt.

Lay Carmelites make final professions



Provided by Anne Mallett

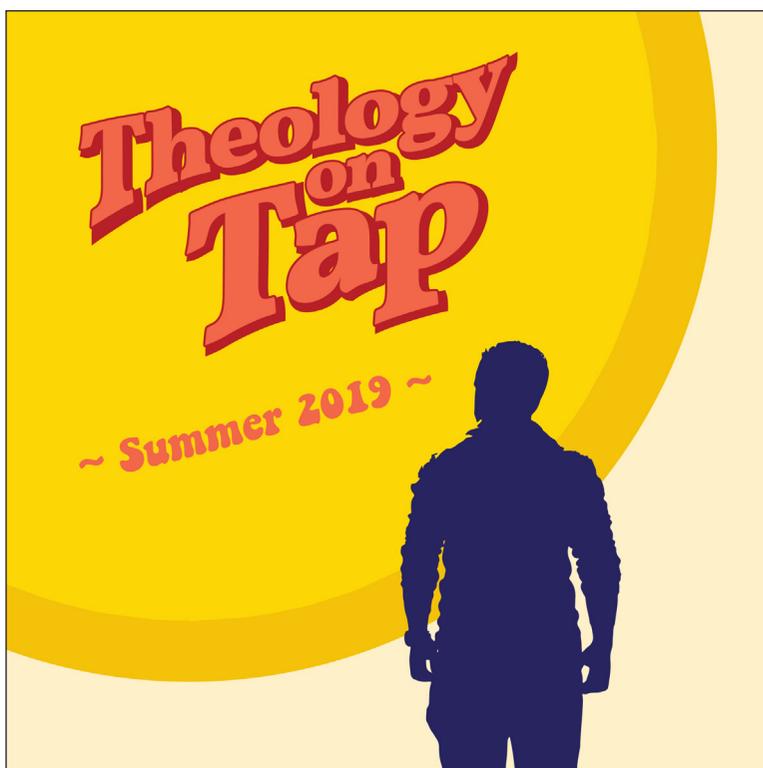
Seven members of the Lay Carmelite Community in Fort Wayne were welcomed to final profession, three members were received and one member renewed his temporary promises on Saturday, July 13. The Lay Carmelite order, historically known as the Third Order of Carmel, is an association of Catholic lay persons who commit themselves to live in the following of Jesus Christ through the Carmelite order. Lay Carmelites attend monthly meetings, practice morning and evening Liturgy of the Hours and pray the daily Lectio Divina. They also wear the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as an external sign of their dedication to Mary.

Theology on Tap offers insight and community for young adults

BY COLLEEN SCHENA

More than 110 young adults overpacked an upstairs room at Villa Macri Ristorante, Mishawaka, July 23 to hear a presentation by Dr. Timothy O'Malley, director of education at the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame. The gathering was part of the Theology on Tap series organized by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Young Adult Ministry.

O'Malley energetically relayed his ideas about hookup culture, technology and ways young adults can cultivate authentic relationships in a world built in isolation to a crowd as equally energized. He brought to the surface the very real issues of commitment present in young adults and youth today, and the fears that are prevalent in both marriage and deciding where to go for dinner.



"Hookup culture," he said, "is driven by a fear of commitment to one person, because there could be another person." He sharply

pointed out that the constant fear of missing out on something better than what one has runs rampant in the lives of young adults; but at the same time, they want commitment from another person and stability in that commitment.

The hookup culture is "the best strategy to avoid encountering a human person," he said, but adding that it leaves only emptiness where it goes.

O'Malley's suggested remedy is to recognize that "hookup culture" is a myth. According to his research, most people detest the culture of one-night stands and noncommittal words. "One longs to be desired and to desire."

Avoiding this myth includes not only inviting another person on "a real human date" but being attentive to him or her. Asking about his or her family and truly paying attention, rather than escaping to a phone are paramount in forging authentic relationships.

Discussion among those present indicated that the lessons

introduced by O'Malley are true in the lives of many young adults today. Young adults commonly struggle with finding a faith community relevant to their generation after leaving high school or college. But the packed event at Villa Macri radiated a joy like little other for many of them: the joy of young Catholics excited for an opportunity to grow in faith and to know God, themselves and one another to a greater extent.

O'Malley's discussion of relationships in a hookup culture was the first of Theology on Tap's summer series, Extraordinary Everyday Purpose. Sessions continue Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Villa Macri Ristorante, starting at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on the complete series visit www.diocesefwsb.org/yam-sb. The Fort Wayne area has also begun a summer series. More information can be found at www.diocesefwsb.org/yam-fw.

President of University of Saint Francis announces retirement

FORT WAYNE – The president of the University of Saint Francis, Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF, announced July 24 she will conclude her presidency on June 30, after completing her 27th year.

“Since July 1993, I have been privileged to serve this wonderful university by working with the board, the campus community and the Fort Wayne community during an era of tremendous change and growth,” Sister Elise said. “We have collaborated on projects both large and small. We’ve teamed to cultivate growth in our academic programs, in athletics and the arts, and in the addition of many new academic and related facilities that have strengthened the university, allowing it to meet the needs of today’s students. During this time, we have not only remained faithful, but we have deepened the impact of our Catholic and Franciscan mission and values.

“In my final year as president, I look forward to working with the board and the campus community to begin to implement the new strategic plan to set the best possible groundwork for the university and its future leadership. I also look forward to working with the entire campus community — board, faculty, staff, and students — on all the usual events of the upcoming academic year.”

Under Sister Elise’s tenure the number of programs offered by the university increased to more than 70 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs. Enrollment more than doubled, and university fundraising efforts resulted in the construction and opening of many facilities, including a downtown campus. Multiple land purchases were completed, and over the last two years the university also built and opened St. Francis Chapel, renovated and expanded Achatz Hall of Science and Research Center and opened the Welcome Center in North Campus.

Sister Elise served on the boards of many local organizations, received the Sagamore of the Wabash award in 2016 and guided USF in building strong relationships with several local businesses including Parkview Health, Lutheran Health, Ash Brokerage, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne Metals and STAR Bank. She also worked closely with government leaders for economic growth and the growth of the arts.

The provincial leadership of the university’s founding congregation, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, working closely with the USF board of trustees, will prayerfully appoint the next University of Saint Francis president.

PHJC associates donate to Heminger House



Provided by Julie Dowd

Members of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Associate Community present a check to the staff of Heminger House, Plymouth, in July. On Saturday, July 13, The Center at Donaldson sponsored a Concert by the Lake event, at which over 300 people heard music by Classic Vinyl. The concert was free; however, the associate community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ had snack items available for purchase to support the women and children’s shelter. It is the Poor Handmaids’ mission to stand with the poor and powerless in search for justice and this is just one example of fulfilling that mission, which they were able to do thanks to all who purchased snacks at the concert. Pictured, from left, are Heminger House Director Diane Fisher, Heminger House Manager Nicole Hicks and PHJC associates Ken Jamsa, Jeanne Boomershine and Donna Sikorski.

Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center parables retreat

DONALDSON — On Sept. 27-28, Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center in Donaldson will host a parables overnight retreat led by Father Jerry Schweitzer.

In this experience, which is open to all, Father Schweitzer will use the parables in the Gospel of Luke to show how the teaching of Jesus Christ presents images that challenge all to think differently about their Christian way of life.

Options for this retreat include single and double occupancy overnight, and commuter. Costs range from \$50 to \$130, depending on the chosen option. Check-in time is Friday, Sept. 27, at 4 p.m. EDT and the retreat concludes at 3 p.m. EDT Saturday, Sept. 28. Meals, materials, refreshments and Mass celebrated by Father Schweitzer are included in all retreat options.

Register at Lindenwood.org or call 574-935-1780 for more information. A part of The Center at Donaldson, Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center is a ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Knights’ build honors Habitat family



Photos provided by Justin Purdy

The St. Charles Borromeo Knights of Columbus Council 451 was busy Saturday, June 22, volunteering to build a new home for a deserving Fort Wayne family through Habitat for Humanity at Fuller’s Landing. Brother Knights Todd Francke, Jack Wehrly, Justin Purdy, Dennis Redding, Doug Baisinger, Jim Yoder, Bob Leszczynski, Philip Kramer and Rick Deutsch spent the day working to “build on faith, build up families and build community together,” the mission of Habitat for Humanity. At left, Deutsch and Baisinger cut lumber for framing. At right, Purdy, Francke and Kramer install subfloor.

Daughters of Divine Charity to depart diocese

BY COLLEEN SCHENA

As Sister Carmella Chojnacki, FDC, and Sister Paula Krizancic, FDC, walked to daily Mass at Corpus Christi Parish the week of July 14, they were surprised at how many parishioners welcomed them back and said they had missed seeing them the previous few weeks while the sisters had been out of town.

The presence of Sister Carmella and Sister Paula has left an impression on the daily lives of many at the South Bend parish. The two Daughters of Divine Charity left Corpus Christi for the last time at the end of July and their absence will be deeply felt.

The Daughters of Divine Charity was founded in love and compassion on Nov. 21, 1868. Upon leaving the School Sisters of Notre Dame, founder Mother Franziska Lechner moved to Vienna, Austria, and started the Daughters of Divine Charity, based in the Rule of St. Augustine. A short 25 years later, the congregation consisted of more than 570 sisters.

Having built schools, retirement homes and St. Mary residences — safe homes for young women who moved into the city for work — the order's mark of love grew. The Daughters of Divine Charity is currently blessed with 1,100 sisters worldwide, and the order celebrated 150 years of service in 2018.

The order's presence in the United States is young in comparison to its worldwide mission. The sisters came to Toledo in 1913 and began serving in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend less than a decade later. Prior to the founding of Corpus Christi Parish in 1961, the Daughters of Divine Charity were actively present in other



Colleen Schena

Sister Paula Krizancic, left, and Sister Carmella Chojnacki, Daughters of Divine Charity, serve at Corpus Christi Parish, South Bend. They have been assigned to new locations of service.

South Bend-area parishes and schools, most notably Our Lady of Hungary, St. Mary of the Assumption and the former parish of St. Stephen.

Sister Carmella and Sister Paula have served as witnesses of the consecrated life for nine years at Corpus Christi and embodied the love their order represents. They have offered their time to students as substitute teachers and to the parish as leaders in the faith.

Sister Carmella said she cherishes her years of serving in many unique fashions at Corpus Christi. "You name it, I've done it," she said. She calls herself a "permanent sub" for teachers: having taught full-time from 1965 until 2005, she found a completely new joy in substituting. She has filled in wherever needed, from teaching music classes to working the front office as a secretary. She has also taught religion on weekends "for forever," including during her time at Corpus Christi.

Sister Carmella also has a

strong love for her order's foundress, which has led to amazing opportunities such as a journey to Vienna to be a witness for Mother Franziska's cause for beatification in 2009.

Sister Paula said she will miss the Corpus Christi faith community and the little ones she teaches. Prior to entering the convent, she moved to a Daughters of Divine Charity residence in Akron to receive a Catholic high school education. As she continued at St. Vincent High School, she discovered her vocation and entered the Daughters of Divine Charity in 1953. Throughout her years of service, Sister Paula said she has enjoyed teaching the children and playing the organ. She hopes she has the chance to continue sharing developing her musical interests at her next assignment.

Sister Carmella will relocate to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, the St. Elizabeth Briarbank home. The former motherhouse for Holy Trinity province has blossomed into an assisted living



Provided by Sister Carmella Chojnacki, FDC
Sister Carmella Chojnacki, FDC, helps students in her art class.



Provided by Sister Carmella Chojnacki, FDC
Sister Paula Krizancic, FDC, reads aloud to a third-grade religion class at Corpus Christi School.

center, where three Daughters of Divine Charity care for the elderly residents. She said she is excited to care for those in the later stages of life and to do whatever God calls her to do while at the home.

Sister Paula will serve at Leonora Hall-Francesca Residence in Akron, Ohio. Once a residence for young women, Leonora Hall is now a center in which the sisters aid those with developmental disabilities. Sister Paula said that Akron will not be a place that's completely new to her, as it has already meant so

much in her life.

Both sisters shared their excitement for the new relationships and opportunities before them. But parting does come with its fair share of sadness, especially given that it marks the end of the Daughters of Divine Charity's legacy in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Corpus Christi pastor Father Daryl Rybicki noted that "the Sisters' departure... ends a more than century-old presence of the Daughters of Divine Charity among the people and children of the area." It's a relationship in which "the presence of the Daughters of Divine Charity in the parish community has meant much to the people of the parish, as it tied them to a rich history of the sisters' presence in many areas of parish and school life, as well as a tie to our history," he said.

Other parishioners said that seeing the sisters' smiles and their joy enhanced each day. They mentioned the true love the sisters seemed to have for the parish and for all its people, from small children to the oldest parishioners. They commented that the sisters were always willing to help and did so with smiles, whether in the office or in the classroom.

While serving in their roles, the sisters' presence impacted the Corpus Christi community more than most people could put into words. But the sight of the sisters traversing the parish parking lot for the past nine years to go to Mass was reassuring, and their absence was keenly felt in the short time they were recently gone. It also is likely to be felt in the classroom when school resumes, and in the many other moments when, in the past, the sisters shared in Christ's love with the community they cherish.

Ave Explores project takes in-depth look at important Church topics

NOTRE DAME — Following a successful pilot project last fall, Ave Maria Press has announced the next edition of Ave Explores — an initiative aimed at helping everyday Catholics better live their faith.

Catholic author and speaker Katie Prejean McGrady is the project manager for Ave Explores. The next monthlong installment, launching this fall, will focus on the role of the Virgin Mary in the life of the Catholic Church. Prejean McGrady, award-winning author of Follow and Room 24, spearheaded a similar project surrounding the Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment in 2018 that was geared toward youth ministry leaders.

"Ave Explores: Mary" will include articles, videos, podcasts, social media exclusives, surpris-



Provided by Ave Maria Press

Katie Prejean McGrady is the project manager for Ave Explores, an initiative of Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, aimed at helping everyday Catholics better live their faith.

ing facts and resources for classrooms and parishes. Sign-up is free at avemariapress.com.

"So many people feel faith is something you do only on Sunday when you attend Mass. Ave Explores will help you see your faith as something you can live every day," Prejean McGrady said.

Experts will provide insight, ideas and practical resources to help Catholics better understand the continued importance of Christ's mother not only in the Church but also in their own lives.

"We're going to look at how Mary is a model of discipleship and an example of how to be in intimate relationship with the Lord. We will examine how Mary is our companion, our supporter, and a guide for families in how to live a faithful life," Prejean McGrady said.

Other issues include:

- How Mary can influence one's prayer practice
- Mary as a model for families
- Celebrating Marian feast days
- Ways to teach non-Catholics about why Mary is important

Karey Circosta, associate publisher and vice president of sales and marketing at Ave Maria Press, emphasized that Ave Explores is free to anyone who wants to receive the material via email and on Ave Maria Press's website and social media. "Ave's commitment to the Church goes beyond publishing high school textbooks, ministry resources, and books on prayer and spirituality," she said. "We also want to provide online content on important issues in the Church that offers spiritual enrichment and practical resources to help all Catholics grow in their faith."

Circosta said that Mary is a perfect topic for the new Ave Explores because Our Lady of Sorrows is the patroness of the Congregation of Holy Cross, of which Ave Maria Press is an apostolate.

"We are pleased to be working with Katie Prejean McGrady on this initiative. She brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and contacts within the Church that will make this project beneficial to all," Circosta said.

Ave Maria Press was founded by Father Edward Sorin, CSC, in 1865 and is recognized as a leader in publishing Catholic high school religion textbooks, parish resources, and books on prayer and spirituality. It is a ministry of the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers.

Summers at St. Henry's Clubhouse

BY JAMES MOUNT

It's a hot, late afternoon in the St. Henry parish center, and the air is alive with excitement. It's the finale for the 10th annual St. Henry's Clubhouse, and as parents and friends gather to take in the show, the kids of the summer clubhouse prepare for their big moment.

Soon enough the kids enter the gym, walking quickly to the stage and taking their places on the steps in front of it. Natalie Pugh, director of the clubhouse and the show's emcee, welcomes the audience of friends and family: The closing show is underway.

The festivities capped off a 21-day safari for clubhouse participants, a month of friendship, learning and memories. At the start of June, walking onto the second floor of the parish center from the world outside was like stepping into a world of imagination. A safari wilderness world bloomed. Zoo animals and tree foliage festooned the walls. The hallway was magically transformed. The summer clubhouse had begun and for 22 days, fun and adventure was the rule.

For Pugh, director of the clubhouse and a kindergarten teacher at Fairfield Elementary School, Fort Wayne, it's a month of fun and learning that she enjoys being a part of. She started as a teacher at the clubhouse in 2013, and now is wrapping up her first year as director of the program.

"I fell in love with the program so I decided to stay," she said. "This is my first year as director and it's going great."

"We have a structured schedule, just like school," Pugh noted. "Every day the kids go to art and gym and we have a music program to bring it all together. The kids love it."

The clubhouse is run on a grant from the Foellinger Foundation and through Taylor University. Its success can be seen in the participants.

"They want to come back every year," Pugh said. "The majority are returning kids, and



Provided by James Mount

Participants in St. Henry's Clubhouse prepare for the musical presentation that will draw the program to a close. The annual summer day camp provides a safe and educational environment for local children for three weeks in July and takes place at St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne.

we have new students who want to experience the clubhouse, too. They usually come back the next year as well."

Running for a total of 22 days, the clubhouse provides a safe place for the children to be in a fun and learning environment. A lot of activities are packed into 22 days: For Pugh, that's all a part of the mission of the clubhouse.

"The mission of the summer clubhouse is for the kids to have a positive summer experience," Pugh said. "We have family nights, zoo day and other various field trips throughout the duration. We learn math, reading, relationship skills and life skills, and we put on a music program at the end for the parents, family members and community members to see."

For the past nine years, the summer clubhouse has been anchored by a combination of south-side Fort Wayne community and St. Henry Parish, a point Pugh is happy to make.

"St. Henry's is a wonderful parish. It's a part of the community, and there are many who come and help. It's good for the

kids to see how the community and the church work together. The Foellinger Foundation asked St. Henry's if (it) could use the facility to serve the community, so we're very fortunate to be here."

On the hot July afternoon, as the show wrapped up, everyone left the gym. It was quiet afterward, and the last of the 2019 summer clubhouse echoed into memories, memories instilled and forged in the minds of the children and adults who participated.

Paul Gerardot, property manager of the parish center, is mindful of the impact and legacy that the children leave at St. Henry.

"The month that children are here for the clubhouse is like a breath of life that comes into the building, filling it with love and joy with the smiles on their faces," he said. "They're so missed until they come again."



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On feast of Corpus Christi, eucharistic procession visits ill child

BY BETHANY BEEBE

A surprise guest arrived June 23 at the home of a Fort Wayne 7-year-old. But he was not there to honor the child's upcoming birthday, which was right around the corner.

Catholic parishes around the diocese and the world observe the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ two weeks after Pentecost. The parish of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, includes in its celebration a procession of the monstrance through the neighborhood to a nearby home. This year, the procession headed to the home of Aiden Newberg.

"He didn't know we were coming," Father Andrew Budzinski said. "His parents and I planned it. For the past four years we've been making a Corpus Christi procession to the house or houses of parishioners in our neighborhood. It was obvious where we should go this year. The Lord wanted to go see Aiden at his house."

Aiden's house has served as ground zero for his battle against cancer. It's located just a couple blocks from the parish, where his mother, Katie Quinn Newberg, and dad, Paul Newberg, were married. His sisters, Danielle, Jessica and Emma, attended St. John the Baptist School and then Bishop Luers High School, just like their mom, who is now a paralegal. Paul graduated from Leo High School and now teaches middle school math there. He runs a golf camp in the summer and is the boys and girls head golf coach. Aiden likes golf, too, and also plays tennis and baseball if he is not swimming, reading or playing a video game.

Since Nov. 1, 2018, a diagnosis of acute lymphoblastic leukemia has kept Aiden from church, school and activities like playing Putt-Putt, going to TinCaps games and other activities the Newberg family enjoys. Over the last eight months he has undergone bone biopsies and had chemo injected into his spine, administered through a chest port, orally and via home injections.

For a while trips to Riley Hospital for Children were on the schedule, a stretch of visits every 10 days for treatments. A case of steroid-induced Type I diabetes challenged his recovery over the holidays, but in December the need for insulin ended.

Now in remission, Aiden began the maintenance phase of treatment in July. It will continue until January 2021. Daily oral medications will supplement monthly trips to Riley for blood tests and chemotherapy. Every third visit will require spinal injections, and physical therapy has been added to the agenda twice a week to respond to the effect of the chemotherapy on Aiden's muscles.



Photos provided by Katie Newberg

The feast of Corpus Christi brought a surprise to cancer patient Aiden Newberg, 7, of Fort Wayne. His family and St. John the Baptist Parish planned the Newberg home as a stop on the annual parish Corpus Christi procession.

But strength of character has proven itself in the soon-to-be first grader, according to Katie. "He's a rock star," she said. "And he's really been so easy going about it all. His biggest frustration is that he's constantly nauseous and often doesn't feel well, but he smiles through it all and just tries to keep going and have fun."

The list of ways the community has lifted up the family just keeps going, too. Aiden continued doing his school work with help from his kindergarten teacher, Jo Ella Graney, who volunteered her time twice a week to tutor him at home. Bea Royal,

the principal, communicated with Riley about homebound instruction. Katie said, "My conversations with her and her support were a true blessing."

Projects and crafts helped Aiden keep up his academic skills. A school-supplied iPad allowed FaceTime communication with his class and a place to work on instructional games. Other teachers brought dinner and presents: St. John the Baptist students held garage sales or gave bingo winnings to support the family. Fresh peaches from Georgia came with a recent visit by Father Budzinski and parochial vicar Father Patrick Hake,



Aiden enjoys time with his classmates at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne.



Provided by Father Andrew Budzinski

Procession participants worship at the Newberg home.

who have been known to visit for lunch and play games, too.

The presence of Jesus Christ in the Corpus Christi procession was a particularly special gift to

the family, though. Katie called it "a testament of the spirit of God living and breathing in our community."

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Teens participate in Steubenville conference

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER

Catholic high school students from Fort Wayne traveled to Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, to participate in a youth conference hosted by the university during the weekend of July 19. The conference derived its theme, "Belong," from 1 John 3:1: "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

Upon their arrival, the teens gathered for Mass celebrated in the university field house. Following the opening Mass, the young adults, accompanied by more than 2,500 of their peers from as far away as Canada, participated in songs of intense praise and worship performed by the conference band, Sonar.

Presenter Matt Regitz began his witness by talking about his daughter, Anna Tess. He described, though several anecdotes, his loving relationship with her. Then Regitz shared a striking realization. "I can't even fathom how much God must love her. If I love her this much, how much more must God love her?"

He related this to the theme of the conference, continuing: "I think we believe the lie that somehow we were all created either accidentally — or in some sort of mass human production line — without any uniqueness. But God intended every single one of us; He planned every single one of us. See, here's the good news about God's plan. You don't have to 'fit in' to be part of God's plan. God's plan is to fit you into His plan."

After the conclusion of the evening's activities, the teens met in several small groups to discuss their expectations for the weekend, as well as engage in discussion about the day's speakers. They also had opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Following the celebration of Mass on Saturday morning, the participants separated by gender. While one group listened to talks oriented to their gender, the other had leisure time to explore the campus. Young men from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, during their leisure time, walked reverently to the university's outdoor stations of the cross before gathering to worship the Blessed Sacrament at an outdoor chapel. The teens also stood in remembrance at the grave of several unborn children.

The young men then heard a witness from FUS alumnus Jonathan Alexander. "Your goal in life is to allow God to make you holy, in a very particular way as men, following Jesus Christ. That we would become holy; that we would allow ourselves to be transformed," Alexander said. "That's a really



Provided by JP Soulliere

Teens from Fort Wayne traveled to Ohio July 19-21 for a Steubenville Youth Conference at Franciscan University. At the conference, they were reminded of God's love for them and their place in His kingdom.



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The theme of the conference, "Belong," drew participants from the U.S. and Canada.

difficult thing to figure out in today's world: becoming a man after God's own heart."

After the groups reunited for a Steubenville-style game of NBC's "Family Feud," they had the

opportunity to go to one of two breakout sessions, either "Dating 101" or "Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory." At the latter, Father Leo Patalinghug discussed common misconceptions about the



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Nicholas Meyer and Reid Eagan pray before the tabernacle at the Franciscan University of Steubenville's outdoor chapel.

soul's three possible states after death. To simplify the concepts, Father Patalinghug used a chart with the word "Life," where each letter stands for a description of that state. For example, using the letter "L," heaven corresponds to "love," purgatory to "listening" and hell to "loss." In addition, the priest fielded questions regarding these afterlife states.

At the beginning of the weekend's high point, all 2,500 teens gathered in the fieldhouse for eucharistic adoration. Father Patalinghug processed with the monstrance into the fieldhouse, led by several altar servers. At this, adorers fell to their knees in worship. Praise and worship

music rang through the gymnasium.

The procession walked for several minutes through the massive crowd. Tears rolled down the cheeks of some of the teens, who stretched their arms for the monstrance as it passed. Sounds of praise emanated from the crowd, and whispers of prayer and thanksgiving echoed throughout. Finally, after Father Patalinghug led adorers in the Divine Praises, the monstrance processed from the fieldhouse.

At the end of the conference, the teens celebrated Mass with Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton of the Diocese of Steubenville, before returning home to Fort Wayne.

Belonging ministry welcomes everyone to the Lord's table

BY JENNIFER MILLER

“Have you ever considered asking people in a wheelchair where they would like to sit?”

This seemingly simple question represents a paradigm shift in the work of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in its Ministry with Persons with Disabilities.

Allison Sturm leads the ministry, which is called “Belonging,” along with Mary Glowaski, assistant to the bishop in pastoral care. Both women ask meaningful questions like this one now because of changes in the methods of ministry with those who have disabilities.

The week of July 14, the ministry hosted the National Catholic Partnership on Disability Great Lakes Regional Meeting for the first time. At Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center in Donaldson, representatives from 10 dioceses and three states joined together to share best practices, pray together and grow in service to families and persons with disabilities. Dr. Miguel Romero, theologian and professor at Salve Regina University, offered the keynote address and participated in the follow-up panel discussions; Msgr. William Schooler celebrated Mass and participated on the panel, and staff of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend shared the news of recently initiated collaborations among diocesan staff who are amplifying the ministry's reach.

Sturm and Glowaski encouraged the directors and ministers present to, as a starting point, listen closely to the people they are serving. Grassroots direction of growth allows the fruit of the ministry to blossom, they said, because it is rooted in the needs of the people being served.

In the past, Sturm noted, “we would plan programs and start initiatives we thought were important and wanted. Now we are listening to what people are telling us they need, and responding.”

“I really had to look at myself and had to let go of my fear of not having all of the answers” in regard to best practices for her ministry, she shared. “It is not our ministry, but rather a ministry of our Church. We are now seeing exponential awareness and growth, after trying for years and just putting on programs.”

Glowaski agreed. “Our core question now is: ‘Who is not at our table? Our purpose is to be with people.’”

The mission of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's Ministry with Persons with Disabilities is “to ensure meaningful participation with individuals with disabilities and their families in all aspects in the life of the Church.” Its mission statement also states that it is “the collaborative effort of individu-



Jennifer Miller

Msgr. William Schooler speaks on a panel about developing sensitivity to persons with disabilities, based on his own upbringing, during the National Catholic Partnership on Disability Great Lakes Regional Meeting in July at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center.

als, families, educators, caregivers, parish staffs and diocesan personnel who network, provide guidance, share resources, offer support and are dedicated to promoting awareness, acceptance, inclusion and inspiration so that all individuals with disabilities may have the experience of Belonging.”

‘Disability’ awareness

The umbrella term “disability” can be used for anyone who lives with physical or mental issues that require assistance, Romero said. There is no distinction regarding the size of the disability. He has written that just being aware of one's “innate vulnerability to impairment, illness and injury” can fall be under the title of disability.

During the conference, he emphasized that everyone, at some point in their lives, experiences “a vulnerability and coordinate dependencies of our body.” Living this human experience in a Christian manner, realizing that there is much to learn and determining to not shy away from this dependency changes the terms of what one might typically imagine is a disability.

“All of us are capable of responding in love,” Romero explained of the essential qualities of being human being. “We all are growing in our capacity to understand and respond in love. It is not something extraordinary

found disability, Romzek said he has found that such statements miss the mark. Are people with disabilities welcomed in the parish? Is there room for them, literally? Are enough parking spots reserved? Are sidewalks, ramps, accessible bathrooms and hearing and seeing devices offered?

Local collaboration

Sturm and Glowaski spoke about the work that has already been accomplished by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's new methodology, as well as the work they are committed to bring to completion. Belonging groups currently meet only in Fort Wayne, although more groups may be established in other areas of the diocese after first listening to what is needed. They also noted the support that has been given by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for the ministry.

Belonging meeting agendas are not set by Sturm and Glowaski; rather, group members are empowered to structure their own gatherings with their own notes and goals. The members come from backgrounds including special education teachers, parents or caregivers of a person with a disability, and catechists trained to serve children with disability; but they all know the need of families for the Church to welcome and make room for them, say “yes” and not “no” to receiving the sacraments, to learn from one another and to support and walk with each other as they journey toward heaven.

In 2017, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops released a revised edition of the “Guidelines for the celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities,” explaining how those with disabilities may

receive the sacraments, how they can be prepared, and the pastoral ways to support them. At the conference, local diocesan representatives from the Catholic Schools Office and offices of catechesis, Hispanic ministry, liturgy and worship and adult faith formation all spoke on ways they currently have and are planning on serving the need found in their ministries for persons with disabilities.

How to respond

After sharing their stories, breaking open their lives and testimonies to God's grace, conference participants asked questions of the panelists. During each period of discussion, a repeated query arose. How can a parish respond to the needs of those with disabilities?

Sturm suggested: “Listen. Start by listening to the people that come with their needs. They know well what they need. In a humble spirit of service, offer what you have, connect them with those who can support and find out if you're not sure.”

Sturm's focus emphasizes accompaniment, which mirrors what Catholic theology has always held, what Scripture speaks of and Jesus Himself actually practiced: Walk with God's people. Listen to them, love them, discern with them, and serve them.

With this seemingly small shift, the Diocese of Fort Wayne has found — and is continuing to find — deep and lasting fruits.

For more information about Belonging or the Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/Ministry-with-Persons-with-Disabilities.



Esther Garcia

A workshop at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, July 16 provided tools with which Spanish-speaking catechists might present Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church to children and youth with disabilities. Esther Garcia, a nationally recognized speaker on catechesis and special needs children, made the evening presentation, which was attended by more than 60 catechists and directors of religious education.

'We are our sisters' keeper': Women of formation house live 'radical love' and 'vocation of woman'

BY NATALIE HOEFER

In Acts 2:42, the early Christian community is described as “devot[ing] themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.”

Such a life sounds idyllic. But in the 21st century, it might seem possible only for those in religious orders.

Four young women in Indianapolis would disagree. They live in FIAT Women's Formation House, a home for Catholic women ages 18-35 who, according to its website, seek “to live in intentional community with Catholic women who inspire [each other] to grow and live in faith.”

'Iron sharpens iron'

Their story begins with 27-year-olds Corinne DeLucenay of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, and Perry Langley of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis.

“Corinne and I lived in an apartment here [in Indianapolis],” explained Langley, who works as an ecclesiastical notary in the archdiocese's metropolitan tribunal. “But we both had a desire for living in an intentional community.”

That desire came from experience. Langley had lived in such a community while working at a Life Teen camp and retreat center in Georgia. DeLucenay, whose home parish is St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, had lived with four other women in an intentional formation community while working in the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida.

“It helps you grow as a person and in holiness,” says Langley of living in a formation house. “When you live and share with others, you can grow in Christ. It's seeking life in Christ and knowing other [women] have that in mind as well.”

DeLucenay agreed.

“When I moved back to Indianapolis three years ago, I tried to form authentic relationships,” she said. “But being a young professional can make it difficult.”

“Proverbs 27:17 says that ‘iron sharpens iron.’ It's that accountability. As an island, we don't grow to our full potential. How can you love others better? Hold them accountable in being saintly in their relationships and prayer.”

The two discussed and prayed about their desire to again live life in intentional community.

In January of 2018, they sought and received approval from the archdiocesan Office of Young Adult and College Campus Ministry to start a women's formation house affiliated with the office.

And so the planning began.



Julia Payne, second from left, leads Perry Langley, left, Corinne DeLucenay, Brea Cannon and Anna Schmalzried in prayer at FIAT Women's Formation House on Jan. 28 in Indianapolis.

Photo courtesy The Criterion/Natalie Hoefler

'Radical love' and the 'vocation of woman'

Madison Kinast, assistant director of the office, met monthly with Langley and DeLucenay. Brea Cannon was called upon to assist. She had lived in a women's formation house in Tennessee, and helped devise a mission, vision and “way of life.”

“The ‘way of life’ is a day-to-day process,” explained Cannon, a 28-year-old married mother of one toddler and a member of St. Joan of Arc. “Each woman has a role [to play in the house] and a desire for spiritual and communal life, and what that looks like.”

“It's modeled after a mix of certain religious communities. By having a ‘way of life,’ no matter who lives in the community, it adds constancy and sustainability.”

For instance, members must be practicing Catholics and an active member of their parish. Each must take on a particular role for a year to help in the functioning of the community. The group enjoys a communal meal and fellowship on Mondays, has a house meeting each week and rotates chores bi-weekly.

Each woman must also agree to live out the community's four pillars: prayer, to draw closer “to Love itself” in order to be Christ to others; service, to offer a “tangible expression of love”; authentic relationship, to “will the good of the other by encouraging life with Christ”; and hospitality, to fully open “one's heart to what has been entrusted to her.”

The pillars form the practical foundation of the formation house's vision and mission. That vision is to create “a community of women who inspire virtue,” with a mission to “foster radical love by intentionally living out the vocation of woman” as described by holy giants like St.

John Paul II, St. Pius X, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and others.

“The Lord made us with particular gifts as women,” said DeLucenay. “It's our Christian vocation to live out hospitality, in service to others, to be understanding. I lived in a co-ed community before, and we're completely different. Men and women balance each other out.”

As for the community fostering radical love, she notes that the love among the FIAT residents “is radical, because it's intentional. We're involved in each other's lives, we're not living just for ourselves. We are each our sisters' keeper.”

'Something I was longing for'

Before more “sisters” could be added to the community, DeLucenay and Langley needed to find a large enough home for rent. They prayed a St. Joseph novena in May of 2018. By the end of the month they found a five-bedroom home for rent in the Broad Ripple area of Indianapolis — with a Catholic landlord.

With a home settled upon, they began an application process seeking other young Catholic women to join them in their vision and mission.

“It was something I was longing for, women to live intentionally with and to grow closer to God with,” said 25-year-old Anna Schmalzried of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

“My fiancé Dan encouraged me to apply,” she added, noting their upcoming nuptials in September.

When Langley heard that Julia Payne, a member of her Emmaus discipleship group, was looking for a new roommate, she suggested the 26-year-old apply to join the intentional community. Payne became the fourth found-

ing member of the FIAT Women's Formation House.

The women signed a one-year lease and moved into their new community of “intentional formation” on July 1, 2018.

'Exponential' growth in hope

Each of the women says the experience thus far has fulfilled the community's stated vision.

“I grew up in a large family,” said Schmalzried, who works in interior design. “I was surrounded by love and moral values.”

She says when she left home, she “took steps backward by not living in community. I needed people who cared about my soul.”

Now, she said, “Every day I grow in prayer [said] together. I learn from them. I'm learning to

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be a better Catholic.”

Langley agreed, noting that “the Lord has provided me with what I needed through [the other women], things I didn’t even know I needed.”

The community has helped Payne find a “work/life balance,” she says. Her job as state deputy attorney general “requires a lot of hours. It’s nice to come home and talk to people who aren’t lawyers!”

Finding such balance has been a benefit for DeLucenay as well.

“As a youth minister, creating boundaries is something you have to work on because you’re so involved,” she admitted. The community provides her with an outlet for fun and socializing.

“Sometimes we play games, we do crafts, we cook and bake for each other,” she said.

And through hospitality offered by the home to the larger young adult Catholic community, such as Wine Wednesday or liturgical season-themed parties, Delucenay gets to “meet others and build fellowship that way.”

In addition to growing in holiness, the women note that personal growth is also inherent when living in community.

“You have to have courage to ask others for what you need in a tactful manner,” said Langley. “That can be hard, especially if you don’t like conflict. Or maybe you’re not afraid of conflict and you need to ask for things in a

calm manner.”

Cannon, who now serves as spiritual mentor to the women and as the liaison between them and the archdiocese, says the women’s growth has been “exponential.”

“I’m overwhelmed by how I see their lives changing, and the hope they have for the future as individuals and as a house,” she said. “The largest change is their ability to have hope in themselves, in each other and in Christ.

“And it’s been fantastic to see Perry’s and Corinne’s vision of a formation house come to life. From the beginning, they let the Holy Spirit lead the project. And the Holy Spirit led all four of these women to be here.”

‘Each other’s best interest at heart’

Delucenay said it was also through the Holy Spirit that the name FIAT was chosen for the formation house. The name refers to the Blessed Mother’s agreement to God’s plan as revealed to her by the Archangel Gabriel.

“Who is the best example of the vocation of women?” asked DeLucenay. “How can we live out our ‘yes’ to God? That’s our vocation as women — how are we living out what God is calling us to be as individuals and as women.”

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Decatur principal named associate superintendent of Catholic schools

FORT WAYNE

— With joy and enthusiasm, and the support of the Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Secretary for Education Carl Loesch, Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Joseph Brettnacher announced July 22 the appointment of Jeffrey Kieffer as associate superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

In making the announcement, Brettnacher acknowledged the “exemplary” work of Amy Johns, who has returned to Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, as an assistant principal.

Kieffer has been a Catholic school administrator since 2005 and a principal in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend since 2010, most recently at St. Joseph School in Decatur. He received his master’s degree in educational leadership and bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Ball State University. He began his career in Catholic education in 1999 in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, and has



JEFFREY KIEFFER

served on diocesan committees for accreditation and technology as well as the Principals’ Executive Council.

Kieffer resides in Hartford City with his wife of 27 years, Angela. They have three grown children: Levi, Erica and Jacob.

Kieffer is a 1985 graduate of Blackford High School in Hartford City. He served in the U.S. Army from 1985-89. Subsequently, he was selected for the West Point Preparatory School to prepare for matriculation at West Point. Following his first semester, he made the decision that this was not the career path for him. He resigned the appointment to serve the remainder of his enlistment and prepare for a career in education upon his honorable discharge.

After graduating with his undergraduate degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in 1994 Kieffer was employed from 1995 to 1999 as the computer information technology resource and children’s librarian at Hartford City Public Library.

From 1999 to 2005, he served as a third- and fourth-grade teacher at St. John Riedman Memorial School in Hartford City. He became the middle school math teacher at St. Mary

School in Muncie, and later served as interim principal. He remained at St. Mary School as principal until 2009, when he took a position as an assistant principal and math and science teacher at St. Mary School in Alexandria for a year. He was hired by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 2010 as the principal at St. Mary of the Assumption School in Avilla.

He served as principal at St. Mary of the Assumption until 2015, when he accepted the principal position at St. Joseph School in Decatur, where he has served for the last four years.

Kieffer is a certified Indiana Safety Specialist, and also has a certificate in Indiana Principal Leadership Academy-Group 45, as well as Indiana Content Area Reading, plus Mentor Training and “Curriculum Mapper” training. He is CompTIAA+ certified in computer repair, has a basic catechist certification from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and is a Level 1 and 2 Google for Education certified educator.



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Summer at the lake

Chemists and economists speak of equilibrium conditions, where the concentrations of reactants and products, or supply and demand, are in balance. If you have a bottle of soda water with the cap on, carbon dioxide bubbles up from the water, but molecules dissolve back into the liquid at the same rate. Neither state gets ahead.

I've been thinking about this analogy as we prepare for our annual vacation to the lake. It's a muddy little reservoir in western Pennsylvania, where I grew up. Our friends are going to Greece; Banff, Canada; and Mount Desert Island, Maine.

I used to feel inadequate about our holiday plans. Going to the lake was so prosaic. But I have concluded that there is a kind of equilibrium at work in the matter of vacation choices.

The summer our oldest got married we rented a cottage on Chappaquiddick, Massachusetts, across the road from one of my sisters.

It was very fashionable. Chappaquiddick is beautiful. The beach was sandy. The fishing was stupendous. My brother-in-law and I rented a boat and guide and caught flounder like we were professionals.

The Chappy ferry runs all day to Edgartown, and the girls, who are coffee snobs, would go to Espresso Love for lattes in the morning, just because they could. And buy stuff.

That's on the plus side. On the other hand, the cottage cost about a zillion dollars. To get there, you had to book passage on the ferry to Martha's Vineyard

a year in advance. You land at Oak Bluffs and sit in bumper-to-bumper traffic behind cars belching exhaust at you for the six miles to Edgartown.

Because I had foolishly waited until February to make arrangements for our car, I had to ferry it back to Falmouth on Wednesday and stow it in a parking lot. I forget how we got our goods off the island.

Compare that now to our beloved Lake Pymatuning. In the winter, when the ground freezes, we bring in truckloads of sand to make a kind of beach. If the water is high in the spring, the sand gets sucked into the lake. The nearest coffee shop is 32 miles away. If you are into shopping, there is a Tractor Supply that sells good tools and chicks (baby Plymouth Rocks, Orpingtons and Leghorns). There's also a Walmart.

On the other hand, it's free. Mother and Dad gave the cottage to the children some years ago, and we take turns using it. The state runs a fish hatchery and maintains a bird sanctuary, so you can catch walleye and muskies, and see bald eagles. To protect the wildlife, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission forbids motors over 20 horsepower. So people sail.

Because it's remote and unfashionable, there's no one there. It's so quiet you can hear frogs at night and mourning doves at dawn. There are no fancy restaurants, but if there were, they'd be cheap.

Our children and grandchildren think it's heaven on earth. This is mostly because they don't



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JOHN GARVEY

know better. Martha's Vineyard, for all the inconvenience of the ferries, is far more beautiful.

But other people know this, so the vineyard is really crowded. And it would be like Times Square if the market didn't screen so many more folks out by setting prices out of reach. My theory is that it has set them just at the point where it really is no better than the lake. The two destinations, in my mind, are in equilibrium.

And now that the population of grandchildren has grown to the mid-20s, fancier destinations would be out of our reach financially. It makes me glad the lake is just as good.

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A threat to civil rights

I want to talk about the "Equality Act" (H.R. 5) approved by the House of Representatives this spring. But first a disclaimer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reaffirms that homosexual acts are not morally acceptable — and it teaches that men and women with homosexual tendencies "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity," avoiding "unjust discrimination in their regard" (No. 2357-8). We must respect and reach out to sinners and those tempted to sin? Yes, or there'd be no "we" left.

The Equality Act has been hailed as a measure to prevent such discrimination. But for four reasons, it may pose the most serious threat to civil rights ever passed by a chamber of Congress.

First, it threatens the right to life and the right of conscientious objection. It amends laws against sex discrimination, defining "sex" to include "pregnancy ... or a related medical condition." Such language was used in the past to demand that institutions receiving federal funds provide abortions and abortion coverage.

Congress has therefore amended such laws with "abortion-neutral" language to prevent this outcome, as in the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988. H.R. 5 omits that clarification. Declining to perform abortions would be illegal discrimination. Even long-standing state and federal laws against using tax dollars for abortion could be attacked.



A MORE HUMAN SOCIETY

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Second, H.R. 5 undermines the rights of women. Title IX of the Education Amendments has long required educational institutions to provide equitable support for women's as well as men's athletic teams.

But H.R. 5 requires the law to treat a person's self-assigned "gender identity" as that person's sex. So a school can simply field two men's teams, one of which consists of men who identify as women. Already biological males are winning female wrestling and racing tournaments, enjoying the advantages of a male physique and physiology.

Some House members tried to amend H.R. 5, so it would not diminish protections for women under title IX. Their motion was rejected 228 to 181.

Girls and women have also been able to expect some regard for their privacy, and their safety from male predators. But H.R. 5 insists that men who identify as women must have complete access to girls' and women's locker rooms, restrooms and dressing rooms.

Third, H.R. 5 nullifies religious freedom, a right on which our nation was founded. The

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Grow rich in what matters to God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 12:13-21

The first reading this weekend is from the Book of Ecclesiastes. The first verse states that the book is the work of Qoheleth, a son of King David, although no proper name actually is used. The book's origins, despite this tradition, are puzzling.

The book's name comes from the Greek, and then the Latin. This book seems to show a Greek influence, but Greek culture did not influence the Jews until centuries after Solomon. Then, however, its Hebrew is of a style used long after Solomon's time.

Many scholars today believe Ecclesiastes dates from only two or three centuries before Christ.

A virtual trademark of this book is its condemnation of human vanity. This scorn of vanity is in this weekend's reading.

Vanity, of course, affronts God, who is almighty and the perfect. It also displays the ignorance and illogic of humans, who overestimate themselves by seeing in human thought the greatest wisdom. Vanity also leads them to regard material wealth as ultimate value. It eventually causes them to spurn, or to discount, God.

For its second reading, the Church presents a passage from the Epistle to the Colossians. Continuing the general message of the first reading, this selection calls upon Christians to focus on the things that truly matter: namely, the things of God. It counsels believers to rise up against temptations of this world. It sees sin as, in essence, idolatry.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading. Jesus appears in this reading as a mediator, asked

by "someone in the crowd" to resolve a dispute about inheritance. Readers of the Gospel are accustomed to such questions being put to the Lord. Did this person in the crowd, unnamed and unidentified in the Gospel, intend to trick Jesus, to put Jesus in an awkward position, to draw Him into the middle of an argument, and put Him at odds with some in the crowd?

Possibly. Still, inviting anyone to mediate a dispute was a compliment. Questions such as this presupposed that the person being questioned possessed knowledge. Furthermore, it presupposed that all sides would respect the integrity and wisdom of the mediator. Not surprisingly, outright strangers, whose credentials were unknown, were never invited to mediate between arguing parties. Jesus was among people who knew Him, maybe with great deference, to be a wise and informed teacher.

As would have been the etiquette of the time, Jesus hesitates before proceeding.

Under Jewish custom, surviving children did not have to

negotiate a clear division of a deceased parent's belongings. There must have been a problem, but rather than plunging into the argument, the Lord advises avoiding greed, insisting that material wealth has no permanent worth.

The Lord then tells the parable, or story, of the landowner who had good fortune. His harvest was great. He plans to store the harvest so as to provide for his easy living in years ahead. Such reasoning is foolhardy, Jesus said. No human can truly control his or her future. He then urged distributing any abundance among the needy.

Reflection

From the earliest times, people have dealt with the human tendency to measure all things, even life itself, in material terms. It was a tendency with which the author of Ecclesiastes dealt. The Colossian Christians dealt with it. The Lord Jesus dealt with it.

These readings do not call us to reckless waste and abandonment of good sense and respon-

sibility. Instead, they remind us that we are in the hands of God. We ultimately control nothing about our future, save our voluntary, total decision to be one with God in Christ. In this decision, we assure ourselves a place at heaven's eternal banquet.

This lesson is simple. Put first things first.

READINGS

Sunday: Ecd 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:31-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-145 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Ps 106:6-7b, 14-14, 21-23 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16, 21 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

Finding God in all things

There is, to be sure, a stress within the Biblical tradition that God is radically other: "Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior." (Isaiah 45:15) and "No one shall see [God] and live" (Exodus 33:20). This speaks to the fact that the one who creates the entire universe from nothing cannot be, Himself, an item within the universe, one being alongside of others. But at the same time, the Scriptures also attest to God's omnipresence: "Your Wisdom reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well" (Wisdom 8:1) and "Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; . . . If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast" (Psalm 139:7-12). This speaks to the fact that God sustains the universe in existence from moment to moment, the way a singer sustains a song.

What is perhaps the defining feature of the spirituality associated with St. Ignatius of Loyola — "finding God in all things" — flows from this second great biblical emphasis. Despite His transcendence, God should not be thought of as distant in any conventional sense of the term, certainly not in the Deist manner. Rather, as Thomas Aquinas taught, God is in all things, "by essence, presence, and power." And mind you, since God is endowed with intellect, will and freedom, He is never dumbly present, but always personally and intentionally present, offering something of Himself to us. Therefore, the search for God can commence right here, right now, with whatever is at hand.

One of the questions in the old Baltimore Catechism was "where is God?" The correct answer was "everywhere." Once that truth sinks in, our lives irrevocably change, for now every person, every event, every sorrow, every encounter becomes

an opportunity for communion with God. The 17th-century Jesuit spiritual master, Jean-Pierre de Caussade, expressed the same idea when he said that everything that happens to us is, directly or indirectly, the will of God. Once again, it is impossible to accept the truth of that statement and remain the same person you were before. This always already graced quality of "all things" functions as the starting point for Ignatius's spirituality.

Ignatius has been very much on my mind, for I am in Europe filming a documentary on his life and teachings for my Pivotal Players series. On the long flight from Los Angeles to Rome, I had occasion to enact the principle I have just been describing.

Ever since I was kid I have loved maps, so when I find myself on a lengthy plane voyage I spend a good deal of time with the flight map, which tracks the location of the plane vis-à-vis landmarks on the ground. I had read and watched some videos for the first part of the flight and then I had slept most of the time we were over the Atlantic, but when I woke, I began studying the map with great interest. We were passing just north of Ireland, and I could clearly see the indications for Dublin, where my mother's father was born, and for Waterford, where my father's grandfather was born. I commenced to think about these men, neither of whom I ever met, who bore the Catholic faith that eventually came to my mother and father and finally to me, as a sheer grace.

As the plane continued its journey across the English Channel, northern France came into view on the map, and I saw the great name "Paris." Suddenly, a slew of memories flooded my mind: my simple room at the Redemptorist House on the Boulevard Montparnasse, Notre Dame, where I used to give tours to English-speaking visitors; the Institut Catholique where I did my doctoral studies; all of my Parisian friends, teachers and colleagues who accom-



WORD ON FIRE

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

panied me across those three years; the beauty of Paris on a rainy day. And all of it, I knew, was a grace, sheer gift.

Next, I saw that we were approaching the Alps and so I opened the window screen and looked down on the snow-capped mountains that were gleaming in the sun. How could I not appreciate this view, which untold generations of human beings wouldn't have even imagined possible, as a splendid gift?

In a word, the simple study of a flight map toward the end of a tedious journey became a rather marvelous occasion of grace. I wonder whether we would find this sort of experience less anomalous if we mused on the fact that God positively wants to share His life with us, wants to communicate with us. Perhaps the problem is that we stubbornly think of God in the Deist manner and relegate Him to a place of irrelevant transcendence. Then the spiritual burden is on us, to find some way to climb the holy mountain or sufficiently to impress a demanding moral overlord. What if we accepted the deeply biblical notion that God is always already busily and passionately searching for us, always already endeavoring to find ways to grace us with His love? What if we blithely accepted the truth that God can be found, as Ignatius taught, in all things?

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Senate will have more sense.

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"color," "handicap" and other categories.

Laws forbidding discrimination against an individual "because of such individual's race" must forbid discrimination because of such individual's "perception or belief, even if inaccurate," regarding his or her race. It seems a scholarship program required to be equally available to black students could comply with the law by admitting white students who identify as black.

By making objective reality irrelevant to civil rights laws, H.R. 5 weakens protection for those who have been able to rely on those laws in the past. I am astonished that it was supported by all House Democrats — and eight Republicans. Perhaps the

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federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, signed by President Clinton in 1993, is explicitly overridden by the requirements of H.R. 5.

Even Catholic hospitals may be forced to provide abortions; even devout Christians will have to recognize and accommodate same-sex marriage, since H.R. 5 labels resistance to that idea as a discriminatory "sex stereotype."

The fourth aspect of H.R. 5 is the most sweeping. To be sure, the bill does define "sex" to include "a perception or belief, even if inaccurate," concerning someone's sex. But it also broadly applies this philosophy that people are whatever they say they are, by redefining "race,"

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for August 4, 2019

Luke 12:13-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a lesson in what we should really be worried about. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| IN THE CROWD | FRIEND | JUDGE |
| ARBITRATOR | GUARD | GREED |
| LIFE | CONSISTS | POSSESSIONS |
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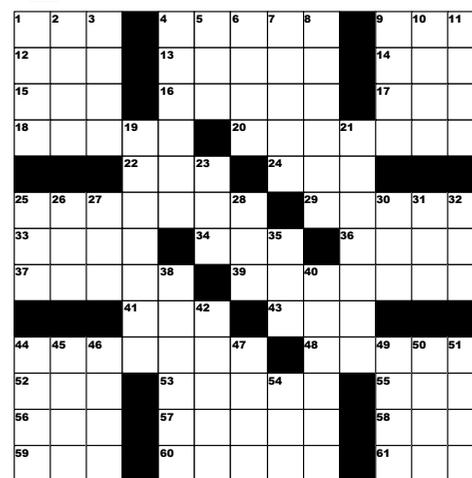
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The Cross Word

August 4 and 11, 2019



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Readings: Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21 and Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

ACROSS

- 1 Future Farmers of America (abr.)
- 4 "What ___ is This?"
- 9 Silent
- 12 Decoration
- 13 Measuring instrument
- 14 Compass point
- 15 Executive
- 16 Swelling
- 17 Compass point
- 18 Music rate
- 20 "Christ your life ___"
- 22 Wing
- 24 The Dead ___
- 25 What you once were (2 wds.)

- 29 Chilly wind
- 33 Pros' opposites
- 34 "___, drink and be merry"
- 36 Water's moon move
- 37 Wrote Tom Sawyer
- 39 He had a bountiful harvest (2 wds)
- 41 Gone to lunch
- 43 Calorie
- 44 Kept from seeing
- 48 Type of small goat
- 52 Long time
- 53 Wine fruit
- 55 Affirmative
- 56 Alphabet
- 57 Mistake

- 58 Line of crops
- 59 Chinese drink
- 60 "As countless as the ___"
- 61 Night bird

DOWN

- 1 Truth
- 2 Not a slave
- 3 Particle
- 4 "Shrimp ___"
- 5 Owned
- 6 Notion
- 7 "Light your ___"
- 8 Hung artfully
- 9 Plateau
- 10 Former Soviet union
- 11 Cat cries
- 19 ___ is earthly
- 21 Put to death parts that are ___
- 23 Monk brew
- 25 Rosary month
- 26 Close to the ground
- 27 Genetic code
- 28 Distant
- 30 Aspire
- 31 Makes food laws (abbr.)
- 32 # of commandments
- 35 Facial twitch
- 38 Elbows
- 40 Dances around
- 42 ___ cotta (clay)
- 44 "___ the men servants"
- 45 Lower ear part
- 46 Pre-Columbian America empire
- 47 Mend sock
- 49 Rotating mechanism
- 50 Cat's cry
- 51 Two-masted sailboat
- 54 Pea holder

Answer Key can be found on page 19

St. Elizabeth summer reading group digs into Jewish roots

BY SARAH DUSTMAN

Summertime slows down the adult formation activities at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne; however, parishioners have found faith formation and community in the parish's summer reading group.

Carole Yaney, director of formation and of preparation for the Rite of Christian Initiation, explained that this summer's participants read Brant Pitre's "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary." However, this was not the group's first encounter with Pitre's writing.

During the summer of 2018 the group read "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist." Yaney said that the partici-

pants were "amazed and captivated" by connections made between the Jewish religion and Old Testament with the New Testament, in regard to the Eucharist. She added that discussions in the 2018 reading group were vibrant, and that their love for the Eucharist grew through learning about these connections.

That richness made choosing another one of Pitre's books a no-brainer, Yaney said.

Members of this summer's reading group met in the parish library on Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks during June and July. During each session, they would have an informal discussion of two chapters of "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary."

A morning and an evening



Provided by Carole Yaney

Members of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish summer reading group, along with Deacon Daniel Koehl, read from "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary" by Brant Pitre. Although many parish programs end in the spring and begin again in the fall, spiritual enrichment and development also are available during the summer through reading groups like St. Elizabeth's.

session were offered. The morning sessions mostly were composed of retired men and women, while the evening sessions were composed of a wider age range. In addition to parishioners, Father Louis Fowoyo attended the morning sessions and Deacon Daniel Koehl attended the evening sessions.

"Their additional theological knowledge of Mary and personal experiences enriched our conversation," Yaney said.

While this summer's reading group has ended, plans are being made for next summer. Since the reading groups have benefitted spiritually from Pitre's writing, some of his other books will be reviewed to determine if they will be a good fit for next summer.

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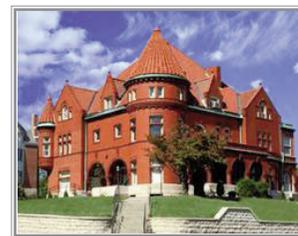
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me, and that (I) was beautiful. Because I'm very creative, but I'm kind of messy, and I'm disorganized, and the stuff that you'll get from me will have errors in it, because I make mistakes. But I just love God and I love people, so I go forward."

"I wasn't created to be this perfect rose, I was created to be a wildflower. So that's embracing the design He had for me," she realized.

'We've been praying for you'

She persevered in developing her professional and spiritual life, motherhood and her vocation, navigating the stress and chaos of life. One day, a conversation with an acquaintance about such daily struggles convinced her there was a message she needed to share with others: that it's the work of the devil when God's children become confused about their priorities and feel like their lives are disordered.

As she now pointedly tells women, "Satan introduces chaos. Recognize it when you feel it."

She recounts this and other wake-up calls at gatherings of a group called Kingdom Builders. The ministry began in January at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, a couple of years after Parrish initially approached pastor Father Daniel Scheidt about the possibility of

starting a group for women of any faith denomination — or none at all — that would meet monthly for fellowship, goal setting, eucharistic adoration, praise and worship.

The first announcement for Kingdom Builders received immediate response. Now in its eighth month, the ministry continues to experience unprecedented growth. In May, additional gatherings began to be scheduled at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, and a third site at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw will host Kingdom Builders gatherings beginning Aug. 27.

One of the reasons for the group's success and growth might be found in the first few minutes of the gatherings. As the evening begins, Parrish welcomes the women and tells all first-time attendees, "we have been praying for you."

The mission of Kingdom Builders is based on Matthew 6:33: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." The Scripture verse was strongly laid upon Parrish's heart, and she believes God is clear stating that the participants would build a solid foundation if they focused on three steps: A minimum of 10 minutes of prayer a day, attending Sunday Mass and going to regular confession or at least twice a year.

"Using these steps as our foun-

"I was raised Catholic and I just thought it was a bunch of rules

and regulations, so I left the Church for years.

I went to one KB gathering and realized I was wrong.

It is all about love and relationship with God the Father.

I just didn't understand. I am going to confession and coming home."

A KINGDOM BUILDERS PARTICIPANT

dation allows God to order our lives. All other goals and desires must fall in line after these three things. If we want to build, we must have a solid foundation," Parrish says. From that foundation, peace and joy will inform their ability to accomplish their other goals and desires regarding family, health and careers. And women who are building up themselves spiritually are then able to build up others and build the Church, emphasized Parrish.

Messages of grace

She prepares for each gathering

by reflecting on the Sunday Mass readings for the upcoming month. She also prays with them.

"I ask our Heavenly Father what He desires His daughters to know. Then I create a 45-minute teaching that has concrete examples of how to apply these teachings to their lives ... truly embracing their feminine genius." Parrish reviews the teachings with Father Scheidt, who often expands upon them from a theological perspective.

The second 45 minutes of every Kingdom Builders gathering is for eucharistic adoration. Silent prayer time is intermixed with praise and

worship music. Adoration and quiet time with the Lord seem to be the draw for many of the women who attend. Some enjoy sitting in silence listening to the Lord, feeling Him love them and allowing the Holy Spirit to move them. Some pray the rosary. Others find strength in being among other women without distraction.

Parrish believes the rapid growth of Kingdom Builders is due to its focus. "It's because we (the leaders) know to whom these women belong. They are beloved daughters of a mighty king. We bring them before the Father and let Him love on them. God does all the heavy lifting. We just facilitate the event."

Each gathering concludes with encouragement to review on Sunday a booklet of measurable goal ideas distributed at the gathering. The booklet gives ideas on how a woman can keep her focus on the Lord and share Him with others during the coming week. Examples of measurable goals for the week are taking time to praise their children for their work, creativity or effort, and praying a decade of the rosary before turning on the radio.

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