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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades began the sacred celebration of Easter Vigil with the holy fire and blessing of the Easter candle at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne Saturday, April 3.

'He has been raised; He is not here'

The following is the text of the homily of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades during the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception April 3.

This is a most sacred night, the most sacred night, in the history of humanity. It is the night in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from

death to life. We are here in our cathedral to keep vigil, to remember Jesus' Passover. We do so by listening to God's word and celebrating His mysteries.

We listened to the Genesis account of God creating man, male and female, in His own image and likeness. We listened to the story of God saving His people from slavery in Egypt,

enabling them to march on dry land through the midst of the sea. And we heard God's invitation through the prophet Isaiah: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water!"

After the singing of the Gloria, with the joyful ringing of bells, a passage of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans was proclaimed. It contains a teaching that is particu-

larly relevant for what is going to happen in the lives of four adults and one child at this Easter Vigil liturgy. St. Paul writes about Baptism, teaching us that in the sacrament of Baptism, we were baptized into Christ's death, buried with Him, so that, "just

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as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." On this sacred night of Christ's resurrection, Brandon, Raymond, Morgan, Jason, and Kurtis will receive this new life in Christ. They will from this day forward be called "Christians." As God freed the children of Abraham from the slavery of Pharaoh bringing them through the waters of the Red Sea, God will free them, as He has freed all of us who have been baptized. Baptism brings the ultimate freedom, freedom from the slavery of sin and the power of death, through our being incorporated into Christ and His Body the Church, giving us the power and grace to make it to the promised land of heaven.

After Moses and the Israelites were delivered and saved at the Red Sea, what did they do? They sang! This is the first reference to singing in the Bible. Israel had been freed from slavery and became reborn as a people. We sang their song after the Exodus reading tonight: "I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea." This is our song too because, through God's power, we have been drawn forth from the water, through Baptism, liberated from sin and reborn as children of God.

Because of this, we sang a new song. We sang the Alleluia, giving praise and thanks to the Lord for our redemption from sin and death, rejoicing that Christ is risen from the dead.

In the Gospel, we heard the first announcement of the Resurrection. A young man, clothed in a white robe, an angel, sitting in the empty tomb, said to the three women who had come to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body: "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." This amazing news would change the course of history. This good news continues to resound from generation to generation. It is an ancient proclamation, but it is always new: "He has been raised; he is not here." This proclamation resonates once again during this Easter Vigil, the mother of all vigils, on this night in which we relive the extraordinary event of the Resurrection. It will be relived when Mother Church administers the great gift of divine life to the five catechumens, the elect, in Baptism. It will be relived when they, along with our brother Robert, who will be received into full communion in the Catholic Church, are anointed with the sacred chrism and sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation. And it will be relived when they fully participate, for the first time, in the Paschal banquet, the Holy Eucharist. They will be fed with the bread of heaven.



John Martin

Kurtis Ballentine patiently allows Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to pour the waters of baptism over his head at the Easter Vigil Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. His father, Brandon, holds him over the baptismal font where he himself had been baptized only moments before.

"He has been raised; He is not here," the angel in the empty tomb said to the women. Where did He go? The angel told them: to Galilee. That's where they and the other disciples will see Him. Galilee is where it all began, where the disciples first encountered Jesus and began to follow Him. Now they will see Him in a new way, with a risen and glorified Body. St. Matthew tells us that the disciples went to Galilee and saw the Risen Jesus on a mountain. When they saw Him, they worshipped Him. And the Risen Jesus gave them the great commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

In Galilee three years earlier, Jesus had called them to be His disciples. Now, back in Galilee, the Risen Jesus makes them missionary disciples. This is a clear mandate for them and for us, His disciples today. It is a mandate,

not just an option. We who have been baptized, who have been strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and nourished by Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist, are also commanded to go forth, to live and share the Gospel, to make it known by the witness of our words and actions. What's so beautiful is that we're not alone in this. Jesus is alive and is with us. To us, He says, as He said to the disciples in Galilee: "I am with you always." He is with us through His Spirit poured out upon us in Baptism and Confirmation and He is with us in the Holy Eucharist. He is with us through His Body, the Church. The Risen Christ is with us always, no matter what storms may arise in our life. He is with us in our sufferings and our joys. And He will be with us when we arrive at the door of death, reaching out His hand to us to carry us into His Father's house.

My brothers and sisters, we don't only celebrate Easter tonight and tomorrow and next week. Every Sunday we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday

is our weekly Easter. Sunday is at the heart of our Christian life, as it was for the disciples after the Resurrection. Like them, we gather for the breaking of the bread and to celebrate the living presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The Eucharist is the Easter banquet in which Christ becomes our nourishment. Receiving the Bread of life every Sunday, we receive the strength of the Risen Lord to live our faith throughout the week. We receive the grace to love one another as Jesus has loved us and to live as His missionary disciples in the world.

To you who are about to be baptized, confirmed and to receive your first Eucharist, and to all of you who are already initiated in Christ's Body, the Church, a blessed and happy Easter! May we go forth from here tonight as witnesses of Jesus' Resurrection, witnesses of the joy of Easter, living as missionary disciples of our crucified and risen Lord!

Women's Care Center of Northeast Indiana — Infusing crisis pregnancies with hope

BY JODI MARLIN

The young woman was concerned and upset that she might be pregnant. When she received confirmation that she indeed was, it was devastating. She shared with a Women's Care Center of Northeast Indiana counselor that she had recently left a domestic violence situation and still struggled with residual issues of that trauma. She was living in an unsupportive environment and was no longer involved with the father. To make matters worse, she would get terribly ill when pregnant and during a previous pregnancy had been forced to drop down to part-time hours at work or lose her job. She now felt like her only choice was to have an abortion.

She talked at length with her counselor during their first meeting. She had no one else to talk to, she said. At the end of the long session, she thanked the counselor for giving her a safe space to work through her fears and struggles without making her feel judged. She called a few days later and said she had decided to keep her baby.

The Women's Care Center of Northeast Indiana opened its doors in 2016 to serve the LaGrange, Noble, Steuben and DeKalb counties area. Since then, the number of local women having abortions has declined 54%. In Steuben and DeKalb counties, the center plays a supportive role in one of every three pregnancies, noted board member Keith Turner.

Turning crisis pregnancies into blessings

Thirty-three Women's Care Centers exist in 12 states across the U.S. Auburn's location came into existence through the efforts of a local pharmacist and a few pro-life friends, after the pharmacist became disheartened by the number of prescriptions written for the morning-after abortion pill and the number of unreported medically induced abortions that happen at home. Their research into ways to preserve these children's lives led to the Women's Care Center of Northeast Indiana.

The existence of the center and familiarity with the services it offers has encouraged an organic increase in the life-affirming business. "Just the community awareness of who we are, what we do and what we stand for has grown tremendously in five years," said Ann Freeman, executive director.

That and the bright pink sign on the building have brought in more than 7,000 visitors in five years. In 2020 alone, 271 new lives were saved. An average of six women a day come



Jodi Marlin

Women's Care Center of Northeast Indiana Executive Director Ann Freeman, left, checks in with counselor Emma Pineda March 18. Pineda joined the staff in 2020 and is anxious to reach out to the local Spanish-speaking community to advocate for life by sharing the news that the center's many free services are available to all women.

to the center for counseling and other services, and 98% of the pregnant women who come to the Women's Care Center of Northeast Indiana for the help and core support they need ultimately choose life for their babies.

"Every time I talk about the center, the word 'providence' comes to mind," said Freeman. "Everything we've been able to do is because of God."

Freeman and the staff say they feel blessed to do the work they do.

"The circumstances some of our clients live in are so difficult, and none of our moms ever come in to talk about the possibility of ending their child's life with a smile on their face," Freeman shared. "It's really encouraging that our center exists to offer space to process what they're struggling with and give them some other options – or at least remind them that the choice doesn't have to be made today."

"Women's Care Center offers hope to women who feel abortion is their only choice. Through conversation focused on their strengths and the innate goodness of who they are, so many women find the courage to choose life."

Although the Women's Care Center of Northeast Indiana is equipped to support crisis

pregnancies to teenagers, single women or those in other precarious situations, Freeman said there's sometimes a misconception that it has nothing to offer mothers to be who are in supportive relationships or who may be employed full-time. Actually, all women facing pregnancy are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of the center's services.

Support for the journey

Hospitality, compassion, understanding and support — from the moment a woman opens the door of the Women's Care Center of Northeast Indiana, she experiences all of these things. Clients are greeted warmly and invited to wait in a cozy lobby filled with toys and books and to speak with a counselor in a private, comfortable setting.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, WCCNEI continued to serve women in need of pregnancy support. The center was also the only local ultrasound provider to allow the woman's husband or support person to be present during the examination.

From pregnancy tests to recommendations of doctors who will work with uninsured patients — if that's the woman's



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, April 11: 3 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick Church, Ligonier
 Monday, April 12: 10 a.m. — Meeting of the Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
 Tuesday, April 13: 12 p.m. — Virtual Meeting of Board of Directors of Exodus 90
 Tuesday, April 13: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph – Hessen Cassel Church, Fort Wayne
 Wednesday, April 14: 10:30 a.m. — Presbyterate Meeting, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw
 Wednesday, April 14: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn
 Thursday, April 15: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Mary Church, Huntington
 Friday, April 16: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick Church, Arcola
 Saturday, April 17: 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne
 Saturday, April 17: 2 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne



Provided by Ann Freeman

The WCCNEI opened its doors in Auburn in 2016 to serve LaGrange, Noble, Steuben and DeKalb counties. Since then, the number of local women having abortions has declined 54%.

situation — to prenatal vitamins and parenting classes, the first steps toward becoming a new parent are readily available. All services are confidential and completely free of charge.

Ultrasound exams take place on-site. The center also has a Crib Club, a room that's nearly overstocked with new and gently used infant clothing and new diapers, feeding supplies, breastfeeding aids, carriers, toys, car seats and everything else baby might need during his or her first days at home.

As the center has grown, however, needs have continued to present themselves. In late 2019, the WCCNEI board of directors and staff identified as one of their priorities the hiring of an additional counselor.

"Our board looked at where there was a need, and Spanish has always been one," said Freeman. In February 2020, Emma Pineda answered the call.

Originally from Honduras, the bilingual Pineda said she felt fulfilled to find a job she feels passionate about. "I thought the work they do here is amazing. I just fell in love with it," she said.

"Just being able to be the support for someone who doesn't have that, to listen to them, to be able to do that for them brings joy to my life."

During the pandemic she has been available to counsel both English- and Spanish-speaking clients. As pandemic restrictions loosen, outreach to the growing Spanish-speaking population, via local churches, is planned. Pineda also possesses a certification in Spanish medical translation, enabling her to interpret during ultrasound exams.

A pro-life partner

The mission of the Women's Care Center of Northeast Indiana is to help pregnant women from the local community choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents and take first steps to self-sufficiency. WCCNEI and the entire Women's Care Centers model of supporting pregnant women in a professional and caring and life-affirming manner have the endorsement and sup-

Cardinal Parolin says Church divisions stem from misunderstanding 'reform'

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Three days after the preacher of the papal household called on Catholics to repent for the ways they are dividing the Church, the Vatican secretary of state said the divisions are real and they are harmful.

"Anyone who sees the situation of the Church today has to worry about these things because they are there," Cardinal Pietro Parolin, secretary of state, told Spain's Church-owned COPE radio network April 5. "It does a lot of damage to the Church."

Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher of the papal household, had spoken about the divisions in the Church April 2 when he preached at Pope Francis' Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

Cardinal Parolin told COPE he believes part of the problem "stems from the fact that the pope puts a lot of emphasis on the reform of the Church," but too many people do not understand the difference between teachings and practices that must remain unchanged and those that can and must be updated and renewed.

"There is a level that cannot be changed, the structure of the Church — the deposit of faith, the sacraments, the apostolic ministry — these are the structural elements," he said. But because the Church is made up of people who are prone to sin, "there is a whole life of the Church that can be renewed."

"Sometimes these divisions and these oppositions are born of the confusion of these levels," he said. "One fails to distinguish between what is essential that cannot change and what is not essential that must be reformed, must change according to the spirit of the Gospel."

José Luis Restán, COPE's editorial director, told Cardinal Parolin he would not ask about the Vatican and China's provisional agreement on the nomination of bishops, which was extended in October, but said he



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Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, speaks at a symposium on religious freedom hosted by the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See in Rome April 3, 2019. Cardinal Parolin spoke about divisions in the Church, the Vatican's approach to China and other issues in an interview that aired April 5 on Spain's COPE radio network.

did want to hear the cardinal's impression of the life of the Catholic Church in China and "what is at stake for the Church in that large and complex country in the future."

The future "is the perspective from which we should look at this issue," the cardinal responded. "Certainly, the Church in China is a fundamental part of the Catholic Church, and everything that has been tried and is being tried is to secure this community, which is still small, but which has great strength and vitality."

"Everything that is being done is being done to ensure a normal life for the Church in China," he said, and part of a normal life for any Catholic is communion with the pope, which the agreement seeks to ensure by having the

bishops recognized both by the Vatican and by China's communist government.

The suffering and persecution Catholics in China have endured always must be respected and remembered, he said. But their persistence in the faith must also give the Church hope for the future.

"The steps that have been taken, even if they have not solved all the problems that are still there and that will probably need a long time to resolve, are in the right direction toward a reconciliation within the Church because of this problem of distinctions — it is too much to say of separation — of distinctions" between those who accept a government role in the life of the Church and those who do not, the cardinal said.

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Graduate program aims to reverse decline seen in Catholic art, literature

BY MIKE MASTROMATTEO

The creation of a new master's of fine arts degree program in creative writing at the University of St. Thomas in Houston marks a breakthrough in a resurgence of Catholic literary arts, said its founders.

The entirely online two-year, 30-credit program, to be housed at a Center for Catholic Culture at the university, is being described as a significant step for the Catholic Church in North America.

"Our aim is to serve and inspire the ongoing revival of Catholic letters in our time," said co-founder James Matthew Wilson, outgoing professor of humanities at Villanova University near Philadelphia.

Wilson will serve as head of the poetry section of the new program, while Joshua Hren, a writer and publisher of Wiseblood Books, takes on the creative writing side.

Wilson, a longtime poet with four published collections to his credit, said the quality and quantity of Catholic literary output has been meager over the past several decades, but that a revival could be in the making.

"We have great ambitions that merit attention, as this is not a time of grand schemes and projects in the church," Wilson said, "and yet that is just what we hope

to initiate — something big."

Impetus for the fine arts program comes from concerns of Catholic academics, most notably Dana Gioia of the University of Southern California, that Catholic arts and letters in North America are in rough shape.

In his 2014 booklet, "The Catholic Writer Today," Gioia lamented that although Catholics comprise the largest religious and cultural group in the U.S., Catholicism "enjoys almost no positive presence in the American fine arts."

Program co-founder Hren brings experience as a writer and president of a Catholic publishing house to the project.

"We need well-made stories that make the truth about human life intelligible, tangible, definite for readers," Hren told Catholic News Service. "We need stories that reach into our moment through a contemporary idiom but bring to bear the weight of the Catholic literary tradition to bear on these new creations."

The new MFA at the University of St. Thomas "is a home for artists who seek to advance in such a Christic vision," Hren said.

Jessica Hooten Wilson, instructor of humanities and classical education at the Catholic-run University of Dallas and one of the visiting scholars at the University of St. Thomas

creative writing program, said the initiative should support promulgation of the Catholic literary traditions.

"The Catholic imagination is as old as the Church, yet in the 20th and 21st century, Catholic writers have contributed the richest fare of great storytelling and beautiful poetry to our tradition," Hooten Wilson said. "To join the program is to become part of that larger story and participate in a larger calling that your own success, while still being trained in how to excel as an individual writer."

Randy Boyagoda, principal of St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto — and author of Catholic novels and biographies — also is among visiting faculty. He told CNS the establishment of the program suggests a reawakening of Catholic arts and letters across North America.

"There is a small community

of Catholic artists and writers who feel the need to promote this kind of initiative, so it's gratifying to see it taking off like this," Boyagoda said.

Although the list of visiting faculty is not final, guest lecturers include such accomplished writer/poets as USC's Gioia, Sarah Cortez, Robert Royal, Adam Kirsch, Glenn Arbery, Rod Dreher, Ron Hansen and Christopher Beha.

"The program is unique in offering a unified course of study that prepares students for lives as writers and teachers, editors and publishers, whose grasp of the western and Catholic intellectual tradition reaches from Plato, Virgil, and Dante," co-founder James Matthew Wilson said, adding that despite its Catholic emphasis, it is open to applicants from all faith traditions.

Mastromatteo is a writer and editor in Toronto.

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port of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. WCCNEI looks forward to area parishes implementing Walking with Moms in Need, a new initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and to having parishes present it as a resource for care for women facing a pregnancy.

In addition to direct donation, upcoming events offer pro-life advocates the opportunity to support life via WCCNEI's work. On April 15, the center's annual Taste of Life fundraising event will take place virtually, in a format consisting of a giveback meal, raffle and the debut of a new promotional video featuring clients and staff. On Aug. 21 in Noble County, a Drive Fore Life golf outing and trivia contest will take place in Noble County.

To participate in Taste for Life, visit bit.ly/TOL2021. For information about Drive Fore Life, contact the WCCNEI Office at 260-333-7117 or afreeman@wccnei.org.



Congratulations and blessings to Father Geoffrey Mooney, CSC, on your Ordination to the Priesthood April 10, 2021 from the staff and parishioners at Christ the King Catholic Church in South Bend, Indiana



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Catholic groups, bishops pray for end to anti-Asian hate crimes, violence

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Asian and Pacific Islander Catholic groups and a number of Catholic bishops have joined their voices with others in calling for an end to violence and hate crimes against Americans of Asian and Pacific Island heritage. “We call on communities to engage in peaceful dialogue at the local and national levels to address prejudice and anti-Asian bias. We stand for the peaceful co-existence of all peoples, we pray for compassion and love, and work toward healing and unity,” said the leaders of 16 groups representing Korean, Chinese, Indonesian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Hmong, Burmese, Indian and other Asian Catholics. Their March 31 statement was released by the Asian and Pacific Island Affairs section of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. “The rise in violence against Asian people across the country is alarming and horrific to all people of right reason,” San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone said in a March 30 statement, announcing an April 10 service to pray for an end to these attacks. The evening of March 31 Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez was to celebrate an outdoor “Prayer Vigil for Racial Acceptance.”

A season for resurrection arrives for El Salvador's Catholic war victims

CHALATENANGO, El Salvador (CNS) — The sun in March and April is unforgiving in the hills and mountains of El Salvador. The lack of rain and scorching sun puts much of the vegetation to sleep, painting a landscape of barren trees and plants, visual reminders of a Lenten season. In this arid setting in the 1970s and 1980s, the government's armed forces, too, punished the landscape, but their target was people. In 1979, one of those targets in the hills near the village of Los Ramirez was Catalina Ramirez, a 30-year-old Catholic active in her parish. She was an active member of a workers union, illegal back then and likely the reason she was dismembered in 1979, killed along with her father. It has taken more than 40 years, but on March 4, she finally was given what remaining members of her family consider a proper goodbye. Near a grove of mango and coconut trees, Father Manuel Acosta, a Catholic priest and head of the Commission to Search for Persons Disappeared in the Context of the Armed Conflict, known by the acronym in Spanish CONABUSQUEDA, and Bishop Oswaldo Escobar of Chalatenango presided over an outdoor Mass for the repose of Ramirez's soul. “I

Holy Father celebrates Easter at the Vatican



CNS photo/Paolo Galosi

Pope Francis delivers his Easter message “urbi et orbi” (to the city and the world) in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican April 4. With Italy on another lockdown because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the pope gave his Easter blessing standing inside St. Peter's Basilica rather than from the balcony overlooking a full St. Peter's Square.

feel happy, I feel a great satisfaction,” said her brother, Manuel Ramirez Guardado, thanking the community for participating in Mass and sharing the afternoon with the family.

Youth crossings at border lead to rise in offers of foster care help

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The message is still the same. The message's frequency is still the same. How the message is spread is still the same. The only difference, it seems, is what's in the news. Because of the quick rise in the number of unaccompanied minors crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, more people are responding to the call to help made on social media by the U.S. bishops' Migration and Refugee Services. MRS posts messages on its Facebook and Twitter accounts about the need for foster care of young migrant children, both those crossing the border and refugee minors currently across the Atlantic Ocean awaiting foster families in the United States. But MRS hasn't added any other social media outlets to its portfolio, and is posting that the foster

care needs messages in the same rotation with other MRS resettlement programs. After all, “I don't want any one program to feel like we're not promoting them,” according to Mark Priceman, MRS' assistant director of communications. “They're the same messages. Basically, it gets picked up in times of crisis,” Priceman told Catholic News Service in a March 29 phone interview.

At 105, Catholic woman beats COVID-19 with a lot of faith and a little gin

TRENTON, N.J. (CNS) — Lucia DeClerck has survived the 1918 influenza pandemic, two world wars, the loss of three husbands, one son and many of her physicians. Recently added to the list: COVID-19, which she tested positive for on her 105th birthday. “She sailed through the two-week quarantine like a champ without any symptoms,” said her granddaughter, Shawn Laws O'Neil. The tale triggered a flurry of recent articles; her uplifting health news spread far and wide, resulting in an outpouring of

greetings from around the globe — all of which reached DeClerck at her residence in Mystic Meadows Rehab and Nursing Center in Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. There, ensconced in a room adorned with pictures of saints and an olive wood cross from the Holy Land, she recently shared her advice for a long life: prayer without ceasing; love without constraint; abiding concern for others; an open door; no junk food; and, oh yes, nine golden raisins soaked in gin every day as a tonic. “I found the recipe in a cathedral in Honolulu years ago, and I have followed it ever since. It's supposed to cure anything that is wrong,” DeClerck confirmed good-naturedly.

Ugandan Catholic archbishop found dead in his room on Holy Saturday

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS) — Catholic bishops in Uganda are mourning Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga of Kampala, who was found dead in his room April 3. His death shocked the East African nation, where the archbishop had

come to be known as a defender of the rights of the poor and the downtrodden. The cause of death was not released immediately. The 68-year-old archbishop will be buried April 8 at St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Cathedral Rubaga in Kampala. Bishop Joseph Antony Zziwa, chairman of the Uganda Episcopal Conference, expressed the bishops' deep regret at the death of the archbishop. On April 2, the country had watched the archbishop join other Christian leaders in a Way of the Cross procession in St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral. The activity had been organized by the Uganda Joint Christian Council, an ecumenical grouping of Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox Churches. From time to time, Archbishop Lwanga attracted the ire of government officials after he castigated injustices and government excesses. In 2018, he charged that the government had recruited priests and nuns to spy on him. The archbishop said a caller had told him that the government thought he wanted to overthrow it.

Tampa Bay Rays player credits success to his parents, Catholic education

PORTAGE, Ind. (CNS) — Mike Brosseau wishes to be known for his workmanlike dedication to his craft and even-keeled personality. A member of Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Rays since 2019, the graduate of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Gary, Indiana, is sometimes put into a national spotlight when he is identified with the drama of the game. Before the 2021 MLB season began April 1, Brosseau reflected on some intense moments from last season and how he called upon his faith to navigate through them. On Oct. 9, Brosseau found himself walking to the plate as a pinch hitter in the eighth inning of Game 5 of the American League Division Series against the New York Yankees. The best-of-five series was tied 2-2. The score was 1-1. There was one out and no runners on base when Brosseau, who attended St. Bridget School in Hobart and Andean High School, a diocesan high school in Merrillville, assumed his batting stance. “Honestly, I was looking to get into scoring position somehow,” said Brosseau in an interview at his parents' home in Portage. “I wanted to drive a ball with some authority into play.” Brosseau faced Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman and on the 10th pitch, he launched a home run into the left-field seats that wound up being the difference in the Rays' 2-1 win. A celebration of cheers, high-fives and dances greeted the 27-year-old Brosseau as he rounded the bases and headed to the dugout. “I think a big thing that I learned throughout Catholic school was how to be disciplined,” Brosseau explained.

Dr. Scott Hahn to speak at Holy Cross College

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College has announced that Dr. Scott Hahn, nationally and internationally known for his talks on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith, will speak on the weekend of April 23-24. He will give a presentation Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., in the Pfeil Center Arena titled "Saint Joseph: Silent Knight, Holy Knight." On Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m., he will speak on "It is Right and Just: Why the Future of Civilization Depends on True Religion." Brunch will be available Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Pfeil Center Arena. After each session, Dr. Hahn will host a bookstore and signing in the Pfeil Center Board Room.

Hahn has been awarded the Father Michael Scanlan, T.O.R., Chair of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where

he has taught since 1990. He is the founder and president of the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology. From 2005 to 2011, he held the Pope Benedict XVI Chair of Biblical Theology and Liturgical Proclamation at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. From 2014 to 2015, he served as the McEssy Distinguished Visiting Professor of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization, University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. He is the bestselling author of numerous books, including "The Lamb's Supper"; "Reasons to Believe"; and "Rome Sweet Home," co-authored with his wife, Kimberly. Some of his new-

est books are "The First Society," "The Fourth Cup," "Romans: A Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture," "The Creed," "Evangelizing Catholics," "Angels and Saints," and "Joy to the World." Hahn received his Bachelor of Arts degree with a triple major in theology, philosophy and economics from Grove City College, Pennsylvania, in 1979. He earned a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 1982, and a Ph.D. in Biblical Theology from Marquette University in 1995. He has 10 years of youth and pastoral ministry experience in Protestant congregations in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, Kansas and

Virginia and is a former professor of theology at Chesapeake Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1982 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, Virginia, and entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, 1986.

Due to COVID-19 protocols there are a limited number of tickets available for in-person viewing of the presentations. A livestream link will be posted on the HCC website close to the event date. Tickets for the Friday event are available at <https://stpaulcenter.com/holycrossfriday/> and for the Saturday event at <https://stpaulcenter.com/holycrosssaturday/>.

Sisters to host virtual Taizé on April 13

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for song, quiet contemplation and inspired readings during the ecumenical Taizé Prayer livestream service from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. The 2021 theme for Taizé is "The Spirit Breathes ..."

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to the virtual gatherings, which take place on the second Tuesday of each month.

The hour-long service includes prayer, beautiful music, and a time for silence, spoken and silent prayers. The prayer is quiet and reflective, peaceful and joyful.

Find the link to the livestream at Taize.SistersofProvidence.org.

For more information, call 812-535-2952.

Deacon Tardy receives Black role models award

BY WILLIAM SCHMITT

Last year, after considering the possibilities of virtual-meeting technology, a long-established, Chicago-based Catholic group of Black women decided to geographically expand the reach of their annual salute to role models for young men. Among the farther-reaching honorees in 2021 is Deacon Mel Tardy of South Bend.

The award's new scope, combined with Deacon Tardy's extensive list of contributions through his ministry as a deacon — in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and nationally — made him an exemplary choice for the recently bestowed Archbishop James P. Lyke African American Male Image Award.

The annual event allows the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary to raise funds for college scholarships that go to outstanding African American high school seniors in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The awards are named in honor of the late Archbishop Lyke, who rose to be the nation's highest-ranking Black Catholic clergyman in 1992. Lyke led the Atlanta archdiocese until his death one year later.

Deacon Tardy, who celebrates his 10th anniversary of ordination in May, ministers to all the people of St. Augustine Parish while playing several other roles in South Bend and beyond. But he said he was especially humbled to be seen as a religious leader — among honorees from business, education and other arenas — who is affirming young men's aspirations.

"It's really important that we think about role models," Deacon Tardy commented. "That's why we have National Black Catholic History Month every

November and National Black History Month every February." He cited a maxim about youths that undergirds his efforts in the Black community: "What they see is what they'll be."

That's the driving force for his membership in a mentoring group called "100 Black Men of Greater South Bend," part of a nationwide group that he said realizes the encouragement from national figures like Barack Obama and Kamala Harris must also be seen at the local level.

"There's a lot of trauma and a lot of despair" among young Black men who have been much maligned and often have grown up without male role models at home, he said. Successful mentors, representing their community's strengths in ways not seen in some nuclear families, add credible endorsements for steps like preparation to attend college.

Deacon Tardy's contributions to that voice of the broader community extend to membership on the Black Catholic Advisory Board, which helps guide the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese regarding pastoral and social issues, as well as promotion of unity and pride throughout the Church. Most recently, he noted that the diocese had sponsored virtual meetings during Lent to spotlight six Black American Catholics who are on official paths toward possible canonization as saints.

The deacon has been called into service of the Church via other groups, too. He is the elected president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, a fraternal support organization that dates back to the civil rights movement of the 1960s. He is on the boards of the National Black Catholic Congress, the National Association of Black Catholic Deacons and the African American Vocations Committee

of the National Religious Vocation Conference.

A University of Notre Dame graduate, he also serves today's students as an associate advising professor in the university's Center for Undergraduate Advising.

Gaining much support from his wife, Annie, and their children, Deacon Tardy remains a source of great energy for his St. Augustine family. In an enduring and transformative effort that he established for role-modeling among Black youth, the parish sponsors an annual flag-football game where men and boys come together for competition and intergenerational bonding.

The Ladies Auxiliary in Chicago may not have heard about the parish football tradition in South Bend, but they recognized how the ministry of "Deacon Mel," as he is called, reached near and far. His busy pursuit of solidarity among Catholics, which began even before his ordination, strives to transcend the distances between people.

Such transcendence was modeled by the heavenly patron for the Knights and Ladies — St. Peter Claver, a 17th-century Caucasian priest who ministered to the slaves of the New World. The deacon's award as a role model for new generations, amid new challenges, was likewise grasped using God's love, justice and mercy to envision bigger and better encounters.



William Schmitt

Deacon Mel Tardy of St. Augustine Parish, South Bend, was recently honored as one of this year's recipients of the Archbishop James P. Lyke African American Male Image Award. The annual award is a salute to role models for young Black men from the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary in Chicago.



Priests are asked to reaffirm their vocations at the yearly Chrism Mass, so many of them filled the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne March 30. The Chrism Mass is also a time for them to share in the fraternity of their priesthood.

Chrism Masses emphasize mission of the priesthood

BY JENNIFER BARTON

“Olive oil symbolizes many things. One of them is strength.”

— *Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades*

White-vested priests filled the pews of St. Matthew Cathedral and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, March 29, and Tuesday, March 30, as clergy from both sides of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend attended the solemn and beautiful Chrism Masses celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The Masses were not open to the public, although the bishop expressed his happiness at celebrating the Chrism Masses with those joining in via livestream video and the numerous priests in attendance. He expressed hopes for a greater assembly of the faithful at next year's Chrism Masses.

At the Fort Wayne Mass, the entrance hymn chosen was “O Christ, High Priest Eternal,” written by Msgr. Michael Heintz. The hymn focuses on the priesthood and passion of Christ.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades addressed the priests present, saying, “All of us, priests and laity, deacons and religious, are God’s anointed ones, united to the Anointed One, the Christ, by our Baptism. ... We’ve all been anointed with the sweet-smelling oil of chrism. God has anointed us to His service in Baptism and Confirmation and given us a mission: to offer Christ to the world and the world to Christ.”

Chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, a tree resin mentioned several times in the Bible. Balsam was a costly gift, one that the Queen of Sheba

offered, among other gifts, to King Solomon.

The chrism oil was consecrated by the bishop and will be used throughout the year in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and holy orders.

The oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick, on the other hand, are composed simply of olive oil and are blessed rather than consecrated. He stressed that catechumens who will be anointed with sacred chrism need strength to compete for the ultimate prize of their immortal

souls, as do all Christians.

“Olive oil symbolizes many things. One of them is strength,” said Bishop Rhoades.

“On the cross, Jesus fought the dramatic battle with the forces of hatred and evil and He won with the power of His self-giving love. That’s the power that carries us in our Christian life, the power that gives us life and victory. It’s the power that strengthens us in the arena of life.”

Olive oil also has also been used for medicinal purposes through the ages, and the oil of

the sick “will be God’s medicine that we priests as spiritual doctors will use in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick,” he said.

Bishop Rhoades asked those present and those participating virtually to reflect on their life’s vocations, particularly focusing on the priestly vocations of the clergy in attendance. “We were anointed to bring good news to the poor, the joy of the truth of the Gospel, ‘the joy,’ as Pope Francis says, ‘that touches people’s hearts,’ the joy of God’s

mercy and love,” he told them.

Being a priest is not an easy task in a time of deep political divisions and conflict even within the Church, said the bishop.

He reflected on St. Thomas Aquinas’s writings on the cardinal virtue of fortitude. “God calls us to serve Him and His people with humility, with zeal, with courage, with fortitude and with love. This is what we have been anointed to do. And we are to do so with joy. Let us not forget that the oil with which we have been anointed is the oil of gladness.”

He ended by invoking the aid of St. Joseph to “watch over, guard and protect us as we seek to live the anointing in his Son that we have received from the Holy Spirit!”

The priests present, both the recently ordained and those with decades of service to the Church renewed their priestly promises, rededicating themselves to the ministry in which God has called them. Bishop Rhoades then asked those present in person and virtually to pray for the diocese’s priests and for himself, that they might remain faithful to the teachings of Christ and vigilant in pastoring their flocks.

Many diocesan seminarians took part in the Chrism Masses as well, and three of the seven deacons who, God willing, will be ordained to the priesthood in June, presented the oils to the bishop for blessing and consecration. At the end of Mass, the bishop stated that he looked forward to their ordination with great joy, when he would profusely anoint their hands with the sacred chrism he had just consecrated.



Jennifer Miller



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades consecrates the oil of the sick and prepares the sacred chrism at the South Bend, left, and Fort Wayne Chrism Masses. These oils will be used by parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend throughout the year during sacred occasions such as baptisms and anointing of the sick.

'The start of the triduum: Holy Thursday Mass'

BY JENNIFER MILLER

In a socially distant yet standing room-only church, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offered the sacrifice of the most holy Eucharist at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, on the evening of Holy Thursday. After not being able to celebrate last year in person the Easter triduum, a sense of gratitude for this new stage of the pandemic was apparent. All of the diocesan seminarians and numerous lay faithful prayed in a quiet reverence and anticipation at the start of the triduum, the three days between Lent and the most holy day of the Catholic liturgical calendar: Easter.

"The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins with this Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. We enter into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection," Bishop Rhoades preached. "The word 'Paschal' comes from the Greek word 'Pascha,' which means 'Passover.' It was at the time of the Jewish feast of Passover that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples. The Passover, as you know, was the celebration of the Exodus from Egypt, when God liberated and saved His people from slavery. In the Old Testament, this is the climactic revelation of God's love."



The altar of repose at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, received the body, soul and divinity of Jesus after Mass, as did the Garden of Gethsemane the night before His passion.



At left, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades preaches on the rich parallels between the original Passover from the Old Testament and that of the New Testament as completed by Jesus, the Lamb of God, at the Last Supper.

During this intimate meal, Jesus fully offered the gift of His very self, body and blood, nothing remaining. Completing the original Passover meal, He obeyed the Father's will.

"Jesus did something strange on the night of the Last Supper, the bishop said. Rather than talk about the past exodus from Egypt, Jesus talked about what would happen the next day: His suffering and death. So the Last Supper wasn't an ordinary Passover meal. Jesus was establishing a new Passover: His Passover from death to life. He anticipated this new Passover at the Last Supper. It is the climactic revelation of God's love in the New Testament, and indeed, in all human history."

Opening and explaining Holy Scripture patiently and piece by piece, Bishop Rhoades highlighted some of the exegetical details discussed in the night's Gospel.

"It's amazing to look at the parallels. Like the lamb at the Passover, Jesus was without blemish. He was without sin. Like the Passover lamb, none of His bones were broken at His crucifixion. Like the Passover lamb, Jesus was sacrificed. Like the Passover lamb whose blood was poured out and spread on the wood of the houses, Jesus' blood was poured out and spread on the wood of the cross. Like the Passover lamb whose flesh was eaten, Jesus gave His flesh to be eaten when He said at the Last Supper: 'Take and eat. This

is my body which is given up for you.' And just as the Old Passover was to be a memorial feast, so Jesus established a memorial feast of the New Passover, the Eucharist, when He said: 'Do this in memory of me.'"

Connecting Catholics' spiritual ancestry to the present day, Bishop Rhoades illuminated the rich meanings of Scripture. "The Jewish Passover was both a sacrifice and a meal. The Holy Eucharist, instituted on this holy night, is also both a sacrifice and a meal. It is a sacrifice in that it makes present the sacrifice of the cross. Christ gives us the very body which He gave up for us on the cross and the very blood which He poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins," he explained.

"The Eucharist is also a meal. It is the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood. In the Eucharistic feast, we enter into a real communion in the body and blood of Jesus."

"At the Last Supper, the ancient Passover acquired a new meaning. The cross is at the center of the new Passover of Jesus. From it came the gift of true freedom, salvation and new life. This new Passover lives on forever in the Most Holy Eucharist, our food for the journey to the new promised land of heaven."

At this sacrificial meal, Jesus also began the institution of the priesthood. With His example of washing the disciples' feet, Jesus demonstrated servant leadership. In great humility, following the example of the relationship of the Blessed Trinity, Christians are called to follow and do likewise.

Bishop Rhoades concluded by connecting his preaching to the next part of Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, pointing to what lies ahead.

"Now, before we gather around the altar of the Lamb, we will have the washing of the feet. We do what our Lord and Master has done. This is what Jesus did at the Last Supper when He gave us the amazing gift of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. We cannot separate the two. The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of love. In the Eucharist, He continues to love us to the end. And He says to us, as He said to the apostles after washing their feet: 'I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.'"

Mass concluded quietly with the repose of the Blessed Sacrament in a side chapel, surrounded by candles and palms, reflecting Jesus' prayer that evening in the Garden of Gethsemane, before His arrest. The faithful were invited to stay and pray as long as they'd like.



Photos by Jennifer Miller

Following the mandate of Jesus on Holy Thursday, Bishop Rhoades washes the feet of Saint Joseph High School senior John Ivancsics.

St. Dominic Hispanic community commemorates Christ's passion

BY DENISE FEDOROW

The Spanish-speaking community of St. Dominic Parish in Bremen gathered Good Friday evening for the commemoration of Christ's passion.

After the Liturgy of the Word, including John's account of the passion, St. Dominic's pastor, Father Fernando Jiménez, delivered his homily, saying in part, "On this holy day, we gather to meditate on Jesus' total self-giving in a loving sacrifice for our salvation, we are able to understand better the practices of the Old Testament that were performed in preparation for what was about to come."

He said that, in the Old Testament, the temple, the altar, the priest and the victim were separate entities but "Jesus' sacrifice is different because all these elements, required for the sacrifice, coexist in the same person; meaning Jesus is the temple, the altar, the priest and the victim."

Father Jiménez went on to cite the scriptural references of Jesus being called the temple. Like the altar is made of stone, Christ was also referred to as the "supernatural rock" and the "cornerstone."

"Jesus is the greatest high priest. Because He is both divine and human, Jesus is the perfect mediator. He is not only the perfect priest, holy and sinless, but the perfect sacrifice," he said.

Father Jiménez spoke of the power of the Lord's blood saying, "If you desire further proof of this blood, remember where it came from, how it ran down from the cross, flowing from the Master's side. The Gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced His side with a lance and immediately there poured out water and blood. Now the water was a symbol of baptism and the blood of the Holy Eucharist." Father Jiménez



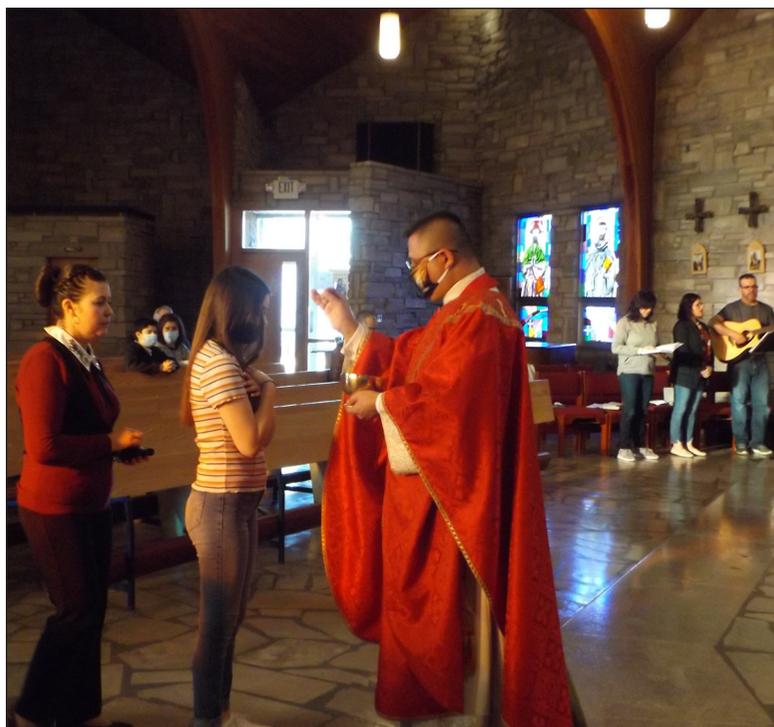
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Father Fernando Jiménez, pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Bremen, prostrates himself before the altar during the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, signifying the grief and sorrow of the Church. St. Dominic parishioners celebrated Good Friday services, which included veneration of the cross on which the Lord died, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

said both sacraments are needed for salvation.

He completed his sermon by stating, "Jesus freely accepted the cross because He loves you and wants us to live free of sin in a new life. Many feel sorry for how Jesus was treated, but the whole reason was so we may live. Rather than sorry, let us be thankful for the perfect sacrifice which Jesus offered for our redemption."

Father Jiménez later unveiled the crucifix for the congregation to venerate.





Photos by John Martin

Easter Vigil is a time of expectant waiting, explained by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as a time of watching and waiting for the risen Savior. It is full of symbolism, one of which is the placement of incense into the paschal candle to represent the wounds of Christ on the cross.

Bishop Rhoades celebrates 'the most sacred night in the history of humanity'

BY JENNIFER BARTON

“This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness.” Deacon Logan Parrish chanted these words of the Exsultet in the dimly lit Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Saturday, April 3. He and Deacon Keeton Lockwood assisted Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Easter Vigil Mass, with concelebrants Father Jake Runyon and Father Peter Dee De.

Always held as the light of day gives way to night, Easter Vigil symbolizes the expectant waiting for the Light of the World to come in His glory. The solemn celebration began in hushed darkness with the kindling of the holy fire, from which the paschal candle was lit. Bishop Rhoades prayed over the candle and inserted five grains of incense atop the cross on the candle, representing the five wounds of Christ, intoning, “By His holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard us and protect us, amen.”

Bishop Rhoades and the congregation processed inside the darkened cathedral behind the lighted paschal candle, from which came the only source of light. This illustrates Christ as the light coming into a world of darkness and despair. Three times the Lumen Christi was sung during the reverent procession. And bit by bit, the church was illuminated by individual candles whose flames began



After the renewal of baptismal promises, the bishop sprinkles the congregation with holy water to remind the faithful of their own baptism.

from the paschal candle.

The Exsultet, or Easter Proclamation, dates back to the Middle Ages and recounts God working throughout salvation history, with the glory of Jesus' resurrection as the crowning moment in time. The eloquent hymn praises Christ's sacrifice and is always meant to be sung, as Deacon Parrish did so beautifully. One sentence of the ancient hymn passionately articulates the reverence and awe of the evening: “The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy

to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty.”

Much of the symbolism of Easter Vigil flows from the traditional celebration of the Passover and the Church's Jewish roots. The Old Testament readings in the first part of the Mass recall the old covenant God had made with Israel and how He had brought His chosen people out of slavery in Egypt and promised a Messiah to come. In the interim between Old Testament and New Testament readings, the Cathedral's melodious choir sang the Gloria accompanied by a joy-

ful ringing of bells as the church was fully lighted.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades called the eve of Easter Sunday “a most sacred night, the most sacred night, in the history of humanity. It is the night in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life. We are here in our cathedral to keep vigil, to remember Jesus' Passover. We do so by listening to God's word and celebrating His mysteries.”

He explained the significance of the readings to those awaiting baptism and a “new life in Christ. ... Baptism brings the

ultimate freedom; freedom from the slavery of sin and the power of death, through our being incorporated into Christ and His Body the Church, giving us the power and grace to make it to the promised land of heaven.”

All Catholics are invited to renew their baptismal promises at Easter, and to remember that God has commissioned the faithful to spread the good news of Christ's resurrection. The bishop explained that Jesus' ministry began in Galilee with the calling of the first disciples.

He continued, “Now, back in Galilee, the Risen Jesus makes them missionary disciples. This is a clear mandate for them and for us, His disciples today. It is a mandate, not just an option. We who have been baptized, who have been strengthened by the Holy Spirit in confirmation and nourished by Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist, are also commanded to go forth, to live and share the Gospel, to make it known by the witness of our words and actions. What's so beautiful is that we're not alone in this. Jesus is alive and is with us.”

This year, four adult members of the parish were baptized into the Catholic faith at Easter Vigil. Along with one candidate for full communion in the Church, they were also confirmed by Bishop Rhoades and received their first Communion. One child, Kurtis Ballentine, the young son of Brandon Ballentine, was also welcomed into the Church alongside his father.

One year later, measuring our gains and losses

One year ago, I left my office for what I thought was a few weeks. Soon, I was wearing gloves to the grocery store and sanitizing the groceries when I got home. Spring was a time of fear and high alert.

At times it felt as if the days passed with unbelievable slowness, as we all settled down into our bubbles. Thirty million cases and 537,000 dead later, today the 12 months feel like they rocketed by us. Suddenly we have arrived at a point where we are one or two shots away from feeling a little safer for the first time in a year.

At this transition point — not out of the woods yet but the end in sight — I have been thinking about the lessons learned and unlearned, the moments savored and the moments when my frustration got the better of me.

In March 2020, my world suddenly shrank. Friends, acquaintances, colleagues, children — all suddenly out of reach. It felt like the pandemic version of the rapture, with people disappearing from my life in an instant: I couldn't dine with or hug or just spend time indoors with them.

Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas: Holidays tumbled by in which any possibility of celebration was preceded by the logistics of COVID-19 testing, masking and social distancing. Dining alfresco was the new normal.

At the same time, much of the noise, the hustle and bustle of daily life, receded. Remember those first weeks, when skies

cleared of smog and the cities grew measurably more still? I was struck by how clearly I could hear the bird calls; many I had never paid attention to like the plaintive call of the mourning dove or the ray gun bursts of the cardinal.

I was one of the lucky ones who could still work from home, and the stories of the suddenly unemployed, fearful of eviction, of hunger or worse, pained me. Many charities, panicked at first, were surprised to see that giving was up, but no wonder: We who could give felt so blessed that our reaction was to share with others.

The pandemic was also a postgraduate course in scientific inquiry. Our scientists were learning on the fly, and so was I. Don't wear the N95 masks because hospitals needed them. But wear masks. Wipe down surfaces. But perhaps that was not necessary. Wash your hands. Make your masks tighter and thicker. Avoid gatherings. Unless in Florida.

I wasn't angry at the changing information. It heartened me that people were paying attention, trying to learn the behavior of a stealthy, lethal foe. Viruses may be the only threat mankind faces that could obliterate us (besides the threat we pose to ourselves, of course). Our most intrepid enemy is fiendishly clever and adaptable.

We can't wait to get back to our remembered "normal," but I predict that as we do, there will be moments of nostalgia. I feel



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it a bit now already: The time spent at home. No commutes. The Zoom cocktail hours with friends and family that we never did before. I prayed more. I exercised more. I waved at neighbors who had been strangers to me, happy to see others who shared my predicament.

In some ways, I had an "It's a Wonderful Life," George Bailey experience. Not COVID-19, but the quarantine was my Clarence, showing me what matters most when I felt I had lost a lot.

I know it's human nature to want to rush back into the hustle and bustle of our old normal, but this rare, unexpected year of loss will be a waste if we don't take the time to learn from what we gained.

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The hand-me-down: a love letter that endures

There are echoes of Romeo and Juliet, but the ending is happier.

This story of forbidden love took place long ago on a Mediterranean island — 1870s Sicily, to be exact.

Elizabeth Lagudice was a beautiful noblewoman with dark curls and big eyes. Dona Elizabeth, as she was called, made a fabled mistake: She fell in love with a tailor.

She was enchanted by Matteo Parisi, the hardworking young man who made dresses and evening coats for nobility. But because he lacked her social status, her parents did not approve of the match. And in a move that smacks of a Disney villain, they sequestered Elizabeth at home, hoping it would dissolve the attachment.

It did not.

Servants were sympathetic to the young couple, and they smuggled Matteo's finest threads to Elizabeth to use as the cutwork for her hope chest. Among the hidden fabric was an exquisite white bedsheet.

It was a love letter made of linen. Elizabeth held it close to her heart, and it kept the flame of love alive while they were apart.

The needlework expected of young Italian women of that era was tedious. Elizabeth labored over the bedsheet from Matteo for two years, it is estimated, cutting tiny holes and then delicately threading them together, all while dreaming of a future with the handsome tailor.



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

Eventually the two were reunited and married. They moved to Canada for a new beginning. Far from home and the aid of her servants, Elizabeth faced a steep learning curve. According to one story, she didn't even know how to do her own hair. But the love she and Matteo shared only deepened with time, blessing them with seven children.

They built a wonderful life together. They were self-sufficient, practical — they slept on the linen bedsheets Elizabeth had embroidered — and happy.

In 1908, tragedy struck back home: Europe's most powerful earthquake shook Sicily, followed by a vicious tsunami, flattening the island and killing some 200,000 Italians. No one from Elizabeth's family survived.

The family estate had vanished, cementing her new life without noble status. She never looked back.

Time passed, and Elizabeth grew to be a content old woman. One day in 1965, her daughter Josephine, herself an old woman, uncovered the bedsheet in a trunk. It was spotted

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Through Jesus, divine mercy is with us



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Second Sunday of Easter John 20:19-31

As almost always in the Easter season, the Acts of the Apostles furnishes the Liturgy of the Word with its first reading.

Acts claims to be, and scholars assume it indeed to be, the work of the Evangelist who wrote St. Luke's Gospel. Acts, therefore, may properly be seen as a continuation of the story presented in Luke's Gospel. Luke's Gospel closes with the ascension of Jesus. Acts begins at that point.

As it progresses, Acts traces

for some years the development of the infant Church, describing the plight of its first members. In so doing, it provides a fascinating insight into the formation of the Church's structure, as well as a powerful lesson in the basic beliefs that so compelled absolute loyalty and devotion from the early Christians, whom Acts praises as great examples of unqualified faith and, obversely, of human ignorance and treachery.

In this weekend's reading, Acts presents the first members of the Church as being "of one heart and one mind." Love for and adherence to the Lord were central to their lives.

The Apostles bore witness to the resurrection of Jesus. The Lord's special followers and students, whom Jesus commissioned to continue the work of salvation, had literally seen the Risen Lord. The first Christians revered the Apostles.

Love for others, in the model of Jesus, was more than a platitude or vague ideal. The early Christians assisted the poor. They sold their property and

donated the proceeds to assist the needy.

St. John's first letter supplies the second reading, defining what being a Christian means.

Each believer must give self fully in love to God, through trust and faith in Jesus. Because of this commitment and because of the Lord's redeeming acts, each Christian is a child of God. This term means much more than merely earthly creation. It means eternal life. Baptism in water symbolizes this absolute commitment.

The Gospel reading for this weekend is from St. John's Gospel. It is a Resurrection narrative, and it is a story with which most Christians are quite familiar. Do you recall the dismay among the followers of Jesus when they found the empty tomb? Where had the body of the Lord been taken?

This reading answers the question. The body of the Lord has been taken nowhere. Jesus lives. He is risen. The encounter with the doubting, demanding Thomas affirms this fact.

Resurrection from the dead is stunning, in itself, but Jesus further acts as God by conferring the very power of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. He grants them the authority of forgiving sins, a divine privilege because sin affronts God. He sends them to the four corners of the world to bring redemption to all humankind.

Passing through locked doors as if they were thin air, Jesus greeted the Apostles with "Peace be with you." He makes clear that peace only is in God. The living Lord is the sole source of peace.

Reflection

This weekend, the Church calls its people to rejoice in God's mercy. It defines mercy. God has redeemed us. Further, it recalls the great compassion and charity of the first Christians. They imitated Jesus, the Son of God. God is love.

When we observe Divine Mercy Sunday on this date, we remember that in and through Jesus, the Risen, the Son of God, divine mercy is with us. The

memory, however, is dynamic. It summons us to follow the Lord's example in our attitude towards others, our active compassion for one and all.

Finally, we are not alone. The Lord left us the Apostles. With their successors in the Church as our guides and the bearers of divine mercy, literally, we find forgiveness and the light to see the way to follow Jesus.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

The filibuster bolsters stability

The United States Senate is a unique institution. Other legislative bodies lack its peculiar rules, which require a supermajority vote to get most things done.

In the Senate, a voting minority can hold up business by extending debate, a tactic we call a filibuster. The members of the Senate can end a filibuster by voting to shut off debate (cloture).

The requirement for doing this has evolved over time. Before 1975, it took a two-thirds majority to end debate and force a vote. Now cloture requires only a three-fifths majority.

We have also carved out other exceptions to the rule over the years. In 2013 and 2017 it was changed so that executive and judicial confirmations could go through on simple majorities. Another change, adopted as part of the modern budgeting process, allows certain budgetary items — like the ones that worked their way through Congress last month — to pass with only a simple majority.

This mechanism, reconciliation, was used to change the individual and corporate tax rates during each of the past four presidential administrations. But for ordinary legislation (and as the Senate parliamentarian recently ruled, the \$15 minimum wage is included in that category) 60 votes are still required to get a bill through the 100-member Senate.

The filibuster rule became a hot topic this winter, now that Democrats have won the presidency along with narrow majorities in both houses of Congress. One way to look at the filibuster

is to say that it limits what a majority in Congress can do when real national policy questions are on the line.

But it might be more accurate to say that, on most issues other than taxes and spending, it forces the parties to work together and find consensus. Unless the party in power — Democrats, as things now stand — could get overwhelming voter support in the election, they would need Republican support for measures they wanted to enact.

At a time when sharp political divisions are the rule, there may be benefits to such a requirement. Absent this guardrail we would probably see much wilder swings in policy between elections. Political uncertainty and

confusion over the law would be greater factors in our lives.

This would not only undermine respect for the law, it would also likely increase the amount of truly unpopular legislation that Congress passes. That is a recipe for making political divisions sharper and hotter than they are now.

It's one thing for each new president

to tweak the tax code. But imagine having to completely reorganize your business every election cycle, as simple majorities make radical changes back and forth.

Or imagine trying to run an organization that receives federal money for some public purpose, when funding gets switched on or off depending on which party is in power.

The pendulum of control is always shifting. At the moment, Democrats are more interested in changing Senate rules to allow simple-majority governance. The



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INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

filibuster might be the only thing protecting religious freedom from majoritarian overrides in bills such as the Equality Act, which is pending before the Senate.

But those moderate Democrats who are coming to appreciate the filibuster have the better point. Liberals' stated priorities would be at equal risk were majoritarian rule ever introduced in the Senate.

Think back to 2005, and what George W. Bush and the Republican Congress might have done with such power. Would Democrats really want to be forced to take away people's personal Social Security accounts after they were created and funded by a simple Republican majority? Would they want to rebuild Obamacare (or any of a dozen other welfare or entitlement programs) from scratch every couple of election cycles? What can be created without a broad consensus can just as easily be destroyed, like a sandcastle in the changing tide.

The Senate's supermajority requirement is annoying to those in power, but processes that limit majority powers also have the effect of bolstering stability and the rule of law.

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and yellowed, but after being laundered and bleached, it came out beautifully — the Italian love letter, fully intact.

Then came a brilliant idea: to turn it into a christening gown. Elizabeth's great, great grandson Michael was the first to wear it, baptized at 1 week old. His siblings wore it later and then the next generation, stitching the family together in a sacramental way. It enabled them to preserve their heirloom and their heritage.

The gown reminds the family that love trumps all. It's a sign of hope, that a young woman could embroider for years and years, overcome opposition and finally

marry the man of her dreams.

"It speaks to the determination of people who have not always had a lot," said Michael's mother, Beth, who was named after the Sicilian noblewoman and is now a 77-year-old retired postmaster.

The gown is also a symbol of trust in divine providence. Like Elizabeth's other descendants, Beth has responded to daunting circumstances with courage and trust. She dove into an unfamiliar job as a postal clerk after staying home with her kids, she led computer training for her colleagues when she utterly lacked technical savvy and she uprooted her life and moved to South Carolina for the benefit of

her husband's health.

"Through the years I've learned that, as long as you're trusting and have faith, what's supposed to happen will work out," she said. "Elizabeth waited a long time to get married. She had to stand her ground and say, 'Nope, this is what's supposed to be.'"

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for April 11, 2021

John 20 19-31

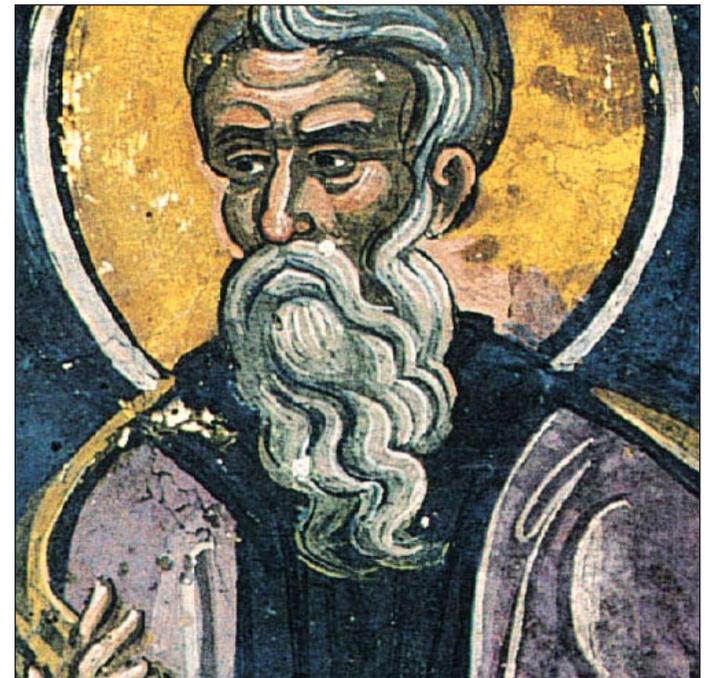
Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Divine Mercy Sunday, Cycle B: The questions of Thomas. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

EVENING	THE DOORS	LOCKED
JESUS CAME	PEACE	SHOWED
HANDS	REJOICED	FATHER
BREATHED	RECEIVE	HOLY SPIRIT
RETAINED	THOMAS	TWELVE
UNLESS	MARK	A WEEK LATER
BELIEVE	MY GOD	BLESSED

THOMAS DOUBT'S

H J A W E E K L A T E R
 O S E V E N I N G O E D
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ST. THEODORE OF SYKEON



FEAST: APRIL 22
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St. Theodore was raised in a brothel where a cook formed him as a Christian, teaching him to pray, fast, and to benefit from the sacraments. As a teenager he practiced extreme mortification in a cave near Sykeon in Asia Minor. But he also became well-known for his service to neighbors with gifts of healing, exorcism and prophecy. Theodore adopted some weird ascetical practices. For example, he sometimes wrapped himself in an iron breastplate, collar, rings and chains. The Church wants us to imitate Theodore's charity, not his mortification. As Charles of Sezze, a 17th-century saint, taught: "God does not command us to live in hair-shirts and chains . . . but to love him above all things and our neighbors as ourselves."

Mechanical upgrades among projects funded by Parishes-in-Need program

FORT WAYNE — The Parishes-in-Need Fund Committee met during the winter to review parish requests for financial assistance of church projects. The committee recommended a total of \$199,649 be granted to 11 parishes for 14 essential projects, enabling them to arrive at a more stable existence. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades approved the grants.

The Annual Bishop's Appeal of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend includes a funding program to assist less affluent parishes. Although not every request submitted by the parishes can be met, the committee carefully considers the nature of each request in light of the total needs and financial resources of the parish as well as the other parishes in the diocese requesting funding assistance. If all or part of a request cannot be met, often the committee recommends the parish apply to another fund or financial resource in the diocese or community, or seek other alternatives.

Some funds remain in the account for use throughout the year by parishes when a new need arises. If all the money is not used in a given year, however, it is carried over and allocated to next year's Parishes-in-Need fund.

"Hopefully, this money will strengthen these parishes financially, increase their outreach and improve their ability to do the work of Christ," said Bishop Rhoades.

This year's disbursement and the primary parish projects include:

Fort Wayne

- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception — \$10,000 subsidy to send Burmese children to Catholic schools
- Queen of Angels — \$9,869 to update and improve plumbing in school bathrooms
- St. Joseph — \$37,150 to replace the church cooling system

Fort Wayne area

- St. John the Baptist, New Haven — \$5,000 for new church

boilers and \$5,000 for parish center air conditioning

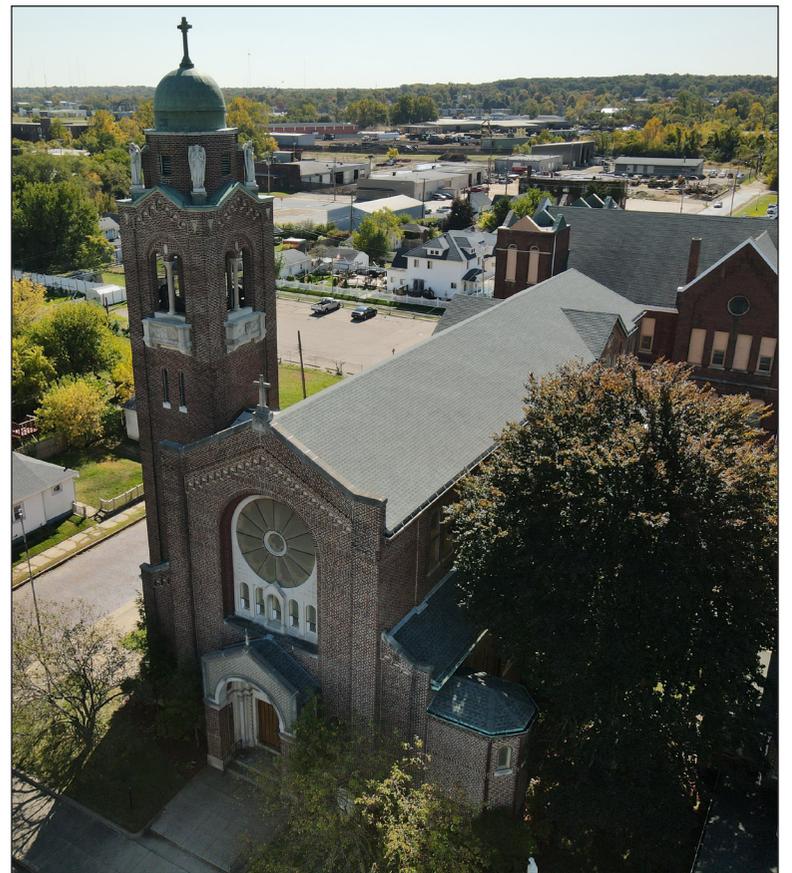
- St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur — \$15,000 to replace HVAC system

South Bend

- Holy Cross — \$23,570 for essential electrical updates
- St. Adalbert — \$20,000 to purchase a new HVAC System for four classrooms in the school
- St. Casimir — \$20,000 for a new bathroom in the church
- St. John the Baptist — \$17,460 for touchless flush valves in school restrooms

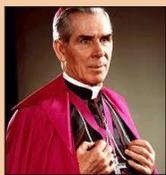
South Bend area

- St. Michael, Plymouth — \$20,000 for bat removal in the church
- St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — \$4,600 for two controlled-access doors in the school, \$6,000 for security camera updates for the parish and school and \$6,000 to replace school drinking fountains



Today's Catholic file photo

St. Casimir was awarded \$20,000 to purchase a new bathroom in the church.



Pilgrimage to Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Shrine Thursday, June 10 — Cost is \$85

Join Father Daniel Wheelan and the Father Solanus Guild Huntington to visit the Tomb of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in Peoria, IL.

Contact Jan Scher at 260-450-3045 or e-mail her at jansch8@gmail.com. Reserve space by May 1, 2021.

ST. THEODORE GUERIN HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENT SEARCH

St. Theodore Guerin High School is a diocesan, college preparatory high school serving approximately 750 students in grades 9-12. The school is dedicated to its mission of educating students from diverse backgrounds and preparing them to be servant leaders through faith formation, academic excellence and student life. Nationally recognized as one of the Top 50 Catholic High Schools in the country, Guerin Catholic is located in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, and serves several communities in and around Noblesville, IN.



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- Ensures the Catholic mission of the school is developed and promoted among all stakeholders; embodies the expression of Catholic identity
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- Articulates the mission of the school to alumni, parents, faculty, staff and the wider community
- Inspires collaboration from all internal and external constituent groups, using exceptional relationship-building, interpersonal, and communication skills
- Develops and updates the strategic plan for the future of the school
- Serves as an administrative officer of both the Hamilton County Catholic High School Corporation Board and the School Governing Board

Qualifications

- Practicing Roman Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church
- Proven success in advancing the mission of a business, nonprofit, or school
- Strong Advancement experience and financial acumen
- Transformational leader with innovative vision
- Leads with humility, serves with love, trusts in Providence

The anticipated start date of the President position is July 1, 2021. The President Profile and further information for this position can be found at www.guerincatholic.org

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Sacred Heart Cemetery spring cleanup
SOUTH BEND — Sacred Heart Cemetery, corner of Pine Road and Western Avenue, will conduct the annual spring cleanup April 26 through May 1. All decorations should be removed by this time. Contact Patrick Nowak at 574-287-7125 or narohaz@aol.com.

Organ concert planned for St. Charles Borromeo Parish
FORT WAYNE — Vincent Carr, associate professor of organ at Indiana University will present an organ concert Friday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd. There is no admission fee, however, a free-will offering will be received. A socially distanced ice cream "meet and greet" will take place following the program. Contact Tim Robison 260-446-3118 or trobison@scbfw.org for information.

Easter hope, healing and hymns
FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1502 E Wallen Rd., will host a musical evening of hymns of hope to help bring Christ's healing from the many challenges of the past year, Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m. This event will also be

livestreamed at www.saintv.org, Facebook and YouTube.

Queen of Angels kindergarten open house
FORT WAYNE — Do you have a child ready to enter kindergarten? A kindergarten open house will take place at Queen of Angels School on Wednesday, April 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meet the kindergarten teacher, visit her classroom, and learn about the school day and the classroom routines. Enrollment and financial assistance information will be available during the open house. Come meet new kindergarten friends and learn how you can join the "Royal" family.

Sensory-friendly Mass at St. Elizabeth
FORT WAYNE — A sensory-friendly Mass will be the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 10700 Aboite Center Rd. Livestream: www.facebook.com/belongingFWSB. Contact Allison at 260-399-1452 for questions.

St. Vincent de Paul store in need of donations
FORT WAYNE — Donations of cars, trucks and vans to the St. Vincent de Paul store, in Fort Wayne are tax-deductible. Call 260-456-3561 for pick up or drop off at the store, 1600 S. Calhoun St.



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Diocese of Evansville Director of Catechesis

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The Director of the Office of Catechesis is responsible for continuing the mission of Jesus Christ through catechesis and evangelization throughout the diocese. This includes supporting a vision that encourages parishes to provide quality catechetical programs for all parishioners in keeping with the latest church documents, norms and directives.

Qualifications include, but are not limited to:

- **Fully participating and practicing Catholic**
- **Advanced degree in theology, religious education or related field**
- **Five years of successful experience in Parish Catechetical Ministry and an awareness of diocesan needs and objectives**
- **Strong organizational, managerial and interpersonal skills that inspire confidence among Ordained, Religious, Catechetical Leaders, and other diocesan groups.**

A complete position description can be found in the Employment Opportunities tab on the diocese's website <http://www.evdio.org>

*Those interested should send a cover letter and resume to hr-catechesis@evdio.org
 The deadline for priority consideration is March 26, 2021.*

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 St. Patrick

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 Conception

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 Cynthia Grothouse,
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 Borromeo

Granger
 Nancy Banks, 68, St.
 Pius X

Notre Dame
 Sister M. Cyril, CSC, 95,
 Our Lady of Loretto

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 Our Lady of Good
 Hope

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 John Ditzler, 89, SS.
 Peter and Paul

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Myanmar cardinal says Easter must be beginning of nation's healing

YANGON, Myanmar (CNS) — Cardinal Charles Bo of Yangon has called on the citizens of Myanmar, which is witnessing merciless killings by security forces, not to give up hope.

"The Way of the Cross of Myanmar will never go in vain. It will end in the resurrection of freedom, democracy and peace and prosperity to all," he said in a homily at the Easter Vigil Mass April 3. His remarks were reported by ucanews.com.

"Hundreds have been killed. A bloodbath has flown on our sacred land. Young and old and even children have been mercilessly killed."

The Southeast Asian nation has seen daily pro-democracy protests following a Feb. 1 coup that abruptly ended a 10-year democracy experiment.

At least 557 people, including 44 children, have been killed and more than 2,600 arrested since the military takeover, according to a rights group which monitors casualties and arrests.

Ucanews.com reported Cardinal Bo said the Resurrection is a reminder of hope and Easter must start the process of healing the nation.

"The war against our youth, killing them in the streets, is a war against human dignity," he said, adding that "torture, abuse, merciless killings made it the

21st century Calvary."

He added: "The coup is a shattering catastrophe. Dreams of our people became a nightmare. Let the dreams of democracy buried for the last two months in the graves of oppression be resurrected."

The cardinal has praised young people's determination in the fight for democracy and justice as the struggle has drawn huge support from all men and women of goodwill.

"In a poignant show of humanity, those who died young donated their body and blood to the future of others, shaming cowards who celebrated every killing," Cardinal Bo said.

He added that young people's struggle "has awakened a huge wave of humanity and fellowship among all people."

The cardinal has called on young people to adopt non-violent methods and not to die unnecessarily.

"If you live long, democracy is strengthened, the evil is weakened," he said, adding that the enemy knows only the language of violence.

"Let a new Myanmar of peace and prosperity rise from the grave of hatred and darkness," he added.



CNS photo/social media via Reuters

Easter eggs painted with slogans from the protests against the military coup are displayed in Mandalay, Myanmar, April 3. Cardinal Charles Bo of Yangon has called on the citizens of Myanmar not to give up hope.

Wednesday, April 21

- 7a Founders Hour
- 8a Womens Care Center
- 9a Bishop Luers High School
- 10a Saint Anthony South Bend
- 11a Saint Charles Borromeo Fort Wayne
- 12p Bishop Rhoades
- 1p Saint Jude Fort Wayne
- 2p Saint Joseph Hill Street, South Bend
- 3p Saint Monica Mishawaka
- 4p Saint Michael Plymouth
- 5p Corpus Christi South Bend
- 6p University of Saint Francis

Thursday, April 22

- Seminarian Hour
- Our Lady of Good Hope Fort Wayne
- Bishop Dwenger High School
- Double your Dollar Tippmann Hour
- Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel
- Saint John the Baptist Fort Wayne
- Most Precious Blood Fort Wayne
- Saint Pius X Granger
- Saint John the Baptist New Haven
- Queen of Angels Fort Wayne
- Redeemer Radio Interns
- Doctor, Doctor Fort Wayne Studio

Friday, April 23

- St. John the Evangelist Goshen
- Queen of Peace Mishawaka
- Saint Matthew Cathedral South Bend
- Saint Therese Little Flower South Bend
- Saint Thomas the Apostle Elkhart
- Saint Vincent Fort Wayne
- Saint Elizabeth Fort Wayne
- Sacred Heart Warsaw
- Huntington Catholic Fort Wayne Studio
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