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## Teens receive the Lord at stateside World Youth Day



Photos by Joshua Schipper

**Father Jay Horning joins teens at Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne for a World Youth Day gathering Saturday, Aug. 28. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass, and the youths heard talks from a number of speakers.**

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER

**H**undreds of high school students from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend gathered for a stateside World Youth Day celebration at the Lincoln Financial Pavilion in Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, Aug. 28.

Visiting priest Father Agustino Torres emceed the all-day event, where teens took advantage of opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and a handful of small-group discussions, and raised their voices in bilingual praise and worship music.

In a talk given by Sister Ignatia Henneberry, she told students

about the importance of people knowing that they stand for Jesus, saying, "Scripture says we must be saved by the name of Jesus. And you all know the name that saves. You know Him."

"Being able to speak the name of Jesus means that you're so overcome by His presence that you become Jesus," she continued.

Father Augustine Onuoha, part-time chaplain at Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, also offered some words of encouragement to the youth. The recently ordained priest spoke of the difficulties in his journey to realize his vocation, and reminded students that, through their own difficulties, God has a plan for them.



**Father Agustino Torres emceeds the stateside, diocesan event.**

"When my congregation was disbanded in Nigeria many years ago, God was thinking of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana," he said. "When my congregation was disbanded many years ago, God was thinking about you today."

"When Bishop Rhoades ordained me," he continued, "God was thinking about you."

That evening, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass, during which he talked to the teens about the "primacy of the heart."

"When I was praying with the Gospel we just heard, I could imagine the expression on the faces of the Pharisees and the

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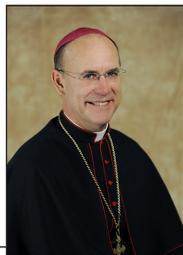
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## The Pursuit of Truth



### IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

*The following is Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades' homily at the opening Mass of the 2021-22 academic year at the University of Saint Francis Aug. 25.*

It is wonderful to be with you today to celebrate this Mass of the Holy Spirit as you begin a new academic year here at the University of Saint Francis. A special welcome to all the new students, faculty and staff who join the USF community!

Why do Catholic universities begin an academic year with the Mass of the Holy Spirit? We do so because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, and a Catholic university's fundamental mission is to pursue the truth. Jesus said to the disciples in the Gospel today: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you to all truth." It makes sense for a university that is dedicated to the pursuit of Truth to call upon the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. That is what we do at this Mass. We are praying to the Holy Spirit to guide you, lift you up and inspire you as you begin this academic year. We are praying for His gifts, the gifts enumerated in our first reading today from the book of the prophet Isaiah: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord. When we are open to and receive these gifts, our lives are enriched. The Holy Spirit opens our minds to understanding better the meaning behind the things we learn and to grasp the greatness and love behind everything we learn about the universe and about human life.

Students, you will be studying many things in your different classes, accumulating knowledge and expertise in your various majors, learning skills for your future careers. The same would happen if you were attending Purdue Fort Wayne or Indiana Tech or Ivy Tech. But here at the University of Saint Francis, you encounter something more because this is a Catholic university. What is this "something more"? If you look at the mission statement of the University of Saint Francis and Franciscan values that are listed, you get a little idea of what "this something more" is. The mission statement says that USF is rooted in the Catholic tradi-

tions of faith and reason. It lists values like reverencing the unique dignity of each person and respecting creation. Looking at the mission statement and the values, one can ask: "Well, what is behind them? What is their basis?" Their basis, their foundation, is the pursuit of truth! This is why the Catholic Church started the first universities in the world over 800 years ago.

Nowadays, colleges and universities express their mission and purpose in various ways. Often, they refer to improving the world or educating leaders to serve society. They often articulate utilitarian purposes — like educating people for jobs and professions. Of course, these are fine and important goals. But our lives are more than what we do or will do, more than careers and jobs. Catholic higher education gets at this something more. As I said, this "something more" is the pursuit of truth, the pursuit of truth for its own sake. The pursuit of truth transcends pragmatics and utility. It should involve our hearts as well as our minds. A full pursuit of truth involves the whole person — body, mind, and spirit. Education then becomes a truly joyful endeavor. St. Augustine spoke of the joy of truth, "gaudium de veritate," the joy of searching for, discovering and communicating truth in every field of knowledge.

Education becomes boring when it limits itself to studying data or imparting facts. Education becomes exciting and life-giving when there is an integration of knowledge, when education looks to quench the thirst for truth that is profoundly inscribed in the heart of the human person. This is what Catholic education aims to do. Pope St. John Paul II wrote that "it is the honor and responsibility of a Catholic university to consecrate itself without reserve to the cause of truth... Without in any way neglecting the acquisition of useful knowledge, a Catholic university is distinguished by its free search for the whole truth about nature, the human being, and God."

What is truth? It is the mind being in accord with reality. Through our human reason, we can come to know reality and have the ability to make judgments about reality. In the university, we have the study of the natural sciences. Scientists research and study the physical universe. There are many nursing students here at USF. You study biology and chemistry. These are fields of knowledge. Judgments about reality are made — the reality of the functionings of the human body. There are objective truths of science. In a Catholic university, we also have the study of theology. Theologians research and study the world beyond the physical - God's revelation in Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh. Both scientists

and theologians are engaged in the pursuit of truth. A distinctive feature of a Catholic university like USF is that it promotes dialogue between faith and reason. We are not religious fundamentalists who ignore what science tells us. We value science. In fact, some of the first great scientists were Catholic priests.

Faith doesn't replace reason. It transforms reason, imbuing it with the power to contemplate the highest truths. Science has its limits. Truth encompasses more than what can be empirically verified. Science cannot tell us who man is, where he comes from or where he is going. Authentic Catholic universities reject the materialism that reduces the horizon of truth. Faith widens the horizons of rationality. We see faith and reason as bearing "harmonious witness to the unity of all truth." Reason and faith never truly conflict with each other since they both have their origin in the Supreme Truth who is God.

The Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote that "the world is charged with the grandeur of God." In a Catholic understanding, the world can be explored through faith and reason. Faith imbues reason with the power to contemplate the highest truths. Faith enriches both the intellectual and moral pursuits of a Catholic university. That is why your education here at USF should also include the cultivation of virtue. You should graduate from USF not only smarter, but better, more virtuous. A truly Catholic education is also an education in goodness.

It is my hope and prayer that you take full advantage of the opportunities to pursue truth and to grow in virtue during this new academic year. I pray that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, will guide you and strengthen you. At the center of this campus is the beautiful Chapel of Saint Francis. I invite all of you, whether you are Catholic, members of other communities of faith, or seekers without a religious affiliation, to stop in that chapel during the day to speak with the Lord, to listen to His voice within your hearts, or to just rest and relax in the presence of the Lord. I pray that there you will experience His grace and His love. I hope that this university will help you to cultivate your friendship with God. Each of us has a soul which is our "capacity for relatedness with truth, with love eternal," our capacity for relatedness with God. Knowing and loving Him is what brings meaning and joy to our lives and to our intellectual pursuits. This is what brought meaning and joy to your holy patron, St. Francis of Assisi. In this new academic year, may the Holy Spirit guide you by His holy inspiration, and may St. Francis intercede for you!

# New Orleans archdiocese assesses damage from Hurricane Ida

BY PETER FINNEY JR.

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — With most of South Louisiana cut off from electrical power due to the 150-mph winds of Hurricane Ida, the Archdiocese of New Orleans announced Aug. 30 that all schools, along with its main administrative offices, would remain closed until at least Labor Day, Sept. 6.

On the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, which inundated 200,000 homes in New Orleans due to the failure of several flood-protection levees, Ida slammed into South Louisiana Aug. 29 at Port Fourchon as a high Category 4 hurricane.

Damage assessments still were being made, and New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond said he was trying to contact pastors and principals — and dealing with spotty cell-phone service — in his attempt to determine the extent of the damage.

“We don’t have an assessment at this point,” said Archbishop Aymond, from his residence adjacent to Notre Dame Seminary. “It’s going to take us a day at least to find out what’s going on.”

Initial news reports indicated there was heavy flooding in the LaPlace area north and west of the city, including reports of residents in one LaPlace neighborhood who had to retreat to their attics for safety.

At a Mass at St. Louis Cathedral on Aug. 29 — the 16th anniversary of Katrina in 2005 — Archbishop Aymond departed from the assigned readings to preach instead on the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee.

“My sisters and brothers, you and I ask a question today, ‘Would he not do the same for us?’ And the answer is, of course, yes,” the archbishop said. “Just as he took care of the apostles and those disciples in the time of great tragedy and the time of difficulty, it is the same Lord Jesus who always promises to walk with us in the storms of life and the hurricanes of life, in the COVIDs of life and whatever it is that we face in our own families — illness, death, great tragedies.”

The archdiocese announced that all on-campus and virtual learning at its 74 elementary and high schools would be postponed until at least Sept. 6 and that archdiocesan and school leaders will spend the next week assessing damage and planning.

Deacon Jeff Tully, president and CEO of Notre Dame Health System that operates the archdiocese’s health care facilities, said Chateau de Notre Dame’s nursing home and senior apartments received minimal damage.



**Fran Tribe sits with her dog, Dave, outside a home in Houma, La., Aug. 30, after Hurricane Ida made landfall.**

CNS photo/Scott Clause, USA TODAY Network via Reuters

“We had leaks throughout the facilities, but structurally, the integrity of the building was not compromised,” Deacon Tully said. “Obviously, we have branches and debris everywhere. We’ve had no deaths. We’ve had to take no one to the hospital in any of our facilities. We are sheltering in place. We have food for a minimum of seven days. We have fuel for oxygen generators for at least seven days.”

Parts of a building peeled off at Chateau de Notre Dame, and a canopy protecting an entrance to the apartment side was ripped off.

Wynhoven Nursing Home lost its air conditioning, and Deacon Tully said Entergy officials were aware of the situation and had placed a top priority restoring power for the AC unit.

“Staffing is a major challenge,” he said. “Our staff is getting extremely tired. They’re working 16, 20 hours a day to take care of people and feed people.”

Deacon Dennis Adams, executive director of Christopher Homes, the archdiocesan affordable housing ministry, said

water had intruded into the front entrance of Place du Bourg in LaPlace, which had been blown out by the storm.

He also reported that high winds had damaged the metal roof of a 40-apartment building at Rouquette Lodge in Mandeville.

Even though St. Francis Xavier Church in Metairie lost power during Ida’s landfall Aug. 29, it became an emergency overnight shelter for 34 residents of the seven-story Metairie Towers apartment building across the street. The apartment building’s roof was peeled off.

Jeff Entiwisle, chief financial officer for the archdiocese, said because of widespread power outages, he had received only one specific report of damage — at St. Anselm Parish in Madisonville, north of Lake Pontchartrain.

“But remember, nobody’s got power, so they really can’t do much of anything (in reporting damage),” Entiwisle said.

*Finney is executive editor/general manager of the Clarion Herald, newspaper of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.*



## Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Saturday, September 11: 4 p.m. — Mass for Catholic Camporee, Saint Francis Chapel, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne



## Priest appointment

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointment, effective August 29, 2021:

**Deacon Drew Clary, C.S.C.**, to diaconal ministry at St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, and St. Casimir Parish, South Bend.



## Special collection for Haiti

You have undoubtedly seen in the news the devastating effects of the recent earthquake in Haiti, followed by further devastation from Tropical Storm Grace. The people of Haiti are suffering, and many lost their lives.

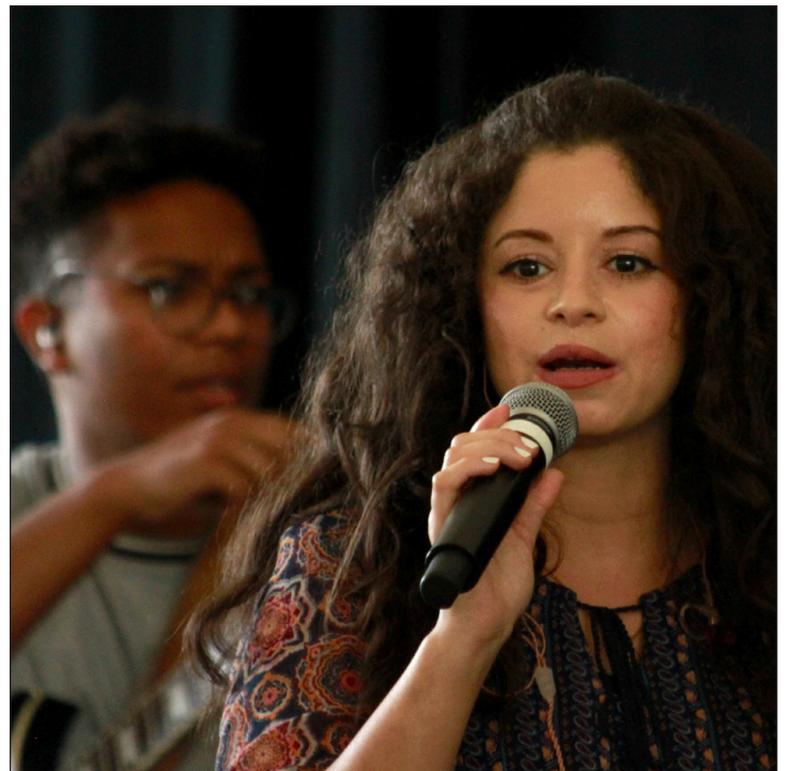
Catholic Relief Services is providing humanitarian relief and will be with the affected Haitian communities in long-term recovery. A few years ago, I visited Haiti with CRS and saw the positive impact of our presence and programs there.

To respond to the recent calamities, I have asked that all parishes of our diocese take up a special collection on the weekend of September 4-5 or the weekend of September 18-19 to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund which provides money for CRS, Catholic Charities USA, and the local dioceses for emergency needs and long-term rebuilding and recovery needs. Funds will be used in response to the calamities in Haiti and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed. Thank you in advance for your loving solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters in Haiti through your prayers. May God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Kevin C. Rhoades*





Photos by Joshua Schipper

Above, participants engage with songs of praise during “¡Viva! Night of Praise” (“¡Viva! Noche de Alabanza”), which was offered for members of the Hispanic community of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. At upper right, recording artist Kairy Marquez performs; below right, Director of Hispanic Ministry Esther Terry interviews Bishop Rhoades; below, the bishop prays as those present join him in adoration.



Abandonment to Divine Providence:  
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**Helen Alvaré**

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## El Salvador sets date for four beatifications in January

WASHINGTON (CNS) — El Salvador has set a Jan. 22 date for the beatifications of Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande, Franciscan Father Cosme Spessotto and two laymen, the Salvadoran bishops' conference announced Aug. 27. All four were martyred during the country's civil conflict in the 1970s and 1980s, when churchless Catholics, following Church teachings from the Second Vatican Council and the Latin American bishops' conference, began speaking out in favor of the poor and those on the margins. The two laymen, Manuel Solórzano, an elderly sacristan, and Nelson Rutilio Lemus, a boy in his early teens, were traveling by car with Father Grande when he was shot multiple times on his way to a novena March 12, 1977. The bishops' statement said Salvadoran Cardinal Gregorio Rosa Chávez will preside over the ceremony in the atrium of the Cathedral of San Salvador. The atrium also was the setting where Father Grande and the two laymen were carried in and out of during their funeral Mass, celebrated by St. Oscar Romero when he was archbishop of San Salvador. He, too, was martyred three years later, while celebrating Mass March 24, 1980. Father Spessotto, a Franciscan missionary from Italy, served in the Diocese of Zacatecoluca and spoke out against injustice just as the archbishop did. Father Spessotto died in a similar fashion just a few months after St. Romero: shot at point-blank range June 14, 1980.

## Catholic Church in Ethiopia suspends emergency response in Tigray

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS) — The Catholic Church in Ethiopia has suspended emergency delivery of aid in Tigray, following the escalation of fighting and tensions in the region in the country's north. The Church, which has been coordinating support from international Caritas organizations as well as other local and international partners, has raised nearly \$1.8 million to respond to the needs of people affected by conflicts in the country. More than 75% of the funds had been used to respond to instabilities in Tigray. "At present, the current tensions in the northern area of the country force the Church to suspend the emergency response intervention," Father Gabriel Woldehanna, deputy general secretary of the Ethiopian bishops' conference, said in a briefing to a delegation sent by the bishops of the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa. The Catholic agencies have been some of the biggest movers of aid in the region, where fighting

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Catholic church is emergency shelter during Hurricane Ida



CNS photo/Father Joseph Palermo, courtesy Clarion Herald

Despite being without electrical power, St. Francis Xavier Church in Metairie, La., became an overnight evacuation shelter Aug. 29 for 34 residents of the seven-story Metairie Towers apartment complex across the street, whose roof was peeled back by winds from Hurricane Ida. The church was transformed into the shelter to help the residents, even though the parish had also lost electrical power.

started in November. Ethiopian Prime Minister Aby Ahmed Ali launched an attack on the Tigray People's Liberation Front — former rulers of the semi-autonomous region — accusing them of seizing the national army base in Mekele, the regional capital. Fighting spread to the neighboring states.

## High court says eviction moratorium illegal, alarming Catholic Charities CEO

CLEVELAND (CNS) — A national eviction moratorium that protected millions of Americans who have fallen behind on rent payments is unconstitutional, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled. In a 6-3 opinion announced late Aug. 26, the court's conservative majority agreed with a coalition of landlords and real estate groups who challenged the extension of a moratorium put in place by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The decision raised concerns among advocates of affordable housing. They called for state and local governments to speed up the distribution of \$46.5 billion in federal emergency rental assistance funds

made available in response to the coronavirus pandemic. "The sad piece of this is that only 11% of the money allocated by the government for eviction mitigation has been accessed. I don't know where it's getting hung up," Dominican Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, told Catholic News Service Aug. 27. In a news release Aug. 25, the U.S. Treasury Department said about \$5.1 billion — which is 11% of the allocated funds — had been distributed to 1 million vulnerable households by July 31. The National Association of Realtors welcomed the ruling. "This decision is the correct one, from both a legal standpoint and a matter of fairness. It brings to an end an unlawful policy that places financial hardship solely on the shoulders of mom-and-pop housing providers, who provide nearly half of all rental housing in America, and it restores property rights in America," the association said.

## Enrollment on the rise in Catholic schools in Diocese of Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (CNS) — Across the Diocese of Nashville,

students from preschool through high school are loading up their backpacks, putting on new uniforms and heading into a new school year. And this year, the total number of students making that trek to a diocesan school is on the rise. "We are currently expecting 4,868 students in our diocesan Catholic schools in the next couple weeks as students return to the classroom," said Rebecca Hammel, superintendent of schools. "This is an increase of 320 students, a growth of 7.04% over last year's opening day enrollment." A big chunk of the growth is coming from Pope John Paul II Preparatory School, which is adding grades six through eight this year. Pope Prep will have 198 middle school students, 64% of whom are new to the Catholic school system, Hammel said. But other schools in the diocese are seeing rising numbers of students, she said. "Our elementary schools are experiencing the majority of growth, with increases as high as 34% over opening day last year," Hammel told the Tennessee Register, Nashville's diocesan newspaper. "Six of our 14 PK-8 grade schools are increasing at 5% or better."

## After historic floods, amount of parish, community support is 'phenomenal'

WAVERLY, Tenn. (CNS) — Henry Kersten was pacing back and forth inside his family's home in Waverly Aug. 21 when he saw the backyard shed being carried off by the flood waters. His wife, Leslie, was trapped inside. "It was amazingly fast," Kersten said. "She was trying to save some things (in the shed). We never knew the extent that was going to come because we were going by the last flood that we had two years ago." "As I was pacing, I saw the shed get washed away and watched her go by," he continued. "It took about five hours, but by God's blessing, a former neighbor ... was able to find her." Leslie Kersten, who with her family was a parishioner at St. Patrick Church in McEwen, Tennessee, was one of at least 19 confirmed deaths from the flooding that washed through Humphreys County Aug. 21, after up to 18 inches of rain fell in the area in less than 24 hours, breaking the Tennessee record for one-day rainfall. "God sends his toughest challenges for his strongest soldiers," Kersten told Nashville Bishop J. Mark Spalding, who visited victims of the Waverly flood at relief shelters and their destroyed homes Aug. 24.

## As Afghanistan convulses, Catholic organizations help refugees in U.S.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — An already tense situation in Afghanistan took a turn for the worse early Aug. 26 when two explosions near the Kabul airport led to casualties and injuries still being calculated. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie, head of U.S. Central Command, said in an Aug. 26 video news conference that 12 U.S. service members were killed and 15 were wounded in the attack. "While we're saddened by the loss of life, both U.S. and Afghan, we're continuing to execute the mission," said McKenzie, adding that an extremist Islamic State group was behind the attack involving suicide bombers. Afghans, U.S. citizens and others eager to leave the country had been flocking to Kabul's international airport after a Taliban takeover in the capital in mid-August when the Afghan military collapsed following withdrawal of U.S. troops and contractors. On the other side of the world, the Catholic Church, particularly in the U.S., has been "involved in the reception and establishment" of those seeking safe haven, participating in the effort with other faith-based aid groups and organizations such as the International Rescue Committee, said Bill Canny, executive director of Migration and Refugee Services for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## Stanley joins St. Joseph Community Health Foundation

FORT WAYNE — The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation has hired Angela Stanley as its Vulnerable Populations Program Officer. Her work will include managing the grants and selected programs focused on vulnerable populations in the foundation's impact areas of prenatal and infant care, immigrants and refugees, and overall access to health and wellness care.

A native of Fort Wayne, Stanley's professional experiences, education and volunteerism have all been focused on helping underserved, under-represented and marginalized people. Previously, she worked as a social science researcher at The Ohio State University Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity. While there, she specialized in issues of racial equity, women's rights and public policy, in addition to outreach and engagement.

As a writer on race, gender, politics and popular culture, Stanley's work appeared in The New York Times and The Huffington Post. She has also taught undergraduate political science courses on American government, Black politics and urban politics at OSU.

"We are excited to have Angela join our team," said Meg Distler, executive director of the St. Joe Foundation. "Her experience working with marginalized people will help the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation be more effective in our work to improve the health and well-being of low-income residents."

Stanley received a Master of Arts in American politics from OSU and earned her Bachelor of Arts in political science from Purdue University. Stanley is a member of the Fort Wayne Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, a board member for the Center for Nonviolence and an occasional writer for Input Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne Ink Spot.

## Camino de Santiago class starts Sept. 8

SOUTH BEND — For those curious about the life-transforming pilgrimage in Spain that is often referred to as the "Camino," there will be a Wednesday morning class at Forever Learning Institute in South Bend. The 10-week course will be interactive, covering the religion, history, adventure, culture, culinary aspects, walking requirements, routes, transportation, accommodations options and preparation for going on the Camino de Santiago.

The Camino pilgrimage routes commemorate the locations of several miracles and are inspired by the evangelization of St. James the Apostle, the patron saint of Spain and the Camino. The destination of the Camino is where the remains of St. James are said to be interred, at the Santiago

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## USF Crown Point celebrates expansion with ribbon cutting



Provided by Reggie Hayes

Faculty, staff and students gathered at the University of Saint Francis Crown Point Aug. 23 to commemorate the opening of the site's \$7 million expansion project with a ribbon cutting. The expansion doubled the size of the facility and will accommodate new programs including surgical technology, radiologic technology, diagnostic medical sonography and advanced medical imaging. From left are USF Crown Point student Taylor Conn, USF President Father Dr. Eric Albert Zimmer, USF Director of Planned Giving Sister Marilyn Oliver, U.S. Rep. Frank Mrvan, USF Crown Point student Simona Branoska, USF Crown Point Dean Dr. Marsha King, Tonn and Blank Construction President and CEO Jon Gilmore, and USF Crown Point student Lauren Bartley.

## Cathedral.

Special guest speakers will share their powerful Camino experiences. The class takes place at 9 a.m. at Little Flower Parish Center, 54191 N Ironwood Rd, South Bend starting Sept. 8. Register online at <https://foreverlearninginstitute.org/>.

Instructor Tom Labuziensi has walked the Camino routes several times. He is on the national board for American Pilgrims on the Camino and recently helped lead a national Camino conference at Saint Mary's College.

## Children's consecration

FORT WAYNE — Embracing the call to a new evangelization, Catholic schools and parish faith formation programs, including religious education, in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are invited to participate in a 33-day consecration to Jesus through Mary. The consecration journey begins Sept. 4 and concludes on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary Oct. 7.

Groups that register to participate will use the book "Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary." The book, which follows in the simple spirit of St. Thérèse, Little Flower, is available to order at a discounted rate for parishes and schools.

Consecration entrusts a per-

son's life to Christ through the intercession of Mary. The act of consecration that begins Sept. 4 will be led by Children's Rosary, an international prayer group movement for children, to encourage holiness, help them establish a prayer life and unite them to a tapestry of prayer with children from around the world.

Parents who would like more information on how their children can participate should contact their parish or Catholic school, or visit [childconsecration.com](http://childconsecration.com).

## Anniversary Masses planned

SOUTH BEND — All couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary this year, along with their families, are invited to attend jubilee Masses with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Sunday, Sept. 19, at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, and Sunday, Sept. 26, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. A ticketed reception will follow each Mass. Anniversary couples will receive a commemorative certificate and two free tickets to the reception. Additional reception tickets for family and friends may be purchased for \$10 each. Children age 10 and younger may attend the reception at no charge. Contact TheaMarie Burns at 574-234-0687 or [tmburns@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:tmburns@diocesefwsb.org) for information.

## Black Madonna mural dedicated, blessed



Jodi Marlin

A prayer of blessing is prayed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades before a mural of the Black Madonna during an ecumenical prayer service in Fort Wayne Aug. 26, the feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The mural by Teresa Ridley Yarbrough was painted as part of the Southeast Fort Wayne Christian Mural Project, and dedicated to the memory of the Sarah Zent family. Zent and her three children — represented by the Calla Lilies — were killed in a homicide earlier this summer near the corner where the memorial is located.

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# Gifted and Sent Ministries brings inspiration and empowerment to parishes

BY MACENZIE RITCHIE

**G**ifted and Sent Ministries conducted a four-part event in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at St. Catherine Nix Settlement in Columbia City Aug. 22. Gifted and Sent Ministries is co-led by Jessica Smith and states as its mission to “inspire and empower Catholics to spread the love of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.” Her team has taken the missionary evangelization series to parishes from Mishawaka to Decatur.

Smith is not a stranger to adult ministry, having started at 19. In recent years she stepped away from some of her ministry commitments but said she couldn't help but feel a longing in her heart and being called by God to, once again, come back to ministry. When the longing persisted, she asked God where and how ministry could fit into her life again. Ten minutes later, she received a text from Father Andrew Curry, pastor at St. John Bosco, Churubusco and Immaculate Conception, Ege, Parishes; together they founded what would become Gifted and Sent Ministries.

Father Curry had the vision to create a center for evangelization, a place for parishioners to go to have experiences with spiritual gifts and healing prayer. Smith replied that if such a center would “pop up tomorrow, no one in the diocese would come” because not many people have experienced charismatic prayer, or they think it's weird, and it's out of their comfort zone. To engage the most people, they would need to go to them in the comfort of their own communities, the two decided. That's when Gifted and Sent Ministries was born.

The four parts of the missionary evangelization are keynote, healing service, adoration and workshops.

The keynote is about how a relationship with the Holy Spirit can be transformative if a person knows how to use the gifts with which the Holy Spirit empowers them. The healing service focuses on discovering the power to heal by prayer and the laying of hands. The service is followed by adoration, spending time in the presence of Jesus with music and meditative guidance. The evening ends with a reflection on the eight Beatitudes.

The final component is a faith-seeking workshop. The workshops are entry-level, for those who have been inspired and “need the skill set to dive deeper and to be confident in sharing this relationship that



Macenzie Ritchie

**Father Andrew Curry leads adoration during a Gifted and Sent Ministries evening at St. Catherine Nix Settlement Aug. 22. Gifted and Sent is an adult ministry of charismatic prayer and healing.**

they are even now more engaged in,” Smith said.

This faith-seeking series exceeded Smith's expectations regarding how quickly they were able to get into parishes and experience a positive reception from parishioners.

The most impactful events are made so by the energy of the people, she noted. One of the biggest Gifted and Sent series to date was at St. Paul of the Cross, with more than 90 parishioners coming together for the healing service.

There have been several accounts of people going to a Gifted and Sent keynote or healing service more than once by traveling to other parishes. There also have been times where a person goes back to his or her own parish to find a way to get Gifted and Sent Ministries to come to their parish.

She said that in a weird way, the coronavirus contributed to some of the ministry's success. After lockdowns, “people were just so hungry for connection and any type of ministry or catechesis that they could get.”

But it wasn't always a positive. Because of the virus, some parishes were hesitant to let Gifted and Sent Ministries come in.

In Smith's keynote, she includes a quote from Pope Benedict XVI: “The Holy Spirit is the least known person of the Trinity,” which convinced Gifted and Sent Ministries of the importance of becoming a “conduit to what the Holy Spirit wants to do.” With every person who attends the series, Smith and her crew bring a renewal of faith and new knowledge and understanding of the Holy Spirit that the

person might not have experienced before.

Gifted and Sent Ministries hasn't just impacted attendees, but also Smith and her family. They have been on fire for the Holy Spirit since starting this ministry, she said. She has watched them use their own giftedness and be open to healing, and they have “dove deep into this relationship.”

One of her daughters has only missed two events. Her triplets have become involved in the healing services. Another of her daughters has an active role in the workshops. Each person in her family has grown a closer relationship to God and the Holy Spirit, making this Smith's favorite part of Gifted and Sent Ministries since the ministry began.

The goal of Gifted and Sent Ministries is to visit every parish in the diocese. With 10 parishes down, there are a lot to go. There have also been requests from parishes Gifted and Sent Ministries has visited for them to return.

Any parish interested in more information or inviting Gifted and Sent Ministries should visit the ministry's website, [giftedandsentministries.com](http://giftedandsentministries.com), or its Facebook page.

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# Next Step Learning invests in diocesan students

BY JILL A. BOUGHTON

Some children find it easy to become readers. For others, it's much more of a struggle. Letter sounds and simple sight words don't stick in their minds, and comprehending what they read is yet another challenge. Unsurprisingly, they find no joy in school and don't read for pleasure.

South Bend residents Peter Staffelbach and Michael Busk, who happen to be cousins, founded Next Step Learning five years ago to help with these challenges. Staffelbach mastered the Lindamood-Bell Sensory-Cognitive Instruction method when he worked at a prominent learning center in Chicago. It uses intensive one-on-one instruction tailored to assessed deficits with great success, even with those who have learning disabilities and special needs. Exercising those underutilized learning muscles can take 100 to 200 hours.

Earlier this year, Busk reached out to South Bend-area public and diocesan schools about what Next Step could do for struggling students. He found willing partners at Marshall Elementary School and St. John



Provided by Michael Busk

**University of Notre Dame student Michael Busk works with Destiny as part of a sensory-cognitive instruction method developed by Busk and his cousin, Peter Staffelbach, that uses intensive one-on-one or small-group teaching tailored to assessed deficits in reading skills.**

the Baptist School in South Bend. Contacted at the suggestion of Superintendent Dr. Joseph Brettnacher, St. John principal

Brian Carver was enthusiastic. Next Step highly discounted its rate, and the school used Title 1 funding to foot the bill.

Because of COVID-19, University of Notre Dame students who usually spend many hours volunteering in the local community were confined to campus. At an event, Busk met Chris Colda, co-founder of Notre Dame's honors program, who recruited about 15 of them to learn the method and work with St. John students via Zoom. They targeted seven struggling readers in Maureen Alexander's combined second/third grade class, pulling them out in groups of two or three for an hour and a half every day.

Group work is a departure from the usual approach; tutors have to work hard to keep each student engaged even when another may be giving the answers. But motivational fun is built into Next Step's approach.

Being in a Catholic school setting makes a noticeable difference for the Notre Dame students, according to Busk, whose family attends St. Augustine Parish, South Bend. He cited a humorous example. During one session, a frustrated student said an inappropriate word: All the younger student's classmates had to do to prompt an apology was point to a statue of Our Lady and say, "She's watching you." Scripture verses on the

walls also provide a positive environment for the hard work of learning.

Busk is hopeful the program can continue at St. John and expand into other schools. He plans to make a presentation to ACE teachers at Notre Dame for their summer session and to incoming Notre Dame honors students.

During the summer, four St. John learners were able to come into school four mornings a week and work with two tutors, sometimes in person, sometimes online. On one particular morning, the two St. John students, Ethan and Destiny, worked with their tutors for part of the time. When Destiny asserted she hadn't done anything fun all summer, Busk promised to make the day's session fun for her. He provided frequent verbal affirmation and kept her attention by alternating writing on a whiteboard, responding to flash cards, using a pencil and worksheet, air writing and picking up stones from the floor for each correct answer. A star card earned candy treats. The students managed to remain focused despite the work school staff were doing all around them to get things ready for the 2021-22 school year.



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| 9a  | Franciscan Center<br>Didier Meats Turkey Giveaway FW | St Matthew Cathedral<br>South Bend          | St Joseph<br>South Bend                                    | St Therese Little Flower<br>South Bend                            |
| 10a | TBD  | Our Lady of Good Hope<br>Fort Wayne         | Double your Dollar<br>Tippmann Hour                        | St John the Evangelist<br>Goshen   South Bend                     |
| 11a | St Thomas the Apostle<br>Elkhart   South Bend        | St Charles<br>Fort Wayne                    | St Jude<br>Fort Wayne                                      | St Elizabeth<br>Fort Wayne  |
| 12p | St Joseph<br>Hessen Cassel   Fort Wayne              | Bishop Rhoades' Hour                        | St John the Baptist<br>Fort Wayne                          | St Vincent<br>Fort Wayne  |
| 1p  | St John & Holy Family<br>South Bend                  | St Louis Besancon<br>New Haven   Fort Wayne | Queen of Angels<br>Fort Wayne                              | St Monica<br>Mishawaka   South Bend                               |
| 2p  | TBD  | Sacred Heart<br>Warsaw   South Bend         | St Aloysius<br>Yoder   Fort Wayne                          | St Paul of the Cross<br>Columbia City   Fort Wayne                |
| 3p  | St Anthony de Padua<br>South Bend                    | Most Precious Blood<br>Fort Wayne           | TBD  | St Anthony<br>Angola Campus Ministry   Fort Wayne                 |
| 4p  | St Vincent de Paul<br>Elkhart   South Bend           | Corpus Christi<br>South Bend                | St Adalbert & St Casimir<br>South Bend                     | St Therese & St Henry<br>Fort Wayne                               |
| 5p  | Holy Cross Parish<br>South Bend                      | St Joseph<br>Mishawaka   South Bend         | TBD  | St Peter<br>Fort Wayne  |

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# ST. LOUIS, BESANCON PARISH

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER

**S**t. Louis, Besancon Parish in New Haven celebrated its 175-year anniversary Sunday, Aug. 22, three days before the feast of their patron saint.

After St. Louis pastor Father Louis Fowoyo celebrated Mass, the parish observed the occasion with a lunch in their Besancon Hall, which was built in 1948 and rededicated in 2018. The children of the parish marked the anniversary with bubbles and sports at the academy playground.

Father Fowoyo said one of the outstanding aspects of the community at Besancon is its self-giving nature and self-knowledge.

"What I like about the community is the sense of identity," said Father Fowoyo, "because everyone feels that they belong to the parish. That is the life of the Church."

"The family should be the domestic church, but a parish also should be like a family."

Father Michael Louen, pastor from 1908 to 1916, started St. Louis Academy — the parish school. The Sisters of St. Agnes initially managed an older school, St. Joseph, which opened its doors in 1900. The school reopened in 1910 under the guidance of three Sisters of Notre Dame, until a fire of unknown origin destroyed it Jan. 29, 1915.

Father Louen rebuilt, and St. Louis Academy completed a 10,000-square-foot expansion in 2018. It included the addition of five classrooms, six bathrooms, a cafeteria and three meeting rooms.

"What I noticed very uniquely about the school," Father Fowoyo said, "is that almost all the teachers have their children in this school. And if you have a school where the teachers have their children, they will be committed to that school. Even the principal has three children in the school. And when people are committed to something, they will do it well."

The church was built by French settlers in 1846, while the area was still under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Vincennes. For a time, the area was also called "New France" by the settlers, before they shortened it to Besancon. The fleur-de-lis, a well-known symbol of the French, can be found in many places within the church building.

Initially a log structure, the church was replaced by a permanent brick building built by a man named Frank



**The church building today looks much different from the initial log cabin of its founding. The building was built of brick but later made to look like stone.**

Sallier. According to records, C. F. Lomont and Joseph Dodane financed most of the project.

The first resident pastor of the parish, Father Grevin, did not arrive until several years later, in 1864. Later, the brick building was covered in cement-mortar to give St. Louis the appearance of stone. The cement-mortar was repaired and sealed with cement paint in 1998.

The church's name comes from St. Louis IX, king of France from 1226 to 1270. The only French king to be canonized a saint, St. Louis is the patron of France and is held in high regard by the French people. The city of St. Louis, Missouri, is also named for the 13th century king.

"As we are happy every

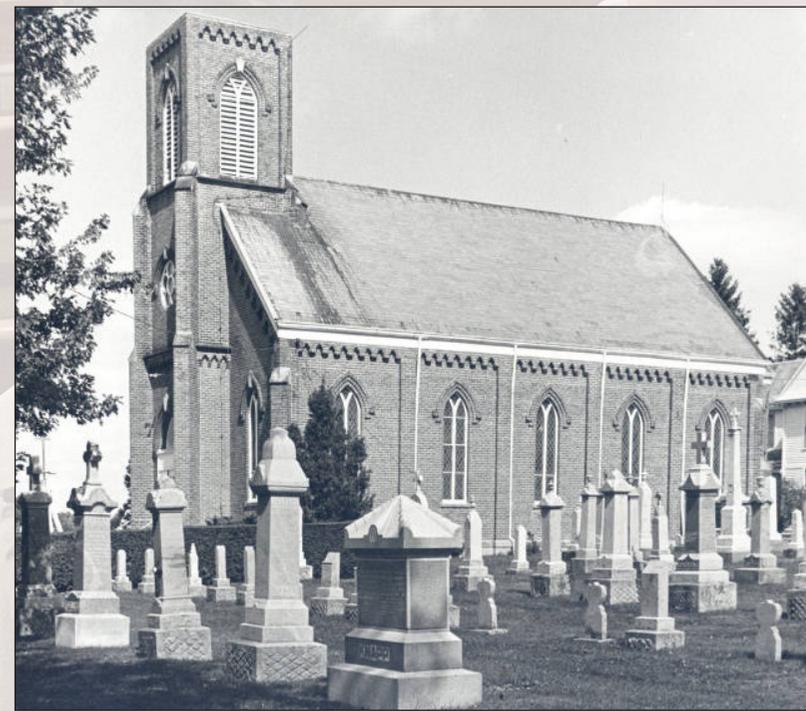
year, on Aug. 25, to celebrate the feast of St. Louis," Father Fowoyo said during the anniversary Mass, "let us recall and try to emulate him in his virtues as he strived to follow Christ while he was on earth."

Elaborating on the saint's childhood, Father Fowoyo gave some context on the time period in which the monarch lived.

"Up until the 18th century, France, just like in many other parts of Europe, was under the leadership of kings and emperors. Many of them who were not constitutional monarchs reigned supreme with absolute power. They determined the life of the state and talked like gods. They were referred to as the 'supreme' or 'imperial majesty.' Their words were orders to be carried out.



**Pastor Father Louis Fowoyo celebrates Mass for parishioners of St. Louis, Besancon in**



**The brick St. Louis, Besancon Church before it was made to look like stone.**

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**Father Julian Benoit is credited with building the foundations of Catholicism in Allen County. He ministered to the French settlers in Besancon, a parish that still holds the priest in high esteem, even well after his death.**

# MARKS 175-YEAR ANNIVERSARY



Photos by Joshua Schipper

New Haven, as the parish observes its 175th anniversary Aug. 22.



Besancon Hall, at St. Louis, Besancon Parish, was built in 1948. St. Louis Academy, seen attached at right, was expanded so each grade could have its own classroom in 2018.



The fleur-de-lis can be found in many places within St. Louis, Besancon Church. It is one of the most well-known symbols to the French people.



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After the celebration of Mass, St. Louis, Besancon Parish pastor Father Louis Fowoyo joined parishioners for lunch in the recently rededicated Besancon Hall, which was built in 1948 — two years after the parish celebrated its centennial.

“As a result, there was a tendency for them to enslave their subjects and spend recklessly. The character of each determined the way he or she ruled their people. Some were nice, others were tyrannical.

“Among the good ones was Louis IX, who was also

referred to as Louis the Pious. He was the son of King Louis VIII, who died before his son was old enough to be king. His wife, Blanche, the mother of the future St. Louis, served as regent until the son was matured enough to be king.

“The mother brought him

up in the way of the Lord and would always say to him, ‘I love you, my dear son, as much as a mother can love her child — but I would rather see you dead at my feet than that you should ever commit a mortal sin.

“Louis was a man of great faith in God and would never allow any injustice in his kingdom,” Father Fowoyo emphasized for parishioners on Aug. 22. “He was never heard to speak or do any evil thing of anyone. His passion for justice made him transform the feudal system into a highly organized royal court of justice.”

The Besancon Historical Society is headquartered at the parish. According to its records, Father Julian Benoit administered for a time to the needs of the rural community at Besancon.

Father Benoit is known to have laid the groundwork for Catholicism in early Allen County; he is credited with building the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The settlers of Besancon held Father Benoit in the utmost esteem. In fact, according to a record from the 1940s, when the area above the church sanctuary was painted, parishioners insisted that Father Benoit be portrayed among the angels. This request for the priest’s memorialization in the sanctuary mural became reality until it was refrescoed. Today, Father Benoit is honored in name by stained glass above the sanctuary.

According to the Besancon Historical Society, the parish had no priests for two years starting in 1878. From 1893 to 1894, two priests served the rural parish from the Fort Wayne cathedral.

The church became a stop on the historic Lincoln Highway when the early highway was routed past the front of the property in 1913. The nearly 3,400-mile highway stretched from New York to San Francisco; it became, in New Haven, US-30, and still passes in front of the parish property.

Lifelong parishioner Ellen Oberley has seen the close-knit community grow since her childhood. She expressed excitement for the future of her parish.

“There’s just so many new babies all the time, and the families are growing.” Oberley said. “Now there’s so many new families from other areas, too. When I was growing up, it was just — everybody lived right here. But the new families help our school to grow. “That’s exciting, I think, to keep growing like that.”

# Holy Cross Brothers to celebrate jubilees

NOTRE DAME — Several Holy Cross Brothers are observing jubilees this year and will celebrate the occasion Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame. Because of pandemic restrictions last year, the 2020 jubilarians will also be honored at this year's jubilee liturgy. The combined group of honorees follows.

## 2020 80-year jubilarian

### Brother Wilbert Leveling, CSC

Wilbert Leveling was born in St. Paul, Iowa. He and his family moved to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he attended St. Joseph High School. Leveling learned of the Brothers of the Holy Cross from an ad in Sign Magazine. He responded and began his religious formation at Sacred Heart Postulate in Watertown, Wisconsin, and then at St. Joseph's Novitiate in Rolling Prairie.

After taking his first vows, Brother Wilbert began undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame. His first teaching assignment was to Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. He later returned to Notre Dame for his master's in history, followed by postgraduate studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He also studied at Loretto Heights College in Denver, Colorado. Over the years, he has taught at St. Joseph High School in South Bend, Vincentian Institute in Albany, New York, Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Illinois, and 35 years at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois.

Brother Wilbert was invited to be a guide at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal for 11 summers. "It was a wonderful experience," he said. "I got to meet people from all over the world. I would welcome them to the Oratory and then talk to them about Brother André, now St. Brother André."

On returning to the Notre Dame area, Brother Wilbert served as archivist for Holy Cross Brothers, Midwest Province, for more than three decades.

## 2020 70-year jubilarians

### Brother John Benesh, CSC

When John Benesh was in seventh grade, he decided that he would be a teaching brother. In 1949, while a freshman at Marquette University, he vis-



Brother Wilbert Leveling, CSC

ited the Holy Cross Postulate in Watertown, Wisconsin.

"The men there were friendly and the food was good, so I joined Holy Cross!" he recalled.

Brother John spent many years in high school classrooms, but has also been a high school principal, college teacher, postulant director, retreat director and University of Notre Dame residence hall rector.

After leaving Notre Dame, Brother John thought he would be a high school teacher in the United States for the rest of his life, but God had other plans. In 1978, he moved to Holy Trinity High School in Chicago. He noticed that many of the parents there spoke only Spanish. He was motivated to learn Spanish and able to attend a language school in Mexico during the summers of 1982-83.

Other Holy Cross men heard about his studies, and this led to an invitation to visit Peru. He visited Peru in the summer of 1984 and went to the locations where Holy Cross religious were working. The people were poor, and the living conditions were very simple. He was not sure he could adjust.

After much thought and the encouragement of others, Brother John was able to move to Peru with a three-year commitment. He survived and adjusted to Peru, both in Chimbote and in Lima. October of 2020 marked 35 years in Peru.

### Brother Ronald Christenson, CSC

When Ronald Christenson was in eighth grade at St. Mary's School in Racine, Wisconsin, a Holy Cross brother gave a talk to the class. Later, Christenson saw an ad for the brothers in Our Sunday Visitor and met with Brother Thomas More Beere at his home. In high school Christenson wrote to the brothers and received some literature. Later he visited the community at Watertown, Wisconsin, and was impressed. The brothers invited him to join the following February, and he stayed.

In his career, Brother Ronald has taught in Brooklyn, New York and Indianapolis. He has worked summers at boys' homes in Terre Haute and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He received a favorable impression of mission work and was asked to obtain a passport with a visa for East Pakistan, now Bangladesh.

Brother Ronald left the United States in March of 1960 and spent 31 years in Bangladesh. There he taught in grade schools and high schools and ran a house of studies for college-age men who wanted to join Holy Cross. He turned that work over to a



Brother Ronald Christenson, CSC

Bangladeshi brother in 1988.

In 1991, Brother Ronald returned to the United States for good. He did chaplain work in hospitals until 1998, when he retired to Columba Hall at Notre Dame.

Brother Ronald thinks that all his assignments prepared him well for the life of a brother. "I would not change it for any other vocation," he said.

## 2020 60-year jubilarians

### Brother George Klawitter, CSC

George Klawitter was raised in Steger, Illinois, the second of four children. Inspired by the School Sisters of St. Francis at Steger's St. Liborius Grade School, he enrolled at Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin at age 13 to become a teaching brother.

In 1956, the high school program at Watertown closed. George finished high school at Holy Cross School in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1963, Brother George began his teaching career at Monroe Catholic Central in Michigan. After four years, he went to teach at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and then at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio. In summers, he completed a master's degree in English literature at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

In 1981, Brother George completed a doctorate in English at the University of Chicago. He taught at Holy Cross Junior College until taking a position at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he chaired the English department for eight years. His final full-time teaching position was at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas for 18 years.

A past president of both the South-Central Renaissance Conference and the Marvell Society, Brother George has published a wide variety in 17-century studies. He now enjoys retirement at Columba Hall, Notre Dame.

### Brother Donald Kuchenmeister, CSC

Donald Kuchenmeister grew up in a small town in Wisconsin. After graduating from high school, he worked in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for four years before entering Holy Cross.

After graduation, he learned



Brother George Klawitter, CSC

about the vocation of a religious brother when a person from his hometown entered Holy Cross. Kuchenmeister had only heard of religious sisters and priests. He decided to give religious life a try to see what it was all about. From his first day, he felt at home in the congregation.

After profession of vows, Brother Donald first worked as secretary for the vocations director. Then he went to Boysville of Michigan, a boarding school for youth who were victims of family disorders. He later taught at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago.

Brother Donald has earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and a master's degree in Social Work. In 1983, he asked to go to Chile to work with the congregation in a home for abandoned children. He studied cooking and prepared meals that were delivered to the elderly poor in one of the parishes.

Brother Donald is currently director of Casa San Juan XXIII in Santiago, Chile, where he is responsible for the welfare of retired religious. He also organizes workshops for adults in the local parish.

### Brother Thomas Moser, CSC

Tom Moser was raised in Keokuk, Iowa, with one sister. He came from a family of religious: five, to be exact. One uncle became a priest, one a brother, and three aunts became sisters.

"In elementary school I had the Sisters of Charity and the School Sisters of Notre Dame, so when God came calling, I knew how to answer!"

"There were over 70 brothers' vocations ads in Our Sunday Visitor," Brother Tom recalled, "offering everything from missionary work to cloistered stability. I finally settled on the Brothers of Holy Cross because, among the many choice offerings, they included two weeks' paid vacation. I have been on vacation ever since!"

Four years in prenovitiate and postnovitiate work, two terms as a provincial, 22 years on the novitiate staff and most recently his years at Columba Hall have allowed Brother Tom to continue his journey and appreciate more fully how it all fits together. He said he now has an increasing sense of how his call has worked itself out.

"I will soon set upon a new road on the journey of my call," Brother Tom said. "Where that road leads, I leave for others to decide. Wherever I end up, I hope that I might continue the story of the monk within and develop the monk without. Thanks be to God for those 60 wonderful years."



Brother Donald Kuchenmeister, CSC



### Brother James Newberry, CSC

For James Newberry, choosing the Brothers of Holy Cross was easy, once he allowed the Lord's call to register.

"Brothers were teachers," he remembered, "and I already held a bachelor's degree and was teaching in a junior high school in my hometown of Downers Grove, Illinois."

Brother James's vocation in Holy Cross has placed him in a wide variety of ministries: teaching grades 5 through 12, in classrooms of Native Americans and Liberians, in a junior military academy and in a high school.

"I have mentored at-risk youngsters and recovering alcoholics," he said. "I have interviewed senior adults interested in Holy Cross Village and served the community as a local superior. All this in the name and company of my Brothers in Holy Cross, without whose support I could have not persevered. I have never regretted my answer to his call and daily thank God and Our Lady."

Being a consecrated religious with a daily prayer regime also provides Brother James many opportunities to prayerfully remember his family and friends. He thinks a brother's vocation is special "for the relationships we form with others as 'brothers.' Pray with us."

### Brother Charles Smith, CSC

Charles Smith grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and took the path to Holy Cross that many graduates of St. Edward High School in Lakewood did: He joined in 1959 shortly after graduation. After taking first vows at St. Joseph Novitiate in August 1960, he earned a degree in English from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

In his first 10 years, Brother Charles taught at four high schools in the Midwest Province: Holy Trinity in Chicago, his alma mater St. Edward in Lakewood and Holy Cross in River Grove, Illinois. He then taught for five years at the Prologue Alternative High School in Chicago and for the City Colleges of Chicago.

After a one-year renewal program at Sangre de Cristo Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1985, Brother Charles became director of the province office of life development at Notre Dame. For the next nine years, he would serve the province as personnel director.

Brother Charles was again drawn to Chicago, this time as



Brother Charles Smith, CSC

associate director of the People's Music School from 1994 to 1995.

For the past 16 years, Brother Charles has ministered at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. There he served three years as assistant to the head of school, two years as director of student residences and the past 11 years as coordinator of the physical plant. He is not retired though; he is still active on a few school committees and plants a large garden each summer.

#### Brother Lawrence Unfried, CSC

By the time Lawrence Unfried was in seventh grade, he had decided that he wanted to be a teacher. He was not yet certain about his areas of interest, but after getting to know the brothers at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, he concluded that his vocation was to serve God as a teaching brother. Then as a result of his friendship with Brother Charles Beck, he focused on biology as a primary area of academic interest. Brother Lawrence's first teaching assignment was Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, where he had the good fortune to work with and learn from Brother Marius Wittner, a master teacher of biology. After two years at Hoban, he went to Bishop David High School in Louisville, Kentucky. His experiences there were rewarding in that he developed friendships that have lasted over the years.

After having worked in high schools for 11 years, Brother Lawrence came to Holy Cross College, where he has been teaching for the last 45 years. As a result of living in the South Bend area for so long, he has had the privilege of getting to know not only many students, but eventually some of their spouses and children.

Brother Lawrence said his experiences in Holy Cross have been positive and spiritually fulfilling.

"I have good friends within and outside the Holy Cross community," he said, "and I consider myself exceptionally blessed. I look to the future with hope."

## 2021 70-year Jubilarians

#### Brother Thomas J. Dillman, CSC

In January 1950, at the age of 22, Thomas Dillman entered the postulate at Watertown, Wisconsin. In August 1950, he advanced to the novitiate at Rolling Prairie.

Brother Tom studied general engineering at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas,



Brother Lawrence Unfried, CSC

and was assigned to teach at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis in January 1952.

Following final vows in August 1954, he moved to Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. For 13 years he taught industrial science classes and was also director of maintenance and bus driver for athletic events.

From June to August 1968, Brother Tom was director of novices in a new program at the Holy Cross Brothers Center at Notre Dame. From September to December 1968, he was assistant director of aspirants.

After enrichment studies in theology at Notre Dame, he went to Monrovia, Liberia, to teach math and science. In April 1989, an open conflict erupted in Liberia: This resulted in an inter-city civil war in Monrovia and the closing down of all schools. The archbishop decided not to reopen St. Patrick's, so Brother Thomas was assigned to live with the Holy Cross community in Ghana. There, he wrote math textbooks for the senior high school program in Catholic schools. The continued conflict caused him to leave for good in 1996.

He taught math at St. Augustine's College in Cape Coast, Ghana, before assuming the role of editor of the District of West Africa's quarterly newsletter. Brother Tom became house director of the Holy Cross community at St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast, and moved to the center in 2018.

#### Brother Donald J. Allen, CSC

Donald Allen attended Catholic elementary schools in Chicago and Winnetka, Illinois, graduating from St. Joseph Grammar School in Wilmette, Illinois. He joined the Navy after high school graduation.

Following his service, he attended Loyola University in Chicago. He graduated from Michigan State University in East Lansing, with a B.S. and M.S. in zoology with a minor in statistics.

Brother Donald joined the congregation in 1950. After taking vows in 1951 he began a career covering more than 25 assignments, including some in East Pakistan, Ghana, Liberia and Israel.

After taking final vows in 1954, he taught at St. Gregory High School in Dhaka, East Pakistan, (Bangladesh). After three years in Dhaka, he was transferred to St. John's School in Sekondi, Ghana, for four years with a group of brothers who were starting a mission in West Africa.

In 1961, he studied biology at the University of Notre Dame. In 1962, he was assigned to St. Patrick School in Monrovia, Liberia, where he was principal



Brother Donald J. Allen, CSC

and religious superior for two years. In 1964, he returned to St. John's in Ghana.

In 1968, Brother Donald studied at Notre Dame, then taught on two occasions at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, and St. Patrick's High School Liberia. In 1976, he earned an M.A. in religion from Boston College. His teaching career continued at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois. He then lived at Columba Hall on two occasions, Holy Family High School, Ashland, Kentucky, and Mater Ecclesiae Center, Tiberius, Israel.

Brother Donald retired at Columba Hall in 2007 and recently moved to Dujarié House.

## 2021 60-year jubilarians

#### Brother James E. Kozak, CSC

James E. Kozak was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He grew up on a farm and attended St. Thomas the Apostle School and Catholic Central High.

Brother Jim joined the Brothers of Holy Cross after graduating from high school in 1960. After the novitiate year in Rolling Prairie, he moved to Dujarié Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Eventually he would earn a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University in Chicago, as well as pursue graduate courses in missiology and guidance and counseling at the University of Dayton and DePaul University in Chicago, respectively.

After one semester at Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin, Brother Jim spent the next 23 years in Liberia and Ghana involved in education, religious formation, youth ministry and health care administration. He served at different times in two parishes on Chicago's south side as youth minister and pastoral associate. He spent 10 years with Holy Cross Children's Services, primarily on the Boysville campus, in Clinton, Michigan. Then he taught for seven years at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio. In 2012, he retired to Columba Hall at Notre Dame.

Since 2012, Brother Jim has been in volunteer ministry at Holy Cross College as chaplain of the men's and women's soccer teams, tutor in the writing center and a senior capstone evaluator.

He also spent several years as a teacher and member of the board of directors of the Forever Learning Institute in South Bend.

#### Brother Joseph P. LeBon, CSC

It was while he was attending high school in Indianapolis that Joseph LeBon heard the call to

religious life. He admired the selfless dedication and professional competence of the brothers at Cathedral High School and could picture himself in front of the classroom.

After completing his novitiate, Brother Joe studied at the University of Notre Dame, where he earned his degree in classics. Most of his ministry has been teaching at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, where he was assigned in 1965. Except for one year at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois, he has worked at Hoban ever since. He has served the province as moderator of several chapters and as chairman of the Social Justice Commission.

Throughout his teaching career, Brother Joe has taught a variety of subjects, from religion to mathematics, from French to Latin. He has advised the student newspaper and yearbook and is a nationally certified journalism educator. Back in the mid-70's, Brother Joe became interested in computer programming, which he taught for many years. Today he employs those technology skills in maintaining the school website.

"I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Congregation of Holy Cross," he said. "The community has provided me with my religious formation and college education, as well as the opportunity to serve the Church in the ministry of Catholic education over many years. Working with youth has helped me stay young."

#### Brother Edward W. Libbers, CSC

Edward Libbers of Lafayette attended Catholic elementary schools and graduated from Lafayette Central Catholic in 1958. He attended Purdue University for one year, studying chemical engineering. During that year, he was active in the Newman Center. With advice from the chaplain at the Newman Center, he wrote a letter to Brother Eymard Salzman, the vocations director, expressing an interest in Holy Cross. Within a few days, Brother Eymard invited him to visit the brothers at Dujarié Hall scholasticate.

He entered the juniorate program at Watertown, Wisconsin, in the fall of 1959, and then the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, professing first vows in 1961. He was assigned to live at Dujarié Hall and study at the University of Notre Dame, majoring in chemistry and math.

In the summer of 1963, Brother Edward graduated and was assigned to live at Columba



Brother Joseph P. LeBon, CSC

Hall and work at St. Joseph High School, teaching algebra and chemistry. Upon finishing his first year, he was assigned in September 1964 to Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois. In 1966, he began work at Notre Dame on a master's degree during the summer months.

In 1967, Brother Edward was assigned to teach at Archbishop Hoban High School, again in the areas of chemistry and math. He taught there until 1995, when he was accepted to teach at Holy Cross High School in San Antonio, Texas.

He returned to Hoban in 1999 and continued teaching until retiring in 2016 after 53 years in education. For four years he did volunteer work at Regina Health Care nursing home.

#### Brother Frederick P. Raehsler, CSC

Frederick Raehsler attended St. John the Evangelist Grammar School in Little Canada, Minnesota, and Cretin High School in St. Paul. After two years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Germany, he returned to St. Paul.

On June 14, 1960, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross at Watertown, Wisconsin. Then it was on to his novitiate year in Rolling Prairie.

His nursing training began at the Alexian Brothers Hospital in Chicago from 1963 to 1966. Upon graduation, he was appointed director of the Dujarié House infirmary at Notre Dame. After seven years, he moved into an area of health care known as mid-level health practitioners, the physician assistant.

He completed undergraduate work at Indiana University in 1978 and graduate work in guidance and counseling in 1981. His physician assistant work began in South Bend with the Family Care Medical Practice for seven years. Upon earning a master's degree, he moved on to King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, to work in their physician assistant program.

To satisfy a desire to work in rural health, he accepted a physician assistant position in Skagway, Alaska, for seven years. Then, from July 1994 until 2000, he served the community of Blanchard, Michigan.

In 2000, he retired and returned to Notre Dame. In 2001, he was asked to develop a student health program at Holy Cross College, which he did, and he worked in the Student Health Center for eight years.

Brother Frederick volunteered at Sister Maura Brannick, CSC, Health Clinic in South Bend. He lives in Columba Hall at Notre Dame.



Brother Frederick P. Raehsler, CSC

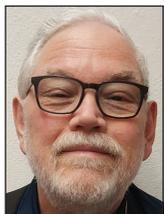


Brother Edward W. Libbers, CSC

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**Brother Thomas H. Sisung, CSC**

Thomas Sisung was born in Monroe, Michigan, on Dec. 6, 1941, to Thomas and Gertrude Sisung. He was the oldest of five children. He attended St. John's Elementary School, taught by the IHM Sisters, and Monroe Catholic Central High School taught by the Brothers of Holy Cross. While a student at Monroe, he received



**Brother Thomas H. Sisung, CSC**

guidance from Brother Bede Stadler, who was the school's vocations director.

After high school graduation, Sisung entered the brothers at Watertown, Wisconsin, on June 14, 1960. He received his habit Aug. 15, 1960, at Rolling Prairie, where he later made his first profession Aug. 16, 1961.

Through the years, Brother Thomas has taught religious education, developmental reading and Latin. His assignments included Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, for one year; Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois, for four years; Le Mans Academy for three years then 13 years

at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio.

Brother Thomas moved back to Notre Dame to continue his new interest in the culinary arts and cooked at the Holy Cross Brothers Center from 1985 to 1998. Continuing in culinary arts, Brother Thomas worked at Schubert Villa/Dujarié House and André Place. Brother Thomas has worked a total of 29 years in culinary arts.

"In my life there have been many high mountains and low ravines," said Brother Thomas. "I now know that God is doing for me what I could not do for myself, and for that I'm eternally grateful."

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Jackie Feece, daycare provider at Saints and Squires Daycare at the St. John Paul II Center in Mishawaka, gathers, from left, Daniel, Sam, Makaio and Grace to make some playdough creations last week. The St. John Paul II Center is the second location of the daycare: It opened in August for diocesan employees and teachers at Marian High School and St. Jude School.

## Second day care location example of the Church 'living what we are called to do'

BY JODI MARLIN

"It's welcoming for us to be able to offer this as part of our pro-life mission."

— Karen Deranek

Child care options have expanded for teachers at some Mishawaka and South Bend Catholic schools.

Saints and Squires Daycare, a ministry of St. Joseph Parish serving teachers at Mishawaka Catholic School and Marian High School, opened a second location Aug. 11. The first location is currently at full capacity. Opening a second site allows the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to continue to respond to the call to do what supports families and all human life.

Offering low-cost day care is one of many ways he was blessed to support teachers who are dedicated to working in the Catholic school environment, Marian principal Mark Kirzeder said when the first location opened in 2019. Add the vision and connections of school treasurer Laurie Haverty – also human relations director for the diocese – and an expansion of the mission ensued.

"How can we best support our employees with young families, and how can we encourage an in-person workplace? These are some of the questions that encouraged us to look at our options," Haverty said. "At a very basic level, this is our effort to support these teachers and parish staff members who make the financial sacrifice to teach in our schools and work in our parishes."

"The day care is run as a break-even ministry so that it is affordable for the parents to work in our schools and parishes," explained Carl Loesch in an email. Loesch is head of the Secretariat for Pastoral Ministries and Discipleship and building manager of the St. John Paul II

Center, the new location.

Adding diocesan employees to those who would benefit from having low-cost day care in proximity was an additional goal.

"It's ideal for them, and it's ideal for Marian teachers because they can literally walk across the parking lot to see their children," Haverty said.

Much like identifying the convenient location, converting the space inside the St. John Paul II Center to a child-appropriate facility had a providential flavor. Rooms were painted, carpets cleaned and surplus donated furniture trucked over from the St. Joseph Parish location. Window coverings will be installed shortly, and a fence is being erected just outside the dedicated day care space so an outdoor courtyard can be directly accessed.

Potentially large expenses, such as enabling appropriate heating and cooling systems for the space, were resolved with surprisingly minimal expense.



Carl is the youngest of the six children currently receiving care at the Saints and Squires Daycare at the St. John Paul II Center.

"She had the space available over there at the John Paul II Center and thought it would be a great idea. They emptied the room out, and we came in and fixed it up as best we could," said Karen Deranek, director of both day care locations and a former preschool teacher at St. Jude School. Deranek was also a teacher at the MCS location for a year prior to becoming director.

The St. John Paul II Center location opened to diocesan staff and teachers at Mishawaka

space at St. Joseph Parish. Age-appropriate prayers, crafts and songs familiar to Catholic families are part of each child's day.

Offering an affordable day care option is one way Deranek feels the diocese supports the family needs of its staff and schoolteachers. "It's welcoming for us to be able to offer this as part of our pro-life mission," she said.

"It's such a great feeling to know those teachers and staff who use it have their children in

a comfortable setting and know they're safe and loved – and it's affordable," added Haverty. Tuition, which is a blanket fee for up to full use of the center's operating hours is approximately half the going day care rate for the young age group.

Lauren and Thomas Meyers greatly appreciate the proximity of the new Saints and Squires location. Lauren said. She was grateful when the first location opened in 2019, but the new one is even closer to their work. Both parents are teachers at Marian.

Two-year-old Daniel loves the atmosphere at the second Saints and Squires site, said Mom, who can look out her classroom window and across the school parking lot to see his classroom space and outdoor play area. "We can take one car to work, pick him up right away when we're done ... and now, anytime we drive by Marian and the JP II Center, he says 'My school, my school!'"

The proximity of the day care has made an impression on some of the students at Marian, who see it as fulfillment of the Church's dedication to affirming life, Lauren said. Classroom conversations occasionally turn to the couple's children and how they are cared for, and their students then see that "the diocese really cares about their employees, that they care about being pro-family. That's another witness to the community of our schools as well."

Current enrollment is at the JP II center is six children, with room for a maximum of 10. Both locations are open from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the school year, plus a few days before and after. The site is closed during the summer, spring break, Christmas break and other full-day school holidays or vacations.

## A retirement project like no other

“When life itself seems lunatic, who knows where madness lies? Perhaps to be too practical is madness.” — Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, “Don Quixote”

What should a retired philosophy professor who is a political skeptic, fiercely pro-life and apparently with a bit of time on his hands, do this fall? Run for governor of California, of course!

Such a man is James Hanink, an old friend who has surprised me mightily with this burst of electoral activism.

I first met Hanink when he was a philosophy professor at Loyola Marymount University. Back in our salad days, we both became associated with an upstart Christian journal called *The New Oxford Review*, a contrarian publication whose theology was orthodox and whose politics were social democrat — a breed better known in Europe than here.

In other words, it was a magazine that tried to unite the moral teachings and social teachings of the Church under one cover. It was certainly no get-rich-quick strategy, but it brought together a wonderfully oddball collection of idealists. Hanink and I were two of them.

In full disclosure, we became friends and eventually Hanink and his wife Elizabeth became godparents of my oldest son. As my career took me far from California, I did not keep in close touch. From our many conversations, however, I remember him as quite a critic of political parties. He was always more com-

fortable with protesting outside an abortion clinic or criticizing military adventurism. I never pegged him for the governor type.

But California being the crazy state that it is, it is currently going through its periodic recall of a sitting governor. This time it is Gov. Gavin Newsom, who has a year left in his term. In California, the recall vote and the vote for his successor, should the recall succeed, happen at the same time. At my count, 83 souls have lined up for a chance to succeed Newsom, should the recall pass.

It would not be my idea of a fun retirement to govern a state that appears to be burdened by both fire and drought for the foreseeable future. A state whose chief export is becoming Californians who move to other Western states and inflate their housing markets.

Hanink is running as a member of the American Solidarity Party. This is a party that, while not explicitly Catholic, embraces the panoply of Church teachings. It is pro-life, pro-peace, pro-economic justice, pro-environment, pro-immigrant, pro-religious liberty and pro-marriage.

“We are a party that’s committed to consistent ethics of life. We’re a party that’s committed to the common good as understood in Catholic social teaching,” Hanink said in one interview. He speaks about the dangers of “unbridled capitalism” and “materialistic, unchecked socialism.”

In other words, there is something in this agenda to tick off



### AMID THE FRAY

GREG ERLANDSON

practically everybody in the two mainstream parties who are most comfortable seeing the world in clear right-left polarities.

I’m a cynic when it comes to third parties. In my lifetime I’ve mainly seen them fail, often creating a bit of chaos in the process of failing.

Yet there may be something noble in such ventures now. At a time when there is much political despair and even more paralysis, when distrust in politicians and their promises is rampant, Hanink’s campaign and the platform he is running on stands out.

As frustrations with our political system grow, we run the risk of an electorate that abandons faith in democracy. We may also begin to see signs of a real diversity of options such as is represented by the American Solidarity Party and candidates like James Hanink. Perhaps democracy will yet outrun political entropy.

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## Risky businesses

The U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report recently whose alarming rhetoric about carbon dioxide emissions — “code red for humanity” — got me thinking again about nuclear energy.

If the Earth’s situation is really as dire as the U.N. says, it stands to reason that we, or at least the great majority who don’t dispute the reality of anthropogenic global warming, should set aside our disagreements and embrace alternatives to fossil fuels.

If there were a reliable source of carbon-free energy that could easily be scaled up, everyone who cared about global warming would embrace it. After all, the planet and our lives hang in the balance. Right?

But we actually do have just such a technology readily available. Nuclear power produces zero carbon dioxide in its operation. And unlike solar and wind generation, it works in any sort of weather.

It’s also safe. Three Mile Island, the best-known U.S. nuclear accident, was actually an engineering success in that the problem was contained and no one was hurt. The Fukushima disaster, though worse than Three Mile Island, also killed no one. And it resulted from unique circumstances and a foolish decision to site a nuclear plant on an ocean shore.

About 50 people died in the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. It is unlikely to recur even in Russia given today’s technology. And almost that many people, about



### INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

JOHN GARVEY

40, die every year from natural gas explosions. But we are not afraid of natural gas, apart, of course, from its environmental impact.

During the Reagan administration, I handled a number of nuclear power cases in the Supreme Court — about plant safety (Karen Silkwood), environmental impacts and the California nuclear moratorium. The thing I noticed then was that resistance to nuclear energy was driven by what I took to calling the dread factor.

People fear nuclear power not because it is statistically unsafe, but because the harm it might cause is out of our control and could be catastrophic. The risk of death from driving a car far exceeds the risk from nuclear power generation, but we do that every day.

It’s not irrational to fear nuclear power. It’s just wrong. In making public policy about energy generation, though, the government has to take account of people’s fears while it works to allay them.

This is also how it is with COVID-19 vaccines. Science tells us people are much safer, as are those they interact with, if they

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## Sin is our burden, but God’s forgiveness heals



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 7:31-37

The first reading for this weekend, from the Book of Isaiah, speaks of the blind, the deaf and the lame.

Today’s culture is very different from that in which this section of Isaiah was written. Physical impairments now can be managed in most cases. Today’s medicine works wonders. People with physical challenges lead lives that would only have been dreams for those in ancient Israel.

Moreover, no public scorn now accompanies physical disabilities. People in this day and age know that these impair-

ments have a physical explanation, that genetics, or disease, or injury, cause such difficulties.

Times have changed. When Isaiah lived, the inability to walk was a major, critical disadvantage. Even more a disadvantage was being unable to hear or being unable to see. Communication for almost everyone was verbal or visual.

Immobility, blindness, lameness or deafness, therefore, severely isolated people. Then, as much as at any time in human history, being alone was a fearful thought. More fearful than being alone was being alone and helpless.

Furthermore, physical impairments were regarded as the consequence of sin. It was an ancient Jewish belief that sin upset a person’s life and indeed the life of the broader society.

This reading, therefore, refers to persons whose impairments isolate them from others, and whose sin separates them from God.

God, in great mercy and love, restored vision, hearing and the ability to move, and thus re-

established a place in the human community. Most importantly, God forgave sin. His forgiveness healed and strengthened.

The Letter of James is the source of the second reading. The New Testament mentions several men with this name. Likely, other men by the same name were alive at the time of Jesus or in the first decades of Christianity.

The Scripture does not identify the man to whom the title of this letter refers. Was it James, who was called the “brother of Jesus”? To recall the oldest Christian tradition, James was a son of Joseph by Joseph’s earlier marriage. Under Jewish law, sons or daughters of Joseph’s earlier marriage, if indeed there were an earlier marriage, would have been called the “brothers” and “sisters” of Jesus.

Realizing this Jewish custom is important, as today many deny that Mary always was a virgin.

The reading this weekend is a great lesson in the inevitable destiny of humans and of earthly life. All earthly things will die.

Only the spiritual will endure.

St. Mark’s Gospel provides the third reading. Jesus has returned from visits to Tyre and Sidon, in what today is Lebanon, and to the Ten Cities, an area now in Jordan.

Merely by having visited these places, Jesus has taken the presence of God far and wide, to Gentiles as well as to Jews.

Jesus encountered a man who could neither hear nor speak. Bystanders, and possibly the man himself, would have assumed that sin somehow was in his background. By healing the man, Jesus demonstrated divine forgiveness. It brought the man back into the community, and into union with God, gave him hope and access to life.

### Reflection

The Church for weeks has called us to discipleship. It also has warned us that we are shortsighted and weak.

In these readings, the Church confronts us with our sins, the source of ultimate weakness. Sin separates us from God. It blinds

us and leaves us deaf. It renders us helpless. We cannot free ourselves. We are doomed.

God forgives us, and we are restored, refreshed and strengthened. We can see. We can hear. We can find our way.

Sin is our burden as humans, with all its dire effects. God, in Christ, is our hope. No one, anywhere, is beyond the scope of God’s love and mercy. He offers life to all.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10

Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11 Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-7 Lk 6:43-49

# The moral analysis of boxing

In 1996 when Muhammad Ali lit the Olympic flame on international television, the issue of sports-induced brain damage was raised to new prominence. One of the greatest boxers in history, his evident frailty and overt Parkinson's tremors led many to question the sport of boxing and its future. Since then, countless other athletes, not only from the world of boxing, but from football, hockey, mixed martial arts, soccer and beyond, have shared tragic stories of debilitating sports-related concussions.

Although many sports involve the risk of unintentional injuries, boxing for many raises the issue to an entirely different level. Indeed, it is important for us to inquire about the intended purpose or goal of boxing.

Literature describing the ancient practice of the sport of boxing makes it clear that Greek athletes sometimes suffered permanent injuries or even died during tournaments. During Roman gladiatorial boxing events, they basically fought to the death. Any sporting activity where the declared goal would be to kill one's opponent would, of course, automatically raise serious moral objections.

Modern boxing has no such goal, though certain elements of bodily harm and violence continue to characterize the sport, with an average of 10 boxing deaths occurring each year since 1900. Among the more serious forms of harm that can occur from competitive boxing is physical damage to the brain. From January of 1960 to August of 2011, for example, 488 boxing-related deaths were reported, with approximately 65 percent of those deaths involving grave neurological damage.

If the goal of a professional boxing match is "just" to knock out the opponent to gain victory, the purpose of the competition itself still raises moral concerns, because participants are striving to inflict potentially serious harm to their opponent's brain by causing a concussion, a type of traumatic brain injury.

Suffering a concussion can result in a panoply of symptoms and problems, including fuzzy

thinking, painful vision, harmful reactions to light, difficulties with memory and learning, and loss of the ability to focus. Sometimes repetitive brain trauma can result in progressive neurodegenerative disease with significant symptoms arising years later, including dementia.

Our ability to recognize and understand traumatic brain injury is continuing to improve with time. Several proteins, released by nerve cells when they are damaged following a concussion, can often be detected as "fluid biomarkers" either in the blood or in the cerebrospinal fluid. Testing for the presence of these proteins can aid in identifying and confirming even mild traumatic brain injuries that may not be obvious on first assessment.

Neurologists, of course, are among the first to emphasize that a concussion represents a serious medical condition. Treatment options generally remain limited and tend to include the need for extended time to allow the neurological impairment to heal.

Young athletes can be so desperate to compete, nevertheless, that they will say they are fine after suffering an injury even when they are not and seek to return to the competitive event. A second insult to the brain, without allowing for full healing of the first, can significantly increase the risk for prolonged symptoms.

Considering the intensity of competitive pressure, particularly among young people who may have a limited ability to consider the consequences of their actions and the potential future effects of injuries, the question arises whether there isn't a broader moral obligation in the community to "save players from themselves" and for those around them to refrain from applying undue pressure to perform on young athletes. Regrettably, undue pressure to participate sometimes arises from parents and coaches, and outside mediators are sometimes needed to assure that young people's best interests are protected.

One element of responsible gamesmanship in today's sporting events involves the develop-



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ment and use of appropriate gear to protect athletes from accidental harm. Another involves the establishment of rigorous penalties for players and teams that intentionally seek to cause harm to their opponents during competitions and tournaments.

For the sport of boxing, however, such measures reveal a contradiction. If one were to completely protect a boxer, for example, with appropriate body padding to avoid injury, the sport would lose much of its energy and appeal, since causing injury is central to the process of engagement. If one were to be penalized for intentionally seeking to harm the other boxer, as may be done for other sports like hockey, again, boxing would become eviscerated of much of its core.

There are obvious meritorious considerations to boxing, like the intense training, personal discipline and resilience involved, all of which are clearly valid on their own terms. St. Paul even uses the analogy of boxing to describe the way we should exercise heroic discipline in the Christian life, in 1 Cor 9:25-27.

But while there are various elements that can attract us to the sport, the violent goal of the engagement remains gravely problematic at a moral level. The sport of boxing not only risks serious impairment and even death but poses many uncomfortable questions for us regarding our own appetites as spectators, and our willingness to allow for certain elements of brutality and even barbarism in the practice of sporting events.

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get vaccinated. I had the virus early on, and I've had two shots of the Moderna vaccine. Pope Francis and retired Pope Benedict XVI have both been vaccinated. But many people still hesitate.

Some have religious concerns. Some worry about side effects like Guillain-Barré Syndrome that are as rare as lightning strikes. A few have verifiable medical reservations.

Most, though, are worried about what they don't know. The mRNA vaccines are a new thing, even now authorized only for emergency use by the Food and Drug Administration, except for the Pfizer version. They don't

inject a live virus like measles and chickenpox vaccines. They tell our bodies how to make proteins that trigger an immune response.

Putting genetic material into a cell and teaching it a new program has a whiff of Frankenstein about it. It inspires the same dread in some people that nuclear energy causes in others.

We're assured, with good reason, that the vaccines won't change our DNA. But the vaccine hesitant are not reassured by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, just as the anti-nuclear lobby is not reassured by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

There is a tendency, though,

to disdain the vaccine hesitant as dumb hicks "not following or believing the science." We don't hear this from the media about the anti-nuclear lobby. I can't help but think this has something to do with the political orientation of the two groups.

The anti-nuclear lobby leans left. The vaccine hesitant lean right. But they have a lot in common. And though they are both mistaken, we should probably extend them the same degree of tolerance in making public policy.

John Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for September 5, 2021  
James 2: 1-5a / Mark 7: 31-37

Following is a word search based on the Second Reading and Gospel for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: Being open to change. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| TYRE       | GALILEE   | DECAPOLIS    |
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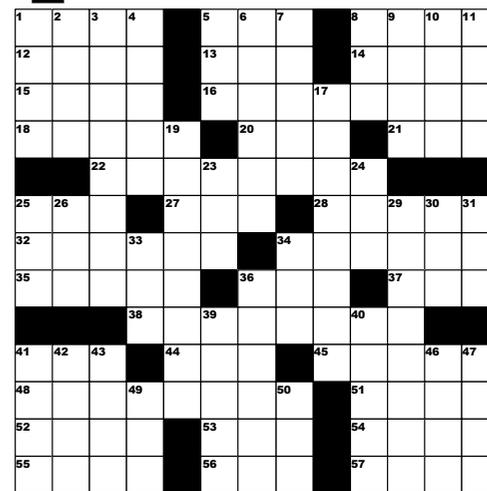
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## The Cross Word

September 5 and 12, 2021



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Readings: Is 35:4-7a; Ja 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37 and Is 50:5-9a; 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

### ACROSS

- 1 Nickname for Michael
- 5 Female pronoun
- 8 Sword handle
- 12 Thought
- 13 \_\_\_ cities (Decapolis)
- 14 Region
- 15 Garrison
- 16 Hawk does to cover prey
- 18 Main altar bread ingredient
- 20 Fear
- 21 Saints (abbr)
- 22 "Not shielded my face from"

- 25 Work with
- 27 Multi-person transport
- 28 Challenges
- 32 Fifth president of U.S.
- 34 "Streams shall burst forth here"
- 35 Requests
- 36 Deaf cannot use
- 37 Body of water
- 38 Smallest language unit
- 41 Certified accountant
- 44 Cow speech
- 45 Softly and sweetly
- 48 Outdoors supper (2 wds)
- 51 Idols had feet of \_\_\_
- 52 "\_\_\_ like a stag"

- 53 Extremely High Frequency (abbr.)
- 54 Not there
- 55 Old McDonald had
- 56 Supersonic transport
- 57 Totals

### DOWN

- 1 Anger
- 2 False god
- 3 Burning oil
- 4 Devour (2 wds.)
- 5 Short-term memory
- 6 "Whose \_\_\_ are frightened"
- 7 Listlessness
- 8 Nickname for Henry
- 9 Part of the eye
- 10 Season before Easter
- 11 Labels
- 17 Offered formally
- 19 Links amino acids
- 23 Day of the week
- 24 Airy form of element
- 25 Arbiter
- 26 Sun's name
- 29 "I have not (turned back)"
- 30 Time period
- 31 Eye infection
- 33 Abraham offered instead of Isaac
- 34 Morse code dash
- 36 Time periods
- 39 Guadalupe flower
- 40 Coffee
- 41 Young steer
- 42 Supplication
- 43 Far away
- 46 Greeting \_\_\_
- 47 "\_\_\_ of the blind"
- 49 Revolutions a minute
- 50 Often, poetically

Answer key can be found on page 19

# Media literacy helps 'contain the fire hose' of media bombardment

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — How many hours are you interacting with media each day? It may be more than you think.

It's one thing to surf the internet. It's another to binge-watch a favorite TV show, or to slap on those noise-canceling headphones and listen to your favorite music while working. Or, maybe you borrowed an armful of books from the library with an aim to stay planted in your chair while getting up only for meals and such.

Common Sense Media says the average teenager spends nine hours each day with entertainment media.

It's all part of a "fire hose" of media blasting away at us, said Boston media literacy educator Juma Inniss, who also is an adviser to Media Literacy Now, the leading grassroots organization for media literacy legislation in the United States.

Part of learning media literacy, Inniss said during an Aug. 18 online talk he called "Media Literacy 101," is to "contain the fire hose."

As important as media lit-



CNS photo/courtesy Juma Inniss  
**Juma Inniss is seen in this undated photo. He is an adviser to Media Literacy Now, the leading grassroots organization for media literacy legislation in the United States.**

eracy is for adults, it's even more consequential for adolescents, which Inniss called "the second most impressionable life stage in human life" apart from age 2.

He cited research by the Center for Media and Child

Health in Boston, which found that teens who listen to more sexualized lyrics and watch more music videos with sexualized lyrics were more likely to have more sex partners and contract more sexually transmitted infections than those who did not.

"Music is actually the only media that influence our emotions in an active or passive manner," Inniss said. "Listening to pro-social lyrics can increase empathy and pro-social behavior," adding, "The messages in that song can still influence us without our permission," even when doing seemingly mundane tasks, like cleaning the house.

It's not just audio, but video, he cautioned. "Thirty years of research have concluded that viewing media violence leads to increased aggressive attitudes and behaviors," Inniss said. He cited such evidence as the number of mass shootings in the United States and the parade of deaths caused by gun violence.

"It's not a coincidence," he said. "Our culture is changing. Our value systems are changing, and what we're getting accustomed to is changing."

Inniss also tackled one of the hottest potatoes in the media

landscape in recent years: fake news.

"One in five adolescents believe the information they find online through Google and Bing is true," he said, although it was not adolescents who were solely responsible for the 8.7 million shares, reactions and comments for fake news in presidential election stories posted on Facebook in 2016, when Donald Trump won the presidency.

"Just 27% of adults reported being very confident they would detect real news from fake news," Inniss said. "In the same study, youth reported 44% confidence in being able to detect fake news. ... It's reaching out and affecting us all in myriad ways."

Excessive media screen time has been linked to both physical and psycho-emotional consequences among youth, from obesity to suicide, according to Inniss.

"Researchers have also found that too much screen time can have a neurological effect on the adolescent brain similar to heroin addiction," he said, adding that one research project involving brain mapping of a heroin addict and screen-addicted adolescent found that "their brain

patterns were similar."

That's where media literacy comes in, Inniss said. "Media literacy can help you think critically and gain more control over the way media messages influence you," he said, "not just to take action, but one of the core benefits is that we can gain control over the media messages that influence us. ... Media literacy can help us make better life choices."

For those interested in becoming more media literate, there are "five core questions" anyone can ask themselves, Inniss said.

They are: Who created this message? What creative techniques are used to attract my attention? How might different people understand this message differently from me? What lifestyles, values and points of view are represented in, or omitted from, this message? And, why is this message being sent?

"A lot of media messages are created for one of two reasons: profit or power," Inniss said. The questions are not meant to be reflective of "a cynical mindset," he added, but "a critical thinking mindset that doesn't take life at face value. It requires us to go deeper."

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**Sensory-friendly Masses planned**

**FORT WAYNE** — A sensory-friendly Mass will be Tuesday, Sept. 7, (first Tuesday of the month) at 6 p.m. at St. Elizabeth

Ann Seton Church, 10700 Aboite Center Rd. Livestream: [facebook.com/belongingFWSB](https://facebook.com/belongingFWSB). A sensory-friendly Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Sept. 10, (second

Friday of the month) at 5:45 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, 4500 Fairfield Ave. Contact Allison Sturm at 260-399-1452 for questions.

**Central Catholic High School class of 1971 50th reunion**

**FORT WAYNE** — The Central Catholic High School class of 1971 50th reunion will take place Saturday, Sept. 11, from 6-11 p.m. at Orchard Ridge Country Club, 4531 Lower Huntington Rd. Reservations required. Contact Carole Elder [caroletelder@outlook.com](mailto:caroletelder@outlook.com) or Laura Megles Taliaferro [ljtal@yahoo.com](mailto:ljtal@yahoo.com) or contact 260-466-8566 for more information.

**Holy Smokes — Men's Bourbon and Cigar Benefit for A Mother's Hope**

**FORT WAYNE** — Holy Smokes will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at The Charles, located at 3127 Carroll Rd. Tickets are \$60 per gentleman and include dinner, soda/beer, two bourbon tastings, and one cigar. All this plus a dynamic talk from former NFL player and founder of Life Athletes, Chris Godfrey, who is a member of the diocese. Godfrey's talk is co-sponsored by Marriage and Family Ministry, Diocese of Fort

Wayne-South Bend. To purchase tickets or sponsorships, visit [e.givesmart.com/events/myW/](http://e.givesmart.com/events/myW/). Contact Natalie Kohrman at 260-207-4476 or [natalie@amhfw.org](mailto:natalie@amhfw.org).

**Surviving Divorce series**

**GRANGER** — St. Pius X will offer Surviving Divorce, a 12-week program featuring 30-minute DVD sessions each week. The series begins this fall, Mondays, Sept. 13 through Dec. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PEC Library at St. Pius X Church.

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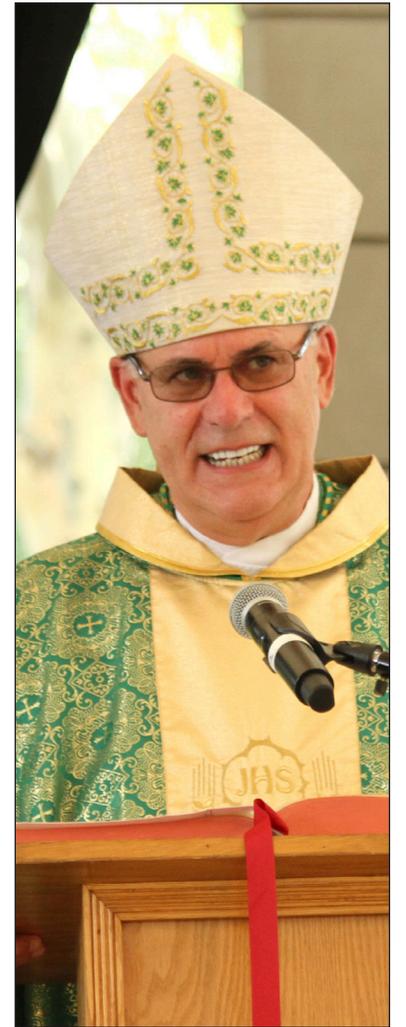
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Teens from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend gathered at Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne for stateside World Youth Day Saturday, Aug. 28. Above, left: Two bands offered praise and worship music, and priests gave the youth opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation. Above, right: Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass. Below, left: Father Augustine Onuoha tells the high schoolers about how God's plan perseveres amid life's difficulties. Below, right: The teens join the bishop in eucharistic adoration under the pavilion.

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scribes when they heard Jesus call them hypocrites. I can imagine their anger, their fury. Jesus called them hypocrites.

"Jesus is saying in the Gospel today that there is a disconnect in the lives of the Pharisees and scribes between the outward and the inward: between the appearance and the reality. They appeared to be holy," he said. "But they're only giving lip-service to God."

Bishop Rhoades continued, "It's good to think about authentic religion: authentic

Christianity. It shows itself in practical behavior. Isn't that what St. James is teaching us in today's second reading? St. James wrote, 'Be doers of the Word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.'"

He told students that St. James was calling on Christians to be consistent so that how they live their lives "coheres" to what they profess they believe.

"Let us ask the Lord to rid us of all hypocrisy — to give us a pure heart. When our heart is free from all hypocrisy, then we are able to live according to the spirit of the Law and accomplish the aim of the Law. The aim of the Law is love."

At the end of Mass, the bishop said that, during communion, he noticed he had confirmed almost everyone present at the event.

"It just brings me so much joy to see you here because I know that you're filled with faith and you're living the gifts of the Holy Spirit you received."

After Mass, when students had finished their complimentary dinner served by several food trucks, Bishop Rhoades led the teens in eucharistic adoration while the bands played praise and worship music.

The youth knelt on the pavilion concrete and prayed. Several of them stretched out their arms, ready to receive Jesus in their hearts. Even a stranger passing through the park outside of the pavilion's fence stopped and knelt in honor of the Lord, raising his hand in visible thanks to God.

Before the day-long celebration ended, Father Torres led the teens in a solemn candlelit vigil, and those gathered sang the *Salve Regina* prayer in Latin.

This event was the third in a series of stateside World Youth Day celebrations that began in the diocese after the 2019 international World Youth Day in Panama.

The next worldwide celebration of World Youth Day will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, in 2023.