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BY DENISE FEDOROW

The sun peeked out and the rain subsided in time for the dedication and blessing of the newly constructed Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and altar on the Marian High School campus, Mishawaka, Thursday, Oct. 7, on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presided over the Mass and rite of dedication and thanked everyone who made the grotto and prayer plaza possible, including the donors and craftsman who were among the invited guests. The outdoor liturgy was livestreamed for the students in the building.

Several pastors from the area concelebrated the liturgy, including Father Nathan Maskal; Father Daniel Niezer, co-chaplain; Father Glenn Kohrman; Father Zachary Rathke, CSC, co-chaplain; Father John Eze; Father Jacob Meyer; Father Benjamin Muhlenkamp; Father Benjamin Landrigan; Father Chris Brennan, CSC, a 2008 Marian graduate; Father John Delaney; and Father Jason Freiburger. Several Sisters of St.

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Denise Fedorow

The plaza of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at Marian High School, Mishawaka, was blessed Oct. 7. More than a year of planning and enduring pandemic-related delays came to an end when the holy place of prayer was dedicated to the school's patroness.

Six charges for former Columbia City pastor

FORT WAYNE — A criminal investigation into charges of sexual misconduct with a minor by Father David Huneck, former pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City, has resulted in the following charges being filed by the Whitley County Prosecuting Attorney Friday, Oct. 8.

- Count 1: Child Seduction – Level 6 Felony
- Count 2: Sexual Battery – Level 6 Felony
- Count 3: Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor – Class A Misdemeanor
- Count 4: Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor – Class B Misdemeanor
- Count 5: Battery – Class B Misdemeanor
- Count 6: Battery – Class B Misdemeanor

Father Huneck, a priest of the diocese for three years, resigned from his position at the parish and from his role as co-chaplain of



FATHER DAVID HUNECK

Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne after the allegation of misconduct was received Sept. 19. A statement issued by the diocese Sept. 28 said once representatives of the diocese became

aware of allegations that Father Huneck had engaged in sexual misconduct and that one of the two victims was a minor, and consistent with diocesan policy, the diocese immediately notified the Department of Child Services of the allegations and asked that they be forwarded to the Columbia City Police Department.

A statement issued Oct. 8 by the diocese thanked the Columbia City Police Department and the Whitley County Prosecutor's Office for the work done on the

case following the diocese's report that Father Huneck had engaged in sexual and other misconduct, including that with a minor. With the filing of charges, the statement said, the diocese continues to cooperate with civil authorities.

The Church's investigative process, called the canonical process, is separate from civil law criminal processes. The initial, internal diocesan investigation resulted in the finding that the allegations against Father Huneck were credible, so in consultation with the Diocesan Review Board, Father Huneck was immediately placed on a public list of clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor. That canonical process will continue, and Father Huneck remains suspended from all public ministry.

During a news conference Sept. 28, Bishop Rhoades said great effort has been made to reach out to the victims and to

others who are angry, confused and saddened by the allegations. "My heart goes out to the victims, and the communities that are deeply affected by this tragedy, which was a shock to us all," he said. In a statement issued the same day, it was emphasized that the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend extends heartfelt prayers to everyone affected by the news "and stands firm in its commitment to investigate any allegation of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy and to listen to and support anyone who has been abused."

Bishop Rhoades and vicar general Father Mark Gurtner have been present to the St. Paul of the Cross community, with whom conversation is ongoing. Father José Arroyo has been appointed administrator of the parish until a new pastor is assigned in June.

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Bishop Rhoades honored as Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne Person of the Year

BY JODI MARLIN

Tradition: It's a pillar of the Catholic Church and an elemental characteristic of the University of Notre Dame.

Since the 1950s, the University of Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne has existed to keep those traditions and the spirit of Notre Dame alive in the hearts of alumni and supporters who live in the Northeast Indiana region.

Much beyond reminiscing about the memories of college days gone by, however, the club's approximately 1,200 members are a philanthropic force that provides hope across the region. In other words, they are a force for good.

Among the annual events organized by the club is the UND Celebration, a dinner honoring the recipient of its Person of the Year award. Signaling its foundational Catholic heritage, this year's honoree was Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

The criteria for the Person of the Year are simple, according to club treasurer Tom Skiba: exemplary service to God, country and Notre Dame. The selection is made each year by prior recipients of the award. Among the more than 60 honorees since 1954 have been Edward Dahm, Father Tom O'Connor, Sam Talarico Sr., and Indiana state Senator Liz Brown.

This year's UND Celebration took place Oct. 6 at Fort Wayne Country Club. After dinner, honoree Bishop Rhoades recalled his first visit to the University of Notre Dame in 2006 at the invitation of campus IT Manager Patricia McAdams.

A lifelong but long-distance Notre Dame football fan, the experiences of that weekend — the atmosphere of the campus and the stadium, saying Mass in the Basilica and praying at the Grotto — caused him to hope he would return soon, he recalled. Joyfully, he returned just a few years later as bishop of the diocese.

During the past 11 years, Bishop Rhoades has celebrated dozens of Masses in the student dormitories, brought many students into full communion with the Church, blessed around a dozen chapel altars, offered countless talks and lectures and attended conferences. Some of his favorite experiences, he told club members, are of the closeness he has come to enjoy with certain departments of the university, particularly the theology department — which he called "the best theology department in the United States, and one of the best in the world."

"These are tremendous scholars who are deeply devoted to the Catholic Church ... an intellectual force for good, and of



Photos by Jodi Marlin

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades receives the University of Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne Person of the Year Award from club member Tom Skiba. The award was given out at the club's annual UND Celebration event at Fort Wayne Country Club Oct. 6.



Lou Nanni, vice president of university relations for ND, was the evening's keynote speaker.

scholarship for the Church," the bishop said.

He additionally expressed appreciation for a close relationship with two other university organizations, the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture and the McGrath Institute for Church Life.

In addition to honoring Bishop Rhoades, this year's UND Celebration also acknowledged another award — one received by the club itself. In April, members' excellence in fulfilling the club's mission of community service and faith was noted by the Notre Dame Alumni Association, which honored it with the university's Force for Good Award.

The generous charitable

accomplishments include several notable traditions.

The scholarship fund built by the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne has surpassed \$3 million; each year, more than \$100,000 is distributed to between 25 and 30 current and incoming students. Club members also mentor high school students interested in Notre Dame, as well as current Notre Dame students. They connect students with members of the community and with opportunities for further education and internships by, for example, sponsoring the cost for a teacher or two to attend an annual teaching conference and underwriting the participation of the same number of local middle school students at a yearly DNA camp offered by the university.

The club supports the charitable efforts of other local organizations as well, and offers a golf outing, Hesburgh lecture and other social events.

Keynote speaker for the UND Celebration was Lou Nanni, Notre Dame vice president for university relations and a Notre Dame graduate. Nanni lauded club members' altruistic generosity and went a step beyond by encouraging them to strive not only to do good but to do good as a path to the ultimate goal of holiness.

The term for which the award given to the club was named,

"Force for Good," comes from the founding DNA of the university, Nanni said.

Father Edward Sorin and several Holy Cross brothers traveled from Europe to the Diocese of Vincennes, later coming to South Bend during a ferocious snowstorm to found the school and showing "a tremendous force of will that would be undeterred."

As one of the few institutions of higher learning that survived the Civil War, the subsequent fire that nearly destroyed the campus only served to increase Father Sorin's faith in the institution's patroness, Mary. She was placed on the high dome of the university's main building and gilded in gold. It was at that moment, he recounted, that Father Sorin said the University of Notre Dame would become "one of the most powerful means for good in our society."

After two decades of considering the three-pronged vision of the university — offer unsurpassed undergraduate academics, and premier in research and graduate education, all while assuring that the school's Catholic character informs everything — Nanni said his daily motivation is best captured by an anecdote involving a conversation involving university trustee Jim Dunn. A stranger shared with Dunn that early in Father Theodore Hesburgh's tenure as president of Notre Dame, a tragedy had occurred on campus and a male student was killed. For the next 40 years, on the anniversary of the student's death, Father Hesburgh handwrote a letter to the student's family. The letters were perceived to have extended the life of the student's mother by five years.

"Scandal, by definition, is public," Nanni concluded. "But holiness is often hidden or seeks to hide itself. At Notre Dame, we're not just called to greatness, we're called to holiness. We're called not just to do the big things, but we're called to do the little things — the handwritten letters that you don't think will see the light of day. But when they do, they make a difference. And that's worth living for," he said.

"That's worth searching for, ways we can propagate the faith. That's worth trying to be more understanding, more kind, and to take those steps. If we do that and following the examples of Father Hesburgh and so many others, we can continue to be that force for good in the world that Father Sorin envisioned."

Membership in the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne is open to all. For more information about how to join, visit the club on Facebook or contact the University of Notre Dame Alumni Office.

Indiana Catholic, former U.S. senator, is Vatican ambassador nominee

WASHINGTON (CNS) — President Joe Biden will nominate Catholic lawyer Joseph Donnelly of Indiana, a former member of the U.S. House and Senate, to be the next U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

The White House announced Biden's pick for the ambassador post Oct. 8. The nomination must be confirmed by the Senate.

Donnelly, 66, served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2007 to 2013, representing Indiana's 2nd Congressional District, and was a U.S. senator from 2013 to 2019. He is currently a partner at Akin Gump, a Washington firm specializing in public law and policy law.

He was a member of the Afghanistan Study Group and has been a professor at his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1977 and a law degree in 1981.

"Joe has been an exemplary public servant in Congress, an invaluable friend of Notre Dame and of me personally, and he is an ideal choice to represent the United States at the Vatican," said Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins.

"He will bring to this role a



CNS photo/Joshua Roberts, Reuters
Catholic lawyer Joseph Donnelly, pictured in a Jan. 3, 2013, photo, is U.S. President Joe Biden's nominee to serve as U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. Donnelly was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 2003 to 2013 and a U.S. senator from 2013 to 2019.

deep understanding of the issues currently facing our nation and the world, a genuine Catholic faith and an understanding of the role the church can play in our world," the priest said in a statement issued shortly after the White House announcement.

"On behalf of the Notre Dame

family, I offer my congratulations and prayers as he prepares for this new responsibility."

Donnelly is a pro-life Democrat, "committed to protecting the sanctity of life," he has said, though he also believes exceptions should be made on abortion in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's health could be at stake.

When Donnelly was running for reelection to the Senate in 2018, Democrats for Life of America said: "Donnelly has been a consistent pro-life voice as well as advocate for women and families, co-sponsoring many important pieces of legislation."

Donnelly met his wife, Jill, while attending Notre Dame and they were married in 1979. They have a son and a daughter.

Since Ambassador Calista Gingrich's tenure ended in mid-January, the post has been temporarily filled by American diplomat Patrick Connell, who is chargé d'affaires ad interim.

Gingrich was President Donald Trump's nominee for ambassador and was confirmed by the Senate in a 70-23 vote Oct. 16, 2017.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, October 17: 2 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Mary of the Annunciation Church, Bristol
- Monday, October 18: 7 p.m. — White Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, October 19: 12 p.m. — Virtual Meeting of Board of Directors of Exodus 90
- Wednesday, October 20: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Church, South Bend
- Thursday, October 21: 7:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Corpus Christi Church, South Bend
- Friday, October 22: 11 a.m. — Virtual Meeting of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Advisory Group on the Eucharistic Initiative
- Saturday, October 23: 4 p.m. — Mass, Geddes Hall Chapel, University of Notre Dame

A STATEMENT FROM THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND



The Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend extends its thanks to the Columbia City Police Department and the Whitley County Prosecutor's Office for the work they have done in the case of Father Huneck following our report that he engaged in sexual and other misconduct, including that with a minor.

With the filing of charges, the diocese continues to cooperate with civil authorities.

As was shared in a news conference last week, the Church has its own investigative process called the canonical process, which is separate from the civil law's criminal process. Our internal diocesan investigation resulted in the finding that the allegations against Father Huneck are credible. In consultation with the Diocesan Review Board, Father Huneck was placed on our public list of clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor. We will continue our canonical process of Father Huneck in the Church, and he remains suspended from all public ministry.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend continues to extend our heartfelt prayers for victims of abuse and all who are affected by this news and stands firm in its commitment to investigate any allegation of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy and to listen to and support anyone who has been abused. Please contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator and assistant to the bishop in pastoral care, at mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1458.

U.S. nuncio says he'll stay, helps prepare for synod, Biden-pope meeting

BY VICTOR GAETAN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the 75-year-old apostolic nuncio to the United States, said when he met Pope Francis at the Vatican Sept. 6, the pope asked him to remain in his post instead of retiring.

"He asked me to stay, so I stay as long as he wants. And I am happy to do so," the archbishop told Catholic News Service.

At the top of the nuncio's to-do list is helping the Holy See prepare for Joe Biden's first presidential visit to the Vatican, while the president is in Rome for an Oct. 30-31 summit of leading rich and developed nations.

The archbishop confirmed the Biden-pope meeting indirectly: "It would be an anomaly if he did not meet the pope while in Rome," especially since Biden is the first Catholic president in 58 years.

Despite a "tense situation because of the agenda of the Democratic Party on abortion," Archbishop Pierre said he believes it will be a good meeting.

Onlookers must think beyond institutions to the people them-



Pope Francis greets then-U.S. Vice President Joe Biden after both spoke at a conference on adult stem cell research at the Vatican April 29, 2016. In a recent interview, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican ambassador to the U.S., said he is helping the Holy See prepare for Biden's first presidential visit to the Vatican, sometime during an Oct. 30-31 Rome summit of leading rich and developed nations.

CNS photo/Vatican Media

selves: "These are two human beings with huge responsibilities trying to meet each other. They are not wooden figures. And behind them is a big machine — and the world." So problematic matters will not be solved quickly, the diplomat said.

Meanwhile, the Church is a major factor in American society, "very much present in all issues," he said. "You have 80 million Catholics, the huge structure of the Church, and the bishops are very active."

The nuncio thinks polarization is one of the most difficult things facing the United States because "as long as you are polarized, you don't find solutions."

He says the Church defends values without transforming its mission into an ideology.

Ideology quickly gives way to "cultural war," which leads people to divide reality into those "with us" versus those "against us," a simplistic framework that the nuncio calls "mystification," because "reality is extremely

complex."

The Church is called to preach the Gospel, advocate dialogue, and resist extremism, he said.

"When the Church is contaminated by polarization, we go nowhere" — a real danger, the archbishop said. Instead, the Church — simultaneously in the world, but not of the world — is called to be "salt of the earth" and "light of the world."

As the pope's eyes and ears in the United States, Archbishop Pierre is the Vatican's interlocutor with the U.S. government as well as with the bishops. One of his most important assignments is to help the pope select new bishops, "a businesslike thing" that occupies much of his work with the Vatican.

Archbishop Pierre said Pope Francis — whom he's known since being appointed nuncio to Mexico in 2007, when Argentine Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was a leading figure in Latin American

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Saint Mary's College installs 14th president

FORT WAYNE — A daylong schedule of events at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Oct. 9 culminated in the inauguration ceremony of the college's 14th president, Katie Conboy, Ph.D.

Conboy became the president of Saint Mary's College on June 1, 2020, but due to COVID-19, the installation was postponed until it was safe to gather in person. More than 500 people attended the inauguration, in addition to about three dozen delegates from national and regional institutions of higher education and the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees.

Inauguration day liturgy

At a morning Mass celebrated in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto on campus, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades synthesized the parallel missions of Catholic education. That duality, put forth by Blessed Father Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, keeps God at the forefront of the pursuit of higher education.

"Dr. Conboy embraces the vision expressed by Father Moreau in these famous words: 'We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart,' the bishop preached. "While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for heaven. A Catholic vision of education includes the heart as well as the mind."

Therefore, an education guided by faith includes formation in true freedom, "which is not the freedom to do whatever we want, but the freedom to do what we ought," he said. "It is freedom grounded in truth and goodness, the Truth and Goodness of God who revealed Himself in the Incarnation of His Son as love."

Bishop Rhoades expressed gratitude for Conboy's dedication to Catholic identity and the mission of Saint Mary's College to not only educate young minds, but also to prepare them for heaven. Catholic colleges, he noted, seek not only to foster in its students the wisdom of Mary, but also her obedient humility and the virtue of hope she embodies. "Saint Mary's College, like all Catholic colleges, are called to be schools of hope," he said.

The students who come to Saint Mary's have many goals and many hopes, he continued. Saint Mary's College helps them realize these goals and to fulfill those hopes.

"In the end, however, even if all these goals are reached and these hopes realized, they will not be totally fulfilled. Neither



Provided by Saint Mary's College

Dr. Katie Conboy, Ph.D., was inaugurated Oct. 9 as the new president of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame. Conboy has been serving in the role for a year and has developed a long-term vision for the college.

the position of vice president at Simmons University, a Holy Cross women's college in Boston. Prior to Simmons, she was at Stonehill College, a Holy Cross women's college in North Easton, Massachusetts. There, she served first as a professor of English literature, then as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

She is an award-winning teacher, author and an active scholar. She earned her doctoral degree in English literature from the University of Notre Dame in 1986, and her undergraduate degree at the University of Kansas in 1981. Conboy is married to Thomas O'Grady, Ph.D., retired. The couple has three grown daughters.

In her first year at Saint Mary's College, Conboy's actions lead the college through the effects of the civil and social unrest and global health crisis felt throughout the nation. She also created an environment that allowed the college to successfully complete the 2020-21 academic year in person.

She said she takes a page from the school's founders and sponsors, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, "who have boldly evolved their own work over the years, meeting the needs of the times in so many powerful ways."

Conboy has already shaped a long-term vision for Saint Mary's and codified it in a document available on the Saint Mary's College website at saintmarys.edu/office-of-the-president/strategic-plan.

A leader in Catholic higher education

Following the Mass and other inauguration day events, the ceremony took place at 1:30 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium, Moreau Center for the Arts.

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Church deliberations — is easy to talk to and not intimidating, while “challenging us all the time.”

“The pope is not a dictator, he is a mobilizer,” said the French-born diplomat. “What he wants is to help the Church be Church here (in the U.S.).”

“That is why I insist a lot on synodality, which means walking together, when I talk to bishops,” the nuncio said. “The strength of the Church is together, a synodal approach, which has to be implemented.”

Archbishop Pierre is intensely at work on the 2023 Synod of Bishops on synodality, which Pope Francis officially opened Oct. 10. In the last two weeks of September alone, he visited Missouri, Massachusetts, Illinois, Nevada and Kentucky, carrying the pope’s message.

“It is exhausting,” he laughed.

The nuncio described a primary function of his job as providing analysis so the pope can play his role in a complex world — analysis that is “never black and white.”

“We try to preach the Gospel in this world; we aren’t creating a new society,” the archbishop said.

Over the past 45 years, he has worked in nine countries, most of them poor.

“I started in New Zealand and the South Pacific. Then I went to Mozambique with (President) Samora Machel. Then I went to Zimbabwe with (Robert) Mugabe. Then I went to Cuba with Fidel Castro,” he recounted.

“Beautiful figures of dictators: Machel, Mugabe, Fidel Castro. Then a bit later, I was with Jean-Bertrand Aristide in Haiti. Then, I was with Trump,” Pierre said.

“We are not like foreigners. As soon as we arrive in a country, we are part of the country, because we are in the Church,”



CNS photo/Vatican Media

Pope Francis shakes hands with Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, at the Vatican Nov. 10, 2018. In a recent interview, Archbishop Pierre, 75, said when he met Pope Francis at the Vatican Sept. 6, the pope asked him to remain in his post instead of retiring.

he said. “This is our specificity.”

Gazing down on the nuncio as he spoke were portraits of several predecessors.

The largest portrait depicts Italian Cardinal Amleto Cicognani, who built the substantial nunciature. He represented the Vatican in Washington as apostolic delegate — the two countries did not yet have formal diplomatic relations — from 1933 to 1958.

Archbishop Pierre said then-Archbishop Cicognani was hardly utilized by Pope Pius XII, but with the ascent of Pope John XXIII, in a “twist of history,” the Italian diplomat was named to the College of Cardinals in 1958, joining his brother, Gaetano, already a cardinal.

Pope John XXIII named Cardinal Amleto Cicognani secretary of state in 1961. He served as the Vatican’s top diplomat

until 1969, when he resigned at age 86.

“He is inspiring,” said Archbishop Pierre, “But I don’t identify with him.”

A smaller painting features Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, nuncio from 2011 to 2016 and author of scandalous statements against Pope Francis.

Asked why the portrait remains on the wall, Archbishop Pierre replied, “Because we are not Americans (who) want to take away the statues. We respect history.”

Besides, Archbishop Pierre added, “I’ve known him for 40 years.”

Gaetan is an occasional contributor to Catholic News Service and the author of “God’s Diplomats: Pope Francis, Vatican Diplomacy, and America’s Armageddon.”

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Some see growing trend in women choosing vocation as consecrated virgins

DETROIT (CNS) — Amanda Ross and Hanan Ismail lay prostrate before Christ in the Eucharist at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit and vowed themselves to the Lord as consecrated virgins. During a liturgy rich in symbolism and imagery, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron presided over their consecration. There are now seven consecrated virgins in the Detroit Archdiocese, who are part of a worldwide movement of women choosing to live a radical, ancient vocation as brides of Christ in the world. Their small, but growing, presence in the archdiocese mirrors something of a trend seen nationwide, said Judith Stegman, president of the U.S. Association of Consecrated Virgins, based in Lansing, Michigan. The vocation dates to the early days of the Church, and is considered the first form of consecrated life, Stegman said. "Women in the early Church would go to the Apostles and ask to be consecrated as a bride of Christ," Stegman told Detroit Catholic, the archdiocesan news outlet. "This has always been an act of the Church through the bishop (consecrating) women; the setting aside and setting apart of the person as a bride of Christ." Although there is no formal registry for the number of consecrated virgins, Stegman said the association's records show there are 267 living consecrated virgins in the United States.

Common humanity key to achieving world peace, religious leaders say

ROME (CNS) — The coronavirus pandemic has not only shed light on the issues and societal ills plaguing the world, it also has provided a unique opportunity for humanity to band together for the common good, said Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. Addressing the opening assembly of the 35th International Meeting for Peace in Rome Oct. 6, the patriarch said that although the world before COVID-19 "is no more," all men and women "have in our hands the possibility to build a new beginning, a new beginning that can only be together. Let us begin again by affirming what the pandemic has made more evident: The belonging to one human family of all the peoples of the earth and the attention to caring for creation, which has been able to rest and renew itself, allowing us to rediscover life in many places where it was impossible to imagine it until a few months before," he said. The Oct. 6-7 gathering was organized by the Rome-based Community of

NEWS BRIEFS

Honoring the legacy of the first Americans



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A woman in Austin, Texas, performs a dance during an Oct. 9 event to mark Indigenous Peoples' Day in the U.S. To the north, in Canada, the country's Catholic bishops have "unequivocally" apologized for the Catholic Church's role in the residential school system and have raised the possibility of a visit by the pope to Canada as part of the "healing journey" between Canada's Indigenous peoples and the Church.

Sant'Egidio. The community has invited religious, political and cultural leaders from around the world to gather for dialogue and to pray for peace each year since St. John Paul II's interreligious prayer for peace in Assisi in 1986. The meetings include panel discussions and workshops on various themes related to peacemaking, interreligious dialogue and service to the poor.

Barron: If religion becomes an after-thought, 'our society loses its soul'

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — With tensions rising over the proper role of religion in society, the broader culture appears to be compartmentalizing religious faith and moral thinking into something akin to "a hobby," said Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron Oct. 4. He made the comments in his homily at St. Louis Cathedral at the Red Mass of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, which drew judges, lawyers and politicians. "Today, it seems to me the far greater threat is coming from the side of an ideological secularism that would like to shuffle religion off

the playing field altogether or, at the very least, to confine it to the realm of privacy so that it would function as a kind of hobby," said Bishop Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. The annual Red Mass was attended by Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, members of the Louisiana Supreme Court, other members of the judiciary and public officials. If religious principles were relegated to an afterthought, Bishop Barron said, "then our society loses its soul, our laws lose their rootedness in the moral and spiritual law and our democracy loses its cohesiveness. I would say that resistance to this sort of secularizing attack on religion should be of paramount importance for Catholics within the legal and political establishment."

Pope meets Pelosi; both speak at legislators' pre-COP26 meeting

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis met privately at the Vatican Oct. 9 with U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who was in Rome to speak at a meeting of legislators from around the world in preparation for the

U.N. climate summit. The Vatican released photos of Pelosi's meeting with the pope, but provided no details of the encounter, which took place before Pope Francis addressed the Pre-COP26 Parliamentary Meeting. Pelosi, a Catholic, supports legalized abortion. In September, her archbishop, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco, asked "all Catholics and others of goodwill" to join a prayer and fasting campaign for Pelosi's "conversion." In her keynote address to fellow legislators from around the world meeting in Rome Oct. 8, Pelosi said world governments must take bold action in their own countries and when they meet for COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland, in November. "It would be a dereliction of duty for us not to go into the future in a green way and (one) that responds to the urgency of the climate crisis. It's all about the children," she said. "We will leave them a world where they can be healthy, where they can thrive and reach their fulfillment." In his speech to the parliamentarians Oct. 9, Pope Francis spoke of the "important, and indeed, crucial" role of governments in slowing climate change and restoring a healthy environment.

Summit looks at how St. Joseph can play bigger role in lives of Catholics

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (CNS) — One of the first things anyone learns about St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus Christ, is that there's very little information out there on the man himself. He's mentioned briefly in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and is believed by some biblical historians to have been quite a bit older than Mary, and to have died before Jesus began his public ministry. For New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, a participant in the online St. Joseph Summit, held Sept. 30 to Oct. 3, "he's a quiet, effective, humble man and he doesn't want a lot of attention." Scott Hahn, a professor of biblical theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, calls Joseph "a father in the shadows." Even Marian Father Donald Calloway, whose book "Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" sparked the summit, acknowledged that for many, Joseph "is in the corner of those Christmas cards." But he considers Joseph a strong model of humility and service and the best example "of what it means to be a father, to be a man."

Women religious have key role in synod process, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Women religious have an essential role in the process of creating a more synodal Church and in preparations for the Synod of Bishops, not just through their prayers and participation, but also by listening to people not usually part of such Church activities, Pope Francis said. "You consecrated women are an irreplaceable presence in the great community on the move, which is the Church," the pope said Oct. 11 during an audience with members of the general chapter of the Sisters of Charity of St. Jeanne-Antide Thouret. "Consecrated women are an extension of the female presence which walked with Jesus and the Twelve, sharing the mission and making your own unique contribution," the pope said, noting that the Gospel of St. Luke even names some of the women: Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Susanna. As the Catholic Church takes up its commitment "to grow in synodality," he said, the Sisters of Charity and other consecrated women have an essential role. While the Sisters of Charity have no "ready-made answers" to what they will bring to the process, which the pope launched Oct. 10, he said the theme of their general chapter provides a clue. The theme of the gathering was "Starting afresh from Bethany, with Martha's concern and Mary's listening."

South Bend Red Mass scheduled

FORT WAYNE — A Mass for those in the legal profession will be celebrated at 5:15 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

The Red Mass is a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit. Every year at this Mass, prayers are offered for members of the legal profession, lawyers, judges, students and professors of the law, and for civic officials.

The first recorded Red Mass was in the year 1245 in Paris, France. The tradition had spread to England by 1310 and the start of the Michaelmas on Sept. 29, the feast of the Archangel Michael. To this day, a Red Mass is still celebrated at Westminster Cathedral in London. The name derives from the color of the scarlet robes worn historically by the judges, as well as the red liturgical vestments worn by the clergy.

Evangelium Vitae Medal awardee announced

FORT WAYNE — The de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame will present the 2022 Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal to Dr. John T. Bruchalski, MD, founder of Tepeyac OB/GYN, one of the largest pro-life clinics in the nation, at a celebration April 23, the center has announced on its website.

"Dr. Bruchalski is a shining example of the Church's untiring

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Observing Hispanic Heritage Month through art



Jennifer Miller

Students at St. Adalbert School in South Bend observed Hispanic Heritage Month in September with various activities. Grade four through eight honored the culture by creating images of famous Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, which were displayed at the Western Branch of the St. Joseph County Public Library during the month.

commitment to directly serving mothers, children, and families," said O. Carter Snead, director of the center. "His personal conversion story is a compelling example of the power of God's grace to transform hearts, and his visionary work at Tepeyac OB/GYN over the past 27 years is an invitation to each of us to employ our talents in service to building a civilization of life and love."

Bruchalski began his career in obstetrics and gynecology in 1987, practicing the full range of reproductive medicine, including sterilizations, artificial reproduction, embryo destruction and late-term abortions. He experienced a profound conversion following a live birth during a late-term abortion procedure and thereafter resolved to practice exclusively pro-life medicine that supported women, children, and their families.

The Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal, named after Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical on life issues, is the nation's most important lifetime achievement award for heroes of the pro-life movement. Previous recipients of the medal include the Women's Care Center Foundation; Congressman Chris Smith, co-chair of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, and his wife, Marie Smith, director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues; Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Knights of Columbus; the Little Sisters of the Poor; the Jérôme Lejeune Foundation; and Mary Ann Glendon, professor of law at Harvard Law School.

For more information about the Evangelium Vitae Medal, visit ethicscenter.nd.edu/ev2022.

Fort Wayne Red Mass prays for those in legal profession



Photos by Christopher Lushis

Members of the Fort Wayne St. Thomas More Society stand with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades after the annual Red Mass Oct. 5 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. From left are Clerk Chris Nancarrow, Attorney Scott Hall, Attorney Jeremy Reidy, Attorney Mark Scudder, Attorney Colin Andrews and Judge Kenton Kiracofe.



Bishop Rhoades celebrates the Red Mass at the cathedral for those who serve in a legal profession.

Parish invokes protection of St. Gerard in caring for moms and moms-to-be

BY JEANNIE EWING

At Our Lady of Good Hope Church in Fort Wayne, supporting expectant mothers and women who have young children arose naturally from parishioners recognizing the needs of those within the parish and responding accordingly. Today, Sarah's Suppers, the St. Gerard Prayer List for Expectant Mothers and Walking with Moms In Need are three ministries that reflect the pro-life message of today.

St. Gerard Majella is known as the patron saint of pregnant women. He lived from 1726 to 1755 and spent most of his adult life as an Italian lay brother in the Congregation of the Redeemer (also known as the Redemptorists), founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori. He became the patron saint of mothers and women expecting babies because of a reported miracle that happened shortly before his death.

St. Gerard was visiting the Pirafalo family and accidentally dropped his handkerchief. When one of the young girls in the family picked it up to return it to him, he told her, "Keep it. You might need it one day." Several years later, the Pirafalo girl was married and expecting a baby, and came near to death during childbirth. Suddenly, she remembered the words of St. Gerard and requested that the handkerchief be brought to her. Within minutes her pain disappeared, and she delivered a healthy baby. Word spread quickly throughout Italy among mothers who affectionately adopted St. Gerard as the intercessor for their needs. He is also known today as the saint of happy childbirths.

Our Lady parishioner Joan Nern leads both the Sarah's Suppers and St. Gerard prayer list ministries. The prayer cards Nern likes to give to expectant mothers is a novena to St. Gerard.

"When women know there is a patron saint devoted specifically to expectant mothers, they find comfort throughout their pregnancy," she said. "The point of praying for a saint's intercession is to know that saint is behind you in some way, praying on your behalf and protecting or guiding you."

The prayer ministry emerged from Sarah's Suppers, which began in the late 1990s when a few couples started a euchre club at the parish. Don Thornton was one of the founding members of the euchre club, and when his wife became sick with cancer, the other members started rotating meals to their home.

Herman and Nancy Reicke were part of the decision to start an official parish ministry. After Don's wife passed away, the



Provided by Laura Nern

Laura Nern holds one of the holy cards featuring the image of St. Gerard Majella. The back side of the card contains a novena to him. Nern gives the cards to expectant mothers at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, to encourage them to pray to the patron saint of mothers, of women expecting babies and of happy childbirths.

other euchre couples discussed among them how much they were uplifted by taking meals to his wife during her cancer treatments," Nern recalled. The ministry was named Sarah's Suppers in memory and honor of Thornton's wife.

Several years later, in the early 2000s, Our Lady parishioner Sharon Garrett saw an opportunity for Sarah's Suppers to overlap with the St. Gerard's prayer list. Though the exact story of how it happened is unclear, it is thought that the prayer list began after a discussion among staff in the parish office about a parishioner who was experiencing a challenging pregnancy. They researched the patron saint of pregnant women and found St. Gerard, thus naming the prayer ministry after him

and because of his intercession.

In the weekly parish bulletin, expectant mothers who have desired prayer for both themselves and their babies are listed by name — or, if they prefer, anonymously — under the section devoted to the St. Gerard prayer ministry. Right below it is Sarah's Suppers, with contact information on how to request meals following the birth of a baby or while recovering from a surgery or long-term illness.

Nern gathers the requests and shares the information with those who have volunteered to either pray, cook or both as gifts for these ministries.

She finds the intercessory prayer of parishioners at Our Lady to be a powerful and comforting means of encouragement to others in need. More than 200



feel valued and cared for.

The benefit of the merging of the St. Gerard's prayer list and Sarah's Suppers is that there's a natural transition between praying for women and their unborn babies and then offering a homecooked meal after the baby is born. The two ministries illustrate the relationship between the Spiritual Works of Mercy (intercessory prayer) and Corporal Works of Mercy (feeding the hungry).

Despite setbacks during the pandemic, both ministries are thriving. In fact, a new ministry called Walking with Moms in Need has begun during the past year at Our Lady and focuses on accompaniment and support for moms who feel alone or overwhelmed in their maternal vocation.

It's easy to call oneself pro-life, but to see it lived in a parish that cares for its moms and moms-to-be is a reflection of God's love touching the hearts and lives of those most in need of comfort. Our Lady of Good Hope is on its way to modeling how the pro-life message can emerge from seeing a need and responding to it in ways that utilize the many gifts that a parish and its parishioners have to offer.

"All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

POPE FRANCIS



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**Know that the Lord is God.
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

— Psalm 100:3

St. Stanislaus Kostka

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Financial Report 2021

Dear friends in Christ:

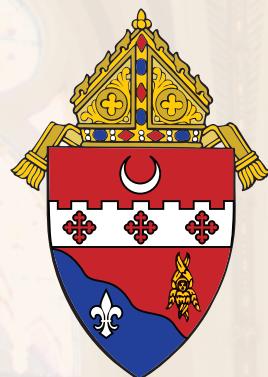
Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of the diocese for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

For the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, our total gain was \$12,610,357 (from our audited financial statements), which you see on the attached with a comparison to 2020. This is only for the central operations of the diocese. It does not include the activity of the parishes, schools or missions in the diocese. A detailed breakdown of our financial picture can be found inside.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph G. Ryan, Chief Financial Officer

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Diocease of Fort Wayne-South Bend Financial Report

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total Funds 6/30/21	Total Funds 6/30/20
Parish Quotas	2,509,546		2,509,546	2,570,885
Donations and Bequests	1,856,928	109,861	1,966,789	2,734,834
Net Investment Income (Loss)	(14,411)	(301)	(14,712)	(13,060)
Unrealized Investment Gain	15,519,780	155,640	15,675,420	1,024,016
Fundraising - Bishop's Appeal	5,104,726		5,104,726	5,597,019
*Insurance Premiums	20,030,405		20,030,405	20,228,869
Interest - Loans	470,429		470,429	460,235
Collections	244,522		244,522	230,594
Advertising	128,711		128,711	113,532
Sale of Merchandise	393,028		393,028	317,141
Fees, Rentals/Workshops	793,191		793,191	1,022,226
Subscriptions	77,480		77,480	66,534
Management Fee	94,854		94,854	131,919
Change in Value - Beneficial Trust Interest		(11,904)	(11,904)	(19,025)
Gain on Sale of Assets	600		600	(11,313)
Net Assets Released from Restriction	195,616	(195,616)		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$47,405,405	\$57,680	\$47,463,085	\$34,454,406

EXPENSES

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total Funds 6/30/21	Total Funds 6/30/20
Ministry Services	2,783,425		2,783,425	3,072,018
Educational Services	5,016,785		5,016,785	4,843,339
Communications	735,818		735,818	830,486
Fundraising	420,562		420,562	387,233
*Other Services	20,051,673		20,051,673	19,702,985
Administrative	5,844,465		5,844,465	4,683,606
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$34,852,728		\$34,852,728	\$33,519,667
Change in Net Assets	12,552,677	57,680	12,610,357	934,73
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	25,357,479	6,550,856	31,908,335	30,973,596
Net Assets at End of Year	\$37,910,156	6,608,536	44,518,692	\$31,908,335

*Note on insurance premiums and other services

The diocese is self-insured for medical benefits, unemployment compensation, automotive losses and property and liability losses as described below. Various religious organizations, parishes and schools participate with the diocese in the self-insurance plans. Premiums paid to the diocese by these organizations are included in the insurance revenue.

The diocese purchases an excess loss policy from an independent insurance company to provide medical benefits on all claims exceeding \$225,000 per employee and dependents per year.

The diocese administers a self-insured pool to fund medical benefits on claims up to \$225,000 per covered employee. An independent administrator pro-

cesses all claims. Claims amounted to \$15,982,018 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 respectively.

The diocese is self-insured with respect to unemployment compensation. Claims and benefits paid amounted to \$91,267 and \$57,689 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

The diocese's worker's compensation coverage is insured by Church Mutual Insurance Company with Catholic Mutual Group as the broker.

The diocese is self-insured for individual automotive losses of \$100,000 or less, and has purchased excess loss policies covering individual losses exceeding \$100,000 and aggregate losses exceeding \$400,000 per policy year. In connection with the auto-

motive self-insurance, the diocese has issued a letter of credit in the amount of \$1,000,000 to provide proof of financial responsibility in accordance with Indiana code.

The diocese is self-insured for individual property and liability losses of \$100,000 or less, and has purchased excess loss policies covering individual losses exceeding \$100,000 and aggregate losses exceeding \$500,000 per policy year. The diocese has excess liability in the amount of \$20,000,000 per occurrence and \$40,000,000 annual aggregate per location. Claims and premiums totalled \$3,292,485 and \$3,2381,66 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 respectively.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Salary-Religious	548,118	508,409
Salary-Lay	2,835,898	2,935,976
Commissions	19,307	15,337
FICA	202,139	212,181
Unemployment Claims	91,267	57,689
Health and Accident Insurance	1,001,951	962,183
Pension and Benefits	320,742	254,661
Education, Seminars and Conferences	79,787	105,291
Postage	46,298	44,028
Telephone	65,412	83,680
Office Supplies	23,344	34,130
 Printing	 136,803	 71,099
Equipment and Furniture	7,013	4,718
Travel	77,718	105,668
Auto	44,288	45,687
Depreciation	425,466	427,241
Legal and Professional	256,441	301,338
Public Relations	2,829	6,338
Employee Search	7	29
Donations and Ministry Support	648,228	776,461
Miscellaneous	94,793	64,482
 Repairs, Maintenance and Utilities	 511,103	 470,899
Bank Charges	73,873	82,364
Property and Liability-Self Insurance	3,314,085	3,398,166
Student Insurance	364,600	379,203
Memberships and Subscriptions	111,817	102,194
Advertising and Promotion	15,573	48,432
Program Expense (Religious Ed., Catechesis, Evangelization)	990,973	1,106,277
Paper Distribution	150,751	155,007
Freelance and News Service	48,098	53,068
Assessments (USCCB, ICC, Canon 1271)	148,615	140,777
 Interest	 1,014,642	 908,876
Funding-Ministry, Education, P.I.N.	478,885	390,460
High School Subsidy	1,132,000	1,132,000
Insurance Claims	16,204,250	15,982,018
High School Scholarships	150,000	150,000
Tuition and Allowances	1,117,517	1,141,700
Catholic Charities Subsidy	325,000	325,000
High School Endowment Fund Distribution	280,000	280,000
Rent	7,200	6,600
Provision for Uncollectible Accounts	1,485,402	250,000
 Total Expenses	 \$34,852,728	 \$33,519,667

GROUPS RECEIVING GRANTS FROM THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

St. Vincent de Paul Society,
Fort Wayne and South Bend
Vincent Village
Women's Care Center
Christ Child Society,
Fort Wayne and South Bend
St. Augustine Soup Kitchen
Little Flower Food Pantry
Chiara Home
Franciscan Center
Sister Maura Brannick Health Center
Catholic Charities
Center for the Homeless
Logan Center
St. Martin's Health Clinic
Hannah's House
Life Athletes
St. Mary's Soup Kitchen
Dismas House of South Bend
Matthew 25

PARISHES RECEIVING GRANTS FROM THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Cross, South Bend
Holy Family, South Bend
Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne
St. Adalbert, South Bend
St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend
St. Bernard, Wabash
St. John the Baptist, South Bend
St. Joseph, Fort Wayne
St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla
St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur
St. Michael, Plymouth
St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart



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DIOCESAN AUDIT

The diocese is audited every year by Leonard J. Andorfer & Company, a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This means that the diocesan books, records and accounting policies are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the Audit Committee, but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council; and the council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) that the council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been reviewed; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province, which, in this case, is the Archbishop of Indianapolis. We require similar reporting from our parishes to the diocese.

PARISHES

It is also important that there be accountability and transparency in parishes. According to canon law, every parish must have a Parish Finance Council. We have an internal auditor who does a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past 14 years, we have sent this financial report, done by our auditor, to each member of the Parish Finance Council. This enables the review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, controls have now been established similar to the accountability of each diocese.



It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop's Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality. The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 35 years since the appeal began, our parishes have engaged in major capital fund drives. Since the appeal began, fund drives for parishes have brought in more than \$178 million for new buildings and renovations approved by the Diocesan Finance Council. This includes parish initiatives linked to the Legacy of Faith. Also, more than \$255 million, which would have been paid to the diocese under the previous system, now remains in the parishes. In addition, \$6.6 million from the appeal has been given in grants to parishes in need throughout the 34 years of the appeal. The 34th Annual Bishop's Appeal attained \$6,149,292 for the diocesan central office, with an additional \$527,890 being returned to the parishes.

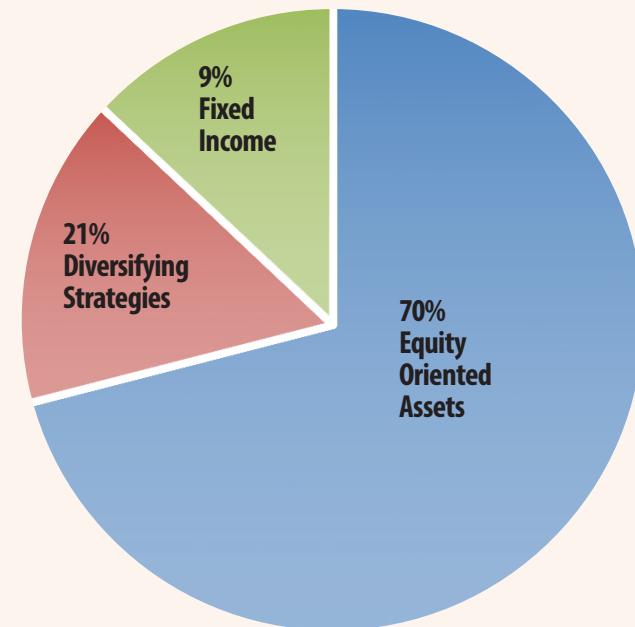
HIGH SCHOOLS

Over \$89 million has been raised for building projects in our four high schools. The four high schools continue to flourish; but not without challenges. The Annual Bishop's Appeal gives \$1.7 million to the high schools every year, which has created a sense of stability. Next year, tuition will increase by \$300-\$600 in our high schools. Our high schools are audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. Two high schools have debts to the diocese and are paying on those debts. One high school has done pledge financing with an external source in connection with a capital campaign.

INVESTMENTS

Our investments are overseen by Catholic Investment Services. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teaching. CIS meets with our Investment Committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year ending 6/30/21, investments gained 33%. The current asset allocation is detailed in the pie chart below. We expect continued volatility through the coming year.

Current asset allocation



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Attend a special Memorial Mass to pray together with others who have suffered the loss of their children, and to take home a silk rose in honor of a child(ren). Siblings and grandparents are also welcome.

'You're not alone' —

Diocese offers memorial Masses for infant loss

BY JENNIFER BARTON

When Katharine Lewis and her husband, Keith, lost their son Romeo two days after his birth, she knew she needed grief support that fed her Catholic faith. She reached out to Lisa Everett, director for Marriage and Family Ministry of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

To help in her healing process, Lewis attended a memorial Mass for infant loss last year at St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, sponsored by the Marriage and Family Ministry. The Memorial Mass helped Lewis cope with the loss of their son, as well as another child.

This October, four Masses are offered in the diocese to aid those grieving such a tremendous loss: two in Spanish and two in English. The Masses are open to parents, siblings, grandparents – all who are affected by infant loss.

About the ones Katharine attended, she stated, "There were a lot of families there ... grandparents were there, too, so it's kind of like you're not alone."

"It's a privilege to sponsor these memorial Masses in order to gather together with other individuals and families who have lost a child or grandchild, to entrust our little ones again to the Lord during the celebration of the Eucharist, and to pray for

the healing that only He can provide," said Everett.

It has been more than a year since Romeo, who was born with trisomy 18, passed away in the arms of his parents. In those two days, the couple was able to introduce him to their other three sons, and arrange for him to be baptized and confirmed. The Lewis family then suffered another loss six weeks into pregnancy following Romeo's passing.

"We're not going to understand fully until we pass. I don't understand the pain, I don't understand the sorrow sometimes," Katharine admitted.

Through the last year, Katharine has found the Mass to be a source of comfort and healing. During each one, "heaven comes down. Mass is the closest thing to heaven we have," she said, and the moment of consecration is when she feels closest to Romeo.

She has been teaching her sons that they are closest to the saints in that moment as well, and her son who is about to make his first Communion, "realizes at 7 years old that it's bigger than us. The Body of Christ is bigger than us."

This was especially profound at the memorial Mass last year, she said, when she was surrounded by others who have been in a similar situation. She remembers seeing relatives there who she hadn't realized had lost a child.

Though she could only

describe her own feelings at the event, it seemed that there was a certain unity among those present. "It was like, OK, this is the closest thing we have to being reunited with (our babies)."

St. John the Evangelist pastor Father Andrew Budzinski brought out a statue of Our Lady of Sorrows for last year's memorial Mass and elaborated on the similar pain that Mary, too, felt. It was through this that Katharine was better able to relate to Mary's suffering.

"I remember Father Andrew talking about her humanity. He said it's OK to be sad and it's OK to feel those feelings ... This is where Mary's fiat comes in; she still had faith, she still cried, she still was sad."

In addition to the memorial Masses, the diocese also sponsors Ava's Grace, a support group for anyone who has suffered the loss of a child to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. The group has gone to an online

platform during the pandemic and meets once a month, every third Wednesday. Katharine began faithfully attending the meetings.

"Ava's Grace has just been the most beautiful – I wish more people knew about it," she said.

Katharine credits the ministry for a "faith explosion" that has taken place in her home.

Grief takes many forms and can devastate an entire household. Katharine's family struggled to deal with not only the loss of Romeo, but the unborn child they named Fiat, whose gender was unknown. Through Ava's Grace, Katharine has connected so strongly with her faith that she has been able to give God control over her life – like Mary's fiat.

The year 2020 became a year of surrender for her. She completed the consecration to St. Joseph, and despite the fear of another loss, her sons began to pray to him for another sibling.

By God's grace, Katharine and Keith are now expecting a baby within a matter of weeks.

For now, Katherine is using her experience to help others find healing. "I want people to know about Ava's Grace, and I want people to know about the memorial Masses," she stressed. "I know for some people, faith gets weakened in those kinds of moments. I really am blessed that we had the opposite effect, and I think part of that was because of our sons — seeing them play and realizing that there was a piece of them missing, I didn't want them to be angry or mad. It was such a hopeless situation, and I wanted them to have something to hope for. I feel like there's nothing better to hope for than heaven."

Katharine reminds herself that for a brief time, she held a saint in her arms. Each time she attends Mass, she said, she knows that Romeo and the entire communion of saints is present with her.

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It's 'wrong' to let Title X cover abortion, says USCCB's pro-life chairman

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Biden administration 'is wrong' to allow Title X family planning funds to be used for abortion, said the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

It is "wrong to allow taxpayer dollars to fund abortion providers who participate in a pre-pregnancy program specifically designed to exclude abortion," Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, said in an Oct. 7 statement.

"Abortion is not family planning. Abortion takes the life of an already-conceived and growing child," he said. "The violence of abortion wounds countless women physically, spiritually and emotionally."

The administration announced late Oct. 4 that it had officially reversed the Trump-era "Protect Life Rule" enforcing Title X's ban on taxpayer funds from being used to promote or provide elective abortions.

"Title X was intended and authorized to be a program entirely separate from abortion," Archbishop Naumann said, "and it plainly states that 'the funds authorized under this legislation (shall) be used only to support preventive family planning services, population research, infertility services, and other related medical, informational and educational activities.'"

Enacted by the Family Planning Services and Population Research Act of 1970, Title X covers reproductive health care services for low-income patients such as wellness exams, cervical and breast cancer screenings,



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People participate in a pro-life rally July 5, 2020, in Stony Brook, N.Y.

contraceptives, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.

Section 1008 of the law states that "none of the funds appropriated under this title shall be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning."

In February 2019, the Trump

administration implemented its rule to enforce Section 1008, and the rule was upheld by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Feb. 24, 2020.

On Jan. 28, eight days after he was inaugurated, President Joe Biden announced he would rescind the Trump-era rule.

In a Jan. 29 statement, Archbishop Naumann objected to the move by Biden, a Catholic who supports legal abortion, and he reiterated the bishops' objection in an April 16 statement, a day after the Department of Health and Human Services published the administration's



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Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kan., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, is pictured Jan. 17, 2019.

proposed rule in the Federal Register, opening a 30-day period for public comment.

The archbishop called it a "terrible policy" that "would reintegrate abortion into what is supposed to be a pre-pregnancy family planning program." He said the "Protect Life Rule" "draws a bright line between abortion and family planning."

He urged Biden "to suspend this proposed rule and leave the Title X program as it was intended and authorized to be — a program entirely separate from abortion."

In addition, the USCCB filed comments objecting to the proposed rule.

Effort needed to bridge racial divide in Church, society, says Black bishop

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The racial divide in American society and within the Catholic Church is one that needs to be bridged so that healing and progress can take place, said retired Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Illinois.

"My hope is to move some people to make realistic efforts to bridge the racial divide. This can only come about by deep interior conversion of hearts and minds," Bishop Braxton said Oct. 8.

He made the comments in an address, "The Catholic Church and the Racial Divide in the United States," for Department of Africana Studies' Colloquy on Black Church Studies at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

"This is a high and distant goal," he added.

His address came during the 31st annual meeting of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium Oct. 7-9 at the university.

Bishop Braxton said he prefers to use the term "racial divide" as a broad description, from which he singled out racism as "the most damning and most egregious example."

The racial divide, he said, began with slavery "to provide free laborers ... by working as beasts of burden" on plantations. The divide, Bishop Braxton added, includes time in U.S. history spanned by the Civil War, "the Lost Cause era" and the Dred Scott decision.

"This Dred Scott opinion was written by Chief Justice Roger Taney, himself a Catholic who owned enslaved free human

beings," Bishop Braxton said. "Taney did not allow his faith in Jesus Christ to open his eyes."

It has continued, he said, with "Jim Crow laws, the frequent lynching of African American men, women and children" as well as "the cruel murder of Emmett Till, the murder of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and now as we reflect upon the death of George Floyd and so many African American people since him in the name of law enforcement."

Bishop Braxton said the Catholic Church and its institutions "have helped perpetuate this divide."

He recalled one time when he, still a priest in Chicago, took a group of black non-Catholic schoolchildren to a Catholic Church.

Typical of the questions posed

to him that day, he said, were "Father, does the Catholic Church believe that only white people are in heaven?" "Why are they all pictured with blond hair, blue eyes and rosy cheeks?" and "Why are there no Black, Asian or Latino saints in the windows of this church?"

Doing something about "the invisibility of color" in religious art could be "one small step that could bridge the racial divide," Bishop Braxton said. "Wouldn't Catholics find that a welcome change, or would they object," he said, and stop giving money to the church.

Acknowledging the Church "was largely on the wrong side of history from the beginning of the racial divide," Bishop Braxton said, "does not lead to the conclusion that all Catholics are intrinsically racist."

It takes reflection and conversation to begin the process of conversion, he noted — something forgotten by one speaker on the topic he remembers hearing years ago.

"The first words that came out of his mouth were, 'Whether you know it or not, all of you are white racists.' The possibility of dialogue ended right there," Bishop Braxton said.

Nor are Americans in general able to dive deeper into the racial divide and its effects, using the subject of reparations as an example.

Bishop Braxton cited a House bill to create a commission to explore the possibility of reparations. "What would be appropriate remedies for slavery? Money? To whom, from whom? Poor

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Superstars of service — Jonathan Evangelista

BY TAMI DELUCENAY

St. John the Evangelist Parish's vision statement says, "we have encountered Jesus Christ in His Church and desire to share the joy of that encounter with the whole world. We believe that Christ's one true Church is the place He has chosen for us to know, love and serve Him." This statement is the heart of what has brought Jonathan Evangelista to serve his Church in whatever God is calling him to do in Goshen. Evangelista is currently serving St. John as the pastoral associate.

He was born in Acapulco, Mexico. "My family moved to Goshen in 2000, and we started to attend St. John. We found a home here and have been very involved in the apostolates of the church. My parents serve as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the holy Eucharist and I was an altar server. I had a very good Catholic family upbringing, we pray the rosary as a family, have a deep devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and my mom prays the Divine Mercy chaplet every day at 3 p.m.," shared Evangelista.

"I am the oldest of three. I have two sisters; my middle sister, Yareli Mancera, is a stay-at-home mom. She and her husband, Ariel, have three very active boys, Santiago, Mateo and Gabriel. My youngest sister, Rosabel Evangelista, is a junior at Goshen College in the nursing program. Growing up, we attended Goshen community schools and we attended religious education classes on Sundays at St. John."



Provided by Jonathan Evangelista

Youth minister and pastoral association Jonathan Evangelista, Goshen, works to inspire youth and young adults to live their faith by serving the Church.

Being an active member of his parish youth group and attending diocesan retreats, along with a strong Catholic family upbringing, may be why Evangelista heard the call to the priesthood.

"I first felt the attraction to the priesthood as a teen. I was a sophomore in high school, and it was during adoration that I felt the first call to discern my voca-

tion. I spoke with my pastors at that time, Father Christopher Smith and Father Constantino Rocha, and made a decision my senior year to enter formation. Father Fernando Jimenez and Father Tony Steinacker, the subsequent pastor and parochial vicar, were also a very big influence in my discernment and gave me spiritual direction to enter

slavery. To be "once owned by Catholic religious sisters — wrap your hands around that," Bishop Braxton said.

Descendants of enslaved people who had been owned by the Jesuits and Georgetown University in Washington have been in talks with the university about how it can provide redress.

"Some of the descendants have asked for a \$1 billion fund to meet the education, housing and health needs," the bishop said, although the university has not given an answer to that request.

"It has the potential of being addressed to some degree," he said. "When and to what degree, who knows."

to a question posed after his remarks that they did not mention it in their 2018 anti-racism pastoral letter, "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love."

"A bishops' public statement can only be published with the consensus of nearly 300 bishops," he said. "An individual bishop may" address an issue — "and I wouldn't be surprised if he writes about this topic," he continued, "but from the point of view of a large ecclesiastical community like the Catholic Church the topic is not mature for the bishops to make a helpful comment on it."

"Someone could be prophetic," he added.

It is possible that religious bodies may make the first "modest steps" toward reparations, Bishop Braxton said, citing a \$1.7 million reparations fund established by Virginia Theological Seminary.

While some have offered a price tag of \$500 billion for reparations, he contrasted that to the \$6 trillion spent "for wars since 2001 alone."

Reparation, he added, "requires us to acknowledge the racial divide among us."

Bishop Braxton noted during his address that the U.S. bishops have never made a statement on reparations, and said in response

Retired Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Ill., gives a lecture on "The Catholic Church and the Racial Divide in the United States" Oct. 7 at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana during the 31st annual meeting of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.

Youth Ministry Leaders

Pontifical College Josephinum on Aug. 17, 2013."

Evangelista graduated from the Josephinum in 2017 and spent that summer on a spiritual retreat in Omaha, Nebraska.

"IPF, the Institute for Priestly Foundation, was awesome. It helped me with my decision to continue my formation, and I enrolled that fall to Mount St. Mary's University to continue my studies in theology. As I continued to learn and grow in my faith, and through my spiritual direction, I deepened my relationship with the Lord.

"I was still listening and discerning what God was calling me to do, through much prayer and discernment and with the guidance of the vocation director, Father Andrew Budzinski, and Bishop Rhoades. We came to the conclusion that I was no longer going to continue in formation in order for God to continue to work in my life."

The formation years had allowed time for Evangelista to mature in his faith and to really listen to how God was calling him to serve.

"I was looking for a job and asked Father Gregerson if he needed any help at the parish.

I started working at St. John on Jan. 4. I am now able to implement everything I learned in seminary and apply it to my ministry," he said. "First Father Gregerson was going to have me work as the director of religious education and then realized he had other plans for me. I currently serve the young adults and the youth of our community. I also coordinate social events, train the altar servers, and teach first-year Confirmation." Evangelista is bilingual, which is an asset to the St. John parish family.

He also created a media team to keep the families engaged and informed of the happenings of the parish.

"I like to see young adults and our youth participate in the Mass and other apostolates of the Church. If others see these young people serving the Church, perhaps they will feel that they, too, can serve the Church."

Evangelista is often in prayer and listening to how God wants him to know, love and serve Him.

"To live out my faith every day can be simple but also difficult, but it is in prayer that I find my strength to live boldly and do God's will in my life. I want the young people of St. John to fall in love with the Lord, deepen their relationship with Him and strive to become holy every day. I also want for them to know that it is not about not making mistakes, but about learning from mistakes so that we can continue to grow every day and be a witness to others with our love, faith and actions."



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What conscience dreads and prayer dares not ask

The Collect, or Opening Prayer, for last week's Masses on the 27th Week of the Year, though directed to God, teaches us that our prayer is not always about things with which we are comfortable. It sometimes leads us to examine areas of our life in which we struggle with sin or struggle to desire to be free of sin. Here is the prayer:

"Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness, surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever."

After asking for God's mercy and acknowledging that He offers us more than our minds can grasp, we make the following two requests:

- (1) [May you] pardon what conscience dreads.
- (2) [May you] give what prayer does not dare to ask.

Pardon what conscience dreads

The Catechism states the following regarding our conscience:

"Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the

right moment. For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths." (CCC 1776)

Our conscience is not merely what we think or what it pleases us to think; it is the voice of God echoing in our depths. Whatever rationalizations we use to try to suppress our conscience, the voice of God still calls us deep inside. Deep down, we know very well what we are doing, and we know when it is wrong. No matter how many "teachers" we find who will tell us what our ears want to hear, that voice is still there.

I suspect that this is why the world and its devotees are so angry at the Catholic Church — we remind them of what God says. If our teachings were merely regarded as outdated opinions, the world would not hate us; it would not be at war with us. No matter how emphatically people deny that their conscience troubles them, deep down they know better. The louder these denials, the less we should be convinced. Why are they forever insisting that the Church change her teachings? If we're just a pathetic and outdated institution, why do they care what we teach? Because deep down they know that we are right and do not like to be reminded of it.

Our words, the words of Christ, touch something; they prick the conscience and remind people of things they know inside but would rather forget.

The voice of God echoes within, convicting them and inciting within them a godly dread of sin and its ultimate consequences.

This is true for believers as well, who, though not as openly hostile, would still prefer to avoid the voice of their conscience and do not enjoy the holy dread of sin it engenders. Note that not all sorrow for sin is from God. St. Paul distinguishes godly sorrow, which draws one to God for healing, from worldly sorrow, which deflates the sinner and has him despair of God's healing

*Prayer must often ask us
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love or of being able to change. The proper dread that conscience arouse is always a call of love from God, who bids us to repent and return to Him.

Still, we avoid what conscience dreads. Who likes to experience fear or negative feelings?

However, prayer must often ask us to look honestly at the less pleasing things in our life.

This prayer bids us to listen to the dread of conscience (the dread of sin and of its due punishments) and to seek pardon.

What prayer does not dare to ask

Some argue that the translation of this clause is not a good one. The Latin used is "quod oratio non praesumit." Some prefer a softer translation in which the phrase asks God to give us the things that we are not worthy of requesting, things we do not presume to ask for because it would be too bold for us to do so. Such a translation does not offend the Latin text but does seem to miss the overall context: asking God to help us to overcome personal resistance.

We have already seen how and why many of us resist what conscience dreads and would rather not hear the voice of God echoing inside, but consider that we are hesitant to ask for many things out of fear.

The classic example of this is St. Augustine's request that God make him chaste ... but not yet! Though he could see the value of chastity, Augustine enjoyed his promiscuity and was afraid to ask the Lord to take it away.

There are many things we dare not ask for because we fear actually getting them. It's the "be careful what you wish for" attitude. For example, many are not ready to be chaste or to be more generous because they fear the changes that such things would bring. In such situations



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perhaps one could pray, "Lord, if I'm not chaste, at least give me the desire to be chaste," or "Lord, if I don't share sufficiently with the poor, at least give me the desire to do be more generous." If we begin to desire what God is offering, we will be more chaste and more generous because we want to be. The fear of what prayer does not dare to ask abates. Then we are ready to ask God for what He really wants to give us.

The prayer is asking us to look at our resistance and fear and to pray out of that very experience rather than suppressing or denying it.

Consider well, then, the beautiful though difficult and daring invitation of this prayer. Though directed to God, it also bids us to look within and to admit our fears and our resistance.

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THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 10:35-45

The first reading for this weekend is from the Book of Isaiah, precisely from its third and last part.

Isaiah, on several occasions, describes or refers to a loyal and devoted servant of God who endures outrageous insults and severe misfortunes, but never despairs or mistrusts God as these unhappy events come to him.

Furthermore, through and from these sufferings, good prevails in the servant's own faithfulness and the glory of God shines through all that happens.

While these verses were writ-

ten many years before Christ, pious Christians always have seen in them a prefiguration of their gentle Savior, the innocent lamb of God, sinless and merciful, good and perfect, but the victim of viciousness and of the indifference of so many.

As its second reading for this weekend, the Church presents a selection from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Typically, throughout Hebrews, the letter is strong in its Old Testament imagery, especially in the symbolism of the ancient rituals of the Jewish temple.

In A.D. 70, the Romans destroyed the temple as a reprimand after the Jews unsuccessfully attempted to revolt against Rome. The priests were killed or scattered. The old rituals came to an end. They have not yet been restored.

For centuries, including the first two-thirds of the first century, these ceremonies featuring priests, a high priest sacrifices, victims of sacrifices and liturgical rites of the temple were familiar to young and old, great and small, among the Jews.

With the loss of all this in mind, Hebrews sees Jesus as the great, eternal, perfect high priest. The supreme and unfailing sacrifice is the Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. He is the victim, offering true reconciliation with God.

The temple rituals are gone, but the power of God endures. So does the obligation to seek the security of this power. Thus, still we must pray. Christ provides the process and the effectiveness of our prayers.

St. Mark's Gospel supplies the last reading.

In this reading, two Apostles, James and John, sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. The forecasts by Jesus of the coming of a new kingdom to the world, namely the kingdom of God, triggered their ambition. As insecure humans, they wanted preferred treatment in the kingdom of God.

Presuming it has earthly properties, they wanted privileged places in this coming, glorious kingdom, so they asked the Lord to give them these high places.

Jesus replied, reminding them that the path to the new kingdom will not be straight or smooth. To progress along this

path, any disciple must identify with Christ in the fullness; abandoning self, self-interests and comfort to be as Jesus was, giving all to God.

Reflection

The Lord came into the world as the redeemer. His mission was to redeem, or rescue, humanity from its own plight, a plight created by its willful sin and voluntary rejection of God, and to reward humanity even when nature and all circumstances, work against them.

Results of sin, of bad judgments and of threats from nature can be daunting. Life for everyone on the planet has changed, hardly always for the better, because of COVID-19. So very many people died. Many still are dying.

The poor people of Haiti have experienced dreadful hardships. The economy is a wreck. People struggled just to feed themselves. Then the earthquake came. Now the epidemic torments them. Of course, desperately, they look for a better place to live and try to enter this country.

Millions could write their own Suffering Servant songs.

The Lord promised us all that peace in this life and triumph in the next life await the faithful. His pledge is not pie in the sky. It has strengthened distressed people, profoundly, totally, everywhere, for two millennia. It is real.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-8 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 13:1-9



The 1915 baseball team of the Pere Marquette Knights of Columbus Council No. 271 in Boston is seen in this photo from a new online exhibit on baseball put together by the Knights' Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven, Conn. The team was considered the "fastest baseball team representing the Order in Greater Boston." This photograph is a gift of the family of Bernard J. McDonnell, member and manager of the 1915 team.

Baseball exhibit pays homage to Blessed McGivney's love of the game

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS) — The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven has opened an online exhibition centering on the Knights of Columbus connection with baseball, which spans almost a century and a half.

The center, at the Knights' headquarters, is named for the fraternal order's founder, a candidate for sainthood.

"Baseball unites people. Whether at a professional ballpark, a community diamond or a church picnic, baseball brings people together in activity and in spirit," said a news release announcing the exhibit. "Blessed Michael McGivney (1852-1890) realized this. He played the game as a seminarian and introduced it to others during his priesthood."

"Today, baseball continues to serve as a path toward spiritual bonds and friendship for Knights and their families."

ANDREW FOWLER

The first segment, which opened Oct. 1, details Blessed McGivney's personal experiences with the game and the appeal it had among the members of his fledgling organization.

Many who followed him shared his affection for the game. Some enjoyed it socially

Blessed McGivney's attraction to baseball.

In a four-part series, "Knights of Columbus Baseball: An American Story," Fowler recounts the Catholic-American story of how the Knights of Columbus as an organization and individual Knights — including some of

baseball's mightiest heroes — stepped up to the plate to produce memorable moments and shape the sport "for the better."

The series, accompanied by numerous photographs and illustrations, is free and can be viewed online at michaelmcgivneycenter.org.

and recreationally; others pursued it passionately, even to the Hall of Fame," the release said. "For the Knights of Columbus, the game served as an early avenue of assimilation for Catholic immigrants and first-generation Americans.

"Today, baseball continues to serve as a path toward spiritual bonds and friendship for Knights and their families. These values stem from Father McGivney, who founded the fraternal organization on the principles of charity and unity."

Subsequent segments in Fowler's series, to be introduced at key points during the 2022 Major League Baseball season, will explore the growth of the game as a professional sport and chronicle developments during significant events in American and world history.

Some of baseball's stars from yesteryear and today who were Knights themselves include: right fielder George Herman "Babe" Ruth; first baseman Gil Hodges; third baseman "Scranton Bill" Coughlin; pitcher Ed Walsh; managers John "Mugsy" McGraw, Danny Murtaugh and Connie Mack; and catcher/first baseman/designated hitter Mike Sweeney.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for October 17, 2021

Mark 10: 35-45

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: Dealing with the desire for authority. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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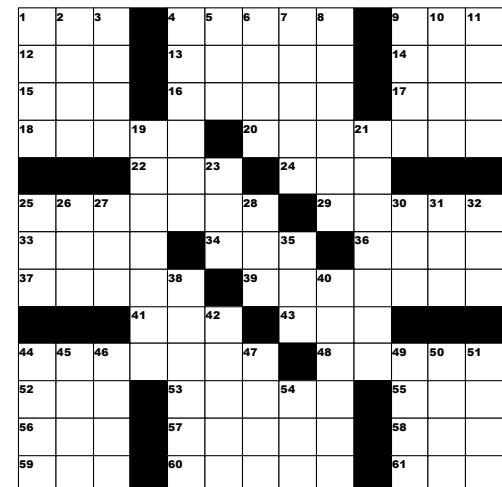
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Readings: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 & Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52 & Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

ACROSS

- 1 Central Daylight Time
- 2 Fable writer
- 3 Alphabet
- 4 Popular pope name
- 5 Pierced Jesus' side
- 6 Card game
- 7 Electroencephalograph
- 8 Desert plants
- 9 "Blessed is ___ who believed"
- 10 God's goodness
- 11 (2 wds) "His" will shall be accomplished
- 12 "I believe in ___ God"
- 13 Compass point
- 14 Ready substitute
- 15 Adam did with apple
- 16 Spring flower
- 17 Baseball stick
- 18 '___ the Lord, your God'
- 19 Stockings' fabric
- 20 Main protein of hair
- 21 Toss, as in a ball
- 22 Irritate
- 23 Atop the kidneys
- 24 Dregs
- 25 What a bill is
- 26 Sports shoe projection
- 27 Did in chair
- 28 Eye infection
- 29 Eastern continent
- 30 Full of zest
- 31 Gone by
- 32 Male ruler of a duchy
- 33 Noncommissioned officer
- 34 Wickerwork
- 35 Tropical breeze
- 36 Jewish calendar month (March)
- 37 Eastern continent
- 38 Full of zest
- 39 Eye infection
- 40 Noncommissioned officer
- 41 Wickerwork
- 42 Tropical breeze
- 43 Irritate
- 44 Atop the kidneys
- 45 Dregs
- 46 Eastern continent
- 47 Sports shoe projection
- 48 Did in chair
- 49 Full of zest
- 50 Eye infection
- 51 Gone by
- 52 Foliage
- 53 Move away
- 54 "A high priest with out ___"
- 55 Attempt
- 56 Be sick
- 57 A Himalayan cow
- 58 Dried cement is
- 59 Thai
- 60 European sea eagle
- 61 Positive vote

Answer key can be found on page 19

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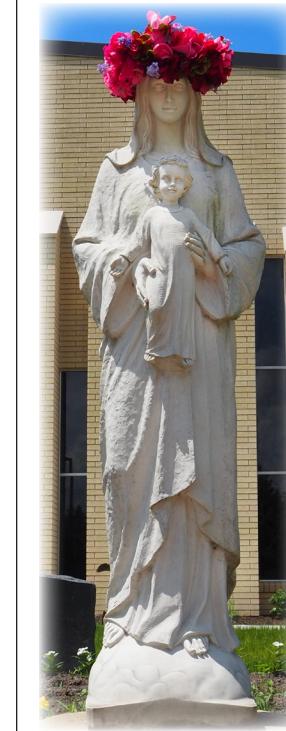
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Adoration under the stars

FORT WAYNE — Spend some quality time with Jesus Christ in the monstrance under the night sky of God's creation on the lawn in front of Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Saturday, Oct. 16. The evening will close with Benediction. In case of inclement weather, adoration will move inside the church. Prelude music will begin at 6:45 p.m. before the Adoration at 7 p.m.

St. Jude Parish mission

FORT WAYNE — A parish mission, "Gather Us In," will be Oct. 24-27. Father Peter Schavitz, a Redemptorist priest from St. Louis, will lead the mission each night beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be an adult program and a children's program for K-5 students each night.

White Mass and banquet

FORT WAYNE — A White Mass for all health care workers, celebrated by Bishop Kevin C Rhoades will be Monday, Oct. 18, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1102 S Clinton St., at 7 p.m. Mass will be followed by a dinner at St. Mary, Mother of God parish hall with OSV's Jason Shanks, the guest speaker, talking about his miraculous recovery from Covid-19. Cost is \$15; free for students

and religious life. For information, visit www.fortwayne.cathmed.org or Julie Bryan at 260-222-6978.

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue to visit MISHAWAKA

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue is coming to St. Monica on Friday, Oct. 22. The 8:15 a.m. Mass will be followed by adoration and devotions. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the statue will be in church for personal prayer and devotions throughout the day. At 6 p.m., adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, Scapular enrollment, talk offered by the Pilgrim Virgin Statue's custodian and a candlelight procession ending at Battell Park will conclude the visit. For additional parishes on the tour, visit www.todayscatholic.org/event or contact Jerry Horban at 574-621-0372.

Sacred Heart Cemetery fall cleanup

SOUTH BEND — Sacred Heart Cemetery, 1826 Kemble Ave., will conduct a fall cleanup from Monday, Oct. 25 through Saturday, Oct. 30. All summer decorations should be removed by this time. Contact Patrick Nowak at 574-287-7125 or narohaz@aol.com.

Queen of Angels card and social luncheon

FORT WAYNE — Queen of

Angels annual card and social luncheon will be Friday, Oct. 29, from noon to 4 p.m. Enjoy card playing and socializing. There will be raffles, attendance prizes and lunch will be served in the Queen of Angels Activity Center, 1500 West State Blvd. Cost is \$10 per person.

Discussion with Catholic health care professionals

GRANGER — An engaging, spiritually uplifting discussion on the practice of medicine from a Catholic perspective will be Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish in the church basement meeting room. Enter at the back of church off Fir Road next to the playground. Stairs and elevator access are available to the lower level. For more information, contact Dr. Charles Craig, O.D. at cma@stpius.net or 419-305-0244.

All are welcome. Sponsored by the St. Andre Bessette Guild of North Central Indiana, a charted guild of the Catholic Medical Association.

Rosary rally for an end to abortion

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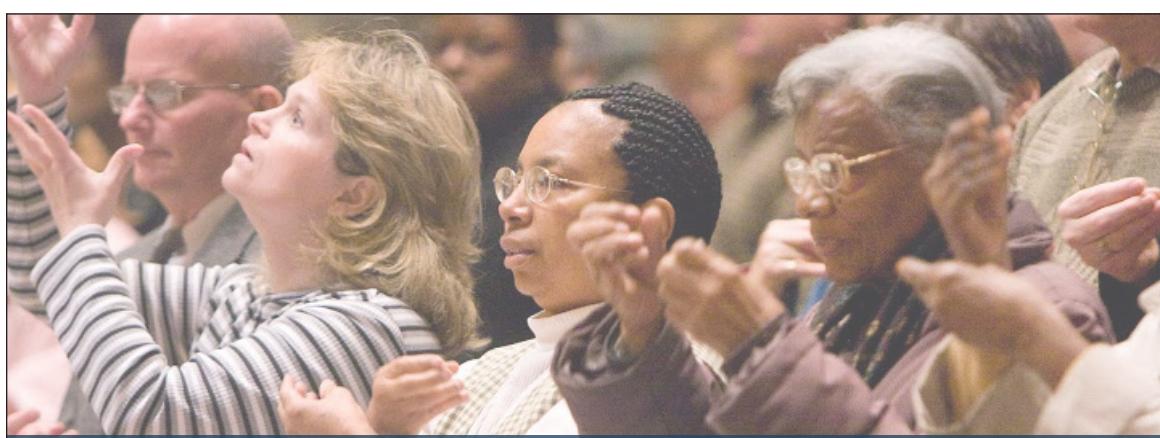
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Francis of Perpetual Adoration, neighbors of Marian High School, were present as well.

Bishop Rhoades blessed the grotto at the beginning of Mass, asking the Lord to grant that all who in its presence would "pay devout homage to the Blessed Virgin, may know her protection, trace in their hearts the pattern of her holiness and be aided by her to obtain her grace in this life and everlasting glory in the life to come."

"This grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, the altar and this prayer plaza is so beautiful and it gives me so much joy because this will be such an important part of the campus of Marian High School," he said during the homily. "It will be a place of prayer and reflection. I can only imagine the many graces that will flow through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother from the prayers that are offered here — many, many graces."

"This community and the people who visit will bring candles and light candles with prayers for special intentions," said the bishop. "It's a beautiful custom we have as Catholics, so I know there'll be thousands and thousands of candles lit at this grotto in years to come," he predicted. "The light of the candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, and Mary is like the moon, the fathers of the Church said. She reflects the light of her Son. She reflects the light of Christ."

"That's my prayer, that it will be the principle lesson the students of Marian learn in their Catholic education here — that they live as children of the light and, like Mary and assisted by her protection, spread that light into the world."

Journey to fruition

Marian High School principal Mark Kirzeder and Director of Mission Advancement Alicia Redinger shared how the grotto came to be.

Redinger said it was Jan. 9, 2014, when Bishop Rhoades announced that Our Lady of Lourdes was Marian's official patroness and consecrated the school to her. She said it was in that timeframe that the bishop asked them to consider making a grotto on campus.

She said they started with a small group of people to come up with a way to "make the grotto a beautiful place for students to go as well as the community."

Kirzeder said the planning and construction was a team effort that included Father Niezer, Father Rathke and Campus Minister Corinne DeLucenay. They collaborated on the design and construction and each took responsibility for different aspects of the project.

Donors made the grotto possible. Kirzeder said. "We couldn't do it within the budget so we met with donors and for the last two years, the annual appeal

was allocated to the project."

"There were so many teachers and parents dedicated to the project and helped to move it forward, all the donations and those who donated time," Redinger added. "It really has been done by the grace of God. We worked with so many people who guided and directed us to others who could help."

Construction began in the spring of 2019, but the pre-planning had begun in 2016. COVID-19 slowed things down for more than a year, "but everyone has been so good at working with us," Kirzeder said. "And the community has been very patient."

Redinger said they obtained beautiful statues of Mary and St. Bernadette. The statue of Mary came from Italy and was said to be very similar to the original at Lourdes.

"We started praying the rosary out at the grotto space when it was still just a grassy area. We were out there in the snow just asking Our Lady's intercession to make this happen," she recalled.

Mary's intercession

Kirzeder began as principal at Marian High School the year the bishop dedicated the school to Our Lady of Lourdes. At the time, his wife, Lesley, was pregnant with their third child. He said there had been some complications with all of her pregnancies, so they were praying to Our Lady of Lourdes for protection.

He also shared that Lesley had done some freelance graphic and communications work for Father John DeRos, a priest who was stationed in France during that pregnancy. Father DeRos went to Lourdes to pray for their unborn child.

Kirzeder said he and his wife are Notre Dame graduates, and that the grotto on campus was a special place for them. For all those reasons, their third child was named Bernadette Rose; she is now a perfectly healthy 6-1/2 year old who lit the first candle at the grotto during the dedication.

Lesley spoke before the Mass about what that honor meant to Bernadette.

"She's so honored. She's been so close to Bernadette. When she

was younger, we'd visit the grotto at Notre Dame and she'd go up to the statue of St. Bernadette and hug and kiss her," she said. It was special and fitting to Lesley to see the grotto at Marian come to fruition, "especially while Mark is here, and for our kids to see the devotion of their father is beautiful. She added that having Our Lady of Lourdes' physical presence there was another example of how Mary's presence is magnified.

Guests and alumni

At the end of the Mass the bishop again thanked everyone, "especially those who were so dedicated to the making of the grotto."

After Mass, the principal also thanked everyone.

"The grotto would not be here without all of you — all your prayers, donations, hard work and love have poured into this space, all with the intention of bringing more souls to Christ through His Blessed Mother. I hope this space inspires students, staff, alumni, parents, future students and visitors to stop, pray and develop a closer relationship with Jesus. I hope you come back often and bring visitors."

He shared that future plans include stations of the cross, lighting and fencing. His hope for the space is that Marian students, staff and families will deepen their relationship with Mary under her powerful intercession and he hopes it connects the mission of the school and is a tangible aspect — a place to go and pray to their named patroness.

Jane Szlanfucht lit a candle at the grotto and said, "Since I had a re-version in my 30s, St. Bernadette and the whole story of Our Lady of Lourdes has had a special place in my heart so this is very special and beautiful and I'm glad to be here today."

Rosemary Ravotto McNeely and Del Lupe also lit candles. McNeely said, "I think it's a wonderful thing that they've done. This is a great place to come, light a candle, meditate and pray. It's good for the campus, and it's beautiful."



Denise Fedorow

The grotto includes room for many votive candles to be lit. The candles will represent prayers to Jesus, the light of the world.



Molly Gettinger

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses with holy water an image of Our Lady of Lourdes at the newly constructed Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at Marian High School, Mishawaka, Oct. 7.



Molly Gettinger

During his homily at the Mass of dedication and blessing, the bishop said it was his prayer that the principal lesson Marian students learn during their time at the school would be to live as "children of the light" and to spread that light into the world.