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**A family speaks with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades after a Mass opening the diocesan phase of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, Oct. 16. The synod calls for all the faithful, beginning at the diocesan level, to engage in discernment of the will of the Holy Spirit by listening to one another.**

## Bishop opens diocesan phase of synodal process

*The following is the text of the homily given by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Mass opening the diocesan phase of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.*

**A**t this Mass, here in the mother church of our diocese, we begin the diocesan phase of the 2023 Synod of Bishops on the theme: *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.* Synodality is an integral part of the very nature of the Church. I imagine that most of you, when

you hear the word "synod," you think of a synod of bishops. One of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council was the Synod of Bishops. There have been a number of Synods of Bishops since the Council, including the last Synod in 2018 on young people, faith and vocational discernment.

The Church has become increasingly aware that synodality is the path for the entire people of God. It's a journeying together of all the faithful since all the baptized, both the hierarchy and the laity, are called to be active participants in the saving

mission of the Church. There are a diversity of gifts and charisms among all the faithful for the renewal and building up of the Church. All of us have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation.

Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to reflect on this theme of synodality, the theme of the next World Synod of Bishops. He has asked Catholics throughout the world to be part of the synodal process, to reflect together on our journey as God's pilgrim and missionary people. He is asking us to reflect prayerfully to

discern God's will for His Church at this time in history. The theme of the Synod, "For a Synodal Church," has three dimensions: Communion, Participation, and Mission. We are being asked by the Holy Father to be open to the Holy Spirit and thus discern how God is calling us towards *deeper communion, fuller participation and greater openness to fulfilling our mission in the world.*

In this process, the Holy Father wants the bishops to be

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attuned to the living voice of the people of God. The objective of this Synod is to listen, as the entire people of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in our time. We do so by listening together to God's Word in Scripture and Tradition, by listening to one another, especially to the voices of the poor and marginalized, and discerning the signs of the times. The Pope is asking us to dream about the Church we are called to be as we journey together, fulfilling our mission of evangelization in the world today and in the future.

This may sound very new, but we may already experience this style of being the Church on the level of our parishes and on the diocesan level as well, when we listen to one another, dream together, and prayerfully discern together our mission. This happens, for example, in groups like parish pastoral councils, the diocesan presbyteral council, and other groups. I have for many years been thinking about establishing a diocesan pastoral council, which I intend to do in the coming months. The Holy Father is asking us to become even more a synodal Church. In convening this present Synod, in which he is asking all the local churches to participate, he states: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium."

The diocesan phase of the Synod, which begins today, will last until April. During these months, there will be gatherings in the six vicariates of our diocese and in parishes within the vicariates where people will be invited to meet and prayerfully share their reflections on this theme of synodality. The fundamental question to be discussed is this: *A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, 'journeys together.' How is this 'journeying together' happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our 'journeying together'?*

One must be careful not to think of the Synod as a political parliament. It is a spiritual process, not a political process. It is oriented toward discernment of the will of God by listening to one another, seeking to discern what God is saying to us today, following the lead of the Holy Spirit. It is about being open to God's grace by praying, listening, and reflecting. I am hoping that a lot of people will participate in the synodal consultation meetings throughout our diocese and I look forward to receiving the feedback from the meetings. All dioceses in the world are being asked then to write up a diocesan synthesis of this feedback and to submit a 10-page summary to their respective episcopal conferences (here in the United States, the USCCB). The episcopal conferences will



Photos by Jodi Marlin

**During the diocesan phase of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops, which opened Oct. 16 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, people will be invited to prayerfully participate and share their reflections on the theme of synodality.**



**Mary Beth Giltner prays the prayer of synodality while holding son Jack during the Mass**

then prepare a synthesis of all the feedback from the dioceses which will then be submitted to the Synod Secretariat at the Vatican. All of this feedback, the result of the prayerful reflections of the people of God throughout the world, will then provide the working document for the actual assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2023. The bishops will have listened to the people of God throughout the world. The bishops, the successors of the apostles, will then discern the path forward, with and under the pope, the successor of St. Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus said to the Twelve that they are not to lord their authority over the people like earthly rulers do. Our Lord says: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for the many." Jesus is teaching the apostles and their successors about the humble exercise of authority as service. That's what synodality entails. As Pope Francis has said, "For the disciples of Jesus, yesterday, today, and always, the only authority is the authority of service and the only power is the power of the cross." "Jesus founded the Church by setting at her head the Apostolic College (the College of bishops) in which the Apostle Peter (the Pope) is the rock, the one who must confirm his brethren in the faith." The Church is, therefore, a hierarchical communion. The hierarchy's authority, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is the authority of service. Exercising authority in this Christ-like manner, it seems to me, includes us bishops listening to you, the people of God, as we lead and serve you. In exercising our authority, we are called to discern the Lord's will, to obey Christ and to listen to the Holy Spirit. That's what the Synod is all about: listening to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth.

I entrust this phase of the Synod in our diocese to the intercession of our patroness, Mary, the Immaculate Conception. Our Blessed Mother joined the disciples in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. There was a great missionary outburst when the Apostles received the Holy Spirit. May Mary accompany all of us and the Church throughout the world during this synodal process, so that there will be a new missionary outburst in the Church today!

# Q&A: The role of every Catholic in the Synod on Synodality

## Q: What is the Synod on Synodality?

A: According to the "Vademecum for the Synod on Synodality," the handbook for the first phase of the synod, by convening this synod Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium," he says in the document.

Enlightened by the Word of God and united in prayer, all Catholics will be able to discern the processes to seek God's will and pursue the pathways to which God calls them — toward deeper communion, fuller participation, and greater openness to fulfilling their mission in the world. In one word, toward synodality.

According to the handbook, first and foremost, synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the people of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel.

"In this sense, synodality enables the entire people of God to walk forward together, listening to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, in order to participate in the mission of the Church in the communion that Christ establishes between us."

## Q: Who participates in the synod?

A: The Synod on Synodality is a Synod of Bishops. This means that the bishops of the world, who will have listened to the people of God throughout the process, will then discern the path forward, with and under the pope, the successor of St. Peter.

In this synod, however, Pope Francis has emphasized a desire to have the opinions of everyone — all the people of God — are to be shared. The "Vademecum" states:

"While the Synod of Bishops has taken place up until now as a gathering of bishops with and under the authority of the Pope, the Church increasingly realizes that synodality is the path for the entire People of God. Hence the Synodal Process is no longer only an assembly of bishops but a journey for all the faithful, in which every local Church has an integral part to play."

While synodality is based on the baptismal gifts and responsibilities of each Catholic, it is intended that this synodal process should reach out to people "on the margins," to find out

how the Church can reach out to them and serve them in spiritual ways and through charitable works.

## Q: What is the aim of this synod?

A: The preparatory document for the synod, received by dioceses Sept. 23, presents its objectives as three-fold.

- Recalling how the Spirit has guided the Church's journey through history and, today, calls people to be, together, witnesses of God's love

- (Moving closer to) living a participative and inclusive ecclesial process that offers everyone — especially those who, for various reasons, find themselves on the margins — the opportunity to express themselves and to be heard in order to contribute to the edification of the people of God.

Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" Oct. 9-10 in Rome. The following weekend, Oct. 16-17, this process was formally opened by dioceses around the world with a designated Mass.

Through their pastor or the head of the local vicariate, parish-level consultations will take place this winter. The faithful are encouraged to look to their parish for information on how to participate. By April 1, the diocese will have prepared a summary document on these consultations that it will share with the Vatican.

## Q: What am I supposed to do?

A. Everyone, from those in leadership positions to those who are not practicing the faith, are encouraged to prayerfully reflect on the mission of synod



- Recognizing and appreciating the wealth and the variety of the gifts and charisms that the Spirit liberally bestows for the good of the community and the benefit of the entire human family.

Anne Therese Stephens, diocesan coordinator of the synodal process, summed up the goal of the synodal process this way:

"We don't live alone; we live in community. We are journeying toward eternity, namely heaven, together. In planning the synod in this format, the Holy Father seeks to know how has each individual's experience been of living in community and journeying toward heaven together?"

## Q: When will the process begin?

A: Pope Francis opened the path entitled "For a

and attend the local parish or vicariate meeting and share their experiences, opinions and answers to some of the same questions that will be asked of the diocesan high schools, health care institutions, Catholic Charities and universities, including, "Who are the poor in the community? What is your experience of community in the Church? How can the Church more effectively reach out to you? And, how can the Church better include you?"

The preparatory document offers a "Fundamental Question," one that will guide the consultations.

"A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, 'journeys together.' How is this 'journeying together' happening today in your particular Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take to grow in our 'journeying together'?"



## Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, October 24: 10:30 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Anthony de Padua Church, South Bend  
 Monday, October 25: 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Cemeteries, Divine Mercy Funeral Home, Fort Wayne  
 Tuesday, October 26: 5:15 p.m. — Red Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame  
 Wednesday, October 27: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. John the Evangelist Church, Goshen  
 Thursday, October 28: 9 a.m. — Good Leaders, Good Shepherds, Lindenwood Retreat Center, Plymouth  
 Thursday, October 28: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Jude Church, South Bend  
 Friday, October 29: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. John the Evangelist Church, Goshen  
 Saturday, October 30: 10:30 a.m. — Jubilee Mass for Sisters of Saint Francis, Saint Francis Convent, Mishawaka  
 Saturday, October 30: 7 p.m. — Mass for Hispanic Nocturnal Adoration Society, St. Adalbert Church, South Bend

# Initiatives on Eucharist aim to give Catholics better understanding

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — This past June at their annual meeting, the U.S. bishops spoke about helping Catholics come to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Eucharist through an upcoming eucharistic revival and a document on the Eucharist.

The bishops plan to continue talking about these Church actions and will vote on the Communion document during their November meeting in Baltimore.

But in the meantime, two U.S. bishops — who head the committees working on these initiatives — spoke recently on a recorded video roundtable produced by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to further explain just what the bishops hope to achieve through the upcoming revival and document on the Eucharist.

The half-hour video will air on Catholic television networks such as New Evangelization Television, or NET-TV, a Catholic television network based in Brooklyn, New York.

In the recorded video, Auxiliary Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of St. Paul and Minneapolis and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, spoke with Marilyn Santos, associate director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis.

Bishop Cozzens is chair of the USCCB's Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis and Bishop Rhoades is chair of the USCCB's Committee on Doctrine.

Santos told Catholic News Service Oct. 12 that it was impor-

tant for the bishops to give an "official voice" on what these initiatives are, and what they are not, during this "significant moment for the Church in the United States."

The eucharistic revival is meant to be an act of evangelization for some and a reawakening of understanding for others, she said, while the document on the Eucharist, which has gained more public attention, is meant to be more of a "teaching tool to be incorporated into" the planned revival.

In the roundtable discussion, Bishop Cozzens said the impetus for the bishops' work on a eucharistic revival was a Pew study in the fall of 2019 that showed just 30% of Catholics "have what we might call a proper understanding of Christ's presence in the Eucharist."

The bishops saw this as an opportunity to increase Catholics' understanding and awareness of the Eucharist with a revival that is set to launch on the feast of Corpus Christi in June 2022.

Bishop Cozzens said what will be a three-year process will include events on the diocesan level such as eucharistic processions around the country along with adoration and prayer.

In 2023, the emphasis will be on parishes with resources available at the parish level to increase Catholics' understanding of what the Eucharist really means.

Ultimately, the revival will end with a National Eucharistic Congress in the summer of 2024 and possibly other gatherings like this in the future.

The Minnesota bishop said this spotlight on the Eucharist will emphasize that it is such a

# Bishops call attacks on Catholic sites 'acts of hate' that must stop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Oct. 10 vandalism of Denver's cathedral basilica that resulted in satanic and other "hateful graffiti" being scrawled on its doors and at least one statue brought to 100 the number of incidents of arson, vandalism and other destruction that have taken place at Catholic sites across the United States since May 2020.

That month the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty began tracking such incidents, according to an Oct. 14 USCCB news release.

"These incidents of vandalism have ranged from the tragic to the obscene, from the transparent to the inexplicable," the chairmen of the USCCB's religious liberty and domestic policy committees said in a joint statement included in the release.

"There remains much we do not know about this phenomenon, but at a minimum, they underscore that our society is in sore need of God's grace," they said, calling on the nation's elected officials "to step forward and condemn these attacks."

"In all cases, we must reach out to the perpetrators with prayer and forgiveness," said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

"Where the motive was retribution for some past fault of ours, we must reconcile; where misunderstanding of our teachings has caused anger toward us, we must offer clarity; but this destruction must stop. This is



CNS photo/courtesy Archdiocese of Denver  
**The Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver is seen Oct. 10 after it was vandalized. Since February 2020, the Archdiocese of Denver is aware of 25 parishes or ministry locations in northern Colorado that have been the target of vandalism, property destruction or theft.**

not the way," they said.

"We thank our law enforcement for investigating these incidents and taking appropriate steps to prevent further harm," Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop Coakley said. "We appeal to community members for help as well. These are not mere property crimes — this is the degradation of visible representations of our Catholic faith. These are acts of

individuals crying out for help or agents of hate seeking to intimidate, the attacks are signs of a society in need of healing," the two archbishops said.

"In those incidents where human actions are clear, the motives still are not. As we strain to understand the destruction of these holy symbols of selfless love and devotion, we pray for any who have caused it, and we remain vigilant against more of it," they said.

"Our nation finds itself in an extraordinary hour of cultural conflict," they added. "The path forward must be through the compassion and understanding practiced and taught by Jesus and his Holy Mother. Let us contemplate, rather than destroy, images of these examples of God's love. Following the example of Our Lord, we respond to confusion with understanding and to hatred with love."

These incidents have ranged from a man crashing his van through the doors of a Catholic church in the Diocese of Orlando, Florida, and setting the interior ablaze, to a St. Junipero Serra statue outside Mission San Rafael in San Rafael, California, in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, being desecrated with red paint and toppled, leaving just the saint's feet in place.

In response to such attacks, the Committee for Religious Liberty launched the "Beauty Heals" project featuring videos from various dioceses discussing the significance of sacred art.

At least 10 videos are available on YouTube; a link to the play list of all the videos can be

found at <https://bit.ly/3peNq3o>.

In a June 1 letter to the respective chairs and ranking members of the Appropriation Committee in the House and Senate, the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty joined with several other faith groups calling for more funding for appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Nonprofit Security Grant Program in fiscal year 2022.

The text of the letter can be found at <https://bit.ly/3n6Rz6t>.

"As organizations representing Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Catholic, Episcopal, Evangelical, Lutheran, Protestant, Seventh-day Adventist, and other Christian and communities of faith across the United States, we believe that all people ought to be free from fear when gathering for religious worship and service," they wrote, urging more funds for the FEMA grant program.

The grants provide funds for "target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities" for, as the letter stated, "at-risk nonprofits from urban settings to suburban neighborhoods and rural communities, including houses of worship, religious schools, community centers and other charities."

"There is a critical need and urgency for these grants," the faith groups said. "Our sacred spaces have been desecrated, and our faithful murdered."

In a 20-year period starting in mid-1999, there were shootings at an estimated 19 houses of worship resulting in fatalities.

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hate."

In a July 2020 joint statement, Archbishop Coakley and Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, then acting chairman of the religious liberty committee, decried the growing number of incidents of church vandalism.

"Whether those who committed these acts were troubled

## Mind & Heart

### You Say You Want a Revolution:

*What the Hook-Up Culture Has Done to Women*



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great gift to the Church.

He also said the focus of this revival will not just be for parish priests to run another program but for Catholic groups and movements to be involved in reaching out and explaining the meaning of the Eucharist to Catholics.

Bishop Rhoades said he was excited about this revival and feels the document that his committee will present to the bishops this fall, "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," will be a good contribution to it.

He said the document will focus on how "the Eucharist is our greatest treasure as Catholics" and will look at different aspects of the Eucharist, particularly how it illustrates Christ's sacrifice and is the real presence of Jesus, not just a symbol.

The second half of the document will emphasize what Catholics should do with this deeper understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist from more active participation at



CNS photo/Dave Hrbacek, The Catholic Spirit  
**Auxiliary Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of St. Paul and Minneapolis carries a monstrance holding the Eucharist during a procession June 19 called "Catholic Father's Day." Bishop Cozzens is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.**

Mass to participating in devotions such as adoration and then renewing their commitment to serve others.

When asked how the two initiatives fit together, Bishop Cozzens said he thought the document on the Eucharist would "become a sort of launching pad for the revival."

He urged Catholics to really

pray for this eucharistic revival, recognizing that "what ultimately is going to change the world is the Holy Spirit." Bishop Rhoades similarly encouraged people to pray for the revival and then to participate in any way they can and spread the word about it.

"Evangelize. Be evangelizers of the Eucharist," he said.



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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Prominent Anglican bishop who served in U.S. received into Catholic Church

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — A prominent Anglican bishop has joined the Catholic Church and will be ordained as a priest at the end of October. Michael Nazir-Ali, the former Anglican bishop of Rochester, England, was received into the church Sept. 29 by Msgr. Keith Newton, head of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, which was established in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI for the corporate reception of Anglican communities. Nazir-Ali will be ordained deacon by Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham Oct. 28 and ordained a priest for the ordinariate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster Oct. 30. The married father of two retired from Rochester, England, in 2009 and, since 2010, has served as the visiting bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. Nazir-Ali is the first former Anglican diocesan bishop — rather than suffragan or “flying” bishops — to join the Catholic Church since Bishop Graham Leonard of London and Bishop Richard Rutt of Leicester were received into the Catholic faith in 1994. In a statement posted Oct. 14 on the website of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Nazir-Ali said: “I believe that the Anglican desire to adhere to apostolic, patristic and conciliar teaching can now best be maintained in the Ordinariate.

## Job creation strengthens dignity in a way subsidies can't, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While government subsidies are necessary sometimes to help a family survive, job creation is what will help them thrive, Pope Francis said. “Some people have implied I said things that I do not support — that I propose a life without effort or that I despise the culture of work,” the pope said in a video message Oct. 14 to Argentina's annual IDEA convention, a gathering of business, government and labor leaders under the auspices of the national institute for business development. Pope Francis told participants it would be impossible for him, a descendant of immigrants from Italy's Piedmont region, to espouse such views. His father and his mother's parents and immigrants like them “did not come to our country with the intention of being supported, but with a great desire to set to work, to build a future for their family. Interestingly, the migrants didn't put their money in the bank, but in bricks and soil: a house, first of all. They were looking ahead for their family.” Pope Francis reminded the business leaders that he often has spoken of the nobility of their work when they create jobs. “I

## Honduran bishops: Don't vote for candidates backed by drug money



CNS photo/Jorge Cabrera, Reuters

Honduran special forces escort drug leader Jose Miguel Handal to a military battalion in Tegucigalpa March 13, 2015. Honduras' bishops have urged voters to avoid supporting candidates “stained” by drug cartels in the November elections: The admonishment comes in a country where illegal money has long flowed into political campaigns and delegitimized the political class. Voters in Honduras often are coerced into voting for parties through giveaways and access to social programs or relief after natural disasters.

will never tire of referring to the dignity of work. It is work that gives dignity,” he said.

## Vatican warns of use of cryptocurrency in migrant smuggling

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican urged the international community to regulate cryptocurrency, especially because of its growing use in the smuggling and exploitation of migrants and vulnerable persons. In a statement Oct. 14, Msgr. Janusz Urbanczyk, the Vatican representative to U.N. agencies in Vienna, said the use of cash to avoid transparency “has shifted into the even less transparent world of digital payment and cryptocurrencies. While some online platforms oblige their clients — senders and beneficiaries of remittances — to identify themselves, some cryptocurrency platforms and virtual asset service providers do not

request identification from their customers,” Msgr. Urbanczyk explained. “As is well known, this only increases opportunities for money laundering and similar crimes,” he said. The warning comes as authorities across the globe contend with the challenges posed by the use of digital currency, some of which are designed to keep users anonymous, in order to launder money often used in drug and human trafficking.

## Rocket mission is dream come true for Maryland Catholic high school grad

CATONSVILLE, Md. (CNS) — When Audrey Powers went boldly into space Oct. 13 with the actor who played the original Captain Kirk on “Star Trek,” the thoughts, prayers and cheers of Mount de Sales Academy, her alma mater, went with her. As vice president

of mission and flight operations, Powers was one of four crewmembers on the second human flight of Blue Origin's New Shepard rocket from its base in west Texas. Actor William Shatner, 90, who sat next to Powers during the successful mission, became the oldest man to fly into space. In Catonsville, fellow students from the class of 1994 joined other Mount de Sales alumnae, staff and faculty to watch the historic flight. Students were unable to attend because they were taking exams, but alumnae from a 60-mile radius were invited, according to Karen de Lange, Mount de Sales' director of communications. “I'm here to watch my best friend go to space,” said Julie Simon Gilles. She said Powers was achieving a lifelong dream. “She always wanted to be an astronaut.” “This is her life's calling,” added classmate Angela Romeo, now a teacher at Mount de Sales.

## U.S. urged to lead way to help world's poorer nations recover from pandemic

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the fight against COVID-19 continues in the United States, the nation's leaders also must not forget the ongoing struggle with the pandemic in poorer nations, particularly in Africa. That's the message that leaders from interdenominational groups around the country are trying to get across to Congress. Among them is Sam Brownback, former U.S. ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom. In an opinion piece for The Hill, a Washington-based online news outlet, and in other forums, he has recently called on Congress to lend its support for African nations to receive additional funding from the International Monetary Fund. The funds, Brownback said, would come at no cost to U.S. taxpayers and are desperately needed by nations so they can bolster vaccination efforts, purchase needed health care equipment, shore up struggling health care systems and bolster their economies. He noted the funds are especially critical because only about 3% of people in Africa have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and cases there continue to rise.

## Greater awareness of human trafficking needed, panel says

ROME (CNS) — Religious and laywomen on the front lines against human trafficking said that greater awareness and education are needed about the reality of modern slavery in the world, especially among young people. During a panel discussion in Rome hosted by the U.S. and Irish embassies to the Holy See Oct. 14, Loreto Sister Patricia Murray, executive secretary of the International Union of Superiors General, stressed the need to “invite more and more people to join this effort to combat trafficking; especially we need to invite the youth of the world. They can raise their voices and advocate on behalf of the exploited and warn their own generations of the dangers that exist,” Sister Murray said. “They can help to realize Pope Francis' dream that ‘every enslaved person can return to being a free agent of his or her own life, a person who can take an active part in the construction of the common good.’” Sister Murray told participants that religious women continue to answer the call from Pope Francis for “all men and women of goodwill to take a firm stance on human trafficking.” “He asked us then and I ask us to place trafficked persons, their families and their communities at the center of our concern,” she said.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley



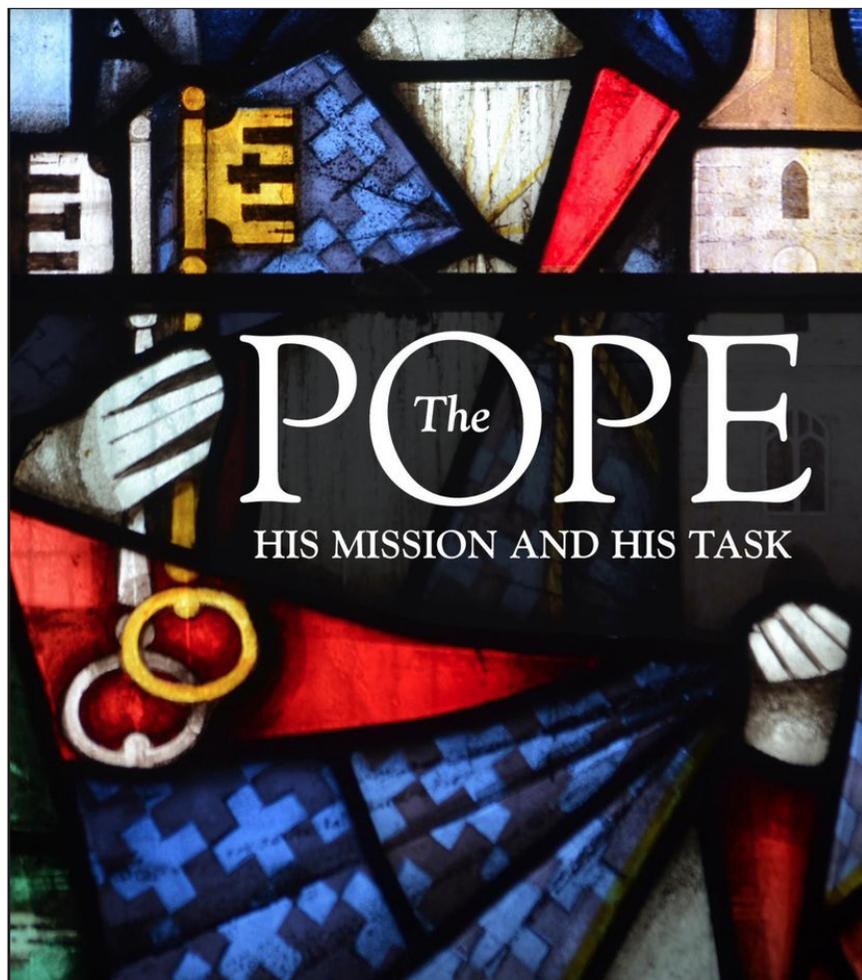
Provided by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

The Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley offers youth, family and programming in the Jewish faith and works to increase understanding with other faiths and within the community. Following a recent meeting at the federation's office in South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and representatives posed before a Holocaust Memorial — a sculpture called "Broken Lives." From left are Michael Kirsch, President of the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley; Sid Shroyer, local Holocaust educator; Moshe Kruger, executive director of the federation; Bishop Rhoades; Jaki Schreier, executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne; and Bob Feferman, community relations director for the federation.

## Count your blessings

With Thanksgiving approaching, Today's Catholic would like to share our appreciation for all of God's many blessings. Tell us what you are thankful for in 75 words or less and your comments may be included in the Nov. 21 edition of the newspaper and online.

Send an email to [editor@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:editor@diocesefwsb.org) by Wed, Nov. 11.



## The Popes as Guardians of Human Dignity with Cardinal Gerhard Müller

Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library  
4-5:30 p.m. | Wednesday, October 27

Cardinal Gerhard Müller is the former Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. He has written more than 600 works on topics of theology and the Catholic Church and is the editor of the 16-volume *The Complete Works of Joseph Ratzinger: Pope Benedict XVI*.

He will speak on the Pope's role in protecting human dignity as part of his tour promoting his new book, *The Pope: His Mission and His Task*, and copies of his book will be available for purchase at the event.

Notre Dame Law School's Religious Liberty Initiative and the Department of Theology present:



Photos by Jennifer Miller

After All-Schools Masses were postponed last year due to the pandemic, for many students and teachers on the South Bend side of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend reviving the Mass at Notre Dame Oct. 11 was meaningful. Fourth grade students traditionally choose a saint to research and dress as for the Mass.

## Desiring to become saints: South Bend All-Schools Mass

BY JENNIFER MILLER

On the memorial of St. Pope John XXIII, Oct. 11, Catholic schools on the South Bend side of the diocese gathered at the Edmund P. Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame to celebrate the annual All-Schools Mass. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the special Mass, along with numerous pastors of the parish schools who were in attendance.

Even from behind face masks, there was an obvious joy of being able to gather in person for the All-Schools Mass this year, after having to forego the Mass in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Traditionally, the fourth-grade students from each school have a feature role in the All-Schools Mass: They dress in costume, depicting a saint they have chosen to research. Rows of St. Mother Theresas, St. Maximilian Kolbes, Padre Pios and St. Kateri Tekawithas — and a wide variety of other holy men and women — worshipped God together and listened attentively as Bishop Rhoades preached on the day's Gospel from John 21. Their faith was palpable during the reverent and prayerful liturgy in the converted sports arena.

"That question that He (Jesus) asked St. Peter, he asks us," the bishop said. "Do you love me? Such an important question! We are to love God above everything."

"How can you show God your love for Him?" he asked the students.

Suggesting three main ways — through prayer, praising God and adoration — Bishop

*"As a parent of young children, I'm grateful my kids have the opportunity to be a part of special events like this with their school."*

— Christa Krakowski

Rhoades offered the young faithful spiritual advice. He explained how loving God and one's neighbor go together.

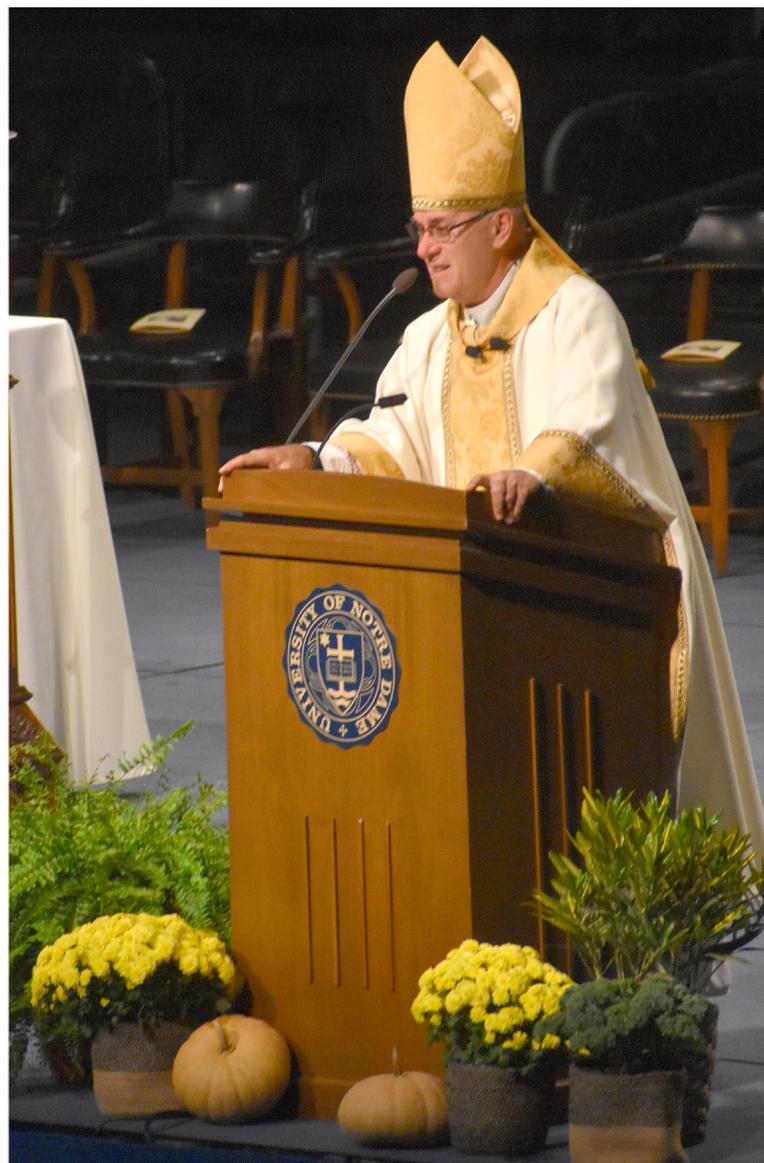
"God's love is greater than we can ever imagine. Our love is a response to God's love for us. It is important that we return God's love."

He quoted sacred Scripture: "You shall love the Lord God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" — the same words many of the saints read and lived.

The saints, he taught, were friends of Jesus, disciples following in His footsteps. All people are called to become saints, a universal call to holiness. He encouraged the students to live like the saints, not just look like the saints.

Bishop Rhoades also spoke about St. Pope John XXIII. He was just a year old when the pope was elected, he said. A few of the other priests present also remember and were alive during his pontificate, the bishop noted.

Christa Krakowski, who attended the Mass with her son, Anthony, and his class, said they felt it was "such a blessing to see so many youths from our diocese come together to celebrate the Eucharist and remember the communion of saints, who they can look up to as beautiful witnesses of heroic virtue as they grow."



"As a parent of young children, I'm grateful my kids have the opportunity to be a part of special events like this with their school."

After the Mass, Catholic schools superintendent Dr. Joseph Brettnacher shared: "The All-Schools Mass on the South Bend and Fort Wayne sides of the diocese are two of my favorite events. It is beautiful and pleasing to God when we come together as a community to celebrate the holy sacrifice of Mass."

"All the reverent students actively participated in the Mass, and the children's choir was exceptional. In addition, Bishop Rhoades did an excellent job of speaking to the children through his homily and directly to them. The Catholic Schools Office is grateful to all who make this yearly celebration possible."

The hundreds of Catholic school students in attendance were asked by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades how they could show their love for God. "God's love is greater than we can every imagine. Our love is a response to God's love for us," he encouraged.

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton teachers voted best in middle school

BY THERESA CARROLL

When students arrive in Deb Brough's classroom, they are greeted with a smile from a teacher who knows how to deliver content so students understand. Brough invites them to find a comfortable seat, and they get to work on the lesson or skill they were introduced to in their homework. She works through problems with them, encourages them and reteaches when necessary. She speaks the language of math and helps her students speak it, too.

Brough is the middle school math teacher at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Fort Wayne. Her students, former students and others in the city recently voted her the No. 1 middle school teacher for 2021 in the Fort Wayne Newspapers Readers' Choice contest.

She makes math easy to understand and expects students to do their best on each task. When asked about her favorite part of her job, Brough said, "I love to teach algebra concepts, but my favorite part is when the lightbulb goes off and they know they 'got it.'"

She shared how algebra is like a puzzle; a person moves this piece over here and that piece over there and it all fits together. Her flipped class enables students to excel by watching a video for homework and practicing the skills with her at school.

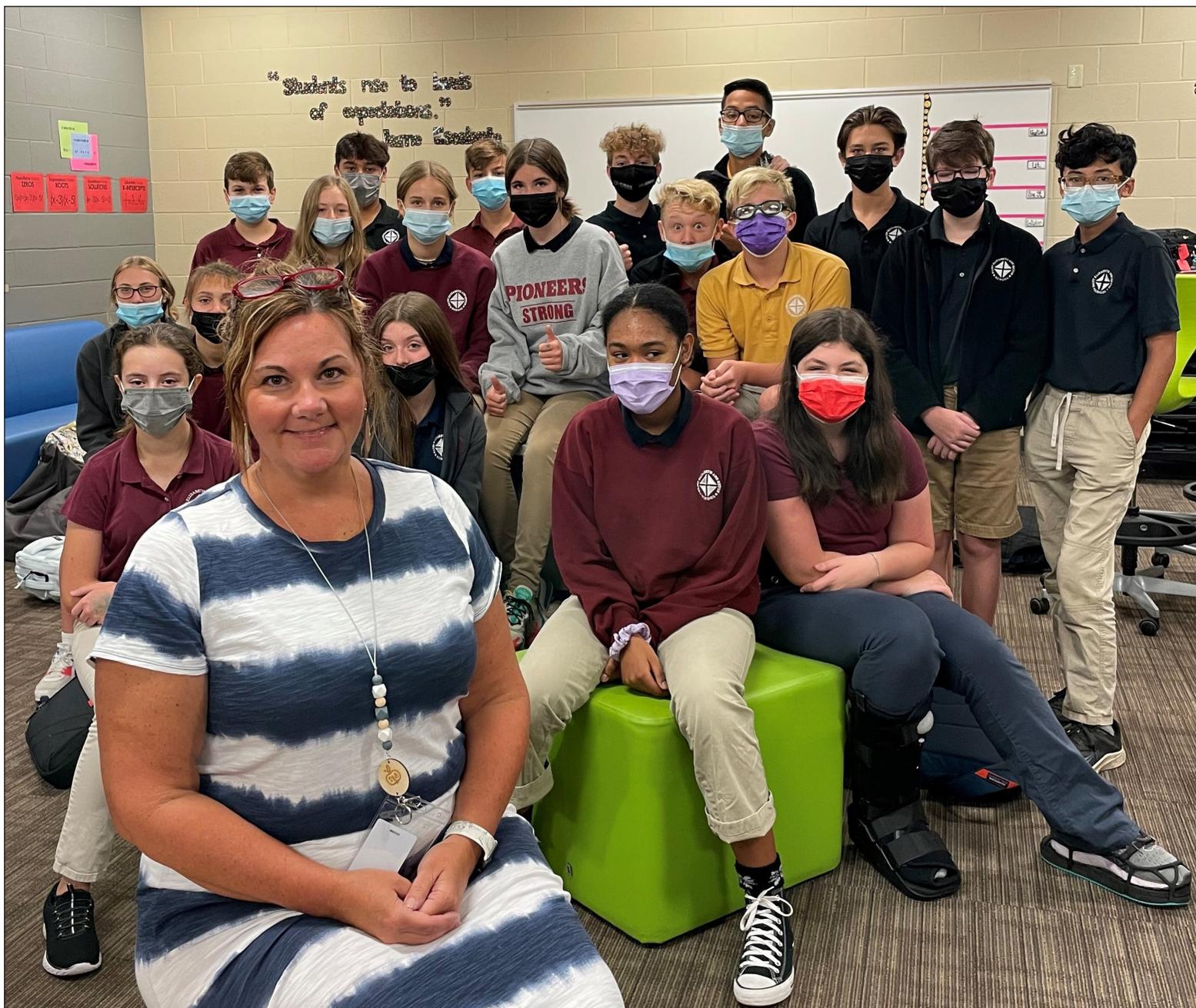
Former student Abby Spoltman had this to say: "Mrs. Brough made math easier through a flipped classroom. Algebra came easier to me after a lot of in-class practice, and she helped me through every step of the way."

Brough said she loves it when a student starts to ask a question, continues to work the problem and then figures out the solution. Her students give her energy. She credits her father with encouraging her to get a math license besides her elementary teaching license; she is grateful, because she loves her middle school students.

Brough works closely with the No. 1 middle school teacher from 2020, Jodi Jump. Jump teaches science at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

"I have loved the "ah-ha" moments, when a student understands a concept or has struggled, and you connect them with an example and their eyes light up. I have witnessed many of those through the years," she said.

This is Jump's 40th year as a teacher. She said she likes seeing the next generation of those students she has taught enrolling their children at St. Elizabeth. "Seeing that tells me we have been doing something right, and they want their children to experience what they have already experienced."



Photos provided by Theresa Carroll

**Teacher Deb Brough poses with some of her middle school math students at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Fort Wayne, recently. Brough was voted the No. 1 middle school teacher of 2021 in the Fort Wayne Newspapers Readers' Choice contest.**



**Brough, left, and Jodi Jump were voted middle school teachers of the year in the newspaper contest in 2021 and 2020, respectively. The women say they teach for the love of seeing their students' joy at understanding new concepts.**

cessful. She uses a hands-on or lab approach that ignites a spark in students.

Spoltman plans to pursue a career in the science field because of Jump's class.

"A lot of my fond memories occurred within Jump's science classes. I remember that I loved doing the Rube Goldberg machine in sixth grade. We had to use five steps of random things we brought in to pop a balloon," she said.

Both teachers appreciate being chosen by their students as the No. 1 middle school teacher for 2020 and 2021. Jump may have been talking about Brough when she said, "I have worked with some amazing teachers that have challenged me as much as the students have to 'up' my learning and to be willing to step out of my comfort zone and learn new concepts that will enhance the learning of the students."

Both teachers recently attended the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, where they were energized with new ideas and confirmed in what they are already doing to encourage their students to follow their lead by being lifelong learners.

Jump, like Brough, knows how to deliver content so students understand and are suc-

Proudly pro-life —

## Lucy Papaik: 'God made us to be someone'

BY JEANNIE EWING

For pro-life advocate Lucy Papaik, the words of the prophet Jeremiah have defined her upbringing, her faith convictions and her life's work: "For I know well the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope."

Papaik is one of 10 children, seventh in birth order, in a steadfast and devout Catholic family. Nearly all her siblings remain active in their Catholic faith, and all are close with one another. When she was a young girl growing up on a 63-acre farm in Arcola, her parents modeled the importance of daily, family prayer.

"We bowed our head in reverence every time we spoke or heard the name of Jesus," she said. "We prayed a rosary every night, regardless of where we were on the farm. The Blessed Mother was always prominent in our devotions and prayers." Papaik believes these simple, but powerful, examples set by her parents set the tone for her to remain concrete in her faith well into adulthood.

After she married her husband, Steve, Lucy's mission shifted from thinking of her life exclusively to praying fervently for her husband and three children. She and Steve have been married for 40 years and have a total of seven grandchildren, a mixture of biological and adopted grandchildren and a diversity of races.

Lucy feels that being pro-life means to love and have compassion towards every human being, "because God made us to be someone," she explained, as a reflection of His own image and

likeness. "Because He created us, I believe we are called to help each other and walk together in this life, accompanying each other in our suffering. Being pro-life involves the reflection of the universality of the Catholic faith."

Papaik sees the division and strife among different classes as being the antithesis to living the pro-life message. "How can we determine God's plan for every person when He is the Creator of all life?" she rhetorically asked. Her profound respect for all human life, from natural conception to natural death, is firmly rooted in the example of her parents, her lived experience as a wife and mother, and in her work.

These convictions of faith extend to issues related to euthanasia, or physician-assisted suicide. "My parents were able to die a natural death, to visit with their



families, to allow the natural course of life to transition to death, despite suffering. I learned so much about life by observing my parents die," she shared.



Provided by Lucy Papaik

**The value of all human life is a truth deeply felt by Kendallville resident Lucy Papaik, so much so that she has devoted her life to caring for young children and the unborn and spreading the pro-life message.**

When Lucy and Steve got pregnant with their first child, she was 21 years old. At that young age, they decided together that she would not work outside the home. Lucy wanted to duplicate the environment that her parents provided for her and her siblings when they were growing up.

Shortly thereafter, a neighbor approached her to ask if she would babysit her kids and offered to pay her. She slowly grew the babysitting into a day care business and did it for 40 years.

"This was an ideal opportunity to be at home to raise our children but also supplement our income," she explained.

Around the time Lucy was considering retiring from the day care business, she heard Abigail Lorenzen, operations supervisor at Right to Life Northeast Indiana, speak at her parish, Immaculate Conception in Kendallville. Lorenzen presented a powerful and poignant message to the congregation about the vulnerability of unborn children that really moved Lucy, especially the question, "Who are we to decide who this baby should be?" She was appalled to learn that almost 74 million children have died by abortion since Roe V. Wade, she said.

Being pro-life extends beyond partisanship to Papaik.

"Because God created human life, protecting and defending the most vulnerable among us remains a dire concern across all political spectrums. God

has a plan for every person," she shared. She is struck by the knowledge that God knows exactly what His plan would be for their lives.

About a year after the presentation Lucy attended, her pastor, Father J. Steele, instilled in parishioners a sense of the urgency to spearhead a pro-life movement in Noble County. In response, Lucy organized a public viewing of the abortion documentary "Unplanned," and 150 people showed up. Out of that number, 110 signed up to become members of Noble County Right to Life.

Two weeks after the viewing of "Unplanned," Northern Indiana abortionist Ulrich Klopfer was discovered dead. Noble County Right to Life had already planned a peaceful march for life around the county courthouse, and after the march, in October, Father Steele planned to sponsor a memorial for the babies aborted by Klopfer.

One of the babies found in Klopfer's trunk belonged to a woman named Serena Dyksen. Lucy asked Dyksen to be the keynote speaker at the memorial event. After hearing the story of the nationwide speaker and author, Lucy was, once again, touched by the testimony.

Dyksen asked Lucy the next day, "Lucy, what is right to life?" That question made her realize the need to educate and spread the message of right to life beyond their county.

"From that point onward, I was on a mission to do this [in my professional life]," she said. Then, in January 2021, a position for an events and administrative coordinator at Right to Life of Northeast Indiana came available. Lucy knew she wasn't qualified for it but applied anyway.

About the middle of July, all her day care children transitioned to kindergarten. She knew this was a natural transition for her as well, leaving her free to move from day care into working for Right to Life in some capacity. In August, she was hired for the events and administrative coordinator, the very position she had believed she was not qualified to do.

Today, Lucy speaks with different religious denominations in her new position. She is also learning about the value of ecumenism in being a pro-life witness.

"I believe God is planting small seeds through the conversations I have with various pastors, who then influence their families and communities in different ways," she said. "In turn, the message of protecting and valuing all human life is extended beyond me and my parish."

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— Proverbs 31:8

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— Pope Saint John Paul II

# St. Casimir inaugurates Nocturnal Adoration Society

BY JILL A. BOUGHTON

“Whatever its size, every parish in Mexico has a Nocturnal Adoration Society,” said Alvaro Bautista, who moved to the United States from Mexico more than 20 years ago. So, it was natural for him and a few friends to be open to starting one at their parish of St. Casimir, South Bend.



Since April, Bautista and others have been gathering on the first Saturday of every month to spend the night in prayer before the Eucharist. About 35 parishioners are committed to this ministry, and they hope others will join them.

At 7 p.m. Oct. 30, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass at St. Adalbert. At that time, Raul Mendoza, president of the National Nocturnal Adoration Society, which started in 1928 and is currently headquartered in Texas, will officially inaugurate the local chapter into the national organization.

Mendoza sent out 150 invitations to chapters all over the United States to attend the Oct. 30 Mass in South Bend. Anticipating a positive response from many people, the Mass location was moved from St. Casimir to St. Adalbert, which is larger. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A friend who belongs to a small group of adorers at Our Lady of Hungary Parish in South Bend first suggested nocturnal adoration to Bautista, and a group from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Goshen that has nocturnal adoration helped them organize their own group.

In a fully functioning nocturnal adoration society, women participate early in the evening and small groups of men take over for the entire night, spending an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and then resting, drinking coffee or participating in a Bible study or spiritual conversation.

Father Ryan Pietrocarlo, CSC, pastor of St. Casimir and St. Adalbert parishes, celebrates Mass at 9 p.m. Saturdays; after that, the Eucharist remains

exposed. The nocturnal adoration group says some prayer in common, using a book with Spanish on one side of each page and English on the other; then small groups take their turns at silent prayer in the church. Adoration concludes around 6 a.m. Sunday morning.

The purposes of nocturnal adoration include responding to Christ's invitation to keep prayerful vigil with Him, deepening the experience of communion with the eucharistic Christ who continues to offer Himself, living more consciously and actively the sacrament of unity, and interceding for the Church and the world.

Bautista finds it very powerful to pray for peace and for all the world's families while others are sleeping, he said. “We're like the Apostles.”

“Jesus felt alone before His passion; I feel very close to Jesus when I spend face-to-face time with Him in this way.” Father Pietrocarlo also experienced nocturnal adoration when he was in Monterey, Mexico, about seven years ago. The number of adorers there was “much smaller, but very beautiful.”

“I was very inspired when parishioners came to me wanting to begin a nocturnal adoration ministry,” he said. “Their purpose was to foster a greater devotion to the holy Eucharist throughout the parish. It was very beautiful for me to see the love for the Eucharist in our parishioners, and this initiative to bring more people to it. The ministry is doing very well, getting 20-30 people every First Saturday to adore our Lord all night. And they are determined to keep inviting and bringing more people to the Eucharist.”



Illustration by Jennifer Barton

## ‘The Bible in a Year’ podcast takes Catholics deeper

*“Here are people of different faiths coming together, and there has been not one moment of argument or debate.”*

— Father John Eze, pastor, Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka

BY JENNIFER BARTON

Reading the Bible cover to cover is a daunting undertaking. This year, to help Catholics and others to discover the richness of the Scriptures, Father Mike Schmitz, a priest of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, launched a podcast called “The Bible in a Year” in conjunction with Ascension Press.

The podcast has reached millions of listeners and topped Apple's podcast chart early in the year. Avid listeners like Marci Signorino appreciate being able to work their way through scripture and study God's words through a Catholic perspective.

To share this with others, Signorino recently began leading a “Bible in a Year” study group at her parish, Queen of Peace in Mishawaka. A cradle Catholic, she admitted she hadn't read the Bible much until a few years ago. She decided she wanted to study the Bible and after much prayer joined a Bible study at a nearby Protestant church.

The one thing missing, though, was a Catholic perspective. So, when she learned about the new podcast, she quickly subscribed. “I want to bring this to Catholicism,” she declared.

Since she had learned to listen to the word of God as a child at Mass, it made sense for her to study the Bible in auditory form. The format Father Schmitz

follows involves reading specified Bible passages, followed by prayer. He then unpacks the readings, covering the historical background of the period and the significance of events. Daily readings follow the plan available for free through the Ascension Press website. The Great Adventure Bible, the version used in the program, also contains a timeline to make it easier to follow the lines of kings and events from Biblical times, particularly the Old Testament. As the podcast began on the first day of the year, it is nearing completion. However, all episodes are still available to stream for anyone who might have missed any.

That is what the group at Queen of Peace has been doing. They meet at the church every other Thursday for discussion. In the interim, members are expected to listen to 10 podcasts and come prepared to talk about the Bible readings and commentary.

In addition to “The Great Adventure Bible,” Ascension Press also offers the “Bible in a Year Notebook.” Ten of these were donated to the parish for group members. They use these to write out their own thoughts on the Biblical passages: what stood out to them, what they connected with and any special meaning behind the passage.

Father John Eze, pastor of Queen of Peace, advocates for all Catholics to read and study

the Bible. He stated that when he came across the podcast, he wanted to make it available to his parishioners and “encourage them to use it.”

When Signorino approached him to lead a group study, he was more than willing to support her. The group began with eight members and has nearly doubled in successive meetings. Some members attend other parishes, while some are not even Catholic. Knowing that nonCatholics would be in attendance, Father Eze wanted to be present to offer his personal knowledge and Catholic perspective on the Bible. He has been at all the meetings and has been pleased by what he has witnessed.

“Here are people of different faiths coming together, and there has been not one moment of argument or debate. It is just people reading and enjoying the word that Scripture offers,” he commented. “They are discovering that the Bible is one long story. The prophecies in the Old Testament are fulfilled in Jesus.”

He says that he is most amazed by “the hunger that Catholics are showing to get into the Bible more, to study it,” as well as the “quality” of the responses from members of the group. “I wish more Catholics, more Christians would discover this program.”



*May our Respect Life prayers invite the Holy Spirit to visit those who mistakenly believe that their support of abortion is righteous.*

Holy Family Parish, South Bend

## Lessons from a COVID-19 infection

Experiencing COVID-19 these days brings to mind the scene in “Ben-Hur” when the lepers are proclaiming themselves “Unclean! Unclean!”

People compare COVID-19 to the flu, which in many cases is pretty accurate, but people don't react as if you've had the flu.

The comic Nate Bargatz's take on COVID-19 is that it is impossible to cough in public now for fear of alarming people.

“You drink water wrong at a restaurant, (you might as well) just go walk in traffic,” he said. Even the people at your own table will ask you to leave.

My personal experience with COVID-19 coincided with the placing of 700,000 white flags on the National Mall in Washington, each one representing someone who had died from the virus. That's not like the flu either, unless you are thinking of the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918-20.

Those white flags didn't make me feel any better as I lay on the couch and tried to get up the energy to watch “The Price is Right.”

The truth is that I wasn't likely to become a white flag myself because I was vaccinated. If I hadn't been, the odds were pretty good I would have been spending some time in the hospital. My symptoms were controllable thanks to a small drugstore of over-the-counter medicines that a kind friend brought over.

It turns out that having COVID-19 brings out the best in many people. Friends did

some shopping for us, and other friends provided us with chicken soups. Our children — being millennials — paid for some take-out meals.

While we greatly appreciated the help, my wife losing her sense of taste and smell made the meals somewhat less interesting. Unfortunately, she is still at the “Flamin' Hot Cheetos is all I can taste” stage.

But despite the many kindnesses, there is that leper feeling, much of it self-imposed. It reminded us both of the early days of the pandemic. We stayed inside except for wary walks around the block — when we had the energy to do that. It was just the two of us and a television.

By the second week of our 14-day quarantine, I was really missing Mass. I was also missing human contact. As God observed in the passage of Genesis read at Mass recently: “It is not good for the man to be alone.”

In fact, I was not alone. My “Eve” was right beside me. But the isolation still felt debilitating. People gave me feedback at a safe distance — like over the phone or a Zoom call: “You sound better, I think.”

Once we ended our quarantine and tested negative for COVID-19, we still felt a bit unclean. Even though, as several people told us, we had extra immunity now, we didn't feel it.

And if you think you have to suppress a cough before you have COVID-19, wait until after you have had it. If I felt a cough



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coming on at Mass, I was about ready to go walk in traffic.

But those 700,000 white flags do haunt me. People are dying unnecessarily still. If one death is a tragedy but a million is a statistic, then we are losing sight of the fact that each flag stands not just for a person, but for a family, a circle of friends, a neighborhood.

If you haven't gotten a vaccine, please do. Do it for yourself, of course, but do it for those you care about, and those you may only casually come in contact with. Getting vaccinated really is an act of love for others, and a testament of hope that we will get through this pandemic together.

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## The moral and spiritual purpose of the law

The text below is taken from a homily Bishop Barron offered regarding Church and state and the true purpose of the law for the Red Mass at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans Oct. 4. The Red Mass is a special liturgy offered for judges, lawyers and others in legal professions.



### WORD ON FIRE

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

May I say as I commence these reflections that it is an extraordinary privilege to be here with all of you today. Thank you, Archbishop Aymond, for the invitation to speak, and thank you to the entire legal and judicial community of New Orleans — judges, politicians, city officials, lawyers, students of the law—whose important work we place today in prayer under the aegis of God's grace and providence.

I fully realize that oceans of ink have been spilled trying to adjudicate the rapport between Church and state or between one's religious convictions and one's civil commitments. I furthermore realize that this conversation has become, in recent years, particularly heated. What I shall endeavor to do, in the course of this brief homily, is to make just a few simple but, I hope, illuminating observations regarding their right relationship.

Both the Jewish scholar Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and the Catholic philosopher Jean-Luc Marion come together in making the perhaps surprising remark that the earliest text laying out a sepa-

ration between the sacred and the secular is the first chapter of the book of Genesis. In telling us that all finite things—the sun and moon, the earth itself, the sea, mountains, animals, fish, and insects — come forth from the Creator God, the author of Genesis is effectively desecralizing them. Mind you, all of them, in different cultures and at different times in the ancient world, were worshipped as gods. Therefore, in identifying them as creatures of the one God, the author of Genesis is knocking them off a pedestal, but at the same time and in the same measure, he is establishing that they have their own integrity and that they dwell in their own proper realm. The “secular” space, in short, is opened up by God in the very act of creation — and upon that paradox, an awful lot depends.

For, at the same time, the opening chapter of Genesis teaches that every single aspect of creation comes from the creative hand of God and remains under God's jurisdiction. Thomas Aquinas gives voice to the main-

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## Trust in the Lord, who hears and answers our prayers



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 10:46-52

The Book of Jeremiah provides this weekend's first reading. A few facts about Jeremiah are known from the book itself. He was from Anathoth, a village only a few miles from Jerusalem. He was the son of Hilkiah, a priest. He acted as a prophet for over 40 years.

Being the son of a priest, in all likelihood he was quite familiar with the traditions of the ancient Hebrews. He would have been particularly aware of the importance of the Exodus, the flight from Egypt and slavery, that molded the Hebrews into

one distinctive race, and that resulted in their settlement in the Holy Land.

Hebrew belief was clear. They did not escape Egypt simply because they were lucky or because they were clever. To the contrary, they succeeded in fleeing the miseries they had endured in Egypt only by the mercy and power of God.

Jeremiah saw events in his own lifetime as threatening and awful, as had been the plight of his people centuries earlier in Egypt. He lived to see Babylonia completely overtake the Hebrew homeland, and he saw the coercion brought to bear upon his people by Babylon and other imperialistic neighbors.

He addressed these threats, and the humiliation and destruction of being overtaken, with faith that the merciful God of the Exodus again would rescue the people. This weekend's reading is a powerful acclamation of God's power and goodness and assures that once more God will protect and lead the people.

As is typical of this book, this reading literarily is moving in its eloquence and feeling.

For its second reading, the Church presents a selection from the Letter to the Hebrews.

This New Testament Scripture is abundant in its references to ancient Jewish beliefs and customs. Its author is unknown, but obviously the author knew Judaism and Jewish life in the first century very well.

Supreme in Jewish cult, and in many other aspects of Jewish life in the first century, was the high priest, descending in office from Aaron, the brother of Moses.

The high priest acted for the entire nation as he offered the sacrifice in the temple.

The Letter to the Hebrews sees Jesus as the great high priest of the new era of salvation, the era of Christianity.

Jesus acts for all humankind in sacrificing to God, bringing reconciliation and a new bonding after sin tore humanity away from God.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the story of Bartimaeus, a blind man who begged from strangers by the roadside in Jericho.

Bartimaeus begged simply to

survive. At the time of Jesus, persons with severe physical challenges, such as blindness, were reduced to begging unless their families assisted them. No social net of security protected them. They were on their own.

All bodily difficulties had a spiritual component for the ancient Jews. God willed nothing evil or heartless, so disease and incapacity were signs of evil committed, even if by forebears.

When Jesus healed, the effects and power of sin were overcome. Key to Bartimaeus' healing was his faith.

### Reflection

Jeremiah was hardly the only ancient Hebrew writer who concentrated on the mercy of God displayed in the Exodus. All saw God's mercy as everlasting. God is eternal and unchanging. God is not forgiving, rescuing, and blessing in one instance and punitive, cruel, and angry in another.

Just as hardships and great worries troubled the ancient Hebrews in Egypt, and long after they had left Egypt, sadness and

difficulties confront us today; COVID-19, injustice, disillusionment.

We cannot control everything, but the loving God of the Exodus, who is with us because of the reconciling death of Jesus, still comes to our aid. We, as Bartimaeus, must acknowledge God and wholeheartedly trust in the Lord.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7b, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30 Ps 134:4-6 Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 Lk 14:1, 7-11

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stream of the Catholic tradition when he says that God is “in all things by essence, presence, and power and most intimately so.” He furthermore specifies that God’s providence extends to “particulars.” Nothing in the world is God; but everything in the world comes from and is sustained by God. I would suggest that it is within this tension that we should think through the relationship between Church and state or religion and politics. When this tensive polarity is not honored, we have either a complete secularization, by which political rule is divorced from the concerns and disciplines of the sacred order, or a kind of integralism, whereby the state is simply swallowed up by religion.

Let us take a moment to notice how both sides of the polarity are honored throughout the Bible. In the first place, we note that the rulers of Israel are not prophets and priests. There is a kingly palace and a priestly temple, and they are not the same. The king enjoys a real independence of the religious establishment, and this allows him to operate, to a degree, on his own terms, using his best practical judgment. However, at the same time, his work is done “under God” — that is to say, in accord with the divine law, which judges him and his decisions. Hence, on the biblical interpretation, political rulers, precisely because they are not divine figures, and yet under God’s authority, can and should be criticized. In almost every other ancient culture, political leaders were apotheosized, divinized. Their authority was deemed absolute; their decisions not to be questioned; their persons held sacred. This was true of ancient Assyria, Babylon, Egypt, even Rome, where the Caesars were sacralized. And then there is the culture formed by the Bible, according to the ethos of which kings are often ruthlessly censured.

A particularly vivid example of this principle is an episode in the first book of Samuel. When the people ask for a king, “so that they can be like the other nations,” the prophet Samuel lays out precisely what this figure will be like: “He will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots, to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest. . . . He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards

and give them to his courtiers. . . . He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.” Pretty blunt, pretty accurate — and utterly egregious in the ancient world.

Moreover, the Bible consistently points out the personal flaws and wickedness of Israel’s kings. Even the greatest of the nation’s rulers, King David, is, the Bible tells us, an adulterer and a murderer. It is precisely the “secular” nature of the king that permits this sort of negative appraisal. But mind you, even as they harshly chastise them, the prophets don’t question the legitimate authority of kings or try to eliminate the office of king — quite the contrary. Thus, we see that the Bible invites us to enter into the creative tension between “nature and grace,” or between “society and religion,” or “Church and state,” to use more contemporary terms.

I should now like to look at three schemata for thinking through this relationship more concretely: one from the ancient period, a second from the medieval, and a third from the nineteenth century. I draw your attention first to the second-century text called “A Letter to Diognetus.”

We know nothing about the author and next to nothing about the recipient, though some have speculated that he might have been a tutor to the Emperor Marcus Aurelius. At any rate, it is an apologetic text whose primary purpose is to explain the role that Christians play within the wider society.

The author observes that the distinction between Christians and nonChristians is “neither in country nor language nor customs. For they do not dwell in cities in some place of their own, nor do they use any strange variety of dialect, nor practice an extraordinary kind of life.” In other words, there is no particular social, cultural, or political arrangement that is unique to them or upon which they insist in light of their religious convictions. They can, in one sense, happily live in an attitude of detachment from political and social convention, and this is because “they dwell in their own fatherlands, but as if sojourners in them; they share all things as citizens, and suffer all things as strangers. Every foreign country is their fatherland, and every fatherland is a foreign country.” This healthy detachment is born of the profound conviction that “they have their citizenship in heaven.” Here we see very clearly the biblical insistence upon the relative independence and integrity of the social order. It is because Christians do not see any one set of political arrange-

ments as following inevitably from their faith that they can live, happily enough, in a variety of political settings.

However, having said this, the author of the letter does not advocate a purely “secular” space to which Christians have no real relationship, a state of affairs often touted by secularist critics of religion today. Rather, he uses a peculiarly apt metaphor to articulate the manner in which Christians’ religious views legitimately influence the public arena: “To put it shortly, what the soul is in the body, that the Christians are in the world. The soul is spread through all members of the body, and Christians throughout the cities of the world. The soul dwells in the body, but is not of the body, and Christians dwell in the world, but are not of the world.”

In a word, through their moral and spiritual commitments, Christians animate the political order, directing it to God and the things of God. Their detachment allows them to live all through the body politic, and their faith permits them to give moral life to that body.

Though forms of integralism have threatened the civic order at different moments of history, today the far greater threat is coming from the side of an ideological secularism that would like to shuffle religion off of the playing field altogether or, at the very least, confine it to the realm of privacy, so that it would function as a kind of hobby. If that happens, then our society loses its soul, our laws lose their rootedness in the moral and spiritual dimensions, and our democracy loses its cohesiveness. I would say that resistance to this sort of secularizing attack on religion is of paramount importance for Catholics within the legal and political establishment.

I should like to leave you with a final image from Scripture. In the last book of the Bible, the visionary author reports that he saw the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven. It is a city of remarkable beauty. To say “city” is to say a place of business, finance, entertainment, education, law, the arts, communication, etc. But the visionary notices that there is no temple in the new Jerusalem, which is peculiar, since the temple was the entire “raison d’etre” of the earthly Jerusalem. The point is that there is no temple in the heavenly city, since the entire place has become a temple — which is to say, a place where God is rightly praised. Every aspect of that city has found its integrity, precisely by being directed perfectly to God. May this image of the well-ordered city stay in your minds as you continue to think through the relationship between Church and state, the secular and the sacred.

**Bishop Robert Barron** is an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

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Hebrews 5:1-6 / Mark 10:46-52

Following is a word search based on the Second and Gospel readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: About our eternal High Priest. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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**SIMON AND JUDE**  
FEAST: OCTOBER 28

Listed among the Twelve Apostles in the New Testament, Simon is “the Canaanite” to Matthew and Mark and “the Zealot” to Luke; Jude is “Thaddeus” to Matthew and Mark, “Judas of James” to Luke, and “Judas, not Iscariot” to John. After Pentecost, they disappear. However, according to Eastern tradition, Simon died peacefully in Edessa, while Western tradition has him evangelizing in Egypt, then teaming up with Jude, who had been in Mesopotamia, on a mission to Persia, where they were martyred on the same day. Simon is the patron saint of tanners and lumberjacks; Jude is the patron of desperate causes, possibly because early Christians would pray to him, with a name evoking Judas Iscariot, only when all else failed.

# Visitors at Michelangelo exhibit see Sistine Chapel up close

BY JOANNE FOX

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) — George Mulcrone of Chicago came to Omaha to visit relatives.

"I wasn't expecting to see the Sistine Chapel," the parishioner of the Windy City's St. Walter Church quipped.

He was taking in "Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition" and its 34 life-size reproductions offering visitors an immersive look at the frescoes that adorn the ceiling of the chapel at the Vatican and took Michelangelo four years to complete — from 1508 to 1512.

The international exhibit opened for almost 500 invited patrons Oct. 7 and will run until Jan. 1 at the Capitol District in downtown Omaha.

Michelangelo's "The Creation of Adam" is the best known of the ceiling's nine scenes from the Book of Genesis. The exhibit also includes the "Last Judgment," which adorns on the altar wall of the chapel and was completed in 1541.

The exhibit, consisting of images on large panels up to 41 feet by 41 feet, has been traveling to cities across the U.S. and



CNS photo/Jerry L. Mennenga

**An attendee at the Oct. 7 opening of "Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition" in Omaha, Neb., activates an audio device to listen to the story behind a particular fresco. The exhibit features full-sized replicas of Michelangelo's frescoes from the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.**

countries around the world, including Canada — where it premiered in July 2015 — as well as China, Poland, Panama and Colombia.

SEE Global Entertainment of Los Angeles produced the exhibit, the brainchild of CEO Martin Biallas, who came up with the idea of taking the Sistine Chapel

on the road in 2013.

"It took two years to come up with the all the components, the design, the presentation," he said.

Biallas was on site to check out the exhibit, speak to the press and enjoy guests, who gushed with compliments.

"What excites me the most is that we reach not only Catholic people, but people of all faiths," said Biallas, who is the son and brother of Lutheran ministers.

George Sefzik of Omaha, Mulcrone's uncle, agreed with that assessment.

"I think the frescoes are not particularly Catholic in nature," said the parishioner of St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Omaha. "It's Christian. It's the story of the Bible from the Old Testament to the New Testament."

"I think it's good to remember that many people weren't literate when Michelangelo created this," Mulcrone noted. "So, these images tell the stories of Christianity."

Biallas acknowledged that at its heart, the Sistine Chapel frescoes communicate a religious theme, "but it reaches the art fans as well.

The interest in the artwork was the reason Bonnie Rhoten of

Syracuse, Nebraska, decided to visit the exhibit.

"I'm just in awe of the scope of the size of all of this," she told Catholic News Service. "I ask myself how Michelangelo could have accomplished all of this (ceiling artwork) in just four and a half years."

Participants can admire Michelangelo's true-to-size masterpieces up close, with signage in English and Spanish, at their own pace, and with the ability to capture photographic memories of the masterpieces.

"We put up additional benches so people can absorb all the beauty and messaging in the frescoes," Biallas said. "That amenity is not a part of the actual Sistine Chapel, where people are moved in and out quickly and are not able to photograph its beauty."

**Editor's Note:** More information on "Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition" can be found at <https://sistinechapelxhibit.com>.

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Signorino often goes back to re-listen to previous podcasts and finds herself amazed by how much she learns each time.

"It has become the highlight of my day. It's just amazing how it has uplifted me. I look forward to that."

Father Schmitz's explanations have given her a greater understanding of Scripture, not to mention amazement toward the interconnectedness of events, which ultimately lead to the coming of Jesus Himself, promised even from the first readings in Genesis. Viewing Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac as a parallel to Christ "gave me goosebumps," Signorino stated.

Even the manner in which Father Schmitz prays, as a son to a loving Father, has changed Signorino's perspective on God. She remarked, "Now I think of Him that way, too."

Another parishioner at Queen of Peace, Cathy Metcalfe, joined the group when it began meeting in early September. While she has been a part of other Bible study groups, "The Bible in a Year" covers the entire Bible, not simply one portion of it. "It is taking me to a deeper level in my Bible studies," she said. "What I am enjoying the most is the in-depth explanation given — the underlying thread of salvation going all the way back to creation."

Even with only a month of study under her belt, she has seen the connections between the Old Testament traditions and the Catholic Mass. One of the books she had very little understanding of previously

— Leviticus — took on a deeper meaning when Father Schmitz explained the parallels between the Old Testament sin offerings and Jesus in the Eucharist. She stated, "It's reflected in what Christ did for us as the ultimate sin offering. It's so much more powerful now."

Nancy Righter has had a similar experience in the group. She has also been in other Bible studies, so examining the Bible as a whole is what she most appreciates. She shared, "The main thing I have learned from the study was the overview."

But there is more to the program than simply reading the Bible, Father Eze emphasized. "Reading the Bible is not just about reading, but about applying it to our lives."

As everyone goes through life with their own trials and tribulations, he said the Bible provides guidance and consolation for everyday living. His hope is that the group will continue to grow as more and more people discover "The Bible in a Year" podcast and come to enjoy the fullness of the Scriptures.

St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis is accepting applications for the full-time position of Director of Liturgy and Music.

The Director of Liturgy and Music is responsible for facilitating the worship life of the parish community. This will include planning and coordinating the full cycle of the liturgical year, including special liturgical events such as Christmas, Easter, Triduum, Confirmation, First Communion and others in conjunction with pastor.

The candidate will also be responsible for coordination of the parish liturgy committee and subcommittees, supervision and scheduling of liturgical and music ministers, liturgical education programs and evaluation of the overall liturgical needs of the parish.

Applicant must be strong in their music skills and all aspects of liturgy, as well as have leadership skills to coordinate all choirs, cantors and liturgical ministers. Candidate must have leadership and interpersonal skills and be willing to work collaboratively with the parish staff team.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

**International Pilgrim Virgin Statue to visit**  
MISHAWAKA — The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue is coming to Holy Family Parish, 56405 Mayflower Rd., Saturday, Oct. 23. For additional parishes on the tour, visit [www.todayscatholic.org/event](http://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](mailto: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.

**Surviving Divorce series**  
GRANGER — St. Pius X will offer

Surviving Divorce, a 12-week program featuring thirty-minute DVD sessions each week. Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after divorce. The 12-week series will be held Monday evenings from Oct. 25 through Jan. 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center 105.

**South Bend Red Mass**  
NOTRE DAME — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a Red Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of Notre Dame Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 5:15-6:15 p.m. First celebrated in France in the 13th Century, this ancient rite annually asks God's blessing on all those who serve as lawyers, judges, civil government officials, teachers and students of the law and political science. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,

there will not be a reception following the Red Mass this year.

**The Popes as Guardians of Human Dignity**  
NOTRE DAME — Cardinal Gerhard Muller is the former prefect of Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith. He has written more than 600 works on topics of theology and the Catholic Church and is the editor of the 16-volume "The Complete Works of Joseph Ratzinger: Pope Benedict XVI." He will be at the Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library, Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 4-5:30 p.m. The cardinal will speak on the pope's role in protecting human dignity as part of his tour promoting his new book, "The Pope: His Mission and His Task," and copies of his book will be available for purchase at the event. The cardinal will celebrate Mass on Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at St. Pius X in Granger.

**Rosary for poor souls**  
MISHAWAKA — A rosary for the poor souls will take place Sunday, Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. in St. Joseph Cemetery in Mishawaka. Rosary will be recited rain or shine.

## REST IN PEACE

**Auburn**  
Dolores Shoudel, 87, Immaculate Conception

Donald Wyss, 89, St. Vincent de Paul

**Wabash**  
Lucia Fierstos, 88, St. Bernard

**Fort Wayne**  
William A. Close, 74, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Granger**  
June Nyers, 81, St. Pius X

**Warsaw**  
Marilyn L. Hammersley, 93, Sacred Heart

Russell Miller, 70, St. Vincent de Paul

**Huntington**  
Sister Mary Ellen Descourouez, 86, Victory Noll Chapel

Merry Huffer, 70, Sacred Heart

Anthony Rottinger, 79, St. Charles Borromeo

**Mishawaka**  
Gary Detert, 78, St. Monica

Dorothy H. Sweeney, 94, Sacred Heart

### 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. For more information, contact Dr. Charles Craig, O.D. at [cma@stpius.net](mailto:cma@stpius.net) or 419-305-0244. Sponsored by the St. Andre Bessette Guild.

### 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.



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# Love for God, self and others blossoms at Kingdom Builders conference

BY JENNIFER BARTON

Kingdom Builders women's ministry continued its work of bringing women deeper into God's love at the second annual Kingdom Builders conference Oct. 16, encouraging them to "Bloom."

Around 400 women gathered at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne to attend the event — nearly double the number from the previous year, when attendance had been limited by pandemic restrictions.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass for those present, with Father Logan Parrish concelebrating. Father Parrish also emceed the event along with Darrian Franzen.

Most of the women who attended live in the diocese, but Mary Jo Parrish, founder of Kingdom Builders, reported that some had come from Indianapolis, Ohio and even as far away as Florida. Some participants were senior citizens, while others came with babes in arms. All came to hear the message that God loves them as His daughters and desires them to live in holiness.

Guest speakers at the conference were Parrish; Meg Hunter-Kilmer and Dr. Mary Healy, both of whom are Catholic writers and speakers; and Heather Khym, who co-hosts the podcast "Abiding Together."

The mother of 10, Parrish includes amusing anecdotes from her family's everyday life in talks she gives at the monthly Kingdom Builders meetings. At the conference, she again used humor to demonstrate that God does not demand perfection to serve Him and that an ordinary, sometimes-messy life is still a path to holiness. She reminded the women present that beauty is not defined by the world's standards, but by God's. "The Lord does not see how we see," she emphasized.

She told a story of a time when she prayed over a little girl with disabilities and how moving that moment was for her. "She was perfect, she was not disabled. In God's eyes, she was designed perfectly," she said.

Parrish related this realization to surrender, to resting in the love of God and rejecting the lies that Satan tells women: that they are not good enough, or that they do not measure up to a particular standard.

She stated that, in her own life, "I had to claim my worth and authority." She called on the audience to do the same.

At Mass, Bishop Rhoades spoke about St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, whose feast day fell on the day of the conference. St. Margaret Mary had visions of Jesus and His Sacred Heart, and after her death, devotion to the Sacred Heart grew and spread



**The founder of Kingdom Builders, Mary Jo Parrish, gives on honest and open talk about her own imperfections, encouraging women to look beyond their flaws and see how perfectly God created them.**

throughout the world.

"St. Mary Margaret became a witness to the world of God's passionate love for us. The Sacred Heart is an image of that passionate love," he preached.

"I invite you, my sisters in Christ, to contemplate the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to experience in your hearts, especially through your prayer, the infinite love of Jesus."

He concluded, "My sisters, I pray that, through you, the love of Jesus will spread, beginning in your families, in your parish communities and beyond. ... Only this love, the love of the Heart of Christ, can transform the human heart and bring true peace to our world."

After Mass, Hunter-Kilmer continued the theme of holiness in any state of life. She is the

wonderfully diverse and beautiful and encompassed so many things. I enjoyed that."

Cristina is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne. This was the first Kingdom Builders conference she has been to, she said, though she has been going to the meetings at her parish. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton became a host parish to the ministry earlier this year. During her talk, Healy focused on the story of Adam and

Eve and how God created man and woman alike in dignity to complement each other, but that they lost some of this dignity after the fall.

"Human beings become unclothed because of our sins. Who clothes them? God," she stated.

She went on to show that God implied in Genesis 3:15 that women "will have a central role in the whole battle against Satan," which is why he often speaks so many lies to them. "Every one of you has an important and indispensable role" in fighting his influence, she added.

Finally, Heather Khym pointed out the need for all Christians to have a firm foundation in Jesus to withstand the darkness of evil. To develop that foundation, she turned to Scripture, giving those present Bible verses to reflect on that she, personally, has turned to in times of distress.

She advised them to "listen with your heart, which has been bombarded with lies" to the passages that proclaim a person's importance in God's eyes.

To surround the women at the retreat with a feeling of beauty and love, the Kingdom Builders team put noticeable time and effort into every detail of the day. The stage was a veritable garden, overflowing with blossoms of great variety and bouquets decorated all the tables and the confessionals.

The attention to detail is one thing that Sharon Salloway, a first-time attendee from SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington, appreciated about the conference.

"I love the way they've pampered us with real flowers and pretty napkins and all the nice things in the restroom," she said. "Those are the things we usually do for other people, now someone's doing it for us."

Mary Reust is also a member of SS. Peter and Paul. She said what impressed her about the conference was "the young people. It's just so refreshing to come here and see these young gals who are so interested in being closer to God and living that kind of life." Witnessing the faith of so many young women restored Reust's confidence in the future, she added.

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During her talk, Healy focused on the story of Adam and

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**Around 400 women came to attend the second annual Kingdom Builders conference in Fort Wayne Oct. 16. The theme of the day was "Bloom," and the event drew women from all walks of life and ages who were seeking to grow in the love of God.**

author of two books about saints and calls herself a "hobo for Christ." In her talk, she spoke of how she often felt disconnected from holy people because she did not fit the saintly mold of the female sainthood as people often bring to mind: timid, meek women praying quietly in convents. Throughout her life, however, Hunter-Kilmer became spiritual friends with numerous saints and those on their way to sainthood — those who led godly lives amidst struggles. Many female saints possessed their own unique and flawed character traits, she emphasized.

"God made us as wildflowers — some of us wild and bright and showy, and some of us small and meek," Hunter-Kilmer said, citing the example of Queen Anne's Lace, which the world considers a weed but her mother loved.

"But there are no weeds in God's garden. There are no invasive species. There are no accidents in God's garden. You were made on purpose in exactly the way that He wants you."

After the conference, Cristina Parrish (no relation) described how the talk stayed in her mind.

"I was pleasantly surprised, especially the first speaker about the saints because you feel like you've heard all these similar stories," she said. "It was so