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An All Souls Day Mass was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and concelebrated by Father Zachary Barry at Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Nov. 2. Catholics should not presume that anyone who dies goes straight to heaven or hell, the bishop told worshippers, but rather petition God with loving confidence on their behalf so they might be received into the heavenly kingdom.

All Souls Day — Praying for the faithful departed

BY KATIE MURRAY

In the month of November, the saints, loved ones and all the faithful departed are remembered. Prayers are said for the souls in purgatory, that they may be purified of their sins and join the eternal heavenly kingdom.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, known as All Souls Day, is Nov. 2, a feast day dating back to the 10th century that began with St. Odilo of Cluny, a Benedictine monk known for his kindness and mercy and who is the patron saint of the souls in purgatory. He was inspired to devote a day to honor and pray

for suffering souls after meeting a traveler who confided in him that he had a vision of souls enduring the purification flames of purgatory. The practice of offering a Mass for those in purgatory spread to other churches and became a universal feast.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Mass of

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne, where many gathered to pray for loved ones who have died. The marble altar and crucifix in the center of the cemetery reached toward heaven from the worship space

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was bathed in sunlight that streamed through the trees, making it a tranquil setting.

During the second reading of the Mass, taken from 1 Thessalonians 3:14-18, many in the congregation bowed their heads as the passage was read.

"We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope ... For the Lord himself, archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first."

In his homily, the bishop echoed all the day's readings, saying "It is important that we pray for the faithful departed. Our prayers have real efficacy. They can bring help and comfort to those being purified, the souls in purgatory. We should not presume that anyone who dies goes straight to heaven or hell, but rather we should petition God with loving confidence on their behalf."

"There is no greater way to show our love for our beloved dead than to have Masses offered for them," the bishop continued. "Our honoring and loving our deceased loved ones doesn't end with their burial. It continues through our prayers for them, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

He noted that every day during November, those who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed could obtain a plenary indulgence for them, under the ordinary conditions.

Not only is a Requiem Mass a significant one for Catholics who wish to help those in purgatory, but it also has meaning for the living.

Steven Butler, a Fort Wayne native and member of St. Jude Parish, grew up on what is now part of the grounds of Catholic Cemetery. His family's lineage dates to the late 1800s, when family members would take care of the property. They lived in a house where the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Mausoleum now stands.

Butler has attended an All Souls Day Mass every year since childhood and often visits the cemetery to pray and volunteer.

"[This Mass] is just so important," he said. "We've lost so many people, and some have gone on without seeking absolution. They need us now, and we need to help them get to heaven. They're here, we just need to come and see them."

He thanked all those who help take care of the cemetery and make sure all the faithful departed's graves and burial ceremonies are treated with reverence and respect.

Another attendee, Elisa Smith, started attending the Mass about two years ago. It has made a significant impact in her life.

"The All Souls Mass here at the Catholic Cemetery very much touches me because my dad is

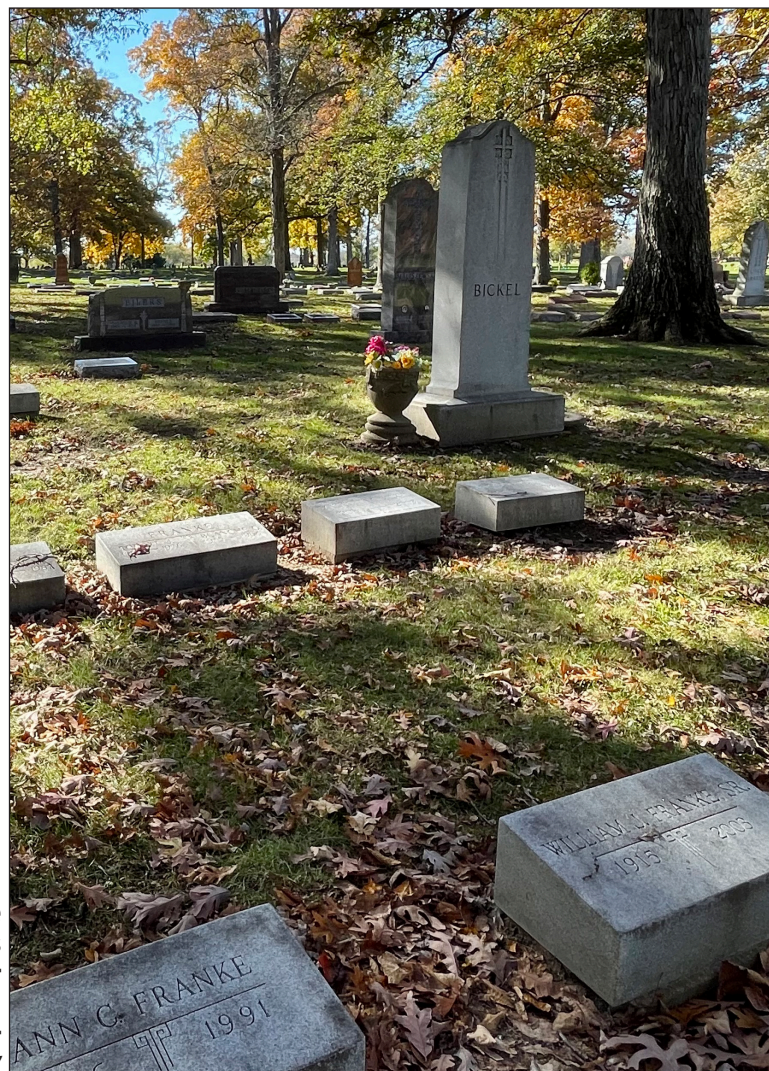


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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades processes at the beginning of the All Souls Day Mass at Catholic Cemetery Nov. 2. The location of the liturgy should remind those present that Christ will one day change their lowly bodies to be like His glorious body, he said during the homily.

buried here, along with many of my other family members. It means so much to be able to come here and pray for them and for bishop to have a Mass to pray for All Souls," she said.

"I know this Mass means so much to people. It's beautiful for people to come together and comfort each other and remember their loved ones."



"In the graves of this cemetery lie the mortal remains of the bodies of our deceased loved ones. Their souls have gone to meet God and await their reunion with their glorified bodies."



Photos by Jennifer Barton

Remembering loved ones during the holidays: An Evening of Heavenly Lights

BY JENNIFER BARTON

It's "the most wonderful time of the year," except for those who are grieving. For those living with the loss of a loved one earlier in the year or in a previous year, the Christmas season can be the most sorrowful time of year.

For them, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will again host the "Evening of Heavenly Lights" at the plaza of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne Sunday, Nov. 28, at 6:30 p.m. This event is being organized to honor deceased family members or friends and to bring a measure of comfort to those left behind. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will preside over the event and pray for the deceased.

Elisa Smith is the event organizer, which had its genesis last year. She explained that there is a need for this type of memorial, to ease the pain for those who are in mourning.

"The holidays have turned so commercial and so materialistic and about parties and celebrations," said Smith "That can be good, but not everybody feels that way when they've lost a loved one."

Participants can sponsor a luminaria in honor of anyone who has passed away. These outdoor candles will be lit and blessed that evening at the prayer service. Those who sponsor a luminaria may keep it at the end of the evening, along with a commemorative Christmas ornament.

All proceeds from the evening go to support the mission of Catholic Charities. Last year,



A Christmas tree outside the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is blessed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades during last year's event.

more than a hundred memorial luminaria were purchased and the event was well-attended even amid the pandemic.

"People loved it," Smith said. Many participants reached out to her after last year's event to thank her for organizing it and to tell her how much it meant to them. "We got a lot of feedback that it gave people comfort to just take time and think about their loved ones."

She spoke of how often the pressures of the Christmas season can cause increased anxiety for those who are already struggling to get through it.

"I think that this just took people away from that for a little bit," allowing them to step back from the demands that society puts on them "to buy all these perfect gifts and have all these perfect parties."

The evening also offers a

chance to focus on the true meaning of Christmas – the coming of Christ in the world, said Smith. Having Bishop Rhoades present also meant a great deal to those in attendance last year, she noted.

"For the bishop to pray for their loved ones, it gave them a message of hope, gave them so much comfort and so much help. And so much healing," Smith said.

This year, the bishop will light a live tree next to the cathedral. Similar to last year, another tree will remain inside the cathedral through the Advent and Christmas seasons with the names of the deceased on it so anyone can stop in and pray for them.

New this year is what Smith calls a "mini-Nativity" consisting of Mary and Joseph, along with live animals: a mini-donkey and goats. The cathedral choir will also attend and perform a few vocal selections.

Smith reiterated that An Evening of Heavenly Lights is not only for those whose loss is recent, but for anyone who wishes to remember and honor a loved one. She personally purchased a luminaria to honor her father, who passed away 40 years ago.

Participation is not limited to the Fort Wayne area. Several people traveled from out of town last year, and Smith told of a woman who lives in California but is sponsoring a candle this year in memory of her son, who passed away two years ago around Christmas.

To purchase a luminaria, visit diocesefwsb.org/heavenlylights or call 260-399-1438.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, November 14: 9 a.m. — Meeting of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Doctrine, Baltimore, Maryland
 Sunday, November 14: 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Religious Liberty Committee, Baltimore, Maryland
 Monday-Thursday, November 15-18: Plenary Assembly of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Baltimore, Maryland
 Wednesday, November 17: 12:30 p.m. — Lunch Meeting of Bishops Advisory Group on Eucharistic Initiative, Baltimore, Maryland
 Thursday, November 18: 12 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Saint Anne Communities, Randallia Place, Fort Wayne
 Thursday, November 18: 4 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
 Saturday, November 20: 8 p.m. — Closing Mass at National Catholic Youth Conference, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis



Presbyteral Council assignments

The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignments of members of the Presbyteral Council, effective Jan. 1, 2022, for a three-year term.

Elected from the vicariates:
Reverend Terrence Coonan
Reverend Christopher Lapp
Reverend Jonathan Norton
Reverend Msgr. William Schooler
Reverend Thomas Shoemaker
Reverend David Viola

Appointed:
Reverend Francis Chukwuma
Reverend John Delaney
Reverend Royce Gregerson
Reverend Fernando Jimenez
Reverend Ryan Pietrocarlo, CSC
Reverend Thomas Zehr

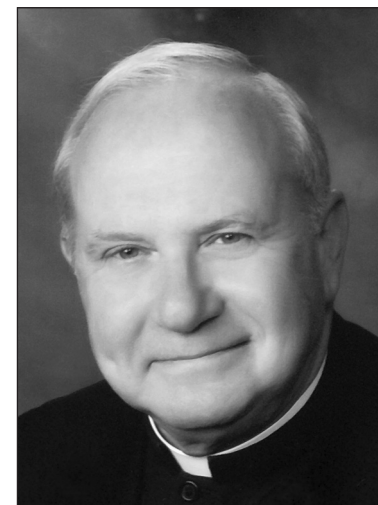
Serving as ex-officio:
Very Rev. Mark A. Gurtner, J.C.D.
Very Rev. Jacob Runyon
Very Rev. Matthew Coonan

Father David Link missed by Notre Dame, prison communities

BY JENNIFER BARTON

St. Thérèse of Lisieux is quoted as saying: "It is good to serve God in darkness and trial! We have only this life to live by faith."

Her words could have been spoken of Father David Link. Father Link is a late priest of the Diocese of Gary, prior Dean of the Notre Dame Law School, founding president and vice chancellor of the University of Notre Dame Australia, associate vice president and founding



FATHER DAVID LINK

National March for Life — Unborn must be part of current U.S. debate over inequality

BY KURT JENSEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It's a question Jeanne Mancini has already been asked so many times, she has an answer ready to go.

On Dec. 1, the Supreme Court hears oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, an appeal by Mississippi to remove a lower court's injunction on its law banning most abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy.

Should the court rule in favor of the state law in a decision to be handed down next year, overturning *Roe v. Wade* and sending the abortion issue back to the states, will there still be a need for the annual rally and march in Washington?

Or will March for Life, a fixture since January 1974, instead become a decentralized arrangement of statewide marches?

"We will make an announcement if and when that happens," Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, told Catholic News Service.

State marches that began a few years ago, she said, were not planned in anticipation of any Supreme Court decision, but rather as a way "to strengthen the grassroots" and provide opportunities for activism for those who don't make the long trip to Washington.

Carrie Severino, president of Judicial Crisis Network, identified the challenge should the court



People in San Francisco march in the 17th Annual Walk for Life West Coast Jan. 23.

uphold the Mississippi law. "It really just puts the ball back in (the states') court. There should be 50 Marches for Life," she said during the Oct. 27 announcement of next year's theme, "Equality Begins in the Womb."

"We want to expand this rigorous debate about inequality" to the unborn, Mancini said at the Heritage Foundation, where the theme was announced.

Calling the theme a cry for "inherent human dignity because

of who we are in our essence," she added, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to injustice everywhere, including in the womb."

Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, said in a statement that "it reclaims a key word — equality — and reminds us that unless children in the womb enjoy it, the rest of us lose it as well."

The March for Life is scheduled for Jan. 21. The event, which starts with a rally near

the National Mall followed by a march to the Supreme Court, is always held on a date near the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 rulings, *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, companion rulings that legalized abortion nationwide.

"It's going to be one of the most significant years for the march yet," said Severino. "This court has an opportunity like none it has had before with the *Dobbs* case."

The Mississippi law was enacted in 2018, but it never took effect because a federal appellate court immediately blocked its enforcement. The state's single abortion clinic is still performing them.

With Justice Amy Coney Barrett joining Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch, as well as Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas, Severino said, "we now have a majority of justices on the court who believe the Constitution must be interpreted according to its original understanding, and its original meaning."

She predicted that "a lot of Americans would be relieved" at a decision overturning *Roe*, and accused "the dark-money left" of trying to add liberal justices to the court by increasing its membership.

Also speaking at the Heritage Foundation was Ryan Bomberger, co-founder of the Radiance Foundation, who criticized a statement Vice President Kamala Harris made during an

Oct. 21 event marking the 10th anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial: "We must defend and strengthen the right that unlocks all other rights: the right to vote."

"Not exactly, Madam Vice President," said Bomberger. "Life is the right that unlocks all other rights. Human rights begin when human life begins."

The turnout of more than 100,000 people for the 2020 March for Life is considered the all-time high for the event. Attendees packed the National Mall to hear President Donald Trump address the rally in person.

But in January of this year, the combination of the COVID-19 pandemic and heavy security following the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol reduced the march to its smallest turnout — an invited core group of 80.

Instead of the usual march up Constitution Avenue, the group took a winding route through Washington streets to the Supreme Court and were joined midway by about 100 others.

"We never thought of not doing the march," Mancini told CNS. But, she added, she didn't think she could comment on whether any of the current plans represent "back to normal."

Mancini, who has headed the march since 2012 when she took over from its founder, the late Nellie Gray, said: "I wouldn't call any march I've been part of a predictable march. It's always been a little bit unpredictable."

The bus pilgrimages that traditionally bring thousands of marchers to the nation's capital also are difficult to predict for 2022 until reservations are confirmed by organizers and bus companies.

At the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, Ed Konieczka, assistant director of university ministry, said their goal is to have 240 students, about 50 more than in 2020, head for Washington on five buses, with an event to be held in Bismarck coinciding with the national march.

John Pratt, director of youth ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne — South Bend, Indiana, told CNS that "if we are able to go, my sense would be that we would have about 80% of the participation as compared to recent years. In 2019 and 2020, we sent 10 busloads, just over 500 pilgrims, from our diocese."

For 2022, he said, "350 to 400 (seven to eight busloads) is pretty realistic."

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Parish showcases fathers to conclude Year of St. Joseph

BY JILL A. BOUGHTON

The Christian Faith Commission at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, has found creative ways to help parishioners live out the Year of St. Joseph, culminating in a fatherhood series posted on the parish YouTube channel.

Beginning on Oct. 6 with a young father, the Witnesses of Fatherhood series has featured a different kind of dad every Wednesday: a more experienced father, a godfather, a grandfather, an adoptive father, a foster father, an expectant father and a spiritual father — Father Brian Ching, CSC. Parishioner Jennifer Miller and her daughter Marisol will also share what they appreciate about Joseph Miller, who enables Jennifer to be the wife and mother she's called to be; Marisol will share some of the special things her dad, her grandfather and her godfather have done for and with her.

The idea for the fatherhood series grew out of an article Jennifer wrote for Today's Catholic for Father's Day. She reached out to many kinds of fathers, inviting them to reflect on their own vocations. "The responses were so beautiful!" she exclaimed. "We aren't used to hearing men share in such a personal way about their spiritual lives. What an untapped treasure." The videos can be viewed at www.youtube.com/c/StJoeParish/videos.

Some of the other special events the parish has offered to commemorate St. Joseph during the year dedicated to him by Pope Francis have included a Father's Day woodworking workshop, where parents and children created framed icons of St. Joseph. A St. Joseph table was offered for the March 19 Feast of St. Joseph, at which parishio-



YouTube screenshot

Paul Blaschko shares a reflection on fatherhood with viewers of the St. Joseph YouTube channel. The South Bend parish is posting words of wisdom and advice from several types of fathers this fall to honor the example of Joseph, spouse of Mary.

ners could leave donations for Our Lady of the Road ministry to the homeless and take home a bookmark featuring the litany of St. Joseph and a fava bean, a Sicilian custom honoring St. Joseph for saving the island from the plague and making sure they'll never go hungry.

Throughout the year, families have taken turns bringing flowers and praying at the St. Joseph altar in the parish. A commission member, Julie Urbany, led a service project preparing meals at Cultivate Food Rescue program in South Bend. The parish was also the end point for a May 1 Joseph the Worker pilgrimage that began at St. Joseph Parish in Mishawaka.

The parish will conclude the year of St. Joseph with an event for married couples on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8. A dinner will be provided, along with child care, with the focus placed on how Mary and Joseph mutually supported each

other in their role as loving spouses and Christian parents. Jennifer and Becky Cressy have designed a special prayer card as a memento of the evening.

It's a truth of the Catholic faith that every man is called to some sort of fatherhood. Pastor Father Kevin Rousseau, CSC, and members of the Christian Faith Commission hope that offering these ways to grow closer to St. Joseph in a fuller way, and hearing real-life stories from men enthusiastically trying to live out their vocations as fathers, will serve as an inspiration.

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dean of the University of St. Thomas School of Law, deputy vice chancellor and provost of St. Augustine College of South Africa, as well as a father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He died Oct. 28 at age 85.

Most of Father Link's notable accomplishments were completed prior to his ordination to the priesthood in 2008. But after 45 years of marriage, his beloved wife Barbara passed away in 2003 and before leaving this life, she — along with Father Theodore Hesburgh — convinced him to pursue a new calling outside of the legal profession — the priesthood. At age 71, he was ordained and began a life of serving God through prison ministry.

Deacon Gregory Gehred of St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish in South Bend remembered Father Link from his many visits to the parish.

"He was a gracious, wonderful man with a remarkable story," Deacon Gehred said. He recalled that Father Link sometimes joined a group of parishioners from Little Flower and St. Pius X in Granger to minister at the St. Joseph County Jail. "He did a lot of good at prison, trying to help the inmates out with advice — all spiritual and life-building, not legal advice."

When Father Link filled in at Mass at St. Thérèse, Deacon Gehred said he "gave marvelous homilies about his encounters with prisoners."

Father Link was born in Sandusky, Ohio, and attended the University of Notre Dame. The same year he graduated, he

married Barbara Winterhalter, his childhood sweetheart.

He went on to complete law school before serving in the U.S. Naval Reserves, working for the U.S. Department of the Treasury and then practicing law with a Chicago firm called Winston and Strawn. By 1970, he was back at Notre Dame, this time as a teacher. He served as dean of the law school for 24 years, which was the longest tenure of law school deans in the U.S.

Throughout his years, he became known for his service to others. He is considered the driving force behind the founding of South Bend's Center for the Homeless. He also worked with numerous other charitable organizations. Father Link cared deeply about ethical practices in the law and human rights issues.

But it was when he was studying to become a priest that he felt called to a unique aspect of service. Deacon Gehred shared a story he had heard of Father Link, when, as a seminarian, Link asked God for direction in his vocation. He found the answer in prison ministry.

After his ordination, he began working with prisoners at Indiana State Prison in Michigan City and Westville Prison.

Father Link was much loved in the Notre Dame community and will be missed. "What stuck with me is his very earnest prayer," Deacon Gehred remarked. "It was a privilege to know him."

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Father Link Nov. 8 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the University of Notre Dame campus.

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Pope thanks Retrouvaille for support of couples in crisis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A period of crisis in a marriage is frightening and painful, but it also can be an opportunity for growth, especially if the couple receives the support of others who have survived similar crises, Pope Francis said. Meeting Nov. 6 with couples involved in Retrouvaille, a couple-to-couple ministry for people experiencing difficulty in their marriages, Pope Francis said the program is a gift to those involved, but also to the Church. “To be credible, one must have experienced” a time of crisis, he said. “It cannot be a theoretical discourse, a ‘pious exhortation’; it would not be credible.” Members of Retrouvaille have been in crisis and have been wounded, he said, but “thanks to God and with the help of your brothers and sisters you have been healed; and you have decided to share this experience of yours, to put it at the service of others.” “Crises help us to grow,” the pope said. They are unpleasant and make people “wobble,” but they can be overcome, especially with a helping hand. Pope Francis reminded the couples that in depictions of the risen Christ, His glorified body still has the scars of his crucifixion, a sign of His compassion for “the wounds of us all.”

Patriarch is out of hospital after stent placement, extends U.S. visit

NEW YORK (CNS) — Toward the end of his first apostolic visit to the U.S. in many years, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople was hospitalized Nov. 3 at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City to undergo stent placement. He was released Nov. 5 and expected to return to Turkey Nov. 7 after completing the rest of his visit, which was extended by four days because of his hospital stay. A news release from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America announced Nov. 3 the patriarch had had a check-up at Mount Sinai that led to an angiogram, which determined the need for stent placement to open a clogged coronary artery. The 81-year-old patriarch, primary spiritual leader of the world's estimated 300 million Orthodox Christians, arrived in Washington Oct. 23 to begin his visit. The next day he was admitted to George Washington University Hospital for an overnight stay. The patriarch “felt unwell due to the long flight and schedule of events upon arrival,” the archdiocese said. But upon his release Oct. 25, Patriarch Bartholomew began a rigorous itinerary that included meetings in Washington with President Joe Biden and other government officials, a dinner at Georgetown University and events in Pittsburgh and at

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Coup makes bad situation worse for Myanmar's religious, ethnic minorities



CNS photo/Reuters

People in northwestern Myanmar displaced by fighting between junta forces and anti-junta fighters walk in Chin state May 31. Since the Tatmadaw, Myanmar's military forces, seized control of the country Feb. 1, there have been 219,000 new internally displaced persons in Myanmar, coming largely from Chin state and the Sagaing region. The coup has made a bad situation only worse for the nation's religious and ethnic minority groups, panelists said during a Nov. 4 video forum on the situation in the Southeast Asian nation. Since the coup, “Pope Francis has called for peace, dialogue and a respect of human rights in Myanmar,” noted William Canny, director of the U.S. bishops' Migration and Refugee Services.

the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, before he headed to New York.

Bishop Wack's first pastoral urges Catholics to share 'the gift' of Gospel

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Evangelization “is fundamental to who we are as Christians,” Bishop William A. Wack of Pensacola-Tallahassee said in a Nov. 3 interview about why he chose that topic for the first pastoral letter he has issued since becoming the shepherd of the Church in Florida's panhandle in 2017. “It is something so positive and we need that right now in the midst of acrimony and confusion,” he told Catholic News Service. “The Holy Spirit is calling us back to our roots as apostolic community.” Installed Aug. 22, 2017, Bishop Wack, 54, said he waited to issue his first pastoral until he could get to know the Catholic community some, and he spent

the first couple of years “trying to figure out” what he was doing and “to find my legs as a new bishop.” Titled “Sharing the Gift,” the 20-page pastoral was released in a digital format Nov. 4 and in document form Nov. 5, a day before the anniversary of the establishment of the diocese in 1975. “The church exists to evangelize!” The words of Pope St. Paul VI encapsulate the Christian mission,” he wrote. “Put simply, if we believe that Jesus Christ suffered and died for us, and then rose again to set us free from sin and death, we are compelled to share that good news with everyone around us.” Bishop Wack's pastoral can be found in English at <https://bit.ly/3BNlAxB> and in Spanish at <https://bit.ly/3GTNJXE>.

Pope plans Dec. 2-6 visit to Cyprus and Greece

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis' planned trip to the eastern Mediterranean in December will focus on migration, Catholic-

Orthodox relations and promoting peace in a region known more for its vacation spots than its ongoing political tensions. The Vatican announced Nov. 5 that Pope Francis would visit Nicosia, Cyprus, Dec. 2-4 and Athens and Lesbos, Greece, Dec. 4-6. The pope had made a one-day visit to migrant and refugee camps on the Greek island of Lesbos in 2016, but this will be his first visit to the Greek mainland. The Moria refugee camp the pope visited was the largest refugee camp in Europe until it burned down in September 2020; a temporary camp was set up nearby and continues to host thousands of migrants and refugees. While migrants and refugees crossing the Mediterranean and landing in Italy, Spain, Greece and even Malta make headlines, significant numbers of them end up in Cyprus. As of Oct. 31, according to the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, 464 migrants had reached Malta since Jan. 1 while 1,515 had reached Cyprus.

Grassroots effort calls on pope to canonize six Black sainthood candidates

BALTIMORE (CNS) — When Sister Rita Michelle Proctor was a young child, she was taught by the Oblate Sisters of Providence from grades three to 10. The sisters' hospitality and trust in Divine Providence inspired her to become a religious sister in their Baltimore-based order. After 53 years of love and service for the Lord in the Oblate community, the current superior general of her religious community was honored to participate at St. Ann Church in Baltimore in a Nov. 1 procession of six candidates for canonization. She held a portrait of the community's foundress — and one of those sainthood candidates: Mother Mary Lange, who has the title “Servant of God.” Five other members of the African American Catholic community processed to the altar holding portraits of the other prominent Black Catholics they hope will be canonized. They are: Sister Thea Bowman, the first African American member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, and Julia Greeley, known as the city of Denver's “Angel of Charity” — both have the title Servant of God — as well as Mother Henriette Delille, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family, Father Augustus Tolton and Pierre Toussaint. The latter three have the title “Venerable.” The title “Servant of God” is given by the Church to a sainthood candidate when his or her cause is officially opened.

CRS works to help Afghan farmers facing climate-induced drought, hunger

AMMAN, Jordan (CNS) — Overshadowed by the political and military turmoil engulfing Afghanistan with the Taliban takeover in August, climate change — particularly drought — is relentlessly striking this Central Asian nation with dire consequences, warns a Catholic aid agency official. “CRS has been working on a response to this climate-induced drought over the past two years. But the rest of the world is only waking up to the fact that we have the worst climate-induced drought in the world right now — the worst in living memory in Afghanistan,” said Kevin Hartigan, the Middle East regional director of Catholic Relief Services. “It was not apparent to people because there was so much focus on the political and military crisis. Now that has calmed, you are seeing the United Nations and the rest of world waking up to this enormous climate phenomenon, drought and hunger,” Hartigan told Catholic News Service by Zoom from Herat, Afghanistan. The lack of rain has compounded

Afghanistan's problems. Hartigan cited a U.N. report saying that some 2 million Afghans are experiencing hunger, the risk of food deficit, and potential famine-like conditions as people enter the winter months. Hartigan met with farmers in the rural steppe area of Adraskan, in the west, bordering Iran, and one of the areas hardest hit by drought. CRS is the only nongovernmental organization working there and few, if any Americans, have been able to visit the area in a decade.

Church leaders call attention to Ethiopia as troops approach capital

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS) — One year into the conflict in Ethiopia's Tigray region, Father Joseph Mussie Zerai is urging the international community to accelerate efforts to stop any risk of ethnic cleansing, avoid balkanization of Ethiopia and stop a food catastrophe underway. "The international community should be ashamed of the protracted war," Father Zerai told Catholic News Service. "Everything that we find written in the international treaties and conventions on the prevention and protection of civilians in the event of a conflict" has been disregarded. He spoke as fears of all-out war in the country grew, amid reports that the Tigray Defense Force was on the outskirts of the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa. The conflict, which began in Tigray Nov. 4, 2020, has killed thousands and displaced more than 1 million people, as it destroyed villages and towns. It has turned women and children into targets of violence by armed men as it spread to other regions. An Ethiopian priest who is an expert in peace and security and who had been following the Tigray crisis echoed Father Zerai's sentiments. "My word to the international community — shame on you ... when people are being exterminated, you did not have a word to say. This is a second Rwanda. They have failed us," said the cleric, who cannot be named for safety reasons.

The culture of death includes all forms of abuse, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Every form of abuse — sexual, psychological or an abuse of power — is part of "the culture of death" that needs to be eradicated through the conversion, education and the active participation of everyone, Pope Francis said. "May the safeguarding of minors be an ever more concrete and regular priority in the church's educational efforts and may it be promoted as a service that is open, reliable and authoritative" and aimed at combating "every form of domination, affronts to personal intimacy and complicit silence," he said in a written message. Guaranteeing

safe environments for minors and vulnerable people is a journey that everyone in the Church must embark on together, driven by "the sorrow and shame for not always having been good guardians protecting minors who are entrusted to our educational and social activities," he wrote. The pope's message was sent to participants in a congress held online and onsite in Rome Nov. 4. The congress, dedicated to creating safe environments and promoting the safeguarding of minors during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, was sponsored by several Italian Catholic lay associations. The associations, which include the John XXIII Community, Catholic Action and the Catholic Italian Sports Center, have joined together for a project called "SAFE" for encouraging and helping church-based organizations in Italy adopt and follow child protection policies.

Pope urges leaders at COP26 to be courageous in tackling climate change

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Education, a change in lifestyles and a model of development focused "on fraternity and on the covenant between human beings and the natural environment" are urgently needed to slow climate change and care for its victims, Pope Francis said in a message to world leaders at the COP26 summit. Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state and head of the Holy See delegation to the U.N. climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland, read portions of the pope's message to the assembly Nov. 2. The cardinal was one of more than 50 speakers, most of whom were heads of state or government leaders, delivering three-minute "national statements" during the high-level segment of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The high-level segment resumed Nov. 9-10, and negotiations closed Nov. 12. The Vatican released the full text of the pope's message, which was submitted as part of the official record of the summit. Like other leaders who spoke of the concrete commitments their governments were making, Pope Francis briefly explained the action the Vatican had adopted; the first is to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. But the Holy See, with its influence over parishes, schools and universities around the globe, also is committed, he said, to promoting "education in integral ecology," meaning a focus on both the needs of the earth and on the needs of the people who inhabit it.

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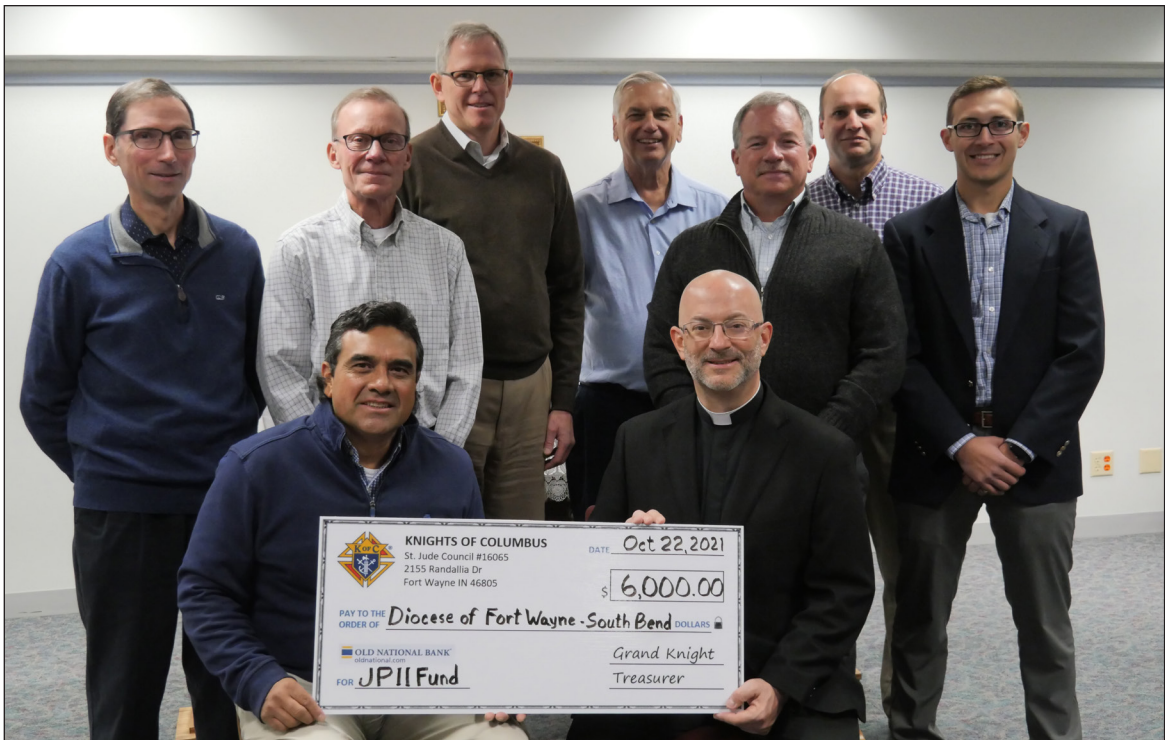
Nocturnal Adoration Society inaugurated



Provided by Father Ryan Pietrocarlo, CSC

St. Casimir Parish, South Bend, inducted several members into the second Nocturnal Adoration Society in the diocese Oct. 30 at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and concelebrated by pastor Father Ryan Pietrocarlo, CSC, at St. Adalbert Parish. Women and men will take turns praying throughout the night every first Saturday at St. Casimir as a response to Christ's invitation to keep prayerful vigil with Him. The first Nocturnal Adoration Society in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains active at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen.

Knights support seminarians' education



Jennifer Barton

Members of Knights of Columbus Council No. 16065 at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne and representatives of the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana presented diocesan vocations director Father Andrew Budzinski with a check for \$6,000 for the seminarian education fund Oct. 22. This marked the first year funds were raised for the seminarians through council's annual golf outing. In front from left, Mark Coral, Grand Knight; and Father Andrew Budzinski, Vocation Director. In back from left, Bernie Jozwiak; Steve Bogenschutz; Chris Mettler; Mike Shade, Catholic Community Foundation; Casey Didion; Greg Gillig; and Aaron Kennerk.

All-Schools Mass brings out the saints

BY JENNIFER BARTON

The saints flocked to the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Nov. 1, as Catholic schools from around the Fort Wayne area gathered for the annual All-Schools Mass. Around 1,300 fourth grade students dressed as their chosen saints, representing numerous holy men and women at the Mass. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the liturgy, which was concelebrated by several priests from the schools that were in attendance. After having canceled last year's event due to the pandemic, numerous teachers, principals and parents expressed their happiness to be able to have the Mass this year. Dr. Joseph Brettnacher, superintendent of Catholic schools, stated that this is one of his favorite events of the school year. All of the schools within the

city of Fort Wayne attended, as well as those from the surrounding cities and outlying areas and as far away as Warsaw. The Bishop Luers High School choir provided the musical accompaniment, and Bishop Rhoades complimented them on their beautiful singing. His homily focused on love – love for God and love for each other, which the saints themselves serve as examples. “Today we think about what it must be like to see God face to face, to be with God in perfect joy,” he told the students. “It’s beyond anything we can imagine.” He elaborated on the reading from the book of Revelation, in which St. John described those who are already in heaven. “They triumphed by the grace of God. That’s a great first reading for us to think about the saints in heaven, and we honor all of them today.” He went on to say all people are called to



Photos by Jennifer Barton

Fourth grade students dress up as saints such as St. Gianna Molla, St. Rose of Lima and St. Catherine of Siena for the annual All-Schools Mass near the feast of All Saints’ Day. This longstanding tradition gives students the opportunity to learn about and dress as a saint of their choice.


lead holy lives, even as young people, and encouraged them to strive for the kingdom of heaven. “God wants us to join Him in heaven. God wants us to be with Him, to live with Him forever. He loves us so much, He created us so that we would live with Him forever. And that’s why He sent us His Son, that’s why He sent us Jesus — to save us and to open the gates of heaven for us.” He reminded the students that building a strong prayer life was vital to attaining eternal life. Prayer draws one closer to God and into His love. “And if we want to get to heaven, that’s the No. 1 thing, to love God and to love one another. That’s what the saints did.” Bishop Rhoades spoke of the examples of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis, St. John Paul II and St. Mother Teresa, who exemplified love of God and neighbor in their words and actions. “The more we love one another, the closer we are to Jesus, who loved us so much that He gave His life for us. The more we love, the holier we become.” At the end of his homily, Bishop Rhoades stated that: “We don’t just love in our words, but in our actions.” The students present demonstrated this love by bringing forth donations of nonperishable food items at the offertory. The donations were given to the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne to help those in need. St. Jude principal Mike Obergfell expressed his gratitude at attending the Mass with his fourth grade students. “It was so nice to be able to gather together again for the

Coliseum Mass. Last year’s class was the first that has not experienced this Mass since it began. It has become such a tradition, and the fact that the students are so excited about coming out dressed as a saint is something we hope will continue. I think it is a great witness to the community at large when we gather to share and celebrate our faith in such a public way.” Fourth grader Emily Hogg dressed as St. Joan of Arc. “I really like St. Joan of Arc because she’s really cool, and I’m also dedicated to her because she died for Jesus at just 19. She’s fierce, and I identify with that

part of her.” Emily was blessed to receive holy Communion from the bishop that day and was affected by his emphasis on praying first thing in the morning. Emily is a student at Most Precious Blood School in Fort Wayne. Her mother, Kathryn Hogg, attended the Mass with her. “The Mass was wonderful to witness. The best part for me was at the end when the students were singing ‘We are the Light of the World,’ said Hogg. “It reminded me that there are great things to come in our future.”




Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presided over the annual All-Schools Mass at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne Nov. 1. Catholic schools from Fort Wayne and the surrounding area attended.




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'I couldn't do a thing without our Lord': centenarian Sister Valeria Holtz, OLVN

BY JODI MARLIN

Sister Valeria Foltz, OLVN, has prayed her way through the public ministry of eight popes, six bishops of her order's home diocese and the lives of most of her biological brothers and sisters. She'll be at prayer again the morning and the night of Nov. 12, a particularly notable day because it marks her 102nd birthday.

In fact, that's the secret to a long and peace-filled life, Sister Valeria said: unfailing faithfulness and prayer. It probably doesn't hurt that she stays physically fit as well, racing her walker down the hallways of Saint Anne Victory Noll faster than some nuns half her age.

Born in Humphrey, Nebraska, in 1919, Sister Valeria was the ninth of 13 children born to Stephen Foltz and Mary Wemhoff, a German family. It was a very faithful Catholic family, she remembered, situated in a small farming community. Just 45 families constituted the local parish.

The religious congregation she would come to join was born around the same year she was. The first two OLVN sisters were sent on a mission to New Mexico in 1922, and three years later Father John Francis Noll would generously donate to the construction of the order's motherhouse in Huntington, under the direction of Father John Joseph Sigstein. It would be called Victory Noll, a combination of Mary's Our Lady of Victory title and Father Noll's name.

In 1937, an uncle of the Foltz siblings,

a Franciscan priest mis-sioned to St. Peter Parish in Chicago, died at the young age of 45. It affected the family deeply. Valeria, lamenting the loss of a laborer in God's vineyard, prayed, "Oh God, let me take his place." But she was unsure of exactly how that might happen.

Two years later, 20-year-old Valeria accompanied her older brother and his wife on a trip to Ohio. Their route took them past Victory Noll, and the life-size white statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus did not escape their vision. Valeria remembered exclaiming, "Oh, what a beautiful place that is up there. The statue of the Sacred Heart, that he had his arms outstretched like that."

A couple years later, she was speaking with a Franciscan priest friend about the kind of ministerial work she wanted



Jodi Marlin

to do. He knew where to direct her: "He pulled out a brochure (of Victory Noll), and it had the Sacred Heart statue on it. I told him, that's the place we passed!"

The 22-year-old entered the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters Oct. 28, 1941. She took her perpetual vows Aug. 5, 1950.

The charism of the Victory Noll sisters is catechesis, and Sister Valeria joyfully and obediently directed religious education programs wherever she was asked to go. Often, she was assigned to OLVN missions in California, and she came to particularly love the Queen of the Missions convent in Redlands, Diocese of San Diego.

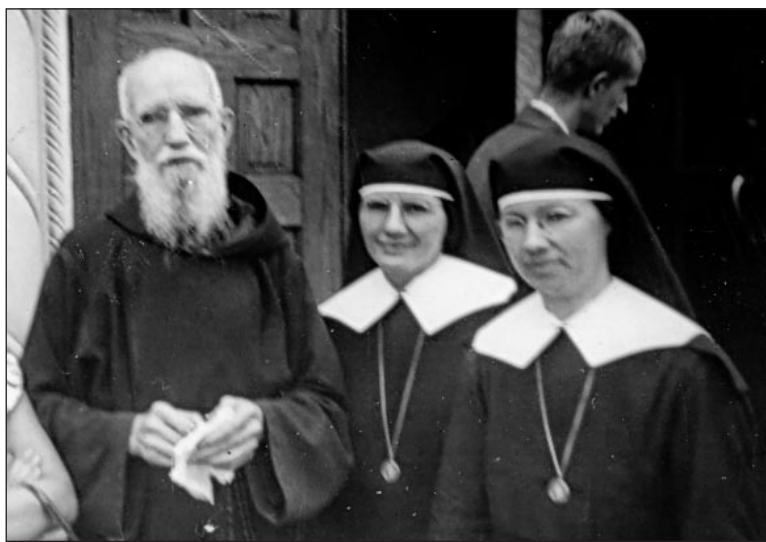
"It was all orange groves. Now it's all houses, but back then you could see orange trees for miles. I was up on a hill," she remembered. "It was so beautiful."

The other dioceses to which Sister Valeria's assignments took her include Gary, Erie, Toledo, Los Angeles, and Omaha. In between, she

often returned to the motherhouse. She retired to Huntington in 2000 but is rarely idle. "That's how you stay faithful: Keep busy," she said. "I don't have time to do anything else."

"I just sew and sew and sew, and then I go to the chapel and thank God. He promised that if we were faithful, He would help us, and He's been pretty good about that so far," she laughed. "I realized a long time ago I couldn't do a thing without our Lord."

She intends to spend the upcoming winter being faithful as well, praying for the needs of her friends, family and fellow religious. She'll also continue her



Provided by Sherry Thurston

How does a person remain strong in their faith? With prayer and by staying busy, says Sister Valeria Foltz, OLVN, who celebrates her 102nd birthday this week. Although many years of her vocation were spent at missions in California and other states, she began her consecrated life at Victory Noll in Huntington; there, she and Sister Fidelis Roels, center, came to know Blessed Solanus Casey.

ministry of sewing: Sister Valeria crafts several items, including Raggedy Ann-style dolls and comfy turtle-shaped pillows, which are donated or put up for sale in the St. Anne's Treasure Room.

Her life of prayer remains constant. The sisters attend Mass every day except Saturday in the Victory Noll Chapel. They say the rosary together and use the Living with Christ missalette to pray throughout the day.

She's thankful to God, she said, for reaching her 102nd birthday Nov. 12. "But really, I think it's because of all the people praying for me."

A celebration with her OLVN sisters took place Nov. 11 at Saint Anne. Sister Valeria can receive birthday cards at 25 Victory Noll Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.



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'A game-changer' —

School choice expansion opening doors for more students than ever before

BY VICTORIA ARTHUR

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Across Indiana, educators and school choice advocates are spreading the word: A Catholic or other nonpublic-school education is now within financial reach for most Hoosier families seeking it for their children.

Sweeping changes to Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program, more commonly known as the voucher program, passed the state legislature earlier this year, which extended eligibility to middle- and upper-middle-class families and significantly increased the scholarship amount that all qualifying students receive.

"This legislation is transformational," said John Elcesser, executive director of the Indiana Non-Public Education Association, which represents the state's more than 400 non-public schools, including Indiana's 175 Catholic schools. "We had always done a pretty good job of taking care of the families that needed the most assistance financially. But we found through the years that families who were really struggling were the middle-income families who had not been able to get support, especially those with multiple school-age children.

"That was the crux of this year's legislation — the recognition that those families needed help as well," Elcesser continued. "Now we need to make sure as many families as possible are aware of these new opportunities."

In all five Catholic dioceses in Indiana, efforts are under way to do just that. From school open houses to communication initiatives at parishes, administrators and advocates are hitting the highlights of the expansion legislation.

Eight out of 10 families in Indiana now qualify for a Choice Scholarship, or voucher, for their child to attend the school of their choice. Prior to the passage of this year's legislation, eligibility for vouchers stood at a maximum family income of 150 percent of the federal Free and Reduced Lunch program. Now that threshold has jumped to 300 percent.

Moreover, those who qualify now are eligible to receive a greater amount to help cover the cost of tuition at a nonpublic school. Before the expansion legislation was passed in April, the Choice Scholarship program operated under three tiers. Based



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Mater Dei High School in Evansville holds an open house Nov. 4. The Indiana Choice Scholarship passed the state legislature earlier this year and extended eligibility to middle- and upper-middle-class families and significantly increased the scholarship amount that all qualifying students receive to attend Catholic schools.

on family income, students received vouchers of either 50, 70 or 90 percent of state tuition support — that is, the percentage of the total amount of money Indiana would spend to educate those students at their local public school. Now, all eligible students will receive a 90 percent voucher.

"The extra financial assistance provided by this program is a game-changer for many of our families," said Kelly Lucas, director of marketing and enrollment management at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

During both an open house and a financial aid night held this month, administrators at the high school for the north deanery of Indianapolis welcomed prospective new families and outlined the new opportunities presented by the school choice expansion. As is the case at many schools throughout the state, leaders there are working on messaging to erase the stigma sometimes associated with the program, including downplaying the term "voucher" in favor of "Choice Scholarship" or "grant."

"We know there are still some families out there that have some hesitation about the program," said Dan Thompson, director of business operations at Bishop Chatard. "Parents will tell us they don't want to take away from families that have a greater need. Some people still don't fully understand that it's their tax dollars going back to work

for them. So there is definitely a learning curve."

Bishop Chatard has extended its efforts to educate families about the program to all of its feeder schools — the Catholic elementary schools of the Indianapolis north deanery. The school's president, Bill Sahm, meets with deanery principals on a monthly basis and has been providing them with templates and marketing materials to share with their respective families since the legislation passed in the spring.

"We started promoting it right away and continue to do everything we can to get the message out," Sahm said.

The efforts clearly are working there and elsewhere. Statewide, more than 8,000 more students are receiving Choice Scholarships this school year than last, according to INPEA data. In the 2020-21 school year, approximately 36,000 Indiana children were participating in the program. As the 2021-22 school year is now in full swing, nearly 44,000 students are attending Catholic and other non-public schools around the state with the help of Choice Scholarships.

Indiana, which has long been considered a pioneer in school choice, this year marked the 10th anniversary of the Choice Scholarship Program. The INPEA and the Indiana Catholic Conference were key members of the coalition that led to that groundbreaking legislation, signed into law by then-Gov.

Mitch Daniels in 2011.

Recently the INPEA honored Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston with its Legislative Leadership Award for his role in passing this year's expansion legislation, along with his longstanding efforts to promote school choice.

"For so many years, leaders in our state have said we value education, we know the importance of a great school, and we want to give students and families as many options as possible," said Huston, whose children have attended public schools. "And we're going to continue to focus on that, recognizing that for the vast majority of our kids in the state of Indiana, public schools are going to be their choice. For others, it's going to be charters and private schools. It just gets down to the key principle of making sure children are in the school that best meets their needs."

That message resonates with Catholic school administrators across the state.

"We're very grateful to the lawmakers in Indiana that they had the fortitude and the foresight to expand this program," said Dr. Joseph Majchrowicz, superintendent of schools for the Catholic Diocese of Gary. "Catholic education has become much more affordable for all those we serve."

Now Majchrowicz and his leadership team are working to amplify the message that families in northwest Indiana have

new options for their children. They are spurred on not only by the expansion legislation but by a partnership with the Big Shoulders Fund, a Chicago-based organization inspired by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin and founded by business and civic leaders in 1986 to provide support to Catholic schools with demonstrated need. The scholarship-granting institution extended its reach into northwest Indiana in 2019.

The Diocese of Gary and the Big Shoulders Fund of Northwest Indiana have retained the services of a public relations agency to help them craft a campaign to promote the new school choice opportunities.

"Giving families the opportunity to choose the educational institution that's right for their child is huge, and a lot of families don't know they have that option," said Dan Kozlowski, regional director of the Big Shoulders Fund of Northwest Indiana. "That's the baseline of this campaign."

At the opposite end of the state, efforts are also under way on multiple fronts to communicate the new opportunities. The Diocese of Evansville has hosted open houses at two of its Catholic high schools, and plans are in place for Take a Tour Tuesday on Nov. 16, when prospective families can visit any of the 26 Catholic schools in the diocese.

"First and foremost, we always want to highlight our Catholic identity and how we form children in the faith, but right behind that has to be affordability," said Dr. Daryl Hagan, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Evansville. "In our diocese, the expanded Choice Scholarship Program has been transformational."

Hagan, who is in his third year of serving as INPEA board president, expresses great hope for the growing reach and impact of school choice in Indiana.

"In looking to the future, 10 years out, it will be exciting to see the benefits to our families and to our communities when we celebrate the 20th anniversary of school choice," he said. "I think it will be an awesome celebration."

For more information about the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program and other school choice initiatives, visit inpea.org.



Provided by Kari Jambor

Choice Scholarship brings freshman back to Catholic school

BY JENNIFER BARTON

Indiana's School Choice Scholarship Program, commonly known as the voucher system, is a much-debated law with proponents on both sides. For some parents, however, it has made the option to send their children to a Catholic school possible.

Kari Jambor is one such parent. Her daughter, Vivian Osth, attends St. Joseph High School in South Bend.

Vivian attended St. Anthony de Padua School before switching to public school. But after the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation went to full-time online learning last October, Jambor noticed disturbing changes in her daughter.

"Too much time on the computer, few friends in the neighborhood, parents at work all day. Viv finds herself becoming very isolated and sad," Jambor shared.

Her grades began to drop, and Jambor started getting calls from the school saying Vivian had not logged on for classes.

Jambor knew they needed a change, so by January 2021, Vivian was re-enrolled at St. Anthony. Though she acknowledged that there were issues with the transition – Vivian did not like wearing uniforms and rising early for school – it was

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— Kari Jambor

definitely the right move.

"She had been talking to classmates through a monitor for so long that she forgot how good it was to be sitting in a desk surrounded by peers."

Jambor appreciates that the Catholic schools understand the value of in-person learning and managed to remain as the pandemic started to wane.

Vivian began to improve. The teachers, subject matter and presence of other students had a positive effect on her. "Most importantly," Jambor stated, "she was getting a heavy dose of God that gave her hope that things in the world could get better, and that God hadn't abandoned us."

High school loomed, and Jambor and her husband had to decide where to send her daughter. Vivian wanted to play soccer at St. Joseph, and her mother knew that the Catholic high school was the right choice for Vivian's mental well-being;

but she worried she might not be able to afford the tuition cost. The family also faced unexpected medical bills.

To afford a Catholic education for her daughter, she said, "I was fully prepared to pick up another job, but a miracle happened when the state increased the household income for the School Choice program. All of a sudden, the tuition was doable!"

Since Vivian is the youngest of four children but the older three no longer live at home, they are not considered dependents and the household counts as a family of three. Due to the changes in income thresholds for the School Choice program implemented by the state of Indiana this year, Jambor's family met the income qualifications. Vivian also met the eligibility requirement, meaning she was able to attend whatever high school she preferred.

People often ask Jambor how she can afford to send her child

to a parochial school. She tells them to investigate the Choice scholarships online and to apply for financial aid available through the school they want to attend. "It doesn't cost anything to try, so why not apply?"

In Jambor's estimation, St. Joseph has given Vivian what she needs not only to survive but to thrive and to grow in knowledge and faith.

"I don't think we will ever know the full effect of what the pandemic has done to our children's mental health. The private schools decided early on they would stay open. They looked past the fear of the pandemic and saw that the mental and emotional health of the kids was equally important. I tell anyone who will listen and is worried for their kids being at home alone all day – get them into a Catholic school. Everyone can use more prayer in their life and a sense of normalcy."

A freshman this year, Vivian plays on the junior varsity soccer team and is enjoying her classes and spending time with her friends. Catholic school has clearly been a good choice for her.

"Viv's name means 'bubbling with life,' and learning her faith again was like much-needed water for the soul. Viv is beginning to blossom," Jambor declared.

7,645

Number of Choice Scholarship recipients in the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend who received the full amount offered by the scholarship (90% ADM level) this year as a result of increases to the scholarship income thresholds last year

100

Percentage of Choice Scholarship recipients the above number represents

Source: Office of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

The miracle we share at every Mass

At their fall meeting, the bishops will have a chance to review, amend and vote on a draft statement titled "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church."

Much of the media coverage this year has focused on whether it will call out Catholic politicians who support abortion rights. According to the draft sent to the bishops in September and subsequently leaked to The Pillar, it does not.

While this headline-grabbing, click-baiting controversy will again attract press coverage in November, it would be a shame if Catholics miss the real content of the document, a reflection on the Church's teachings on the Eucharist over the centuries.

It contains many moving quotes and passages that all of us could benefit from contemplating every time we go to Mass. Here's a sampling:

Dorothy Day, while known best as a peace activist, had a profound devotion to the Eucharist. Her reflection is timely, as many Catholics may be slow to return to Mass after the pandemic closures.

"Once, when told by someone she no longer saw the point of going to daily Mass, the servant of God Dorothy Day reflected: 'We go eat of this fruit of the tree of life because Jesus told us to. ... He took upon himself our humanity that we might share in his divinity. We are nourished by his flesh that we may grow to be other Christs. I believe this literally, just as I believe the child is nourished by the milk from his mother's breast.'"

Dorothy Day was a 20th-

century Catholic. St. John Chrysostom was born only 300 years after Christ, yet he shared Day's sense of the Eucharist as life giving:

"When you see the body of Christ, he preached, 'set before you (on the altar), say to yourself: Because of this body I am no longer earth and ashes, no longer a prisoner, but free: because of this I hope for heaven, and to receive the good things therein, immortal life, the portion of angels, (and closeness) with Christ.'"

The document quotes St. Teresa of Kolkata: "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the sacred host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

The draft document notes that "the word 'Eucharist' literally means 'thanksgiving.' Even our manner of giving thanks comes from God, for we do so by following the command of the Lord: Do this in memory of me."

It also says that it "is called Holy Communion precisely because, by placing us in intimate communion with the sacrifice of Christ, we are placed in intimate communion with him and through him, with each other."

St. Justin Martyr was born around the year 100, just a few decades after Christ walked the earth. Yet he was a witness to the early eucharistic faith of the Church: "It is not 'ordinary bread and ordinary drink' that we receive in the Eucharist, but the flesh and blood of Christ, who came to nourish and transform us, to restore our relationship to



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God and to one another."

This communion turns us outward, recognizing our neighbor in the poor and the vulnerable. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "to receive in truth the body and blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren."

The last word goes to Pope Benedict XVI: The "love that we celebrate in the sacrament is not something we can keep to ourselves. By its very nature, it demands to be shared by all." Amen.

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Don't forget to pray for our bishops as they meet in Baltimore

For the first time since November 2019, the U.S. bishops will convene in person as a body on Nov. 15-18 to discuss, debate and vote on matters in the life of the local Church. The gathering, which has either been canceled or held virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic, will have its usual moments: addresses from leadership, including Archbishop José H. Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archbishop Christophe Pierre, papal nuncio to the United States; votes on new leadership positions; and discussion and updates on a variety of initiatives.

The item commanding the most interest will be the continuation of the discussion, and subsequent vote, on a statement on the Eucharist called "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church." Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, chairman of the doctrine committee that is drafting the statement, said the statement received much feedback over the summer from regional meetings of bishops, showing great engagement on an important topic.

When the matter was discussed in June, approximately three-quarters of the bishops voted to move forward with the drafting of the document. A vocal minority, though, stated that they disagreed with the inclusion of a section on Eucharistic coherence, which outlined the discipline of the Church's teaching on who can and cannot worthily receive

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Communion. As Bishops Rhoades told Our Sunday Visitor in June, this portion of the document simply highlights Church laws that "are ordered to the salvation of souls" and "have a medicinal, rather than punitive, purpose."

Further discussion is expected at the general assembly in Baltimore, and it will be interesting to observe whether or not the bishops have reached a point of consensus over the past few months. As Russell Shaw wrote recently, "When the U.S. bishops gather for their fall general assembly, the big issue before them will be unity. And not unity with somebody else but among themselves."

He continued: "Having had five months to think things over, the bishops are likely to seek to soften the sometimes confrontational tone that marked their debate in June, threatening to shatter the appearance of collegial consensus much prized by the hierarchy. Students of the episcopal conference know bishops have been divided before on issues, to say nothing of con-

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The Son of Man will return with great power and glory



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 13:24-32

The Book of Daniel provides the first reading this weekend. Michael, the "great prince" of the angels, is the center of attention. He is one of the few angels who is mentioned by name in the Scriptures.

Michael's role in Daniel was to defend God's people. In this role, of course, he was God's servant and instrument. Michael, along with the other angels, appear as opposites of the devils, the fallen angels.

In this reading, Michael protects God's people. The funda-

mental point is that God protects the good from everlasting death and defeat before evil.

The setting is very trying, a scene of great distress. Persecution, hardship and terror are everywhere. Some will die. The names of all will be recorded. The dead will awaken, and some will live forever. Others will be cast into eternal doom.

Living forever will be the wise. The wise, in the Scriptures' judgment, are not necessarily persons of high intelligence, but rather those able to perceive the greatness of God in all things.

For the second reading, the Church offers us a selection from the Letter to the Hebrews. This book of the New Testament, majestic in its eloquence and deep in its message, extols Jesus. Drawing upon symbols in ancient Judaism, it describes Jesus as the one and eternal high priest. Jesus offered the ultimate and profound sacrifice.

One with God, Jesus sits at the right hand of God's throne, judging the good and the bad. He has vanquished all enemies

of God and of the right and just. He sanctifies, or makes holy, all who have been perfected by their turning to God and by having had their sins forgiven.

St. Mark's Gospel supplies this weekend's third reading. Many scholars believe that this Gospel was composed in Rome.

Some think that the author had connections with Peter. They wonder if the author of this Gospel might not have been a scribe, writing at the behest of the illiterate Peter. In any case, the Gospel apparently was written in a time of considerable anxiety.

Outright persecution lay menacingly on the horizon. Christians knew what it meant to be on wrong side of power in the Roman Empire. The empire played for keeps.

Maybe this experience led the evangelist to include in the Gospel text the Lord's words about "trials of every sort." Difficult times already were upon Christians, and more might come; but no power on earth, not even that of the mighty Roman

emperor, would be able to thwart God's plan of salvation. Even if evil seemed to prevail, the heavenly forces of God would descend from the clouds in glory and transport the faithful to everlasting joy and reward.

Reflection

The readings this weekend set the stage for next weekend, the great feast of Christ the King. They also address a situation as ancient in Christianity as the days of the Apostle Peter in Rome. They speak of the devout trying to live and to witness among the enemies of God, amid harsh times.

In fact, the readings put modern reality before us. Life on earth is never paradise. It certainly has never been paradise for anyone loyal to God. At present, millions around the world cope with COVID-19. Storms and fires, oil spills and earthquakes, beset us.

Bluntly, this world is no paradise. Every human is vulnerable. Enemies of God are active.

Leading us astray in our own hearts are temptations from "the world, the flesh and the devil."

Just as real is the fact that nothing is strong enough to stand against God. He gives life — everlasting life. Jesus is God. Christians have nothing to fear for Jesus is their guide and protector. Next weekend, in this spirit, joyfully celebrate Christ the King.

READINGS

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8-11

Heb:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 17:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 Lk 20:27-40

Sexual atoms and molecules

A major issue in bioethics today involves “informed consent,” but some try to make everything about consent. This is especially notable when it comes to ethical discussions around the exercise of human sexuality.

In a thought-provoking 2015 article entitled “Liberalism Can’t Understand Sex,” author and researcher Jason Morgan challenges the reigning cultural view that sees sexual activity as acceptable between any two or more individuals as long as they freely consent to engage in it.

He notes that in such a framework, “all activities are equal, as long as we have obtained consent when those activities involve others.” This assumption about the equivalence of all consensual activities, however, is dubious at best, given that sexual activity affects and engages us in a way that is radically different from other human activities.

Morgan notes that “sex, unlike anything else we might do with another person, transcends the self while radically reorienting it within a new, shared context with our sexual partner. Consent assumes that sex will not do this, that sex will leave two people as fully autonomous after sex as they were before. But this is precisely the one thing that sex was designed not to do. Sex, even if entered into based on a free agreement between two autonomous people, by its very nature dismantles the autonomy upon which the consensual understanding of sex had been based.”

In other words, sex touches us at a deeper level than other activities, binding us to another and speaking a language not of autonomy or transient engagement, but of communion and enduring self-gift. To suggest that sex is just about being sure you gave consent before the clothes started flying is to leave young people unfulfilled. That’s what happens routinely in hookup experiences and patterns of cohabitation.

Morgan sums up the central

flaw in consent-based notions of human sexuality this way: the ‘yes’ given to sex and premised on individual autonomy is “fundamentally different from the ‘yes’ in which human sexuality is designed to operate: a ‘yes’ to the other in his or her spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical entirety. Sex functions precisely to break down autonomy and overcome the overweening sovereignty of the self upon which consent is ultimately based.”

He continues: “By contrast, sex draws two people into the most intimate form of community, forming a new relationship based on a shared totality of existence. Where liberalism deals in a world of unjoinable, antagonistic atoms, human sexuality strives to bring two atoms together in order to make an entirely different molecule.”

By talking about consent ad nauseum, we misdirect young people down primrose paths, away from the unique anchoring power of love in marriage, wherein the full experience of the human sexual encounter, embodying both transcendence and sacrifice, is able to be lived out.


This plenitude of sex cannot be adequately captured by the vagaries of in-the-moment consent, which reduces and oversimplifies the bigger question of whether or not to have sex to the choice between “yes” or “no” regarding a particular act of intercourse.

Instead, the “yes” or “no” raised by sex is not just to the physical joining of two bodies, but to the richly rewarding and sacrificial intermingling of two selves becoming one entity in a life-long union of persons. This commingling automatically expresses the strongest and most authentic human affirmation each one can give to the other, even to the point of embracing each other not only as spouses but also as parents in the potentially life-giving act of marital intimacy.

Those who partake of sex

the Church as a whole. While we, of course, offer our prayers as they develop and discuss this important document on the Eucharist, we also pray for them as they navigate an ever-increasing secular society, as they sadly continue to deal with cases of clergy sexual abuse, and as they wrestle with the reality of laypeople leaving the Church. It is no easy task to be a bishop in the United States or elsewhere.

An ideal way to begin this focused time of prayer for our episcopal leaders is in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Another initiative to be discussed during the bishops’ general assembly is the continuation of the planning for a national Eucharistic Revival within the Church in the United States. Planning for the



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

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within a loosely committed relationship like cohabitation, on the other hand, sense — especially women — that the troubling absence of a marital commitment ultimately connotes an incomplete, inauthentic and unstable promise about love.

By pushing back against the hollow notion of “consent-for-tonight” and encouraging chaste continence until marriage, we initiate the process of restoring sex to its rightful place — not as contractual or bargained recreation, but as the unrestricted gift of one for the other and the reception of that same gift.

In this perspective, unique to the setting of marriage, men and women give of themselves for the sake of each other. Such a form of mutual honoring involves the sacrifice of oneself in an other-centeredness that can and often does elevate the dignity of each to a new and transcendent level.

The ethical issue, in sum, is not merely one of mutual consent, but of authentic interpersonal good. Consenting to harmonious hedonisms or reciprocal exploitation is obviously against the good of the individuals involved, as anyone who has ever been sexually objectified, used and discarded sadly knows. Consent is necessary, but not sufficient. What also is needed is to secure the mutual, lasting good of the parties involved.

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start of the revival is under way, but there’s no reason we can’t start praying more frequently in the presence of Jesus even today. While there, we can make it a point to ask the Holy Spirit to empower the successors of the apostles with its great gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord as they seek to govern and guide the Church.

May the Lord bless and protect our shepherds as they convene in Baltimore. May they, and we, keep the Eucharist at the heart of our prayer and all that we do.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for November 14, 2021
Mark 13: 24-32

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: Warnings about the end times. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

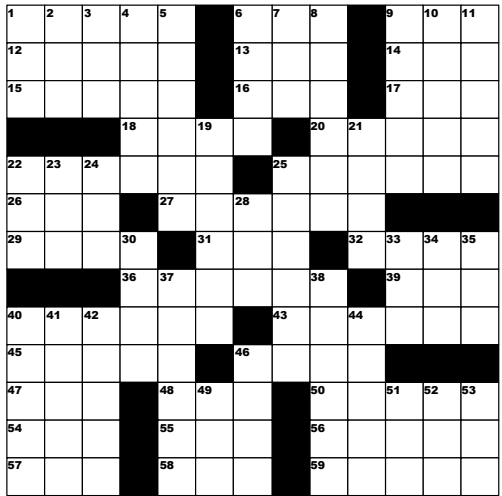
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The CrossWord

November 7
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Readings: 1Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 and Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

ACROSS

- 1 Quickly
- 6 Teaspoon (abbr.)
- 9 Make lace
- 12 Turn aside
- 13 Time period
- 14 Southwestern Indian
- 15 Gras
- 16 Sky
- 17 2,000 pounds
- 18 Unlatched door
- 20 Something you hear
- 22 Subordinate ruler
- 25 Terminates
- 26 Compass point
- 27 Take plane hostage
- 29 Walked
- 31 Calorie
- 32 France & Germany river
- 36 More so
- 39 Resort hotel
- 40 Fig tree has tender ones in summer
- 43 Twice 40
- 45 Brown
- 46 A fox's hole (2 wds.)
- 47 Certified public accountant
- 48 Add up
- 50 Further in time
- 54 That (possessive)
- 55 Deplete
- 56 Did with car

- 57 Tincture
- 58 Francisco
- 59 Dead do in dust

DOWN

- 1 God has a mighty right one
- 2 Legume
- 3 Easter month
- 4 Tree of Lebanon
- 5 Went to Zarephath
- 6 Rend one's garments
- 7 Lanka
- 8 3.26 light-years
- 9 Short dancing skirts
- 10 Repent
- 11 Does with sheep
- 19 Highest points
- 21 Abraham's trees at Mamre
- 22 Concord e.g.
- 23 Reduced (abbr.)
- 24 Number of widow's coins
- 25 Elijah out to the widow
- 28 Widow's flour
- 30 Holy Spirit symbol
- 33 Wednesday
- 34 Appropriate
- 35 Beam
- 37 Against
- 38 Relents
- 40 Aware
- 41 Zarephath widow's jar & jug were almost
- 42 Humiliate
- 44 Arthritis does to hands
- 46 'Truly, I say to you'
- 49 America
- 51 Digit
- 52 Adam's wife
- 53 Representative

Answer key can be found on page 15

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flicting styles and personalities. But it would be hard to recall a previous occasion when they disagreed quite so publicly as they do now.”

As laypeople called to participate in the life of the Church, we have the opportunity in the coming days to pray in a special way for our bishops. While clergy are called to build up, care for and pray for the laity, the laity, too, have the important task of building up, caring for and praying for our leaders, from our parish priests up to the pope himself.

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Bethlehem is open for business, waiting for tourists

BY JUDITH SUDILOVSKY

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (CNS) — When Christy Zeidan, office manager of the Three Arches 2 souvenir shop, put the key in the door lock for the first time in nearly 20 months, she got goose bumps on her arms.

"It was very emotional. It was like breathing again, but I wanted to cry when I saw everything covered in dust," said Zeidan, who together with shop owner Lillian Canawati has been preparing the shop in anticipation of the return of tourists and pilgrims after months of COVID-19 restrictions. "For two years, there have been no tourists, no life in Bethlehem. We are happy and optimistic and are waiting for them. We are hoping for more groups in December and November."

On Nov. 1, Israel opened its borders to tourists who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 or can show proof of recovery within the past six months; this means tourists will also be able to reach Bethlehem. But tourists faced some hurdles with documents that need to be filled out and other travel requirements as the tourism industry tried to get back into gear.

It will take some time until things get back to semi-normal, said Canawati, and though she saw some tourists groups come through Bethlehem, shoppers have yet to come into the store, which was usually packed before the pandemic.

Unopened boxes of merchandise were stacked inside the front door next to the front counter, where a box of face masks and a bottle of hand sanitizer were neatly lined up Nov. 3. Canawati said regulations would be followed, including limiting the number of tourists coming in the store and the wearing of face masks.

"We will be happy to see tourists here again, so we can have our lives again," she said. But even when the tourists do return, she said, there is a sense that things have changed irreversibly.

"We don't feel safe; we know (how much we depend) on tourists, because if there are no tourists, no one is willing to help us. We feel alone here, only with God. There is no safety net,"



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Lillian Canawati, owner of the Three Arches 2 souvenir store, poses with a Christ Child figurine and an olive wood Nativity set at the shop in Bethlehem, West Bank, Nov. 3. Israeli borders opened for vaccinated tourists Nov. 1, also allowing pilgrims and tourists to reach Bethlehem.

Canawati said.

While Israel was able to provide unemployment benefits and grants to Israeli tourism professionals as with other people who lost their jobs because of COVID-19, the Palestinian Authority did not have the economic tools to offer financial assistance to Palestinian workers.

A joint report issued Sept. 27 by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities estimated pandemic-related losses for the Bethlehem tourism sector at more than \$1 billion.

Some foreign volunteers and students who have been in the region are taking advantage of the time to be able to visit holy sites without the normal crowds.

Ilaria Patania, 39, an Italian archaeologist who has been conducting research at Israel's University of Haifa, and Federico Salmoiraghi, 45, an Italian mathematician doing research at the Technion-Israel Institute

of Technology in Haifa, were the lone visitors to the Church of the Nativity at midday Nov. 3. Although they were living in Israel, they had been unable to visit Bethlehem because of the border closings due to COVID-19, said Patania.

"All the people here are very excited to see us. You can feel there are preparations for something to start, though many of the shops and hotels are still closed," she said.

"It is a much more prayerful atmosphere," observed Jean Thouzeau, 24, who arrived from France in October to volunteer with the Hebrew-speaking Catholic community in Jerusalem. "I think it is a great privilege to be able to be here without so many people here."

Franciscan Father Melvyn Gomez was at the Milk Grotto, eager to begin welcoming guests. He knew many couples were eager to be able to get packets of the special "milk powder" from the grotto, which many people believe has helped them conceive.

Father Gomez said several Masses had been held already at the grotto by a few Hispanic groups from the United States.

"It is good because we are seeing people. People here are desperate for their livelihood," he said. "Finally, the church is open for people. We pray and hope it will continue and there will be an influx of visitors."

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Eucharistic Miracles from the Vatican exhibit with quotes from Blessed Carlo Acutis, a coloring corner for children and a eucharistic miracles scavenger hunt Saturday, Nov. 20, noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Books on eucharistic miracles and Blessed Carlo Acutis as well as prayer cards will be available. Contact Donna Dragan at 260-432-0268 or donnadragan@yahoo.com for more information.

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| 7:15 p.m. | Edison Lecture: Phillip Sloan, Ph.D.
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Technoscience and Human Transcendence: Interfacing Biotechnology and Catholic Faith

Stemming from the heritage of Francis Bacon from the seventeenth century, the modern blend of material culture, scientific rationality, economics, and technology – commonly designated as technoscience – has posed some of the deepest challenges to Catholic Christian anthropology today. Prof. Phillip Sloan will suggest avenues for reasserting human theological uniqueness in the context of a technoscience that reduces life to states of matter that can be manipulated by biotechnology.

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