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Learn from new saints, pope tells French young people

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – The lives of France's newest saints can inspire young people to persevere and hope amid difficulties and trying times, Pope Francis said.

Meeting with young people from the Diocese of Viviers, France, on May 14, the pope said the holiness of Sts. Charles de Foucauld and Marie Rivier can "be an encouragement and inspiration" to young Catholics.

That several saints come from the same area of France "clearly shows the fruitfulness of your diocese, and I hope that you will be able to preserve this heritage of holiness and also make it grow and move forward," he said.

The pope's meeting with young people from the southern French diocese took place on the eve of the May 15 canonization Mass in which he declared 10 men and women as saints of the Catholic Church.

In his address, the pope said the lives of St. Charles de Foucauld and St. Marie Rivier are evidence that "the air you breathe in your diocese must be particularly healthy."

He also recalled the life of Blessed Gabriel Longueville, a French priest martyred in Argentina and beatified in 2019,



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The postulators, or promoters, of the sainthood causes of 10 men and women stand before Pope Francis as he proclaims the 10 saints on May 15 during a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. Banners with images of the 10 hang from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica.

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Residents participate in city-wide church tour

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER

Residents of Fort Wayne participated in the First Annual Sanctuaries and Stained Glass Tour on Sunday, May 15.

Participants had the opportunity to explore a number of churches and Christian faith traditions with 12 participating locations around the city. Two Catholic parishes, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick, participated as hosts on the tour.

A handful of people chose the cathedral as their first stop. Guides explained that the stained glass panels installed within the walls of the church each represent an event in Mary's life. The



Joshua Schipper

Two women discuss the similarities and differences between the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic Churches at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Fort Wayne. The cathedral was one of twelve locations that residents could visit on a city-wide stained-glass church tour on May 15.

largest, known as the Immaculate Conception window, rises above the reredos containing the tabernacle and depicts the Blessed Mother standing on an orb, clothed in the sun. A crown of 12 stars sits on her head, and she is shown crushing a snake representative of Satan. This is a visual interpretation of the passage in Revelation referring to Mary. The lily in the window represents her purity.

Another church participating in the tour was Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. According to the pamphlets handed to tourists, the building was constructed at a cost of \$45,000 in 1891. A stained-

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Memories bittersweet as Franciscan friars recall 91 years in Steuben County

The friars soon will be gone, but the men's caring spirit will live on at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Angola.

The Conventual Franciscan Friars of Our Lady of Consolation Province end their ministry on June 28 after 91 years of service in Steuben and LaGrange counties in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"They all are such wonderful men," said Marilyn Karpinski, the pastoral council secretary at St. Anthony Parish, where the friars have been based. "They have a holiness about them you can't question. It's so enlightening."

The parish and diocese will honor and say goodbye to the friars during a Franciscan Farewell event on June 18 at St. Anthony of Padua Parish. The evening will begin with Mass at 5 p.m., celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. A reception will follow to thank the friars for their contributions over the past decades and for the work of the current friars in residence, Father Bob Showers, Father Ray Mallett and Father Bernie Zajdel, OFM Conv.

Bishop Rhoades notified St. Anthony of Padua parishioners by letter in February that the friars will end their ministry in the Angola area as of June 28.

"They built up the Catholic Church in Steuben County," Bishop Rhoades wrote in the letter. "They have been a part of your lives and the lives of your families for many decades. I know you will miss them and their Franciscan charisma. Amid our sadness at their departure, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for all the blessings we have received through their ministry and witness. The friars will surely remain in our hearts and prayers."

Bishop Rhoades and the Our Lady of Consolation Province mutually agreed to the friars' departure, said Father Wayne Hellmann, OFM Conv., the minister provincial leading the province. The diocese said it has enough priests to take over the friars' ministry in the Angola area, Father Hellmann said, and the province has bishops in other areas of the country begging for priests.

The friars hope St. Anthony of Padua parishioners will carry on their work. "I told them it's your turn to be missionaries in that county," Father Hellmann said.

The history of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual dates back to St. Francis of Assisi and his founding of the Franciscan religious order in 1209 in Italy. Various Franciscan communities evolved over time, leading Pope Leo XIII to reorganize them in 1897 into four orders: Order of Friars Minor Conventual, Order of Friars Minor, Order of Friars Minor Capuchins and Third Order



Photos provided by Elizabeth McHugh

This photo shows the second church, left, built in 1940 at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Angola. At back right stands the novitiate for the Order of Friars Minor Conventual's Our Lady of Consolation Province, which included the Midwest. New members of the friars' order went to the novitiate for orientation and further vocation discernment.



Several members of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual from Our Lady of Consolation Province gathered to celebrate the 75th anniversary of ministry at St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake in Steuben County. The friars are, from left, former associate pastor the late Father Wilfrid Logsdon, former pastor Father Fred Pasche, current pastor Father Bob Showers, former pastor and current associate pastor Father Bernie Zajdel, retired priest the late Father Joachim Kiene, and former associate pastor the late Father Phil Schneider.

Regular, it said on the Our Lady of Consolation Province website, www.franciscansusa.org. Members of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual live together in groups in friaries.

They came to the United States in 1852 to minister to German-speaking immigrants around Galveston, Texas, the friars' website said. They later expanded their ministry to the Midwest and East Coast and eventually organized large geographic areas of the country into provinces.

They created Our Lady of Consolation Province in 1926 to serve the Midwest, the website said. The province is based at Mount St. Francis in southern Indiana near Louisville, Kentucky.

Friars from the province now serve a large portion of the United States, as well as in a number of foreign countries, according to the website. They staff parishes, lead retreats, teach in seminaries and universities and serve as chaplains at hospitals, nursing homes, mili-

tary bases and prisons.

After forming Our Lady of Consolation Province, the friars began looking for a location for a novitiate where new members could go for orientation and further vocation discernment.

"They wanted someplace in Indiana that would be reasonably close, and they chose Steuben County because at that time there was not a (resident) priest in that county," Father Hellmann said. "... They knew that was basically a missionary county, so that's where they went, basically to serve the local church as well as to provide a space for the novitiate."

What is now St. Anthony of Padua Parish had begun in 1924 as a mission outreach of St. Michael Parish in Waterloo, it said on the parish website, www.stanthonyangola.com. The outreach was dedicated as a mission parish and named for St. Rita in 1926, a 1976 parish jubilee booklet said.

Bishop John F. Noll, who then was leader of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, invited Our Lady

of Consolation Province friars in 1931 to open a novitiate in Angola and to take over responsibility for the young parish there, the parish jubilee booklet said. The friars re-named the parish after Franciscan member St. Anthony of Padua.

Over the decades, friars at St. Anthony of Padua expanded their ministry to serve St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake, St. Joseph Parish in LaGrange, St. Mary of the Angels Oratory at Big Long Lake and the Manapogo Park campground near Lake Pleasant, the parish website said. The friars used the novitiate at St. Anthony of Padua until they opened a new one in the fall of 1962 near the City of Auburn, the jubilee booklet noted.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish now serves about 650 families year-round, but attendance triples during the summer because so many people spend time in the lakes region around Angola, parish member Karpinski said.

"Our Memorial Day and Labor Day rival Christmas in attendance," she added.

Having friars in residence at St. Anthony of Padua was a great benefit to the parish, she said.

"Just the presence of them and the humility and peacefulness was such a good example to the parish, and how they care for one another," Karpinski said. "It was just a beautiful example of serving God while serving others."

The friars have appreciated their years at St. Anthony of Padua and in Steuben County.

"The guys there have enjoyed the town — it's a quieter town — and they have enjoyed the people," Father Hellmann said. The friars have made many friends, he added, and parishioners have been generous in supporting the province's missionary work in Africa.

Father Hellmann hopes the friars' legacy will be that people continue to "open up the boundaries a bit, to think a little broader about the needs of the broader Church and more in communion with the global Church."

Karpinski said part of the friars' legacy also will be the community of lay Franciscans that has "blossomed" at St. Anthony of Padua during the past 12 years. Secular Franciscans are lay people who seek to share the Gospel in their everyday lives.

In addition, she said the friars' spirit will live on in the parish. "I think everybody is kind of geared to working with a humble heart."

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Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Tuesday, May 24: 10:30 a.m. – Jubilee Mass for Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, Victory Noll, Huntington
 Wednesday, May 25: 10:30 a.m. – Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Warsaw
 Wednesday, May 25: 5 p.m. – Baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Dwenger High School, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
 Thursday, May 26: 7 p.m. – Baccalaureate Mass for Marian High School, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
 Friday, May 27: 10 a.m. – Baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Luers High School, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
 Sunday, May 29: 11 a.m. – Adult Confirmation Mass, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

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who is also from the same diocese.

Blessed Longueville's "self-denial and care for the poorest in the parish where he worked are a model for the priests of his homeland," the pope said.

Reflecting on the life of St. Charles de Foucauld, the pope encouraged young people to learn from his way of evangelizing, which is "a very demanding one because it requires the witness of a coherent life, that is, one that truly conforms to the aspirations of every person who is loved by God and called to something other than fleeting pleasure or immediate and visible results."

He also called on young people to base their Christian life on St. Charles de Foucauld's spirituality, which centered on "the Gospel, the Eucharist and evangelization."

The pope recited St. Charles de Foucauld's "magnificent prayer of self-surrender to God," which he said was an important prayer for young people, especially in the difficult moments "of life's decisions and crosses."

"Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord," the pope prayed.

Pope Francis said St. Marie Rivier, who founded the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary and devoted her life to educating children, can inspire young people, especially women, "to open the minds of the youngest to matters of God, concern for neighbor and admiration for creation."

"How important this is! I hope that there will still be many women of this stature, humble and courageous in making known God's love for the little ones who ask only to learn," the pope said.

"This desire is rooted in the hope that does not disappoint. I entrust it to the Virgin Mary, mother of this congregation that is now widespread throughout the world and which continues to dedicate itself tirelessly to children, young people and the excluded," he said.



CNS photos/Paul Haring

New saints are seen on a banner on the facade of St. Peter's Basilica before Pope Francis' celebration of Mass for the canonization of 10 new saints in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on May 15, 2022. Pictured are St. Giustino Maria Russolillo, Italian founder of the Society of Divine Vocations for men and the Vocationist Sisters, who lived 1891-1955; and St. Charles de Foucauld, a French priest and hermit, who was born in 1858 and killed in 1916.



Manuela Pezzarossa holds a bouquet of flowers she brought to honor Mary as she waits for the start of Pope Francis' celebration of Mass for the canonization of 10 new saints. Five of the new saints are from Italy, three from France, one from India and one from the Netherlands.



Priest assignments

Reverend Benjamin Muhlenkamp has resigned as Pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, and has been granted a leave of absence for personal reasons, effective May 16, 2022.

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignments of priests, effective June 28, 2022:

Reverend Tyrell Alles, from Parochial Vicar, St. Therese Parish and St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne, to Pastor, St. Louis Besancon, Parish, New Haven.

Reverend Zachary Barry, from Pastor, Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, to Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier.

Reverend Kevin Bauman, from Pastor, Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend, to Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Brooklyn Ave., Fort Wayne.

Reverend Wilson Corzo, from Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier, to Pastor, Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend.

Reverend Louis Fowoyo, from Pastor, St. Louis Besancon, Parish, New Haven, to Pastor, St. Gaspar del Bufalo Parish, Rome City.

Reverend Jason Freiburger, from Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkhart, to Pastor, St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka.

Reverend Jay Horning, from Parochial Vicar, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, to Pastor, St. Bernard Parish, Wabash.

Reverend Christopher Lapp to Executive Pastor of Mishawaka Catholic School, while remaining Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka.

Reverend Keeton Lockwood, from Parochial Vicar, St. Therese Parish and St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne, to Parochial Vicar, St. Michael Parish, Plymouth.

Reverend Jose Raul Marroquin-Monroy, from Parochial Vicar, St. Gaspar del Bufalo Parish, Rome City, to Parochial Vicar, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Angola, while continuing as Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, LaGrange.

Reverend Jacob Meyer, from Pastor, St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka, to Chaplain in the United States Navy, Archdiocese for the Military Services.

Reverend Levi Nkwocha, from Pastor, St. Bernard Parish, Wabash, to Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkhart.

Reverend Evaristo Olivera, from Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Brooklyn Ave., Fort Wayne, to Parochial Vicar, St. Therese Parish and St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne.

Reverend William Ikhianosimhe Orbih, to Parochial Vicar, St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, South Bend.

Reverend Jose Panamattathil Chandy, VC, from Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Decatur, to Parochial Vicar, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne and Catholic Chaplain, Parkview Regional Medical Center.

Reverend Osman Ramos, from Pastor, St. Gaspar del Bufalo Parish, Rome City, to Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Angola, while remaining Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, LaGrange.

Reverend Arthur Joseph Ssembajja, to Administrator, St. Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend.

Reverend Spencer St. Louis, from Parochial Vicar, St. Michael Parish, Plymouth, to Pastor, Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne.

Reverend Nji Tegha Afuhwi, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish, Bristol.

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignments of priests, effective July 1, 2022:

Reverend Matthew Fase, CSC, to Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, South Bend.

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Father Meyer prepares for 'call within a call'

BY CHRIS LUSHIS

“A call within a call” was how St. Mother Teresa described God’s request of her to establish a new religious community in service to the poorest of the poor. A similar “vocation within a vocation” is found by priests who follow the Lord’s invitation to bring the sacraments to those offering their lives in service of country and neighbor.

Such is the case for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend’s own Father Jacob Meyer, who has faithfully served the diocese for more than 10 years, but will now begin a new missionary journey of priestly service to military personnel around the world.

Commissioned as a lieutenant in the Navy Chaplain Corps on March 1, 2022, Father Meyer will soon be leaving St. Monica Parish in Mishawaka and begin ministering to servicemen and women in the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard for at least the next five years. During this time, he will remain incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, but will serve under the direction of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. This five-year tour of duty may be further extended at the discretion of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Originally from South Bend, Father Meyer was ordained in 2012 and served as Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo and Chaplain to Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, until being assigned as Pastor of St. Monica, Mishawaka, in 2016. In that time, St. Monica’s has surmounted significant financial debt, nearly tripled parishioner enrollment, completed various capital improvements and welcomed more than 100 individuals into the family of the Catholic Church.

Vicki Zmirski, St. Monica’s Business Manager since 2005, shared her gratitude for Father Meyer’s influence at the parish, saying, “When faced with challenges, Father Jacob looks for opportunities for growth. He has helped revitalize the parish by building on existing ministries, establishing new ones, and encouraging everyone to make a commitment to ‘build the Church.’ His energy and enthusiasm for all the projects is contagious. The joy in his priestly vocation is evident in all he does.”

With such success, one may ask why he is choosing to leave parish priesthood for the military. One reason is their tremendous need. In 2020, there were 204 Catholic active-duty priests serving approximately 1.8 million Catholic men, women and



Provided by Katie Rohrer

Father Jacob Meyer will join the Navy Chaplain Corps beginning in August.

children. Within the three military branches Father Meyer will serve, there are 27 active priests serving nearly 400,000 Catholics. By comparison, there are about 80 priests who serve the approximately 200,000 Catholic faithful of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

However, for Father Meyer, it was also a very personal call. Around the time of his ordination, his brother Ryan, a Naval officer who served on the USS Makin Island, expressed his sadness that there were not enough priest chaplains in the military. At the time, Father Meyer’s own health prevented him from being able to seriously think about serving, but he remained aware of the reality that many in the military are unable to access the sacraments – sometimes for months or even a year – due to limited or no access to priests.

After undergoing several surgeries which brought about a physical transformation, Father Meyer shared, “in prayer, I asked the Lord what His desire was for me in this new condition. Shortly afterwards, a desire to be a Navy chaplain was placed on my heart. But I spent a year ignoring that call before finally meeting with Bishop Rhoades to discuss the possibility. We spoke about it in October 2020, and he gave me permission to apply.”

As a chaplain, he will be considered a non-combatant, yet is expected to remain in top physical condition to fulfill basic tasks aboard ship. For this reason, he

first needed to meet the fitness requirements expected of anyone joining the Navy. Father Meyer completed these successfully and received acknowledgement of his military acceptance on May 25, 2021, his 37th birthday.

He enters military life at an older age than most, but also with valuable experience. He explained, “When I went to Lansing, Michigan, for my medical evaluation, I met 38 young men and women about to ship out on their first deployment. Everyone was either 18 years old or in their early 20s, many leaving home for the first time. When I walked in, the talking stopped and one young gentleman exclaimed, ‘Hey, we all want to know which branch the old man is joining!’ I responded, ‘I am a Catholic priest applying to be a Navy chaplain.’ He immediately changed his tone and became more serious, trying to appear professional and respectful, which gave everyone a brief chuckle. But almost instantly, their interactions with me changed, relaxed and they wanted to talk. I spent most of that evening and the next day doing various forms of counsel with these young people because they were instantly able to identify a chaplain as a ‘safe space,’ a place for comfort, an opportunity for guidance. That was a really beautiful experience for me. I got a little window into what I will be doing on a day-to-day basis.”

His new journey will begin

in August as he enters Officer Development School and Chaplain School in Newport, Rhode Island. Then on December 1, he will be deployed to serve as the Catholic chaplain on the USS Ronald Reagan, an aircraft carrier with nearly 7,000 souls on board. The home port for this ship is Yokosuka, Japan.

While Father Meyer is currently well-known for his active social media presence, this will be ending soon. He remarked, "I am shipping out like St. Paul! I will be going off the grid, deactivating my social media accounts and changing my cell phone number."

However, he expressed his deep appreciation for all those who have offered prayers and support for him, those he has had the privilege to meet with and minister to and those who have enriched his priesthood through their presence and participation in the Church.

While losing Father Meyer for this time will be difficult for many who have come to know and love him, the mission of the Church continues. Katie Rohrer, who has worked as parish secretary for almost Father Meyer's entire time at St. Monica, stated, "as great a loss as it is for us and as sad as we are, we can't keep him, because he is called to something higher. He knows how to reach people and he is

going to be saving way more souls going where he is going, because some of them have never had the opportunity to know Jesus."

She continued, "Every transition is difficult, but the people of St Monica's know how to roll with it. I cannot imagine anyone filling his shoes, or that anyone would try, but the priest who comes in next will bring and draw out from us something new."

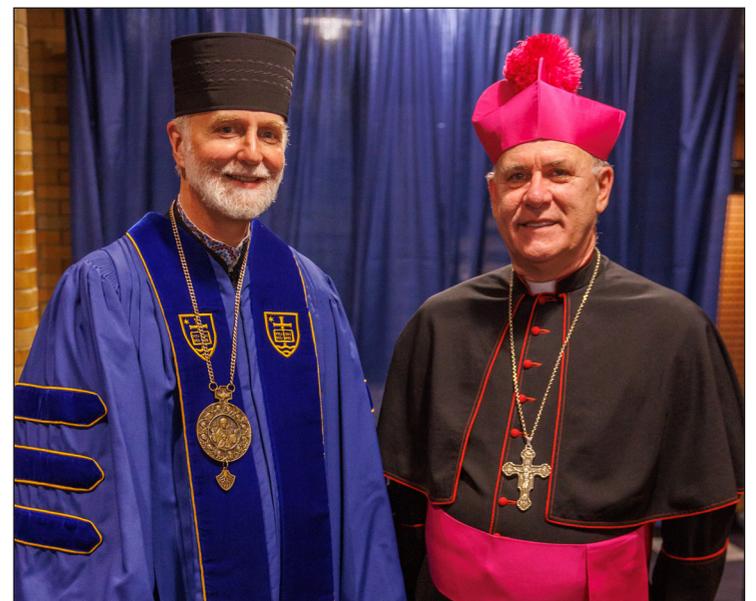
Father Meyer added, "The test of a pastor is not what happens when you are here, but rather when you leave. My hope is that what is left behind is a people radically more in love with the Eucharist. My greatest hope is that adoration, the Mass, the altar serving and eucharistic devotion all continue. If they do, then it will have been a success."

Lastly, he said, "Many will ask me, 'Father, when we have such need here, why go there?' My response is that the need is great everywhere and we need to pray that the Lord will send more men into the harvest. Vocations need to increase, and this will come primarily from our families. We have to start praying for more new vocations and keep supporting our priests, so that our young men will have great community and culture to enter into!"

Commencement at Notre Dame supports Ukraine



Posing for a photo with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Guziak of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia delivered the keynote address at the University of Notre Dame's commencement ceremony at Notre Dame Stadium on May 15. University graduates waved Ukrainian flags at the ceremony in support of Ukraine and its people.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Cardinal Zen says he's fine; detentions provoke outcry

HONG KONG (CNS) – Cardinal Joseph Zen, retired bishop of Hong Kong, reassured Catholics that he is fine after being detained and held by national security police for his support of anti-government protesters. “I have spoken with Cardinal Zen,” Hong Kong Bishop Stephen Chow Sau-yan wrote on his Facebook page. “He told me to let his friends know that he is fine. Not to worry. And he wants us to take a low-profile approach for him.” The 90-year-old cardinal returned to his home with the Hong Kong Salesians on May 11 after being held for several hours. The cardinal and three other trustees of the now-defunct 612 Humanitarian Relief Fund were detained separately on May 10 and May 11, and all were released on May 11. The fund was set up to offer financial assistance to those involved in anti-government protests in 2019 and was disbanded after coming under scrutiny by authorities over the past year. The national security police force was established “to safeguard Chinese national security.” The cardinal and others were interrogated in the Wan Chai police station for allegedly colluding with foreign forces. Hong Kong’s 2020 security law made participating in or supporting the pro-democracy movement crimes of subversion and collusion with foreign organizations and allowed for those remanded to be extradited to mainland China. Punishment ranges between a minimum of three years and a maximum of life imprisonment.

Smith calls organ harvesting in China ‘a horror story’ at hearing on Hill

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS) – U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., called forced organ harvesting in China “a horror story” that is affecting tens of thousands of individuals of “various religions” who are killed there “for body parts, including skin.” On May 12, Smith, a Catholic, led a discussion of organ harvesting at an online hearing of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, which he co-chairs. The hearing was prompted by an April 4 article published in the American Journal of Transplantation, which asserted that China continues to execute prisoners – many of them prisoners of conscience opposed to Communist Party rule – by procuring their organs, such as hearts, lungs and kidneys, for transplants. The “dead donor rule,” a mainstay of medical ethics, is widely ignored, the article states. “Nowhere is the principle of utter disregard for the dignity of the human person, and of using people as a utilitarian means to an end, more apparent than in the horrific practice of

Our Lady of Fatima honored at 105th anniversary



CNS photo/Pedro Nunes, Reuters

Worshippers hold candles on May 12, 2022, at the Marian shrine of Fatima in central Portugal. Thousands of pilgrims arrived at the shrine to attend the 105th anniversary of the first apparition of Mary to three shepherd children on May 13.

harvesting the organs of human beings, even before they meet the standard of brain death,” said Smith. He is a regular critic of human rights abuses in China and other nations and also is the Co-Chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus.

Federal report on boarding schools is good first step, Catholic bishops say

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) – Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis acknowledged with sadness and an apology a federal report released on May 11 about abuses of Native American children in government-supported boarding schools – some run by the Catholic Church, including in Minnesota. For 150 years, hundreds of these schools sought to forcefully assimilate Native American and Indigenous children into white society. “As a bishop in Minnesota, I read with sadness the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative report released

today by the U.S. Department of the Interior,” Archbishop Hebda said in a statement posted on the archdiocese’s website. “It is an important first step in what I anticipate will be a painful but necessary journey for our country and for our Church,” the archbishop said. In Oklahoma, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City and Bishop David A. Konderla of Tulsa also called the report a good first step. “It is important we understand and appreciate our history so we can make better and more informed decisions moving forward,” they said. The U.S. Department of the Interior identified 408 schools in 37 states or U.S. territories that tens of thousands of children were forced to attend from 1819 to 1969.

Bishops to Congress: Protect women and children, ‘stop pushing abortion’

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS) – After the U.S. Senate failed to advance a “radical” abortion bill on May

11, the chairmen of two U.S. bishops’ committees urged Congress “to stop pushing abortion as a solution to needs of women and young girls” and “embrace” public policy initiatives that protect “both mother and child.” The Women’s Health Protection Act, or S. 4132, did not get the 60 votes needed to end debate on the bill and advance to a vote on the substance of the measure. The vote to end debate was 51-49. The bill, which passed in the U.S. House in September 2021 and failed in the Senate earlier this year, was “far more extreme than Roe v. Wade,” said Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, Chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty. It would have “imposed abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy through federal statute” and “eliminated pro-life laws at every level of government – including parental notification for minor girls, informed consent, and health or safety protections specific to

abortion facilities,” they said in a statement released on May 11. These “widely supported” pro-life laws “protect women and unborn children from an unscrupulous abortion industry,” they said.

Declining birthrates impoverish future, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – The steady decline of birthrates across Europe and the West are signs of a new form of poverty that deprives humanity of a future, Pope Francis said. Families unable to have children and young people who struggle with having a family due to economic hardship or the allure of “mediocre substitutes” risk turning the “beauty of a family full of children” into a “utopia, a dream that is difficult to fulfill,” the pope said in a message sent on May 12 to participants of a conference on low birthrates in Italy. “This is a new poverty that scares me,” he said. “It is the generative poverty of those who discount the desire for happiness in their hearts, of those who resign themselves to watering down their greatest aspirations, of those who are content with little and stop hoping for something great.” According to the national statistics agency, ISTAT, Italy’s birthrate hit an all-time low with 399,431 births in 2021 compared to 404,892 in 2020. Italy, Malta, Spain, Greece and Luxembourg have the lowest fertility rates in Europe. The two-day “General State of Birth Rates” conference, its website stated, aims to “make proposals to reverse the demographic trend” in Italy which has “worsened by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Nigeria: Kidnapped priest died in captivity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – A Nigerian priest kidnapped in March died while in captivity, according to the Archdiocese of Kaduna, Nigeria. In a statement published on May 12 by Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, Father Christian Okewu Emmanuel, Archdiocesan Chancellor, said Father Joseph Aketeh Bako died “at the hands of his captors between April 18 and 20, 2022.” Father Bako was kidnapped on March 8 after armed terrorists attacked the parish rectory in Kudenda, a village outside Kaduna. According to Father Emmanuel, Father Bako’s brother, who was visiting him the night of the kidnapping, was killed “in his presence” by the attackers. At the time of the kidnapping, Father Bako had been ill for some time and, after witnessing his brother’s death, “his condition worsened and he died,” the chancellor said. “We have not recovered the body, but we have confirmation of death. The people who were kidnapped with (Father Bako) saw him die,” he said.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Congratulations to boys basketball team



Provided by Molly Schreck

The St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, eighth-grade boys basketball team clinched the CYO championship title for the fourth year in a row. The Panthers beat the St. Charles Borromeo Cardinals with a final score of 30-27. Each player contributed to the win, and the 3-point buzzer-beater was scored by Eddie Miller.

Central Catholic remembrance planned

FORT WAYNE – The Central Catholic Alumni Association invites all former students, staff and faculty to the Central Catholic Memorial Plaza on E. Lewis Street in Fort Wayne on June 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The year 2022 marks the 50-year anniversary of the school's closing. To honor Central Catholic and all it meant to those who were a part of it, the alumni association is holding a celebration at the site of the former school, rain or shine.

Ave Maria Press explores the Mass

NOTRE DAME – In "Ave Explores: The Mass," you will learn about the history and structure of the liturgy, how to combat distractions during the service, ways to be a more active participant in the homily and how the Mass can transform your life. You will learn from experts including theologians Timothy P. O'Malley and Susan Timoney, Deacon Greg Kandra, Shannon Wimp Schmidt, Emily Stimpson Chapman, Paula Huston, Father

Michael White and Tom Corcoran. "Ave Explores" is a free, multimedia educational series created to help Catholics consider aspects of our faith from a variety of angles, considering topics that are relevant to our daily spiritual lives in fresh, engaging, and practical ways. You can get a sneak peek of "Ave Explores: The Mass" with a special episode of the Ave Explores podcast on May 4. Host Katie Prejean McGrady will talk with Father Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP, about the transforming power of the Mass. The full series begins on May 11, available through podcast services: Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Play Music, Redeemer Radio and Spoke Street Media.

Bishop Rhoades teaches history class

FORT WAYNE – Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visited the eighth-grade history class at St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne on May 11. He was excited to talk with the students about early American Catholicism and the history of the diocese. After answering some questions, he traced the roots of Catholicism in America back to British, French

and Spanish evangelical efforts, emphasizing that America was a European missionary territory. He spoke of the significance of the state of Maryland and its foundational religious freedom in the British colonies. From this point, the bishop launched into the growth of the diocese, telling the students about the engaging efforts of Bishop Simon Brute, Fathers Edward Sorin, CSC and Julian Benoit. All of these, Bishop Rhoades explained, were critical in the formation of the diocese.

He ended by speaking about his own faith journey, the importance of keeping the faith in high school, whether attending a Catholic or public school, and the compatibility of faith and reason. The class concluded with prayer and Bishop's blessing as students prepared to receive the sacrament of confirmation the following night.

Correction

In the May 15 issue, the article "Co-valedictorians lead Marian class of '22" misprinted the name of Grace Weaver's father. Her father's name is Doctor LeRoy Weaver. We apologize for the error.

LEGO Robotics team competes at World Championship



Provided by Edward Zielinski

The Christ the King LEGO Robotics team participated in FIRST LEGO League World Championships in Houston, Texas, as the sole representatives from Indiana. They coded, engineered and designed a robot to navigate missions in the competition. The team placed 36 out of 106. Coach Edward Zielinski says that the team "has been steadily improving over the course of the last few seasons, and this year we had a half-and-half mix of very capable, creative veteran team members plus a group of fifth-grade 'rookies' that were eager to learn and brought to the team a ton of energy and enthusiasm. It really worked for us."

Doughnut sales support Ukraine



Provided by Courtney Freiburger

War is a difficult thing to talk to children about, and brothers Nicholas and Oliver Freiburger didn't like feeling helpless knowing that Ukrainians were suffering. Oliver first came up with the idea of selling doughnuts as a fundraiser to raise money for Ukraine. They found the organization Medical Teams International, which provides basic medical care, life-saving care as well as psychological first aid and mental health support in its humanitarian aid for Ukraine. The brothers decided to sell Jack's Donuts to parishioners at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne for MTI. With the loving and generous hearts of their parish and school families and dear friends, Nicholas and Oliver far surpassed their goal, raising \$2,531 for MTI's Ukrainian relief.

Timossi finds home in diocese after years of travel

BY ERIC PEAT

The path to the priesthood has been an international affair for Ryan Timossi.

From West Coast to East Coast, from Italy to Guatemala, Timossi's travels while discerning God's call have covered the globe. Finally – and most unexpectedly – the Lord led him to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, where Timossi is preparing to be ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

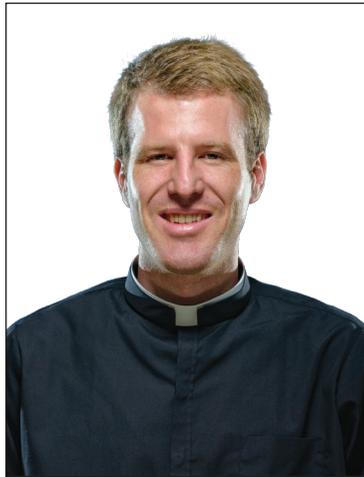
Timossi's journey began in Orange County, California, where he was born and raised. His parents, who had met while attending Franciscan University of Steubenville, instilled the Catholic faith in him at an early age. However, by the time Timossi reached his junior year of high school, the “vanity and loneliness” of a worldly lifestyle had taken hold. That's when he experienced a revelation.

“I just felt like, ‘What would life be like if I got rid of all the

things that the Church teaches are grave sins? How would my life be better?’” recalled Timossi. “I felt a great amount of peace after having that thought and decided to give it a try.”

The first step for Timossi was to break free from sin and receive the sacrament of reconciliation. He also began to pray more, read the Bible and study the lives of the saints – particularly that of St. Padre Pio. In fact, Timossi began to adopt the Italian saint's proclivity for fasting. “I must admit I was a little extreme in the way that I fasted sometimes,” Timossi confessed with a laugh, referencing his mother's concerns that he was losing too much weight.

Although his conversion of heart didn't happen overnight, Timossi refused to be discouraged. He discovered a monastery of Norbertine fathers down the road from his house, and through their acquaintance, Timossi began to receive spiritual direction. He also found a group of friends with whom he



RYAN TIMOSSI

would pray and give witness outside abortion clinics every Saturday.

One of his friends entered the Franciscans of the Immaculate and lived a lifestyle similar to St. Padre Pio's. This appealed to Timossi, who decided to join the Franciscans in upstate New York. After spending his novitiate in Connecticut, Timossi felt the Lord calling him to study for the priesthood, and he was sent to the Franciscan's seminary in northern Italy. This gave him the opportunity to visit Padre Pio's birthplace in Pietrelcina, as well as San Giovanni Rotondo, where Padre Pio lived as a friar and where his body remains on display.

“It was a great experience to walk in his footsteps,” said Timossi. “I really felt his presence very strongly in the beginning of my conversion, and I always kind of sought that tangible presence that I felt with him throughout my walk.”

However, Timossi's stay in Italy was short-lived. The Vatican decided to close the seminary and send its attendees to Rome to study at a pontifical university. Pope Francis himself met with Timossi and about 50 fellow seminarians in a private chapel for an hour and forty-five minutes to discuss the move.

“He was very fatherly, just trying to encourage us not to abandon the community,” said Timossi. “He showed a great paternal solicitude for how we were doing and a great appreciation for the charisma of the community.”

Despite the pope's encouragement, Timossi did not find the stability he was searching for in that community. He discerned out and returned to California, where he decided to continue the Franciscan way of life. He recalled meeting the Franciscan Friars Minor of Fort Wayne while in New York, but even though one of his friends had already joined, Timossi had reservations: “I had told them that I wasn't interested in joining a barefooted community.” Nevertheless, he decided to make a visit to Fort Wayne and was won over.

Once again, divine providence would shift the direction of Timossi's journey, as the religious order disbanded in 2020. He then had to discern if he still felt called to the priesthood. It was at this point that he began to consider serving at the diocesan level.

“I felt like the diocesan priesthood would give me that stability that I really longed for,” said Timossi. “The question remained

whether or not to go home to Orange County and join that diocese or to remain in Fort Wayne,” where he had lived for more than three years. After months of discernment, Timossi felt the Lord calling him to Fort Wayne – a decision that his parents in California fully supported.

“When they found out about my discernment, they were very supportive and excited at what the Lord had in store for me,” he said. “They felt it was the right decision, even though it would mean me being farther from them.”

Timossi has made the most of his time at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. Last summer, he was able to travel with some of his classmates to Guatemala, where he learned Spanish and developed a deep appreciation of how Guatemalans celebrated the feast days of the Church.

“The amazing amount of faith that they had was very edifying for me,” said Timossi. “It just made me feel like what I do for the Lord is very little comparatively.”

After almost a dozen years of priestly formation, Timossi is now on the verge of fulfilling the Lord's plan for his life. Bishop Rhoades is set to ordain Timossi and four others to the Sacred Order of Deacon on May 21 at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. While Timossi anticipates the challenges of diocesan priesthood ahead – such as being disciplined for prayer, using his freedom wisely and, yes, waking up on time – he does so with the peace of knowing he's exactly where is his supposed to be.

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Florin answers the call to spiritual fatherhood

BY ERIN LYNCH

Growing up, Brian Florin moved around a lot, but when his family moved to the South Bend-area when he was in eighth grade, he never would have imagined how much this would have an impact on his vocation.

When his parents, Dan and Kelly, first told him they were moving to the South Bend-area, all he really knew was Notre Dame football, but quickly discovered a deepening of his faith. St. Pius X in Granger became his home parish and this is where his faith continued to be nurtured and grown. Coming to St. Pius X and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend “put me in a really good spot to be formed as a young person.”

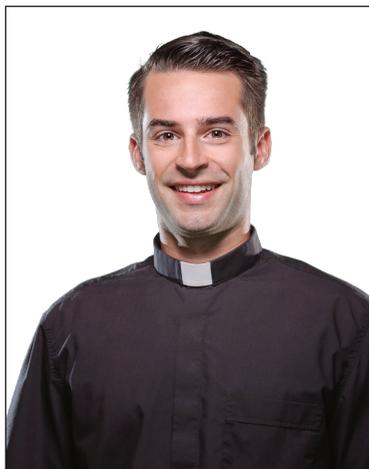
Florin shared about a mission trip to West Virginia that he went on the summer before his senior year at Marian High School in Mishawaka. It was on this trip that things just seemed to click. He realized, “God is really real and He loves me and I know He has a plan for my life.” Florin came away from this trip changed, which had an impact on his actions. He actually wanted to help around the house, started being more kind to his siblings and began to desire going to daily Mass, where he began to see Monsignor William Schooler as a spiritual father as well as the beauty of “pouring oneself as a priest.” The seeds were planted about a possible

calling to the priesthood.

After Florin graduated from Marian, he started at the University of Notre Dame, studying accounting and theology. He went to college feeling a call towards the priesthood, but at the time did not feel ready to share this with anyone. Florin became involved in campus ministry at Notre Dame as well as the Notre Dame Vision program, a program by McGrath Institute for Church Life which brings high schoolers from across the country together for week-long camps run by mentors.

During his second semester as a mentor, Florin truly felt that he heard God calling him clearly. After listening to a vocation talk that summer, he became “floored by the idea of giving my life radically to the Church, making myself a gift as a priest.” Florin began to imagine himself in that life. He became so filled with joy that he texted his rector, Father Pat Reidy, CSC, to speak about his feelings. With Father Reidy’s encouragement, he began seeing a spiritual director during his senior year. Even knowing that he could no longer ignore this call, it took him two years to finally respond.

After he graduated from the University of Notre Dame, he began working at Dynamic Catholic. During this time, he shared with a few friends that he was feeling this call to the priesthood. His friends encouraged him: “If God is calling you to be a saint, you have got to say yes.” During his time



BRIAN FLORIN

at Dynamic Catholic, he met a priest, Father Jonathan Meyer, the pastor of three parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, who greatly exemplified spiritual fatherhood and a deep love of the priesthood. He remembered Father Meyer looking him in the eye and saying, “After everything you have told me, I truly believe God is calling you to be a priest, but it’s up to you. God gives you the freedom to say yes or no.” Having other people affirm his call was a huge step in leading him to apply to the seminary in the spring of 2017.

Florin’s family life has also had a huge impact on his vocational journey. He recalled that every Sunday night, they would pray a family rosary, “whether we wanted to or not, but I feel like that really did form me, even without me realizing it.” Florin’s parents have supported him and, “if it were not for my parents and

their example of love between each other that then flowed out towards us, there is no way I would be able to do this.”

Florin’s father, Dan, is the Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Brian has six siblings and said he’s been deeply grateful to see how a priest can serve within his own family. “I’ve dreamed many times of being able to say Mass at our house for my family,” he said. He is grateful to witness how love can trickle down through the generations and feels truly blessed to have such a supportive family.

One saint who has been a friend to him throughout his time in seminary is St. Thérèse of Lisieux. He even has a statue of her in his dorm room. St. John Paul II and St. Maximilian Kolbe are two others who have deeply influenced him.

As a deacon, he is most looking forward to living out his spiritual fatherhood. He said,

“The desire that is written on a man’s heart to be a father and to pour one’s heart in this way is expressed both in physical and spiritual fatherhood.”

He feels that ordination will give him this opportunity through preaching and baptizing. He is looking forward to giving his first homily at St. Pius X on May 22 at the 10 a.m. Mass. “I feel like I have responded to this call and it’s finally being sealed up through ordination.”

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Mary influenced Krisch's journey to priesthood

BY BRIAN SAPP

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 2015 began Bobby Krisch's discernment to becoming a priest. The peace and joy he found after the pilgrimage led him in a new direction of his faith journey – a journey leading to his ordination as a transitional deacon on May 21, 2022.

Krisch's journey begins a little closer to his hometown of South Bend and his home parish of St. Jude. "I was a late vocation," he says about his discernment process. "I was born and raised Catholic, went to Catholic grade school and high school. It was the background of who we are and what we did." However, Krisch says that the priesthood never entered his mind.

After graduating from Marian High School, Krisch attended Manchester University, where he earned a degree in accounting. He began working as an accountant in Wabash. It was here where he struggled in his faith and realized something was missing. He began trying to find ways to make more connections with his Catholic faith and find peace.

In January of 2015, he received a call out of the blue from his uncle, his confirmation sponsor, inviting him on a

pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Krisch recalls thinking about the trip at the time, "This opportunity is a grace. It's an opportunity to experience Medjugorje and experience Mary. And if it's all true, then I know my faith will be bolstered."

When he arrived in Medjugorje, Krisch went to confession and said, "That's when things started to click." He went up the mountain early on the morning of March 18, 2015, to witness the apparition. "It was a really powerful and beautiful experience," he said, looking back on the visit.

It was in Medjugorje where he recognized a new peace and joy that he had not felt in any other place or time in his life. "I want peace like that. What did we do in Medjugorje that created that? I went to Mass every day. I prayed the rosary every day."

He was living in Huntington at the time and tried to recreate those holy habits at home. He began going to daily Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, going to regular confession and praying the rosary every day.

Two weeks after his return home, Krisch heard his first call to the priesthood. "I might be called to be a priest. Like yeah, that's cool. Priests do cool stuff. Like bring God's mercy to people in confession and they make



BOBBY KRISCH

Jesus present on the altar at Mass!"

Krisch emailed Father Andrew Budzinski, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, seeking guidance with this new call. Father Budzinski sent him information about the process and two books. He read the first book quickly. When he got to the second book, "To Save a Thousand Souls," he felt overwhelmed. "I decided to pump the breaks. I stopped and I said 'thank you, God, I appreciate the offer, but I'm just going to be a holy accountant.'"

It would be a year before Krisch talked again to Father Budzinski. During that time, God continued to pursue Krisch. His

employer wanted him to take the CPA exam. He wasn't excited to study for the test, but it gave him a distraction from God's call to the priesthood. Krisch finally told God that if He got him through the exam, he would reconsider the priesthood.

In June 2016, Krisch passed the exam. He then attended a Christ Renews His Parish retreat. It was here where he heard God call him to the priesthood again. Following more prayer asking God to guide him through the process, he called Father Budzinski to restart the process of formally applying for the seminary. Krisch began to meet regularly with Father Drew Curry to pray and continue his discernment.

Krisch received and completed his application for seminary in early 2017. However, he wanted to make certain he was following God's call. He made another trip to Medjugorje looking for the peace he had felt there before. "I had a really great experience there. I really felt confirmed in my calling to the priesthood."

He met with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in May of 2017 and was accepted into seminary. He left his employer in July 2017 and began attending Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The first two years were

challenging. "The philosophy classes were a 180-degree difference from my accounting background," he shared. The last two years at seminary have been important for him. He was excited when he moved into the theology classes. "It was so good when we got to the theology portion of seminary, studying Scripture, Church history and the sacraments." While the process has been challenging, it has also been good for him to grow closer to the Lord.

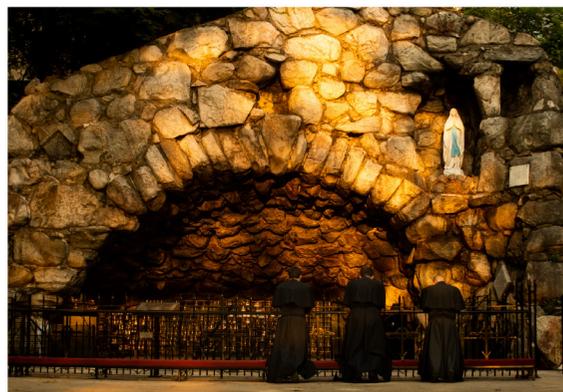
Krisch is excited for the year ahead as a transitional deacon. "God has guided me through so much. He's not going to leave me hanging. Being a deacon is all about Jesus Christ. Letting Him work through me, broken instrument that I am ... but God works through those people. That's where the excitement comes in."

When asked about his religious influences, Krisch said, "I wouldn't be here without Mary." He made near-daily visits to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes while at seminary. Mary has influenced his growth and journey towards priesthood.

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David Langford received call at young age

BY DENISE FEDOROW

David Langford knew from a very young age that God was calling him to the priesthood. Now with his upcoming ordination to the diaconate, he's getting closer to fulfilling that calling.

Langford is the third of six children. Growing up, both of his parents, Chris and Ellen, were strong Catholics. The family prayed a decade of the rosary every night and read from the Old and New Testaments. They attended daily Mass a couple times a week, went to confession every two weeks and Mass every Sunday. His father was co-founder and first president of Redeemer Radio, but has since stepped back from that role.

His calling first manifested when he was very young. Although Langford has no memory of the incident, his mother told him that one day when they were in the car with his oldest sister, he told her he was going to become a priest.

His mom didn't take it too seriously since children so often change their minds. "Well, I got mad and said, 'You don't understand — I hear Jesus telling me



DAVID LANGFORD

to be a priest!"

Apparently, his sister burst into tears, saying it wasn't fair because she'd been asking God every day to tell her His vocation for her. "She ended up as a cloistered Dominican nun in New Jersey — she had a sense really young that God was calling her to religious life."

The family attends St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne. Langford attended school there until fifth grade. He was homeschooled from sixth grade through high school, graduating in 2015, entering seminary immediately after. He

attended Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary at Marian University in Indianapolis and graduated with a philosophy and history degree. He's now in his third year at Mount St. Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

His dad's brother was a priest — Father Joseph Langford, MC.

"One year, he came to visit us for a week and said Mass for us every day," Langford shared.

When asked if having a priest for an uncle had an impact on his vocation, Langford answered, "Definitely. My uncle was very impressive. He met Mother Teresa in Rome and was inspired by her and received special permission to start an order of priests of the Missions of Charity."

Langford said that when his uncle was diagnosed with cancer, they went to visit him at his camp in Tijuana, Mexico, and went back for his funeral.

"Seeing all the poor people fill the church and all the priests of the order was a witness to a life given away. It was really inspiring to have a life with that impact," he said.

His uncle was also his godfather. Langford remarked, "I like to think he's praying for me."

It has been interesting hearing the varied experiences of his fel-

low seminarians. "Some people had some childhood sense and it faded; some had no inkling at all until years later — it hits everyone at different times," he commented.

For Langford, that "certain sense" of what God was asking of him never really faded. "It was strong enough at the end of high school that I talked to my pastor and he encouraged me to apply to seminary. I realized God could make me really happy doing this," he said.

He feels that a lot of his talents could be put to good use in the priesthood, such as his love for studying Scripture and Church history. "I think people want to learn about their faith — there's a real hunger for the truth."

Langford also enjoys literature and writing and hopes that will help "make for interesting homilies."

He also enjoys sports and interacting with people. "I think those are all things that will be asked of me in the priesthood, but I know there will be ways I'm called out of myself, too, which is a good thing."

He has never doubted his calling, but admitted there have been times when his enthusiasm

waxes and wanes — especially when he is not interacting with people. "I always love coming back and serving at retreats or being at a parish for the summer," he said.

Another thing he had to come to terms with was celibacy. "There's a certain amount of natural grief about giving up marriage — but you know God has it all planned out for you. It's a sacrifice, but it's a real grace. It helps when my heart is turned first and always to God."

What he is looking forward to most after his ordination as a deacon is "being able to preach; being able to minister at church for the people; the ordinary interactions as a minister of the Church — especially in the liturgy."

For anyone else considering the priestly vocation, Langford had this advice: "You can only figure it out if you give it a try. If you are called, God will make you very happy and solve any problems you think you have. If you think it might be God's will — give it a try."

"It's not always a feeling — you have a certain knowledge. You could ignore it; maybe even successfully, but will it make you happy? I don't think so," he said.

From Greek fraternity to priestly fraternity

BY JENNIFER BARTON

There is a saying that every saint has a past, and deacon candidate Jacob Schneider's past includes his years in a fraternity at the University of Toledo. "I enjoyed all aspects of fraternity life," he said with a laugh. Yet it was also during his college years when he examined the possible calling to the priesthood that had been with him for some years prior.

Schneider grew up in Fort Wayne, the oldest of three children born to Andy and Tina and a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish. "I feel like I had a pretty good life growing up, I was really blessed," he said.

Even though he describes his family as devout in their Catholic faith, his own was "a little rocky in college." He had considered seminary after graduating from Bishop Dwenger High School, but after speaking with Father Jacob Meyer, the school chaplain at the time, he felt that he needed to go to college instead.

By his senior year, he had become more invested in his faith, had a good spiritual director and found himself deciding between the priesthood or going to graduate school to become a physical therapist. His decision was complicated by a potential relationship with a young woman, which he thought could have been his calling to the married life. Visiting his friend and then-seminarian Logan Parrish



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at Mount St. Mary's "had a huge impact." Finally, he decided to apply, though he also continued with his graduate school plans, unsure if he would be accepted into seminary.

He met with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on May 5 and graduated on May 7. Still undecided on his future path, he prepared to begin graduate school on May 22. Asking the bishop for another week to pray about his decision, he spent that time calling family, friends, Father Meyer and eventually spoke to God.

At a 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration chapel, Schneider finally had his answer. "I remember walking away from it and I had two graces," he said. The first was a feeling that no matter what he chose, God would be with him throughout his life. Second, God showed him all the signs He had given

Schneider through the years — as a five-year-old saying he wanted to be a priest, choosing St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, as his confirmation saint, etc.

With a call to Father Andrew Budzinski, it was done. "After that, everything else just falls, because it's like, I've already committed, I can't back out," he said. When he contacted both his summer boss and the person in charge of the graduate school program, he found out that both women were Catholic — which he did not know prior — and they were happy for him in his choice. "That is of God, I had no idea it would work so well."

He has not had any regrets about his decision. "This life excites me. The thought of doing ministry gives me joy. The thought of being a priest and having this intimate relationship with Christ, just all those things."

All through his life, particularly through his decision-making process, his father, Andy, has had a strong influence on him. Schneider describes him as a "really good father" and expects that his priesthood will emulate Andy's fatherhood. "He kind of taught me, he revealed to me God the Father through my own father. That's just the image I have."

Andy is not the only fatherly role model in Schneider's life. Four priests — three from the diocese and one from Toledo — influenced his vocational path: the aforementioned Father Meyer;

Father Tony Steinacker, who served at St. Charles Borromeo when Schneider was young; Monsignor Michael Heintz, who baptized him as an infant and now serves as his spiritual director at the seminary and Father Phil Smith, who advised him at the University of Toledo.

As ordination draws nigh, Schneider finds himself growing more excited about his ordination, ready to commit to the future God has laid out for him. "I totally just want to give myself to this."

What is he most ready for? "I'm actually looking forward to

experiencing the Mass in a different way," he shared. Being near to the Eucharist, having the privilege of elevating the chalice as a deacon, will allow him to place his personal intentions beside the blood of Christ in a special manner. "And eventually praying it as a priest, I can't even imagine what that's like."

Schneider will give his first homily after ordination at St. Monica in Mishawaka on Saturday evening, then give homilies at his home parish of St. Charles Borromeo on Sunday morning.



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My sense, your nonsense

A friend of mine is threatening to run for office. His slogan will be “Stop the Nonsense.”

I think it's a slogan an increasing number of us could get behind.

Nonsense is in the eye of the beholder, however, and the trick is defining what the nonsense is. For some, it may be the new trend in “woke” news organizations that refer to “pregnant people” or “menstruating people,” as if there are some other biological options out there that we haven't realized until now.

Or nonsense might be the belief that alien lizard people have shape-shifted their way into world leadership. Or that a national election was stolen by Venezuela and some tricked-out voting machines.

Perhaps the nonsense is stumbling through articles that use third person plural for what is obviously a third person singular.

Or having to constantly talk about “reproductive health” when we really mean killing an unborn child.

On a global stage, nonsense would be listening to Vladimir Putin criticizing the decadent West while his military slaughters fellow Christian Slavs in Ukraine, and on Easter Sunday, no less.

Perhaps it has been COVID-19 and our isolation from each other. Perhaps it is simply the piling on of disasters and crises, bad headlines and bad behavior. We have all become more impatient with one another, quicker to anger, more fed up. We all want to stop the nonsense we

attribute to other people.

Our “humor” has an edge to it. Nighttime comics are a bit more savage. In the modern breast beats both Chris Rock and Will Smith, mocking and willing to take offense.

Part of the nonsense that hurts us, unfortunately, is our unwillingness to listen to one another, to engage with one another, especially with someone with whom we disagree, be it a family member or a political opponent.

Pope Francis, in his 2022 World Day of Communications message, meditated on the virtue of listening. He described a world where, “instead of listening to each other, we often ‘talk past one another.’ This is a symptom of the fact that ... rather than listening, one pays attention to the audience.” We don't “dialogue,” he said. We “duologue”: a “monologue in two voices.”

“Good communication, instead, does not try to impress the public with a soundbite, with the aim of ridiculing the other person, but pays attention to the reasons of the other person and tries to grasp the complexity of reality,” the pope said.

Wow. This is hard work. I'm a lot quicker these days to dismiss someone's argument as nonsense rather than really listen. Perhaps you are as well.

Pope Francis sees listening as one of our modern age's greatest needs. “We are losing the ability to listen to those in front of us, both in the normal course of everyday relationships and when debating the most important issues of civil life,” he said.

For Pope Francis, listening



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begins with the heart. He quotes King Solomon (who asks for a “listening heart”), St. Augustine (who encouraged “listening with the heart”) and St. Francis (who “exhorted his brothers to ‘incline the ear of the heart.’”)

Our battles today, both in our families and in our country, suffer from a lack of hearts inclined to listen. Listening requires patience, the pope reminds us. It also requires a certain humility.

Whenever I see the shouting crowds in front of the Supreme Court building, I am struck by the uselessness of these confrontations. No minds are changed. No hearts softened. Only the photographers are happy, because they've got their money shot.

It's as if we think we can bully or mock or simply shout down people until they agree with us. That is the real nonsense.

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Do you fear the right thing?

In the wake of the COVID-19 explosion of fear, we do well to begin reflecting on fear. Fear is a complex passion. On the one hand, there are things that we ought to fear such as grave physical and spiritual dangers. The fear of being near the edge of a cliff might well save our life. The fear of serious sin and the punishment we might experience or the offense to God (who loves us) is both appropriate and holy. Sadly, more people lack this holy fear rooted in the possible loss of what is most precious to us: our eternal life with God.

There are also things we fear that we should not, and things that we fear more than we should. These sorts of fears are usually rooted in our disordered and inordinate affections.

A disordered affection is a love for something that is sinful. We ought not to love it at all, but we do; this causes us to fear anyone or anything that interferes with accessing and enjoying what is fundamentally sinful.

An inordinate affection is a love for something that is good in itself, but the love we have for it is too great. Loving it too much causes us to fear the loss of it more than we should. Many things in this world are lawful pleasures, but we come to love them too much. We love things more than people, and both things and people more than God. This is all out of order. We are to use things, love people and worship God. Too often, though, we use people, love



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things and forget about God.

There is also the great struggle that many have called the “sin of human respect,” wherein we fear people more than we fear God and seek to please people more than to please God. When we fall prey to this, we are willing to do sinful things in order to ingratiate ourselves to other human beings, fearing and revering them more than we do God.

Fear is a necessary passion for us, but too often our fears are misplaced and inordinate. Our fears are easily manipulated by Satan and the world.

A major area for spiritual growth is knowing what and whom to fear. Apart from God, we will seldom get this answer right. We are easy prey for the devil and the world to draw us into all sorts of inordinate and even foolish fears.

Because a story can often have an impact that mere discourse cannot, I would like to illustrate this teaching with a well-known children's story.

The story is the basis for two phrases in common use. Most are familiar with them, but some

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All peoples are called to faith in Christ



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Sixth Sunday of Easter John 14:23-29

The Acts of the Apostles again provides the first reading for a weekend in the Easter season.

As Christianity grew, it not only expanded beyond its original base in the Holy Land, but it also drew gentiles as well as Jews. Diversity was a characteristic early in the evolution of the Church.

This increasingly multi-cultural nature of the Christian community, however, presented problems, and these problems are evident in this weekend's reading.

A dispute arose, and the

Apostles had to resolve it. It came precisely because new converts, not Jews, presented a dilemma. Were they required to observe the religious practices of Judaism? After all, Jesus was a Jew. All the Apostles were Jews. None had repudiated Moses, who gave them these requirements.

Thus came the argument was about circumcision, the ancient and requisite ritual followed in Judaism for Jewish males even to this day. Evidently, some Christians were demanding that converts from paganism submit themselves to this ritual.

The question was sent to Jerusalem for review by the Apostles. (It is important in understanding the role of the Church to note that these questions were not settled at the local level. The Apostles were sought for resolution. Paul and Barnabas went to them, although Paul himself was an Apostle. He and Barnabas looked to the body of Apostles for an answer. Together the Apostles embodied the power of Christ.)

Replying, the Apostles called

the gentile Christians “brothers.” They defined what should or should not be done in discipleship and in very practical considerations of life, basing their decision on their own authority, conferred upon them by the Lord.

The Book of Revelation furnishes the second reading. This reading is poetic and highly symbolic. The city, of course, is heaven, but called the “heavenly Jerusalem.” This heavenly city awaits all who love God. On each of its four sides are three gates, open and available to anyone wanting entry. Three was a perfect number. The four sides refer to the four corners of the earth. In other words, everyone is welcome.

The names of the twelve tribes of Israel appear on the city's walls, another symbol to say that salvation is offered to all. No tribe is excluded.

St. John's Gospel gives this weekend the third eloquent reading. It makes three points.

Jesus calls upon the disciples to love each other. It will not be easy for them or for any-

one all the time, and the Lord knew that, but such is the only way ultimately to be with God. The Holy Spirit will assist and strengthen.

Finally, for those who truly love God, peace will be with them. Peace is not simply an absence of conflict, or necessarily involving only societies or nations. It is experiencing the reassuring presence of God.

Reflection

The Church is directing us to Pentecost, but it is far from merely pointing us to an anniversary. The Church is telling us that if we accept Jesus, truly and sincerely, God will be with us in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

This means that our hearts will be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Seeing life clearly, and thereby emboldened, we will understand events, we will judge wisely, we will be pious, and, in a holy sense, we will fear God because we will realize God's might but also God's overpowering mercy.

The route to obtaining these gifts is a voluntary commitment to Christ and allowing Jesus to illumine each step of our personal path. As we look ahead to Pentecost, the Church calls us to strong faith. Without Jesus, we stumble and wander. With Jesus, enriched by the Holy Spirit's gifts, we walk confidently ahead.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26—164a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

The Virgin Mary is never alone

Once heard Mexican-American theologian Father Gary Riebe-Estrella, a priest of the Society of the Divine Word, tell a story that has stayed with me for many years. Let me paraphrase.

As part of his missionary work, he visited the home of a Hispanic immigrant family. As he was welcomed into the home, he noticed a beautiful small altar – “altarcito,” in Spanish – in the living room.

Altarcitos are common in Hispanic Catholic homes. They are sacred spaces where family members place religious objects and images, pictures of relatives, relics and other things that invite to prayer. Small altars are reminders that any corner can be a space of encounter with God.

The priest’s attention focused on three images of the Virgin Mary representing different Marian advocations popular among Hispanics, including Our Lady of Guadalupe. He found it interesting that they were placed next to each other.

As he struck conversation with the members of the family, and using the moment for a good catechesis, he said, “You know that there is only one Mary, the mother of Jesus, correct?”

The family, paying close attention, nodded in assent. He proceeded, “You know also that these three images evoke the same Mary, correct?” While some nodded, the mother said, “Yes, they represent the same Mary, but they are different.”

Hearing this, waiting for some elaboration and perhaps anticipating the history of each

advocation, Father Riebe-Estrella asked, “In what ways are they different?” The mother replied, “They are cousins.”

I don’t recall what happened after this interchange. I am pretty sure that a few smiles were shared and more catechesis took place. The point, however, is that in this brief conversation, we learn a lot about how many Hispanic Catholics imagine the Virgin Mary through the experience of popular religion.

In the Hispanic Catholic imagination, closely aligned with the biblical worldview, Mary is never alone. She is always in relationship with someone.

She is with Jesus, her son; with Joseph, her husband; with Elizabeth, her cousin; with her neighbors and fellow country-people; with the women who suffered when their children were tortured and killed by the empire; with the Apostles and early Christians who had the responsibility of spreading the Gospel.

In nearly every narrative associated with a Marian avocation from Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, after Mary appears or is found (e.g., an image, a painting), she enters into personal relationships with individuals and entire communities.

For Hispanic Catholics who express our devotion to Mary through popular Catholicism, Mary is not a distant being or a person far removed from our daily experience or our immediate relationships.

Sometimes Catholics tend to strictly define the sacred as “sep-



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arated from” or “separated for.” There is some truth to this, yet this does not have to mean that the sacred is equivalent to being alone or unreachable. Maybe this is why sometimes we have so much trouble relating to God and to people who serve in the name of God.

The Mary of the Hispanic Catholic imagination is holy, sacred and chosen for divine things as a member of a community. Her holiness is expressed in her relationships.

Those relationships imagined by Hispanic Catholics, as in the case of the story above, may defy the linear logic we use to interpret our religious experience. Can Mary be a cousin, a sister, a companion to herself through different advocations?

Don’t jump into the rabbit hole trying to answer the question. Just dwell in the mysterious dimensions of the conviction that there is one Mary, she is never alone and she lives in permanent relationship with us in Jesus Christ.

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have never read (or have forgotten) the story from which they come. The first is “The sky is falling!” and the second is “Chicken Little” (used as a description of a person).

Both these phrases come from the children’s story “Chicken Little.” It is a story that speaks to the need to be careful about what we fear and what we do not fear. For indeed, one of the traps of Satan is to get us to focus on what we ought not to fear, or on what is secondary, so that we do not focus on what we should fear, or on what is more important. Aristotle, citing Socrates, said that courage is the virtue of knowing what to fear and what not to fear.

Notice how fearing the wrong thing, and fearing it to excess, blinded the story’s characters to what was more truly to be feared, what was more truly a threat. Here lies a doorway for the devil. He incites us to fear lesser things like unpopularity, loss of money, poor health, the loss of worldly trinkets, the next election, global warming, persecution and worldly setbacks so that we do not fear Judgment

Day and the possibility of Hell.

The day of destiny is closing in, but never mind that! The sky is falling; the wrong political party is in power; the planet is overheating; the economy is about to collapse; COVID-19 everywhere! You might lose your home to a storm; people might not think you are pretty enough, tall enough, or thin enough. Be afraid; be very afraid! You don’t have time to pray and ask God to get you ready for Judgment Day because you are too busy being afraid that eating food X may cause cancer, or that people may be laughing at you because of the five or ten pounds you gained last Christmas, or that the Yellowstone Caldera may blow at any time.

I will not tell you that the aforementioned concerns have no merit, only that they have less merit than what most people never think about or fear: where they are going to spend eternity. Chicken Little and her friends were easy prey for Foxy Loxy because they were obsessed with lesser things and ignored more dangerous (and obvious in this case) things like a fox!

Yes, “Foxy Loxy” has you worried about smaller and pass-

ing things. Now you are easy prey. It will take but a moment for him to lead you astray and have you for dinner!

Make sure you fear the right thing. God has a plan to simplify our lives. We are to fear Him and be sober about getting ready, with His help, for the certain-to-come Day of Judgment. If we fear Him, we don’t need to fear anyone or anything else.

Bishop Robert Barron has observed that the three tallest buildings in Chicago are insurance buildings. Fear “looms large” in our culture, but no insurance company can insure you against the only certain threat you face: Judgment Day. Only God can do that.

The sky may or may not be falling. (Personally, I doubt 80% of the media’s fearmongering.) But Judgment Day surely is looming. Foxy Loxy (Satan) is waiting for you. Will he get you? Will your fear of the Lord help you to avoid falling prey to his deceptions?

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for May 22, 2022

John 14: 23-29

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C: Jesus prepares for his Ascension. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

WILL KEEP	WORD	LOVE
WHOEVER	LOVE ME	MINE
SENT ME	ADVOCATE	HOLY SPIRIT
EVERYTHING	REMINDE	PEACE
LEAVE	I GIVE	HEARTS
TROUBLED	HEARD	GOING AWAY
REJOICE	GREATER	BELIEVE

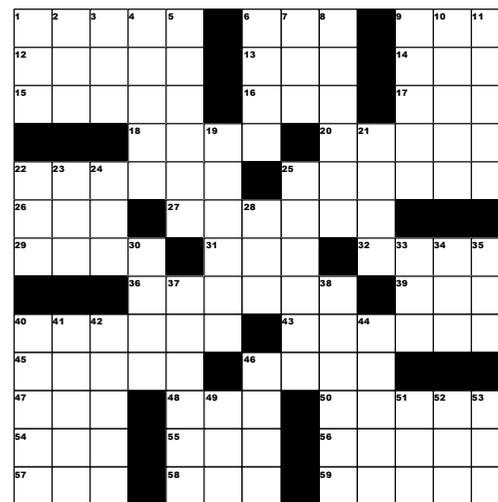
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The Cross Word

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Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14: 23-29 & Acts 1:1-11; Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

ACROSS

- 1 Festival dating to Book of Esther
- 6 "Praising ____"
- 9 Viper
- 12 Protein part, with 'acid'
- 13 Canoe propeller
- 14 Sticky black substance
- 15 Stains
- 16 Flying saucer
- 17 Regret
- 18 Tribes came from the ____, west, north and south"
- 20 Angels word ____ robes
- 22 "Taken up in the ____"
- 25 Sports match

- 26 Sign language (abbr.)
- 27 Coerce
- 29 Floor covering
- 31 ____ Testament
- 32 Ship's small boat
- 36 Picturesque
- 39 Legume
- 40 ____ Christi
- 43 Close
- 45 Turn over
- 46 Sixth month (Jewish calendar)
- 47 Representative
- 48 10 grams (abbr. for dekagram)
- 50 Shoe bottoms
- 54 Time period

- 55 Falsehood
- 56 A name meaning "from the East"
- 57 Raised on the third ____
- 58 "the ____ of the ages"
- 59 Marsh plant

DOWN

- 1 Old-fashioned Dads
- 2 Referee
- 3 River (Spanish)
- 4 Entomb
- 5 Relating to Law of Moses
- 6 Inflammatory disease
- 7 Lout
- 8 Doze
- 9 A vacation (2 wds.)
- 10 Fry
- 11 Clean with bill
- 19 City shown like precious ones
- 21 "The ____ City"
- 22 Rested
- 23 Pressure unit
- 24 Sick
- 25 Against the wind
- 28 Angels appeared as two
- 30 Sports channel
- 33 Easter month
- 34 Spider home
- 35 Place something down
- 37 Nuzzle
- 38 Stops
- 40 Preserved with thought
- 41 Musical production
- 42 Give back all of the money
- 44 Came up
- 46 Mature
- 49 Family
- 51 Type of partnership
- 52 Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
- 53 South southeast

Answer key can be found on page 15

Young people discuss upcoming World Youth Day

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER

A group of youths and young adults in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend met at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, on May 12 to discuss logistics for the upcoming World Youth Day in 2023.

In a little more than a year, many in the diocese will make a pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal, to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Francis.

At the meeting, John Pratt, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry, informed those gathered about the purpose of the international celebration of the Church.

"World Youth Day is a gathering of young people from all over the world," Pratt said. "Hundreds of thousands of young people gather together at the request of the Holy Father to celebrate our united faith in Jesus Christ. It's an extremely powerful experience."

He also explained the difference between a retreat and a pilgrimage.

"It's also a pilgrimage: a journey in which we go someplace new to encounter Christ," he said. "One of the things that I learned going to World Youth Day in 2016 is that a pilgrimage is very different from a retreat. A retreat you kind of take a step back and rest and encounter God

in quiet, and a pilgrimage you experience God through an arduous journey."

"It's a truly life-changing experience, and it's hard to come back not changed."

Brooke Kostielney, a representative from Verso Ministries, said that Portugal is an ideal host country for the pilgrimage, and added that the Portuguese tradition of exploration and discovery only adds to a central tenet of the celebration.

She calls the experience "an opportunity for young people to see and explore and discover the world for themselves."

"There's a rich Catholic history in Portugal," she continued. "For instance, St. Anthony, who you might be familiar with – and many think St. Anthony of Padua, Italy, right? St. Anthony was actually born and baptized in Lisbon, so they lay claim to St. Anthony and the locals actually call him St. Anthony of Lisbon."

She added that Portugal "has a beautiful, vibrant culture. And so, from the music to the food, to the architecture and art, our pilgrims will have an opportunity to really dive in and experience this new culture as a part of this holistic pilgrimage journey."

The theme for the 2023 World Youth Day celebration comes from the Gospel of Luke: "Mary arose and went with haste."

Pratt says that this theme keeps in mind the heart and mindset of the Blessed Mother,



who went to the aid of her cousin Elizabeth at the Visitation.

He also told those gathered about the history of World Youth Day.

"In 1984, Pope John Paul II invited youth from around the world to gather in Rome, and so on Palm Sunday they did. The next year, 1985, was the official launch of World Youth Day."

Pratt mentioned that there have been a total of 15 World Youth Day celebrations since 1986.

"Lisbon will be hosting this, it's about an hour and a half from Fátima and so our pilgrimage will also include a stop at this wonderful apparition site of the Blessed Mother."

Pilgrims will depart from the

United States on July 28, 2023. From there, they will arrive in Lisbon and tour the city. On the following day, they will travel to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima. On July 31, they will visit the Monastery of St. Mary of the Victory in Batalha, as well as the Monastery of Alcobaça.

On that Tuesday, pilgrims have the opportunity to explore Lisbon, and will celebrate opening Mass with their fellow international pilgrims. The following day, they can partake in morning catechesis, shows, music and other special events. They will also welcome Pope Francis to Lisbon.

Through the rest of the week, the pilgrims will observe the Stations of the Cross with the pope, sleep under the stars and celebrate Mass with the Holy Father.

The diocesan World Youth Day package features spiritual and logistical preparation materials, a pilgrim kit, hotel accommodations, round-trip airfare, most meals, a fundraising kit and much more.

The cost of the trip is estimated at \$4,525 per person at this time. Diocesan scholarships for pilgrims are available, with an application window of June 1 through Aug. 15.

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MISHAWAKA — "A journey through the liturgical year: A festival of Scripture and song celebrating the feast days and seasons of the Church, from Advent to Christ the King" will be held on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, at 4 p.m. at St. Bavo Church, 502 W. 7th St. The program will feature soloists, choral music and congregational singing, including some brand new compositions. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. Contact Joe Higginbotham at 574-255-1437 or joehigg@sbcglobal.net.

Pro-life holy hour

GRANGER — Spend a night in prayer on Tuesday, June 7, at 6 p.m. at St. Pius X for Mass, adoration and a presentation on the Right to Life movement. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. All are welcome to this event hosted by the Diocesan Youth Leadership Team.

Catholic Homeschool Conference

The third annual Catholic Homeschool Conference is once again being held online from June 10-11. The two-day event will have both live and recorded talks and presentations to help Catholic homeschool families

find the perfect products for their families and encourage them to continue homeschooling with joy. Visit catholichomeschoolconference.com for information.

Seven Sisters Apostolate morning of reflection and renewal

FORT WAYNE — A morning of reflection and renewal will be held on Saturday, June 11, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E.

Wallen Rd., with reflections by Janette Howe and Father Daniel Scheidt. Holy Mass will begin the day at 8:15 a.m. in the church. A light breakfast in the Life Center will follow. Learn more about Seven Sisters Apostolate at sevensistersapostolate.org. Contact Tammie Schenkel at sevensistersfwsb@gmail.com for information.



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glass window at the entrance of the building on Creighton Street contains a German label that traces back to the congregation's cultural roots in Germany. It reads, "Zions Evangelische Kirche," which translated means "Zion Evangelical Church."

Many Catholics would recognize similarities in the symbolism of the stained glass in Zion Evangelical Lutheran and their own parishes. The Greek letters "Alpha" and "Omega," "IHS" – an abbreviation for Jesus – a sacramental chalice and even a dove are similar symbols that adorn both this Lutheran church and many Catholic parishes.

Windows in the church also depict a baptismal font, the crown of thorns, a chalice with grapes and a cross. These windows were added along with a few others in 1940, and they replaced some of the original "art-glass" windows of the building.

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Cathedral also participated in the afternoon tour. The walls of the church were adorned with icons. Behind the icons sat palm branches from the recent liturgical celebrations. The deacon there explained that the palms will stay behind the icons until next year when they are respectfully burned, similar to the tradition of burning palms in Catholicism. He also took the

time to explain to several curious Catholics about the historical relationship between Orthodoxy and Catholicism.

Another stop on the tour was St. Paul Lutheran Church, which sits close to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne. Stained glass adorns a significant portion of the building. Dr. Carl C. Fickenscher II explained much of the symbolism of the stained glass, as well as the origin of the word "nave," which is nearly equivalent to the word "sanctuary" in Catholicism.

"This part of the sanctuary is called the nave, same root word as navy, and it goes back to Noah's Ark, and the way God used the ark, a big ship, to save Noah and his family from the flood. And so the Church, very early on, has talked about the Church, and this part of the church, as the nave, as in the ship, in which God saves us from the effects of our sin," he said.

He also explained that both sides of the nave are symmetrical to each other except for small symbols contained in each stained-glass window.

"In the book of Hebrews, it speaks of Christ as the anchor because it is Jesus' death and resurrection that is our security for eternal life."

He also pointed toward the symbol of Jesus as a sacrificial lamb in the glass on the other side of the church.

Fickenscher gestured toward

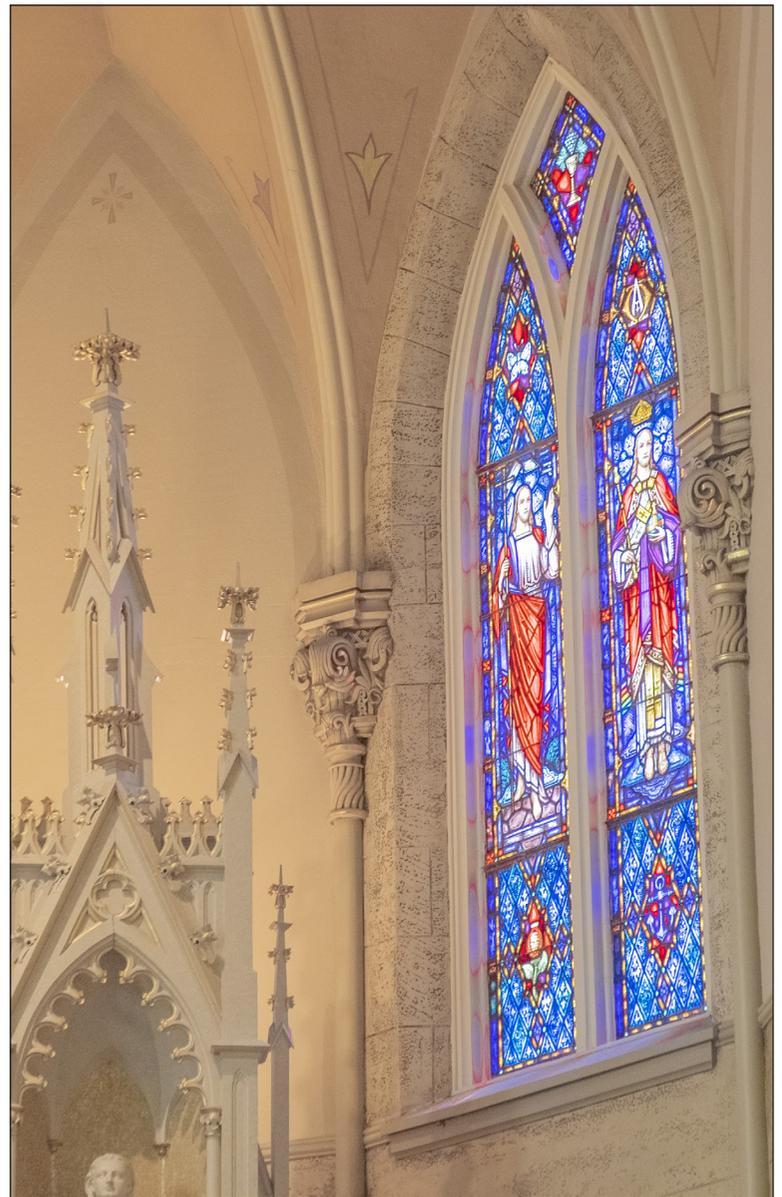
another symbol in the stained glass. It contained two stick-like objects crossing through a depiction of a red heart.

"Jesus' love for us is what sent him to the cross," Fickenscher said. "The soldier then pierced his side with a spear."

The other symbol in the window represented the sponge from which Jesus drank while he was dying on the cross.

"And they took kind of the ball from a hyssop plant, which was kind of used as a sponge in those days, and they dipped it in vinegar – soaked it in vinegar, and put it on a reed, like that pole there, and lifted it up for Jesus so that he took the drink from the sponge."

The sanctuary and stained-glass window tour provided the opportunity for people of different faiths to learn a bit more about each other and the unique aspects of the many different Christian denominations that worship in Fort Wayne. It also highlighted the beliefs, symbols and beautiful architecture that many Christians of different faith traditions share with each other.



Stained-glass windows depicting Jesus replaced old "art-glass" windows at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1940.

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